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• From Main Line Suburban Life: Allison Ziegler, a student at Radnor High School, recently returned from a week at NASA where she planned a simulated manned mission to Mars and experienced life as an engineer and scientist.

• Andrew Austen, a 2012 Radnor Middle School grad and incoming Radnor High School freshman, featured in Philly.com article about his athletic abilities and positive spirit despite being born without his right hand.

• Elizabeth Stamm, a 1997 graduate of Radnor High School, offers struggling families a safe place to live and an opportunity to succeed as the emergency housing director at the Salvation Army's Norristown Family Residence.

• Gaven Williams, an 8-year-old Radnor Elementary School student, qualified for the USA National Junior Olympic Track & Field Championships with his efforts at the USA Track & Field Region 2 Championships July 7-8 and the USA Track & Field Mid Atlantic Championships June 16-17.

• Hannah Henkin, Radnor High School Class of 2012, was featured in Radnor Patch on June 28 and Main Line Media News on August 28 for helping kids learn ultimate frisbee at Ultimate Peace, an overnight camp in Israel where she is spending three weeks as a junior counselor. The camp uses "ultimate" and other activities to promote and foster values of mutual respect, friendship and non-violence.

• Madie Zimmerman, a Radnor High School senior field hockey player, signed a National Letter of Intent to play at the University of Massachusetts. Below she is pictured with her parents Phil and Carolyn and her head coach Angel DiRocco.
• Radnor Patch profiles Radnor High School languages teacher Charlene Mastro. She says she loves "to see the progression. I like to feel proud of my students and see all they can accomplish." (Read more)

• Radnor High School student Allison Ziegler writes about her experience golfing a 104-hole marathon for The First Tee of Greater Philadelphia on May 21

• The Radnor High School Varsity Girls’ Ultimate Frisbee Team is now ranked first in Pennsylvania after winning the Pennsylvania State Championship Tournament over Memorial Day weekend. The Varsity Boys’ team also had a great tournament weekend, playing to the semi-finals and now ranking 4th in the state.

• Radnor High School softball has best regular season in history. Read more on Main Line Media News

• Ithan Elementary School third-graders toured Wayne on May 11 to find out how different businesses work. One of their stops was RTSD’s Administration Building, where they visited with superintendent Dr. Linda Grobman and assistant superintendent Dr. Kim Maguire. The students also got their photo ID taken after talking with Leo Bernabei, director of operations, and learned about the business side of the district from Tim Vail, business administrator. They were sighted at the Wayne Hotel as well.
• The Philadelphia High School Ultimate Education League (PHUEL) hosted the annual Hip Hop tournament at the end of April. The Radnor High School Ultimate Frisbee girls' team and the junior varsity boys' team each won the championship in their divisions. The JV boys also tied for the Spirit of the Game Award.

• In addition to RHS' spectacular performance at Hip Hop, senior Hannah Henkin has been selected from 120 top players nationally to compete on the U.S. Girls team at the World Flying Disc Federation (WFDF) World Junior Ultimate Championships in Dublin, Ireland this summer! GO RAIDERS!

• Recent Pennsylvania Geographic Bee champion and Radnor Middle School 8th-grader Arnav Jagasia was interviewed on FOX 29's "Good Day Philadelphia" on May 15. He will represent the state at the national competition on May 22-24. See the video (via YouTube). Read more about Arnav's accomplishment.

• Radnor High School boys and girls crew clubs earn second- and first-place finishes at May 12-13 races. Read on Radnor Patch.
• Radnor High School softball team wins first Central League Title since 1984. Read on Main Line Media News

• May 8 was National Teachers' Day and RTSD students honored those teachers who made a difference in their lives with heartfelt words of appreciation. See the video here (via YouTube).

