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- Palatine High School (PHS) opened as the first high school in the Palatine-Schaumburg Township area in 1875. PHS is part of Township High School District 211, one of the largest high school districts in the state. The current enrollment is 2604 students.
 - Located on 60 acres, PHS has 4.36 acres of roof, 11.5 acres of parking lot, 442,000 square feet of building space, all classrooms have been equipped with newer technology and designated as "media rich", and all students receive an iPad as a learning tool. The current building was completed in 1977. An addition of the east gymnasium was completed in 1997 and an addition containing 26 classrooms was completed in 2002.
 - PHS has twice been recognized by the U. S. Department of Education with the **Blue Ribbon School of Excellence** award. This award is presented to exemplary high schools that demonstrate excellence in community support, curriculum, leadership, parent involvement, student achievement, and teaching.
 - PHS is one of 57 schools in the nation to receive the **New American High School** award from the U. S. Dept. of Education. This prestigious honor is presented to schools that demonstrate excellence in innovative instruction, technology integration partnerships with business and community, leadership for academic excellence, and academic rigor leading to high school achievement.
 - PHS has been recognized by *U.S. News and World Report* and *Newsweek* as one of the top high schools in the nation.
 - PHS athletic teams have won 19 **IHSA state championships** and over 60 state trophies.
 - PHS offers 27 **advanced placement courses**. In 2017, 665 students took 1,386 exams.
 - All PHS teachers are certified in their subject area and over 70% have masters degrees. PHS's 200 teachers have over 2500 years of experience working with students! PHS also has twenty-five National Board Certified Teachers, with several others currently in the certification process.
 - PHS had 89 **Illinois State Scholars** in 2017 and 190 members of the Class of 2017 earned over \$3,600,000 in scholarship money. The total amount of scholarship money includes 1 year academic awards, full tuition awards, private scholarship awards as well as athletic scholarships.
 - 92 percent of the class of 2017 reported that they plan to attend either a two- or four-year college.
 - **Emily Steinebrey** earned the National Merit Scholarship in 2017 and **Imani Ncube** earned the Special Scholarship award through the National Merit Scholarship Corporation.
 - **Homeroom:** The mission of homeroom is to improve communication with students, boost school spirit and create a more consistent weekly schedule. Homeroom uses a student run TV station to produce announcements and highlight student and school achievements through our FRIDAY SHOUT OUT edition.
 - Harper Writing Contest winners were: **Emily Paul** – 3rd place in Drama; **Jaclyn Hernandez** – 3rd place in Essay and Honorable Mention in Drama; **Katheryn Jefferson** – Honorable mention in Drama; **Adrianna Jakubowski** – 1st place in Essay; **Sarah Gonwa** – 1st place in Fiction; **Kathleen Kurrie** – 2nd place in Fiction; **Ben Kontney** – 3rd place in Fiction; **Janaleigh Musynsky** – Honorable mention in Poetry; **Alexa Osner** – Honorable mention in Poetry; **Emily Steinebrey** – Honorable mention in Poetry.
 - Students earned 6 awards for the **Phscutlass.com**, Palatine's student news site. They also won 20 individual awards and 7 students qualified for IHSA state **Journalism** competition.
 - Math, English, and Science **tutors** are available every period of the day in the **Student Success Center (SSC)**. Additionally, the SSC is open before and after school to provide extra academic assistance. PHS also offers free **PSAT and SAT preparation classes**.
 - The **PHS Media Center** renovation is complete! Students are enjoying a state of the art media center and adjoining media café. From student work rooms to cozy reading areas, the Media Center is a busy and productive place! Please visit the Media Center's website, for more information about the facility along with a wide variety of online resources and reading recommendations. Hours during the academic year are 7:15am-6:00pm.
 - PHS has pioneered programs for students with physical and intellectual challenges, including the first adaptive physical education program in Illinois. PHS currently serves students with special needs from across District 211.
