



Grosse Pointe South Pointes of Pride Student Highlights from the 2019-2020 School Year

Niche.com

- ranked South #1 of 755 as Best Teachers in Michigan
- ranked South #10 of 759 as Best High School in Michigan
- ranked South #14 of 1,329 as Best High School for Athletes

Brightest & Best

- Alexander Bower honored WXYZ-TV's Brightest & Best.

Iota Sigma Pi

- Congratulations to South student Brooklyn Northcross who is among the 2020 Outstanding Young Women in Chemistry named by Iota Sigma Pi, the National Honor Society for Women in Chemistry!

NAMM Foundation

- **Ranked Grosse Pointe Best Communities for Music Education.**

US News and World Report

- **Best High School 2019.**

South High – 2019-2020 “Evergreen Level Award” designation as a Michigan Green School

Quiz Bowl:

- Grosse Pointe South's Mock Trial completed valiantly in the Macomb County Conference on Saturday, March 7. The state tournament was canceled this year, but it was a learning experience for all involved. They went 9-5 in the MAC conference. The team had top scores at several tournaments throughout the year.

German:

- German Level 2 Achievements: Gold medal winners: Isabella Haindl, Amanda Frantz
Bronze medal winners: Abe Neds-Fox, Alexandra LeFief and Grace Winniger
Achievement Award: Elise Harr, Emma Palazzolo, Cara Chadwell, Claire Blake, Henry Greer, Kyle Bresser, Rebecca Roberts, James Perberdy, Nicole Wilk, Alexa Rigotti, Tory Roth and Sam White.
- German Level 3 Awards: Silver medal winners: Ethan Harr and Ronak Parikh
Bronze medal winner: Demetrios Papas
German Level 4 winners:
Silver medal winner: Mimi Ozomoor
Bronze medal winners: Jordan Buisch, Anna Brieden
Achievement award winner: Caroline Moulder-McComb, Finn O'Connor, Lizzie High and Eliza Eaton
Abe Neds-Fox and Meghan Wysocki were awarded full scholarships to the exchange program Friendship Connection through Finn It Forward

The Tower:

- The Tower Newspaper won the Spartan Award. The Tower Pulse won the Spartan Award
- Imran Siddiqui is MIPA student journalist staff
- Eva McCord received a 4th place for artist of the year from the NSPA
- Tower received a Silver Crown from the CSPA

- Tower received over 55 individual student awards from MIPA
- In March, the 2018-19 staff received a Silver Crown award, which was announced digitally, from the Columbia Scholastic Press Association. This is a recognition from the 2018-19 year but is always announced in the spring of the following year. The students also received a Gold Certificate rating from the CSPA which is the highest critique awarded.
- In April, the current staff received two national awards from the National Scholastic Press Association Best of Show. The first award is for a special recognition for COVID-19 coverage, the students were awarded a third-place nationally. The second award is for a broadsheet newspaper, the students were awarded a sixth place nationally.

Industrial Tech:

- Industrial Tech: "Congratulations to seniors Kate Duncan and Calvin Stricker on being awarded this year's top Industrial Technology students and earning the Buddy Reames award. Industrial Technology students that take at least three years of IT classes and earn all A's have their names placed on the department Buddy Reames plaque and are awarded a Pewabic Tile of the South tower. FYI, Leslie "Buddy" Reames was a long time Industrial Tech teacher at South.

TV Production:

- TV Production: In the Meijer Great Choice Film Festival, South TV had two student productions groups placed as finalists. Anna Abundis and Martha Dawson were finalists for their PSA on mental health and Keely Conlan, Alexa Downey, Lily Bates for their PSA on healthy nutrition. Both student groups have the opportunity to be awarded up to a \$1500 grand prize virtually on May 20, 2020.
- TV Production: At the Michigan Interscholastic Press Association Student Competition held virtually, Grosse Pointe South TV received several awards. Tommy Daudlin, Connor Paull and John Poplawski received a 2nd place award for their podcast "Game of Pods" in the Digital Media category. In the video production category, Katie Steiner, Susie Jarboe and Natalia Guerrero received a 3rd place for their PSA project called Masks and the GPTV Sports Staff headed up by Caden Handwork and Cooper Evans announcing the GPS vs GPN Football Game took 2nd Place in the Live Sports Production category. Alexa Downey and Samantha Cavera received an Honorable Mention on their Informational News Package - on the Devils Den.