• May 3 was a remarkable day in Radnor High School sports. GO RAIDERS!
The softball team continued its undefeated season with a 10-6 road win at Marple Newtown. The team is currently 17-0 and has 3 home games remaining: May 7 at 3:45 p.m.; May 9 at 7 p.m.; and May 14 at 7 p.m.

The baseball team improved its record to 10-2 in the Central League to take over first-place with a win over Marple Newton. The team is now 12-3 overall.

The girls lacrosse team continued its hot streak with a 15-11 win over Springfield after trailing by 6 goals at halftime. The team now stands at 12-3 overall and 8-2 in the league.

The boys' lacrosse team beat Springfield 10-7 and now stands at 11-5 overall and 8-2 in the league.

At the Delaware County Track and Field Championships:
- Emerson Congleton finished third in the pole vault with a vault of eight feet.
- Jane Pereira-Ogan qualified for the 1600 meter final on Saturday night (5/5) with a personal best of 5:22.6.
- Sarah Trachtenberg made the 800 meter final with her best time of 2:23.7.
- Pereira-Ogan and Trachtenberg teamed with Kelly Colton and Meg Ditrolio to qualify for the 1600 meter relay final.

Radnor Township School District director of operations Leo Bernabei, Radnor Middle School principal Anthony Stevenson, RMS Watershed teacher Banny Ackerman and three RMS Watershed students were guests on Radnor Channel 21's "Patch Presents" on May 2. The topic was RMS' recent Green Ribbon School award. WATCH THE INTERVIEW here. (via YouTube)

2008 Radnor High School graduate Alex Ryder returned home from service in Afghanistan on April 28. He is a Staff Sergeant who served with the 270th Engineering Installation Squadron of the 111th Fighter Wing of the PA Air National Guard. Read more on Radnor Patch.
• **Ten Radnor High School students were selected for the 7th Congressional District High School Art Competition.** U.S. Representative Pat Meehan (PA-7) sponsors and organizes this event to honor and encourage student artists. The work of students from Delaware, Montgomery and Chester County high schools was on display at the Wayne Art Center. Various forms of art media are considered and judged. Congratulations go to (from left to right, front to back rows): Ashley Dougherty, Colby Walker, Allie McShea, Taylor Olson, Emma Bolton, Eunice Lee, Cat Enders, Jena Mainardi and Julia Reichert. Special kudos go to Julia Reichert who won second place in Painting and Eunice Lee who won second place in Mixed-Media.

![Art Competition Students](image)

• **Forty-four Radnor High School students have met the requirements to enter the 2013 National Merit Scholarship Program** through their scores in the 2011 PSAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test. They will be at least commended and very possibly named semi-finalists and finalists. They are: Christopher Blazey; Alexandra Bozzini; Bryan Cai; Jake Campolo; Angela Chang; Andrew Chen; Brady Clapp; Leah Coppage-Gross; Sofia Demopolos; Preeya Dmello; Alison Elliott; Declan Evans; Sophia Faude; Joseph Hadley; Hannah Hoseyni; Yuichiro Iwamoto; Tyler Jordan; Hammad Khan; Joelle Khouri; Alexander Kim; Lindsay Korzekwa; Junhyeong Lee; Matthew Levitan; Andrew Lin; Emily Lu; Daniel Maxwell; Daniel Michelson; Matthew Ming; Alison Mosier-Mills; Emma Nicosia; Matthew Pelton; Shaiba Rather; Suhaas Reddy; Natalia Salinas; Claire Song; Meredith Steely; Abigail Sydnes; Sarah Trachtenberg; Griffin Unger; Boen Wang; Christine Wei; Kevin Yim; Sean Young; and Kimberly Zhang.