 - The PHS **English as a Second Language Department** serves students from a variety of linguistically and culturally diverse backgrounds. The ESL Department offers five levels of ESL classes, which are offered in a small setting to provide the maximum level of support. Each year students take the ACCESS test to monitor their language development. In addition, the department raised over \$1500 for the Alejandro Diaz Memorial Scholarship which is given to two deserving seniors who received services from ESL.
 - The PHS **Auto Technology Program** was the first high school program in Illinois to be granted national recognition and program certification by the National Automotive Technician's Education

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- Foundation. Automotive Technology students have the opportunity to prepare for ASE certification exams. Every year, several students take (and pass) these exams which give them credentials they can use to get a job and can count for college credit as well.
- Students that enroll in Advanced Manufacturing Technology program offered in the **Applied Technology Department** will have the opportunity to pursue certifications from the National Institute of Metalworking Skills and the Manufacturing Skill Standards Council. Students that successfully complete three years of the D211 Advanced Manufacturing Technology may obtain 22 hours of dual credit with Harper College. Several students in the program have obtained an internship or apprenticeship with manufacturing companies this past summer.
 - In the **Applied Technology Department**, the T273: Computer Repair course curriculum includes standards of the internationally recognized A+ Computer Repair Certification test. The CompTIA A+ Certification is a certification that allows students to become experts in maintenance of PC’s, mobile devices, laptops, operating systems and printers. Several PHS students have become A+ Computer Repair technicians by successfully passing the test. Students have access to TestOut online curriculum which helps prepare them for the A+ Certification Exam. TestOut is the leader in online labs for students and with the LabSim software, students experience a broad range of content in the simulated environment. In addition, classroom labs are dedicated to assuring students get the appropriate hands-on experience.
 - This past school year, Junior and Senior students taking the **T346/T446 Building Construction class** were working towards the completion of a two story house located in Lake Zurich. The house was completed in early May 2017. Parents and community members were invited to an Open House to see the student’s hard work. Upon successful completion of the course students earned Harper College credit.
 - This fall the **Project Lead the Way Engineering Students** will be heading down to Illinois State University for the State Technology Day to compete in several engineering competitions.
 - **Pirate Pete Preschool** will celebrate its 40th anniversary at PHS this year. The preschool runs both a fall and spring session and has an enrollment of 27 little “Pirates”. The preschool serves both the staff as well as the community and is staffed by PHS students who have completed a course in early childhood studies and education.
 - PHS had over 80 students enrolled in the **Education Internship** program for the 2017-2018 school year. Students intern at PHS, Jane Addams, and Sanborn Elementary schools where they work hands on with a teacher to learn about the world of education.
 - Students enrolled in **Early Childhood Studies** have the opportunity to earn the Level 1 Credential in Early Childhood Education. This past year 72 students earned this credential through Gateways to Opportunity where they learned about the daily practices of high-quality child care practitioners. This credential is for students interested in entering the field of early-childhood and school-age care.
 - The **Family and Consumer Science and Business Departments** will be offering Practices in Entrepreneurships (PIE) again this year. In this course, students acquire skills necessary to become successful managers and entrepreneurs and explore more advanced culinary techniques. **A Latte Sweets** will be open for business every Friday morning before school starting in February. They will operate out of the newly renovated Media center café space.
 - All Palatine High School seniors are required to complete a project that teaches them about community service and volunteerism as a part of the curriculum of their senior year social studies class. They can choose to do 20 hours of volunteering at a service agency or interview service agencies and write a paper about the topic. Many Palatine seniors have gone above and beyond this requirement volunteering at local senior citizen facilities, serving as mentors for children in an I-Compete program, volunteering with local forest preserves, park districts, or the Palatine Opportunity Center and many more! This year’s graduating class volunteered over 10,000 hours to serve their community.
 - Palatine High School students can get involved in a mentoring program called **I-Compete**. With this program, elementary and middle school students visit Palatine to attend sporting events, activities and productions while being paired up with a high school mentor. Over 50 students volunteered with the program in different capacities throughout the year working with over 60 children from the Palatine community.
