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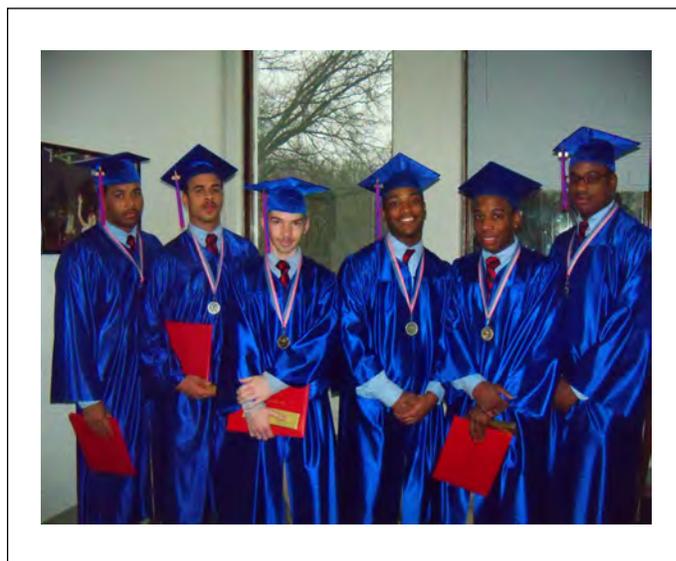
Dates to Note

- 1/22 Knights Basketball at West Shamokin 7:30pm
- 1/25 Knights Basketball vs. Deer Lakes at Home 7:30pm
- 1/28 Knights Wrestling at Central Valley 7:00pm
- 1/29 Knights Basketball at Burrell 7:30pm
- 1/30 Varsity Wrestling at Mars 7:00pm



SUMMIT CELEBRATES GRADUATES WITH DECEMBER COMMENCEMENT

On December 21, 2012, Summit Academy proudly held Commencement Ceremonies for December graduates. Twenty students and their families participated in the event. The Summit Academy Vocalists, accompanied by Andy Pazul, performed several songs including *I Believe I Can Fly* and *It's So Hard to Say Goodbye to Yesterday*. Guest Speakers included Summit Academy graduate, Rakim Reedy, who is now majoring in Sports Management and playing on the basketball team at Penn State Greater Allegheny. After the ceremony, graduates and their families enjoyed a graduation banquet in the Summit Academy dining hall. Each of these students has earned a \$2000.00 academic scholarship payable to the post-



These six Allegheny County graduates all have plans to attend post-secondary school in the new year.

secondary educational program of their choice. We are very proud of these students and wish them the best of luck in their future endeavors.

2012 December Graduates

Geron A.	William M
Talan B.	Eric R.
Andre C.	Norman S.
John G.	Robert S.
Dante G.	Jamal W.
Jacob G.	Jolyan W.
Clear H.	Charles W.
Yaumbrail J.	Shanon W.
Eugene K.	Tymir W.
Jabar O.	Darian W.

SUMMIT ACADEMY AGAIN SELECTED FOR WPIAL SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD

Summit Academy was recognized by The Western Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic League with the 2011-2012 PIAA Sportsmanship Award. This is the third time that Summit has received this prestigious recognition. Since our core philosophies for athletic participation emphasize teamwork, respect, and a positive attitude, our Administrators and coaching staff are extremely proud that our students have again received this honor. We firmly believe that these concepts benefit our young men, not only on the field of play, but more importantly, in the challenges of their daily life. Summit Academy sincerely appreciates that the WPIAL has recognized its efforts to encourage sportsmanship above all in athletics and we remain committed to upholding their high standards.



The Summit Academy basketball team met Duquesne University players at the AJ Palumbo Center when they visited and spoke to players about sportsmanship.

Summit students strive for success everyday and we love to hear from them when they achieve it!!!

"You may not know this but Summit has helped me turn my life around... I went from being a teenager that didn't care about anything to a young man that is going to college."

*Tyler S.
December, 2012
Graduate*

"Let me start by saying thank you to the Honorable Judge Lash who had the foresight to send me to Summit Academy where he knew I would be given the opportunities that I needed for success."

*Edwin A.
December, 2012
Valedictorian*

"I'm a success today because I had a friend who believed in me and I didn't have the heart to let him down."
Abraham Lincoln

EDUCATION REMAINS THE FOCUS FOR SUCCESSFUL FUTURES

On November 8, 2012, The Summit Academy hosted its semi-annual on-

campus College Fair. The event is open to Juniors and Seniors, as well as

GED recipients of The Summit Academy and Sleepy Hollow Academy. Representatives from approximately 25 colleges and trades schools participated in the event. The students were able to ask questions of the representatives and learn which schools may be a good fit with their interests and career plans. Students will utilize the information they gathered at the fair to work with the Career Services Department to process college applications, FAFSA information and complete their SAT testing.



College Representatives & perspective employers discuss opportunities with students.

SUMMIT STUDENTS ARE PROUD TO LEND A HAND THROUGH COMMUNITY SERVICE

Young men from Summit Academy volunteered at the Allegheny Valley Association of Churches annual Christmas Meal & Toy Distribution. This is the 5th year that they have participated in this great event which provides food and Christmas gifts for everyone of the 400 families served by the Food Bank. Students worked on multiple days preparing for the event & carrying packages and groceries to the recipients vehicles at the actual distribution. Students, pictured right, were happy to help brighten the lives of so many over the holidays.