• **Radnor High School teacher and English department chair Carl Rosin featured on Philly.com for being named a Delaware County Excellence in Teaching Award winner** Read more

• **RTSD ranks 4th in State For PSSA Scores** Read more
• Two RHS students had winning artwork in the 2012 Congressional Art Competition. Julia Reichert won second-place in the "Painting: Oil/Acrylic" category for her work "Cliff Color" and Eunice Lee won second-place in the "Mixed Media" category for her work "Food as Art." The students were congratulated by U.S. Representative Patrick Meehan on April 10. (Read more and see pictures on Radnor Patch)

• Gerry Koons, a 2010 RHS graduate and current University of South Carolina sophomore, has been named a 2012 Barry M. Goldwater Scholar, a prestigious honor awarded to the nation’s top undergraduates pursuing careers in math, science and engineering. More than 1,100 students across the nation were nominated for the honor; 282 were selected. Read more (April 12)

• RHS principal Mark Schellenger, student Kaleigh Link and her mother Kathy Link mentioned in an Inquirer article on students and adults talking teenage issues at the Media Theater (March 25)

• From Main Line Media News: "The Radnor High School swim teams made their mark at Districts, earning several impressive victories, setting a number of records and sending two individual swimmers and one relay team on the way to the PIAA state championship meet." Read more (March 9)

• David Clarke, a violinist and student at Ithan Elementary School, has won third place in the American Protege International Piano and Strings Competition 2012. The contest was open to school students and adults of all nationalities and countries. He will perform at Carnegie Hall on April 8 at 8 p.m.

• Natalie Miller, a Radnor High School senior, was recently named the Bryn Mawr Rotary Club Girls' Soccer Player of the Year. Read on Main Line Media News (March 12)

• NBC 10 Philadelphia and 6ABC were on hand March 7 when more than 1,000 Radnor High School students signed a pledge promising to stop using the "R-word." The signing event was part of the RHS Best Buddies Club's "Spread the Word to End the Word" campaign and followed a public service announcement that featured students and teachers from the high school talking about the harm the word can cause.

• Radnor High School students in Carl Rosin's college prep English class participated in a conference call with Professor Robin Bates of St. Mary's College on Feb. 24. Dr Bates ended up writing about the conversation favorably -- and mentioned several of the students' questions -- on his popular blog. The students whose questions Prof. Bates featured
on his blog are (in order) Marley Duchovnay, Jimmy Mitchell, and Cole Appelman. Several other students asked excellent questions as well.

- Seven Ithan Elementary School students from Maureen Segal's 4th-grade class will have their poems published in a regional anthology published by Creative Communications after winning a Fall 2011 writing contest held by the organization. Nearly 1,500 poems by fourth to sixth graders throughout Pennsylvania were submitted, and 700 were selected for publication, according to the anthology's editor, Tom Worthen, Ph.D. Creative Communications is currently reviewing all the poems approved for publication from the 20 regions that participate to determine the top 10 national winners. Below, from left to right, IES winners David Clarke, Jacqueline Slinkard, Kathryn Tague, Alexandra Bayer, Kanon Ciarrocchi, Helen Hu, and Justin Cellucci.

- Philly.com interview with RHS junior Andrew Lin about his success in nationwide essay contests (Feb. 13)

- Coverage of RHS gym dedication to Radnor legend Ellis Charles Dwyer on Feb. 3: Radnor Patch | Interview with Ralph Gray on Main Line Media News (Video) | Philly.com

- Radnor Patch story on RMS eighth-grader Arnav Jagasia, who will compete in the state-level National Geographic Bee on March 30 after winning the RMS competition for the third straight year. Read more.

- Radnor Patch profiles Julia Warner, a 2009 RHS graduate and budding actress who recently watched the premiere of her first full-length film. Read more. (Jan. 31)

- Ten Radnor Middle School students were chosen to participate in the Schuylkill Valley Area Honors Orchestra on Friday, Jan. 27 at Bala Cynwyd Middle School. SVAO is an honors festival for the top musicians in 9 middle schools.
• Andrew Lin, a junior at Radnor High School, was one of ten entrants to place third in the Ayn Rand Institute’s 2011 Anthem Essay Contest. Lin was also one of 80 semi-finalists in the We the Living Essay Contest. Read more. (Jan. 24)

• Football legend Emlen Tunnell, the first African-American inducted in the NFL Hall of Fame and a 1941 RHS graduate, was profiled in a Jan. 14 New York Times article. Read more.