 - PHS honors accomplished alumni with Distinguished Graduate Awards. Among the recipients are former PHS students TV broadcaster **Carol Marin**; FBI agent **Terrance Heke**; publisher **Robert Paddock**; U.S. Attorney **Anton Valukas**; former professional football star **Leonard Rhode**; automotive engineer **Robert McKee**; former historian **Florence Parkhurst**; physician **James Ekeberg**; businessman **Paul Schrage**; former District 211 Superintendent **Dr. Richard Kolze**; Doctor of Veterinary Medicine **Mary Claire Scollary**; Village of Palatine President **Rita Mullins**; Director of Bio-Technology Research/Johnson Space Center **Dr. Glenn Spaulding**; actor/playwright **Benjamin Siegler**; President/Blue Cross Blue Shield of Illinois **Ray McCaskey**; former

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- Palatine fire chief **Orville Helms**; quadriplegic youth basketball coach/businessman **Steve Herbst**; NASA engineer **Jane Daugherty Runkle**; civil volunteer/historian **Ralph Schroeder**; U.S. Attorney **Ricardo Meza**; owner of Plote Construction **Raymond Plote**; Deputy Governor of Illinois **Sheila Nix**; Master Sergeant **James R. Woods**, USMC and Rear Admiral **James P. McManamon**, USN; **Kimberly Palmiter Littlefield, Ph.D.**; adventurist **Suzanne Nance**; NHL Official, **Andrew McElman**; Assistant Clinical Professor **Dr. Julia Bonner**; firefighter/paramedic **Robert Falardeau**; American fashion designer, **Maria Pinto**, Retired District 211 Assistant Superintendent of Personnel, **Don Skinner**, Radio Talk Show host and political commentator, **Keith Larson**. *The 2017 distinguished graduate recipient is Chad Zamarin for Outstanding Achievement in Engineering and Entrepreneurship.*
- Over 1,000 elementary students attend PHS’s **Halloween Trick-or-Treat Night** each year. School clubs and sports teams decorate classrooms and hand out candy donated by local stores, businesses, community agencies, and the PHS Pirate Boosters.
 - PHS’s annual **Fiesta Del Sol Dance** is a cultural extravaganza featuring ethnic food, music, children’s crafts, and dance. School dance groups and area dance troops perform traditional Latino dances to start off the night, and we end with an open dance floor and DJ. Open to community members and their families.
 - PHS students and staff participate in many **charitable events** each year. Last year PHS donated 218 units of blood through our blood drives. The Adopt an Angel program served 75 children and 50 seniors this past year.
 - The **Physically Handicaps Program** at PHS features state-of-the-art adaptive computer technology for students with special needs and houses an OT/PT suite, modified restrooms, and classroom equipment adapted for students with physical handicaps.
 - The “**Educational Life Skills Program.**” includes functional academic and elective curricula for students with cognitive disabilities. This program has been previously awarded the prestigious “Those Who Excel” Award from the Illinois State Board of Education in recognition of implementing the best programs for students with special needs.
 - The **Adult Transition Program**, an extension of programming for students served in the Educational Life Skills Program is in its eighth year of programming at PHS. ATP content focuses on providing students who have previously met graduation requirements with functional community-based, transition-based and vocational experiences leading to greater independence and engagement in the community and in society.
 - PHS offers many activities that provide avenues for school participation for students with special needs. These activities include the **Best Buddies Club, Special Olympics, Pep Squad, PAC Club, On Our Own Club, Special Art Club and Alpha Tau Pi Club.**
 - The **Business Freshman Leadership for Life** class provides students with several unique learning opportunities designed to make a difference in the community and beyond. Students have engaged in meaningful classroom lessons that have extended beyond the walls of academia. In recent years, the Leadership for Life class has taken on a leadership role in organizing, hosting, and running Palatine’s Special Education Field Day where well over 100 special education students attended from Hoffman Estates, Hersey, Schaumburg, and Kirk schools. Palatine Leadership for Life students ran various sporting events, prepared food, organized board games and crafts, and provided musical entertainment throughout the event. Giving back to the community and school is one of the foremost purposes of this course.