STUDENT ATHLETES ENJOY RARE OPPORTUNITY TO WATCH WORLD CHAMPION GOLFERS COMPETE

Members of the Summit Academy Golf team traveled to Akron, Ohio this Fall to attend the prestigious Bridgestone Invitational World Golf Championships. The students watched PGA greats including Tiger Woods, Phil Mickelson, Rory McIlroy and Bubba Watson, just to name a few. For many of the team members, who

were new to the sport this Varsity season, the trip gave them an opportunity to experience the game at it's highest level of competition. They truly enjoyed the experience and their coach is hopeful that it also provides these young men with inspiration to continue with the sport of golf.



Members of the Summit Golf team enjoyed watching some of the sport's greatest players compete live.

SUMMIT TEAMS UP WITH THE STEELERS FOR “CHALK TALK” EVENT

On November 19, 2012, approximately 15 Summit students hosted several juvenile probation officers at the Summit Academy & Pittsburgh Steelers Chalk Talk event. The students woke up extra early to arrive at Heinz Field for breakfast at 8:30am. During the program which followed, all of the attendees had the pleasure of meeting and hearing from former Steeler great and Allegheny County Juvenile Court Judge Dwayne Woodruff. The impact of his powerful message to the students about controlling their destiny by making good choices was evident as the students learned about his perseverance to complete law school while maintain his rigorous schedule as an NFL player.

Next to address the crowd was long-time Steeler quarterback, Charlie Batch. Charlie also provided inspiration and motivation to our young men as he stressed to them that only they can make their dreams come true. His candor and honesty regarding the personal impact that gun violence has had in his life resonated with the students who asked questions for more than 30 minutes following his presentation. The morning concluded with a guided tour of Heinz Field which included stops in the player locker room, The Great Hall and of course on the field. The young men of Summit Academy would like to thank Judge Woodruff, Charlie Batch and the Steeler organization for this great day.



Summit students were treated to a “behind the scenes” tour of Heinz Field.

SUMMIT ACADEMY TAKES ACTION DURING NATIONAL BULLYING PREVENTION MONTH



October was National Bullying Prevention Month and Summit Academy took the opportunity to incorporate a new counseling curriculum. This educational program is designed to assist students in identifying bullying and appropriate ways to report incidents. Students also develop an understanding

the impact of bullying on the victims. As part of the program, all students sign a pledge indicating their opposition to bullying and their commitment to work to stop the behavior before it starts. For any student involved in an incident of bullying, refresher counseling is provided to reinforce the

importance of these concepts. Summit Academy wants every student to feel safe, respected and accepted and encourages every student to focus on the positive qualities that each of their peers brings to the community and environment they share.

STUDENTS SHARE IN RECOGNIZING LOCAL ATHLETES AT “COACHES CORNER” LUNCHEONS

Summit Academy students enjoy many exciting off-campus activities. In the past few months, nearly 40 students had the pleasure of attending one of the Pittsburgh Coaches Corner Football Luncheons. Each of these events featured several local high school and college coaches, as well as professional athletes, who provided educa-

tional and inspirational speeches to guests and athletes from all over western Pennsylvania. This year’s guest speakers included University of Pittsburgh Head Football Coach, Paul Chryst, Pittsburgh Steeler wide receiver, Jerricho Cotchery and Emmanuel Sanders, running back, Jonathon Dwyer and offensive guard,



Summit students have the pleasure of speaking with Steeler wide receiver, Emmanuel Sanders after a luncheon.

Willie Colon.

In the words of Edwin A., 2012 Valedictorian:

“I would like to express to everyone how honored I feel to have the distinguished honor to represent my class as valedictorian. There was a time in my life, what now seems like a million years ago, before coming to Summit Academy, that my high school graduation was in jeopardy. Now I stand before you today, a proud graduate, valedictorian and young scholar.

During my time at Summit Academy, I have had the privilege of being exposed to a lot of different experiences that have helped shape me as a student and young man. It was through these experiences that I learned that there is so much more out there for me than I have ever dreamed. The message I would send to all of my peers is that I am living proof that whatever you dare to dream can be your reality.”

2012 KNIGHTS HIGHLIGHTS

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"All their lives, our students have been caught doing something wrong. Our job is to catch them doing something right."

Sam Costanzo
Founder &
Chief Executive Director
The Academy Schools



We are very proud of all that our young men have accomplished in 2012!!

- **52** students earned their **high school diploma**.
- **76** students received their **GED**.
- **118** students sat for the **SAT exams**.
- **75** students earned college credits in our **College within the High School Program**.
- Summit students volunteered more than **780** hours toward off-campus **Community Service** projects throughout the region.
- **\$62,913.06** in **res-titution** was paid by Summit students in 2012.
- **81** students earned their **ServSafe Certification**.
- **20** students earned the **OSHA 10 certification**.
- Along with 6 other Summit students, **Rashawn B., Edwin A., & Franklin A.** attended the Juvenile Court Judges Commission conference to be recognized as winners at the **Youth Awards Program**.
- Received a **99.5%** compliance rating in our annual Bureau of Drug & Alcohol Program Licensing (**BDAP**) audit, meeting **599** out of **600** standards.
- Recognized by Allegheny County as their **Residential Program of the Year**.
- Summit Academy received the **WPIAL Sportsmanship Award**.
- Knights varsity basketball team won its **second consecutive WPIAL Section title**.