Interior Design Club:

- worked from September through February redecorating the Ladies Staff lounge

Interact:

- Sponsored numerous service projects and charity fundraisers

National Merit:

- 7 National Merit Scholarship Finalists
- AP Scholars – 81 (Granted to students with scores of three or higher on three or more exams).
- AP Scholars with Honors - 40 (Granted to students with an average score of at least 3.69 on all AP exams with scores of 3 or higher on 4 or more exams)
- AP Scholars with distinction 62 (granted to students with an average score of at least 4.05 on all AP exams with scores of three or higher on five or more exams.
- National AP Scholars 7 (Granted to students who receive an average score of at least 4.48 on all AP exams with scores of four or higher on eight or more of exams.

Art Awards:

- AP Studio Art had 100% passing. AP 2D Design Computer Graphics, AP 2D Design Photography, and AP Drawing students earned college credit while enjoying these uniquely individualized art offerings.
- Scholastic Art and Writing Awards 2020 included 1 Silver Key Portfolio, 2 Honorable Mention Portfolios and 57 individual awards, 14 Gold Keys, 24 Silver Keys, 19 Honorable Mentions.
- National Scholastic Art and Writing Awards 2020 in New York City included 2 National Gold Medals.
- National Art Honor Society: South students made a difference through community service working with a variety of charity groups and activities within the community.
- South students participated in the annual Grosse Pointe Art Center Promising Artist Show for North and South as well as participants from surrounding schools.
- NAHS highlights: South students made a difference through community service working with a variety of charity groups and activities. This year, students focused on giving back to the South. Examples include: Creating a mural for Mental Health Wellness Week at South, helping with Open House activities, and providing positive messages to teachers during conferences.

Band/Orchestra

- Ian Plansker MSBOA All-State Orchestra
- Ian Plansker Detroit News Catch Award Performing Arts
- Igor Trifunovic MSBOA All-State Orchestra
- South Concert Orchestra Division I Superior rating at MSBOA Band & Orchestra Festival
- South Symphony Orchestra Division I Superior rating at MSBOA Band & Orchestra Festival

Pointe Players:

- Pointe Players had record attendance with both their fall production of The Game's Afoot & our Evening of One-Acts directed by seniors: Riley Barbour, Bobby Conlan, Andrew Fleming, Gabriela Moncivais, Grace Ryan & Elyse Tazzia.
- Several Thespians are set to be inducted virtually into Troupe 49 of the International Thespian Society. Chartered in 1933, South is one of the oldest, active thespian troupes in the nation, and our mission statement mirrors the national organization's core values: people matter, strive for excellence, work together and be the person you want to work with.
- Senior Honor Cords and Thespian recognition go out to: Catherine Christinidis, Alexa Collins, Franni Fermani, Emilio Garcia, Anna Haran, Ben Hermon, Coco Henry, James Henry, Chloe Lamb, Lauren Leach, Josie Monahan, Emmie Rieth, Grace Ryan, Nicola Troschinetz, Peter Uznis, Danielle Vogler, Aidan Walsh, Chloe Yonkus
Honor Thespians: Riley Barbour, Elaina Calisi, Bobby Conlan, Andrew Fleming, Sam Hermon, Moncivais Gabriela, Elyse Tazzia

All Choirs Academic School Year Awards:

- MSVMA Music Theater Solo and Ensemble - 21 events competed and 20 events received a First
- MSVMA District Solo and Ensemble - 15 events competed and 16 events qualified for State
- The Tower Belles Academic School Year Awards:
- Solo and Ensemble Districts - State Qualified Ensemble
- Bishop Luers High School - Grand Champion Women's Show Choir, Best Vocal Sound and Best Choreography, First Runner up Soloist Alice Walsh, Outstanding Performer Lilly Geer
- The Pointe Singers Academic School Year Awards:
- Solo and Ensemble Districts - State Qualified Ensemble
- Bishop Luers High School - Grand Champions Show Choir, Best Vocal Sound, Class A Champion, Best Female Soloist Grace Ryan, Outstanding Performer Bobby Conlan
- Fame Show Choir Nationals - Reigning National Champions
- South Singers Academic School Year Awards:
- Solo and Ensemble Districts - State Qualified Ensemble
- Bishop Luers High School - Class C Champion, Sixth Place in Finals, Outstanding Performer Henry Fish
- Sounds of South Academic School Year Awards:
- Solo and Ensemble Districts - State Qualified Ensemble

2019 Fall Sports

Varsity Football

- 2019 MAC White Champs (4th straight and 8/11); Undeclared in division play
- MHSFCA Academic-All State Team nominee
- Team GPA: 3.47

Girls Golf - MAC Red Champs, 2019

- Division I Team State Finalists; Regional Champions
- Ann Arbor Pioneer Invitational Champions
- All-State Academic Team
- Two First-team All-State players: Kaitlin Ifkovits and Audrey Becker

Boys Soccer

- 3.534 Team GPA
- 15-3-5 overall record and 5-2-5 in MAC White
- Country Day Invitational Champions
- 2019 District Champions

Boys Tennis

- 2019 MAC Red Champs
- 10th place team finish in Division I State Playoffs ; Regional Runner-Up
- 3.65 Team GPA; Michigan All-Academic Team Award

Girls Volleyball

- 2019 District Champions

Girls Swimming / Diving

- MAC Red Champions; 11-4 Overall record; 6-0 in MAC Red
- Division II Team State Finalists
- 3.81 Team GPA

Girls' Cross Country

- Earned MAC Red Sportsmanship Team Award
- 3.88 team grade point average
- Five top-10 finishes at invitationals

Boys' Cross Country

- 3.59 team grade point average
- Runner-up at Huron and Trenton Invitationals
- Second largest team participation in Michigan Division I

Dance Team

- Inaugural year of Dance team at Grosse Pointe South High School

Field Hockey

- 3.69 team grade point average
- State tournament qualifier, lost in quarter-finals
- MHSFHA All-Academic Team Award
- 1st team All-State Division II Maria Haddad and Hadley McSunas

*Grosse Pointe South - 2019-20 MAC Cup Champions

- *MAC Cup averages gpa and all team sport standings.

2019-20 Winter Sports

Special Olympics Unified Basketball Inaugural season; combined athletes and partners

Competitive Cheerleading

- Lincoln Park Invitational Champions, Roseville Invitational Champions

Wrestling

- 2019-20 MAC Silver Champions, 9-2 Dual meet record, 11-2 overall
- 3.27 Team GPA

Unified Gymnastics

- Qualified to Team State Finals
- League Regular Season Champions
- Fraser Invitational Champions

Figure Skating

- A & C Team District Champions

Boys' Basketball

- 2019-20 MAC White Champions (undefeated in league play).
- District Champions.

Girls' Basketball

- 2019-20 MAC Red Champions (9-1); 18-5 overall record

Boys' Swimming

- 2019-20 MAC Red Champions
- 3.56 team GPA

Boys' Hockey

- 2019-20 MIHL South League Champions; 22-5-0-1 overall
- Four First-Team All-State Selections - Keegan Spitz, Adam Strehlke, Jake Spitz, Will Strickler
- Division III Coach of the Year - Paul Moretz
- Liggett Tournament Champions

Girls' Hockey

- State Semi-Finalist before season halted.

Spring Sports

*Spring Sports 19-20 season was canceled by MHSAA due to COVID-19 Pandemic

We are Proud of Our Students! "The single most common characteristic among successful people is that they were involved in student activities." (NASSP Research on Student Activities)