 - The **Business Incubator** class provides students who have an entrepreneurial vision with the unique opportunity to learn necessary components to take a business idea and follow it through to fruition. The Incubator program will bring creativity, innovation, and expert entrepreneurial guidance together in one course that allows students to jump-start their business ideas before they graduate high school. The class culminates in a district-wide competition for real start-up money. For the past two years, students from Palatine High School won \$25,000 and \$20,000 respectively to help start the business they created in class.
 - The PHS **Pirate Booster Club’s** mission is to support the students, faculty and administration at Palatine High School in an effort to enrich every student’s high school experience. Last year the PHS Pirate Boosters were able to donate in excess of \$100,000 toward scholarships and grants. Grants were given for classroom instructional material, services and initiatives based on the input of faculty and administration.
 - Your Boosters are off to a great start; however our success is only possible when parents become involved. Please consider joining and becoming part of a great organization dedicated to our students by contacting our membership team at membership@phspiriteboosters.com. Volunteer opportunities are always available and range from helping at one event to becoming a Committee Chair (we are currently in need of persons to fill the roles of Concessions co-chair and Craft Fair co-chair). If you’re interested in volunteering in any capacity, please contact our volunteer coordinator, Joan Scovic, at volunteer@phspiriteboosters.com. To learn more about the Boosters please visit us at www.phspiriteboosters.com or Facebook at www.facebook.com/phsboosters.

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“Some succeed because they were destined to, but most succeed because they were determined to.”



- **Football:** Mackenzie Balanganayi, Jack Grochowski, Andrew Martino, Jake Moertl, Zach Oles, Johnny O'Shea, Dylan Tapia, Joshua Turner were named All Conference. Zach Oles, Mackenzie Balanganayi, Johnny O'Shea, Jake Moertl, Andrew Martino, Josh Turner were named All Area. JT Streepy and Brody Muck received special mention.
- **Girls' Lacrosse:** All Conference selections Midfielder Kendra Lindell (2nd year selection) and Goalie Janine Paquette (3rd year selection).
- **Boys' Lacrosse:** Brian Cygnar All Conference 2nd team attack. Corey Ocock All Conference 2nd team midfield.
- **Baseball:** Jack Grochowski, John Streepy, and Evan Daly named all-conference. Jack Grochowski and John Streepy named all area.
- **Boys' Gymnastics:** Strong finish to the season as the Pirate Gymnastics team finished 4th in the state with junior Chris Lunsford taking 4th on the still rings. Senior Prakash Nigam finished 2nd in the all-around, 5th on pommel horse, and was the state champion on floor, still rings, vault, and parallel bars. The coaches also voted Prakash as the Illinois Senior Gymnast of the Year.
- **Boys' Track:** Palatine Relays – Team Champions. New record by John Elischer (Sr.) and scored 5th place in Stat ein the 300 hurdles.
- **Boys' Volleyball:** All conference athletes were Matt Cooper and Johnny O'Shea and all area athletes were Matt Cooper, Johnny O'Shea, and Curtis McLennan. Honorable mention all-area were Ben Rinella and Connor Nix.
- **Boys' Water Polo:** TJ May was All-Conference, TJ May, Dylan White and Sean O'Brien were All-Sectional.
- **Badminton:** Varsity earned 2nd Place in MSL West Division, 5th Place in MSL Conference, 1st Place Palatine Sectional and sent entire sectional team to State at EIU. State Qualifiers are Samantha Ortiz (SR), Jodie McLennan (SR), Rose Clement (JR), Kamila Czyszczon (JR), Sophia Kics (JR), Lily Morris (SO). Samantha Ortiz and Kamila Czyszczon finished top 12 Doubles Team in the State!
- **Girls' Softball:** 2017 Regional Champions and finished the season 24-8. All Conference and All-Area selections were Maddie Craver (3 year selection), Grace Huff (2 year selection), Sarah Grossman, and Brittany Padden. All state selections were Maddie Craver (2nd team) and Grace Huff (3rd team). Brooke Bauer will be playing volleyball and softball at Ripon University next year.
- **Girls' Water Polo:** Ashley Helminski was Team MVP. All-Conference selection was Meghan Woell. All-Sectional selections were Ashley Helminski and Meghan Woell.
- **Principal's Scholar Athletes of the Year** were John Streepy & Trevor Hallier and Emily Steinebrey.
- **Athletes of the Year** were Asuka Kawai and Zachary Oles
- The **PHS Band Program** continues to strive for excellence through performance opportunities throughout the school year. This year's halftime show is "The Music of Earth, Wind and Fire", which is performed at all the home football games. A highlight this year for the Marching Band will be performing alongside other high school bands at the Northwestern University Band Day halftime on September 2nd. Last year, the Wind Symphony once again competed at the IHSA Organization Contest and received a Superior rating from a panel of adjudicators for the third straight year. PHS Band students continued to receive recognition for exceptional musicianship, including ILMEA District 7 nominees freshman **Stefan Filip** (concert), **Kevin Holt** (concert and jazz), **Adam Huston** (concert) and **Brian Sonderegger** (concert). **Kevin Holt** is the first PHS Band student in history to qualify two years in a row for the ILMEA All-State Honor Band, the highest band ensemble at the festival. Throughout the year, several professional musicians and conductors worked with the bands, including Dr. Richard Fischer (Concordia University), Dr. James Hile (Elmhurst College), Darryl Johnson (composer), Brian Logan (VanderCook College of Music), and Mike Pinto (Elmhurst College, composer, guitarist). The Marching Band (including Colorguard and Poms) will be traveling to Orlando, Florida this Spring Break (March 24th-28th).
- The **PHS Orchestras** have traveled to Memphis & New Orleans with Concert Choir in 2014, to New York City with Band and Choir in 2016 and most recently teamed up with Fremd HS Orchestras to travel to Los Angeles, CA during spring break March of 2017. Several members of the orchestra have been selected to perform with the Illinois Ambassadors of Music in 2014 and 2016. You can catch the performance of the PHS Orchestras at 12:00 PM on Sept. 16, 2017 at the Palatine Oktoberfest Festival. The extra-curricular Chamber Strings has performed at St. Joseph's Home, Palatine Senior Center, Friendship Village and for various community events.
- PHS continues to expand the **Modern Music Masters** or **Tri-M** chapter, growing to 68 members during the 2017-18 year. This music national music honor society places an emphasis on service and scholarship using the special

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musical talents of the membership. Community works include helping at the junior high concerts, leading tours for new students, and running clinics to help young music students.

- The **PHS Concert Choir** has received high honor recognition in the past five years winning Grand Championship awards in the Festival at Seas competition and the Chicagoland Showcase competition held yearly in Arlington Heights. They have been featured on the WGN News, FOX News, WFMT radio, and have recently performed concert tours at the White House in Washington, DC; Pearl Harbor (Hawaii); Graceland (Memphis); St. Louis Cathedral (New Orleans with the orchestra); the Ryman Center and the Grand Ol' Opry (Nashville); a 2015 school concert tour in London, and most recently to New York City in 2016 with the band and orchestra.
- Students in the choirs heavily make up the casts for the Musical and Variety Shows, where Annie, Secret Garden and The Addams Family received rave audience reviews.
- Choir, Women's Chorale and Mixed Chorus perform in three yearly concerts, where the entire public is cordially invited to attend. Vocal ensembles Midnight Blues, Treble in Paradise, and The Guys! Perform in concerts and for various events, public and private throughout Chicagoland.
- This school year the **World Language Department** has begun a new program. PHS is the only school in the district that is running the AP Spanish Literature and Culture course where students are immersed in enriched Spanish Literature and exposed to cultural topics at the collegiate level. World Language Day was a huge success with both students and adult speakers sharing their experiences about their travels around the world. We also celebrated many inductees to our World Language Honors Program given to students who have maintained a B+ average in all of their language classes and have shown commitment by enrolling in a 4th year. Our department continues to see success

in students because we are able to enrich them with engagement to the program to help them come out ahead.

- Last year's Special Education **PAC** students attended a prom and other major social events with several area high schools.
- The **PHS Art Department** had an outstanding year. Art students earned a combined total of over \$600,000 in college scholarship based on their artist merit. Students participated in over a dozen local area art events including the Illinois High School Art Exhibition, Harper College Art Show, Palatine Public Library Art Show, a new display located at the Palatine Village Hall and a STEM to STEAM sculpture event sponsored by the Schaumburg Prairie Center for the Arts. Art teachers Nick Hostert and Jessica Aulisio continue to be an integral part of the Illinois and National Art Education Associations. Our PTV news team continues to develop new ways of celebrating what is happening at PHS. This year student reporter Riley Ganka won the "Infinite 2017 Outstanding Student Technology Award," for his work producing video clips using his touch chat. We also look forward to the results of our 38 students who submitted AP studio art portfolios. Be sure to check out the new and improved Art department website <http://phsartdepartment.wixsite.com/home> for the latest happenings. And follow us on instagram @palatinehsart or twitter @PHSartdept
- **PHS PEP Squad** is a performance group integrating special needs students with our Varsity Poms and Orchestral/Dance Company teams. They have performed at several functions including Homecoming, Royal Rally, the Amy Rudolph Tournament, and PH floor hockey tournament.
- **Special Olympians** at PHS compete in a yearlong sports program. Sports include: Volleyball, Basketball, Power Lifting and Track and Field events. Athletes competed at the State level for Power Lifting and Track and Field and brought home many gold, silver and bronze medals. The athletes are coached

by students in Special Olympics Partners Club. All PHS students can apply as a partner.

- The **PAC Basketball Team** took 1st place in the 2017 Amy Rudolph Basketball Tournament! Teams competing came from Hersey High School, Hoffman Estates High School and Kirk School. PAC (Palatine Activity Club) is open to all ELS and LLS students.
- PHS hosted the **34th annual Doug Verdonck PH Hockey Tournament** for hockey athletes in schools across the state with physical disabilities. PHS team hosted seven other high school teams for the 2016-2017 tournament.
- **π-Rates (PHS Math Team)** The team placed 2nd at the Regional Championship and placed 11th overall at the State Math Competition this year. The Calculator team placed 2nd in state and Brandon Canfield placed 2nd in the state as an individual on the Pre Calculus contest. The Junior Senior 8 person team placed 8th, The Frosh Soph 8 person team placed 9th, The Pre Calc team placed 9th, Geometry team placed 11th, the Algebra 1 team placed 14th and the Algebra 2 team placed 15th.
- The **Palatine High School Service Club** served the community in a variety of ways this year including organizing bus driver and maintenance appreciation days, coordinating a fundraiser and football game for Breast Cancer Awareness, sponsoring 6 children for the Angel Tree, baking cookies and making cards for a police officer appreciation day, making fleece blankets for women and children who take refuge at the WINGS shelters, and volunteering at over 20 different elementary school, middle school and community events. Other favorite events included creating a "Halloween Room" at Palatine's Halloween Festival and hosting Halloween and St. Patrick's Day parties for senior residents at Greencastle of Palatine. The Service Club raised over \$5,000 for Cancer Awareness research last year and logged over 1300 hours of service to the school and the community!

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- **Robotics Engineering Club** worked on a real world challenge with Northrop Grumman. The challenge consisted of creating a deployable solar heat shield. Students presented their results to engineers at Northrop Grumman and the Research & Development Learning Exchange. As a result of the student's hard work and collaboration with Northrop Grumman, Palatine was awarded 1st place in the competition with their design and technical presentation.
- **Robotics Engineering Club** will be learning how to program and create new devices using Arduinos and Raspberry Pis. The students will be involved in a Maker Space style environment where they can design, create and develop any idea into a real world functional design. Students will be able to utilize 3D printers, CNC routers, and a plethora of other technologies to create and develop ideas.
- **Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA)** had 13 students compete at the state competition in Springfield on April 7th. Students competed in various Family and Consumer Science related events. We came home with seven gold medals and six silver medals.
- **Fashion Club** meets weekly after school on Wednesdays in Room 158 for students with an interest in fashion, DIY crafts, and creative activities and fun. **Fashion Club** plans and produces a fashion show each year with the partnership of local business. The Prom Fashion show in February featured dresses and tuxedos selected and modeled by PHS students.
- Fashion students **Olivia Kochanowicz, Cailin Reiss, Janet Sanchez, Karina Soto, Jackie Valero, Adriana Espinosa, Cecilia Pereyra, Liz Carbajal, Maria Leon, Ruby Sotelo, Dakota Poitra and Erika Hernanadez** designed and constructed dresses for the Harper College Competition on May 19th. Stay tuned to see which student wins an award.
- **Ecology Club** promotes Earth awareness by offering environmental learning opportunities throughout the year. In September, students completed conservation work by removing invasive species for the Palatine Park District in conjunction with the National Public Lands Clean-up. In October, our students assisted with cleaning our local area through highway clean-up on Sterling and Northwest Highway. Throughout the spring, members designed a display and created awareness activities to celebrate Earth Week at PHS. The club also collected and sorted bags of paper for recycling during the end of semester locker clean outs. In April, five club representatives participated in the annual North Eastern Illinois Envirothon where they competed on environmental topics.
- **Speech Team Award Winners: Daniela Ugalde** – IHSA Sectional Finalist in Impromptu Speaking and Poetry Reading; **Jessica Gul** – IHSA Sectional Finalist in Radio Speaking.
- **Debate Team State Award Winner: Anand Shah** – Quarter-finalist for Lincoln Douglas Debate and All State Lincoln Douglas Team Captain; **Gabrielle Cervantes** - Octa-finalist for Lincoln Douglas Debate.
- **Orchesis** is Palatine High School's dance club, and its members are involved in many activities throughout the year. The 2017-2018 team is involved in the following events and opportunities: will perform in and present Dance Show 2017, which is themed "Seasons", dates of performances are November 2nd, 3rd and 4th at 7:00 pm in the Altergott Auditorium; will perform with Pep Squad at performances such as Cupcakes for a Cause and the PH Hockey Tournament. The team will also participate and perform in many other opportunities including Homecoming, Variety show, Illinois Dance Festival and the D211 Orchesis Winter Invite. Orchesis is a dance club that invites students who like to perform in any dance style to participate in many performances throughout the community and at the high school. Orchesis is sponsored by Krystal Coleman (Physical Education Dept.) and Sarina Ramirez. If you have any questions, please email kcoleman@d211.org or go to phsorchesis.com for more information.
- **DNA "Dance Group" Hip Hop Dance Crew and Latin Dance Crew, coached** by Liza Sullivan (Social Studies), performed in a variety of school and community events this school year. Their performances include: Dance Show, Variety Show, Lunchapalooza, Danceapalooza, PHS Pep assemblies, Royal Rally, and Fiesta del Sol dance. DNA and Latin Dance Crews were also invited to perform at Cary Grove HS. DNA Hip Hop Dance Crew and Latin Dance Crew allow students to showcase their talent and passion through dancing and both teams truly represent the spirit of PHS. Open auditions for both groups are held in May, if you have any questions, please email lsullivan@d211.org.
- **Cultural Awareness** is a club which educates and celebrates cultural diversity at PHS. Alyssa Moreno (English), along with the students from PHS celebrated Chinese New Year this year with a field trip to Chinatown in Chicago to experience the festival parade and enjoy traditional cuisine. The club also decorated a room for the PHS community Trick-or-Treating event, adopted a family for the holiday gift giving program, and organized the annual Fiesta del Sol dance. All are welcome to help spread awareness of different cultures
- **The Palatine Political Action Club (PPAC)**, led by **Emily Hamman** coordinated the **Student Election Judge Program**, through which over 75 students served as election judges at local polling places for the November General Election. Not only did these students get a first-hand glimpse at democracy in action, but they were paid for their services by the Cook County Clerk's Office! In the fall and spring, PPAC **registered 213 seventeen and eighteen year olds to vote** with the assistance of the League of Women voters. The organization also decorated the Social Studies hallway for the event. Among other events, PPAC held a debate watch party prior to the general

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- election and coordinated a school-wide mock election where students voted in an Electoral College simulation in their homerooms.
- The **Palatine Science Olympiad Team**, sponsored by Carl Garrison, Robert Heitz, Kristina Jordan, Patrick Rauen, and Alex Larson has been busy organizing and recruiting team members. During the 2016-2017 year, the team hosted its fifth annual invitational tournament with close to 1000 students participating from 56 different teams. The Science Olympiad team participated in four invitational tournaments, a regional tournament, and qualified for the state tournaments for their sixth straight time. This past year, students earned medals 55 times throughout the school year, including the three medals won in the State Tournament. During the regional tournament, the team finished in 4th place. Our dedicated team members competed hard and enjoyed every moment of the tournaments. They made friends from other schools, and had a great time “doing” science and winning medals. Science Olympiad is always looking for dedicated, science-minded students to join the team.
 - The **Certified Nursing Assistant Program** is one of the many dual credit courses offered at PHS. CNA dual credit is a high school course aligned to Harper College’s CNA course taught at PHS. The students earn high school and community college credits simultaneously. The students who have successfully completed the program are eligible to take the state certification test. With certification, the students are able to work as certified nursing assistants in long term care facilities, hospitals, clinics or even private homes. Many institutions also require the CNA certification as a prerequisite to Nursing Programs. The class provides a real life glimpse of health care jobs. The students practice clinical skills at a long term care setting earning them 40 clinical hours. When students work as CNA’s during the summer or while attending college, the hours clocked as a CNA count towards patient contact requirements towards future healthcare degrees such as Physician Assistant Programs. The CNA students also learn life-long skills such as measuring pulse, respiration and blood pressure. All CNA students are CPR certified.
 - The **Chemistry of Foods** program provides students the opportunity to participate in food preparation while learning the scientific basis of the chemical and biological processes involved in the culinary arts. The class meets two consecutive periods and is team taught by teachers from the Family & Consumer Sciences and Science departments. Students enrolled in the course will have a common lunch period to allow for flexibility on production days. Students completing this course will attain Harper College dual credit as they pursue their Illinois Department of Public Health food safety and sanitation certificates. The course provides guided practice for students who are considering a career in the culinary arts while providing an overview of the restaurant industry. Students will apply what they learn through participation in Pete’s Café, an in-house restaurant, and other catered events.

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“To Achieve – What Others Dare Not Dream.”*



- All PHS teachers are certified in their subject area, and over 70% have Masters Degrees. PHS’s 200 teachers have over 2500 years of experience working with students!
- **Palatine High School** currently has twenty-five National Board Certified teachers: **Craig Barnes**-Mathematics Dept. Chair, **Dana Batterton**-English, **Anna Dau**-Mathematics, **Samantha Dolen**-Science; **Sarah Dyson**-English, **Pamela Fullerton**-English, **Jennifer Grapenthin**-Student Services, **Douglas Gross**-English, **Joseph Grzybek**-Math; **Scott Hagel**-Physical Education, **Nick Hostert**-Art, **Gina Hubbard**-Math, **Seju Jain**-ESL, **Jennifer Krause**-English Dept. Chair, **Katie Kupka**-English, **Vinh Le**- Mathematics, **Erin Lindstrom**-English, **Erin Luzadder**-Mathematics, **Eric Millstone**-English, **Megan Panico**-English; **Kathy Petko**-Mathematics, **Michael Ruta**-Applied Tech, **Robert Schuetz**-Technology Coordinator, **Christopher Smith**-Science; **Erika Varela**-Family and Consumer Science and **Kristine Zaremba**-World Language. The NBPTS is a way for teachers to have their practice measured against the highest standards for accomplished teaching. Many other PHS teachers are in the certification process.
- The following departments have teachers with reading specialist endorsements: **English** has eleven, **Special Ed** has four, **Science**, **Social Studies**, **Applied Tech**, **Business Ed** and **ESL** each have one.