• Hundreds of Radnor students participated in a day of service at Wayne Elementary School and Radnor Middle School in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (Jan. 16). Read on Philly.com

• RHS Senior Dorothy Hazan featured as Main Line Student of the Week (Jan. 10). Read and see video on Main Line Media News.

• RHS Hi-Q team wins Jan. 5 competition. Read on DelcoTimes.com.

• RHS Girls' Basketball beat Lower Merion for the first time in ten years (Jan. 3, 2012) and has not lost a game since opening night despite a season-ending ankle injury to senior leader Hannah Ross Nussbaun on Dec. 23 (Philadelphia Inquirer story). As of Jan. 10, the Red Raiders are 8-1-1.

• IES handbell concert featured on Patch.com.

• WES Holiday Shopping Extravaganza featured on Philly.com.

• New RTSD school board president and vice president announced on Main Line Media News.

• Breakfast with Santa video on Main Line Media News.

• The Radnor Middle School Unlimited football team finished their season undefeated. The team wrapped up the year with a 42-6 victory over Upper Merion. Members of the team pictured below were (Front L-R) Andrew Comacho, Colin Zwagerman, Deniz Beken, Luke McMaster, Harrison Carter, Aarron Fuller, Nick Gatti, Matt Rigolizzo, Jack Collins, Luke Jones, Laquan Marshall, Matt McCue, Jimmy Fares, Connor Bradshaw, Peter Somboonsong, Nick D'Ellorco, Tommy Childs. (Back Row L-R) Coach Brad Lord, Charlie Connolly, Connor Wilson, Jake Bodenger, Griffin Monaghan, Cameron Harrell, Colin Bradley, Alex Hino, Ross Ebersole, Jack Wilson, Jae Hoon Choi, Dario Falcone, Taylor Klemm, Ben Webster, Alex Denolfo, Tommy Webb, Tucker Ballbach, Josh Simpson, Connor Treadway, Adam Neiberg, Josh Taylor, Shawn Ellis,

• Ithan Elementary School 4th-grader Colby Hoffman has been chosen as one of the lead ice skaters in Holiday Dreams on Ice with Johnny Weir. Colby is one of only 6 children selected to play this role, which involves hosting the show and introducing famous skaters throughout the program. *Holiday Dreams on Ice* will be held Friday, Dec. 23 at 7 p.m. at the University of Pennsylvania Class of 1923 Arena. Special half-price tickets ($30 instead of $60) are available if purchased through Allie Hoffman at alliehoff@comcast.net.

• Radnor High School senior Dorothy Hazan earned a certificate as a winner of the 2011 National Council of Teachers of English Achievement Award in Writing. Dorothy is one of only 520 winners nationwide, one of only 24 in Pennsylvania, and the only one in Delaware County. She is also the first RHS winner since 2007.

• Two Radnor High School teachers, Vincent Bondi and Paul Wright, were officially recognized as outstanding educators by the University of Chicago and Stanford University, respectively, after their former students nominated them as teachers who played a significant role in their intellectual, academic, social, and personal achievement.

• The 25th-seeded RHS field hockey team beat 8th-seeded Souderton High School on Oct. 24 in the opening round of the playoffs. Read here.

• Two RHS teachers, Rick Dunbar and Alexis Swinehart, were listed among the top Main Line teachers in the October 2011 edition of *Main Line Today* magazine. Read the article here.

• RMS helped "paint the town red" with a Phillies pep rally on Oct. 6 that aired on Fox 29.
• For the second year in a row, **RMS sixth-grader Luke Pererira-Ogan** has won the youth division of the Delaware Valley's Chapter of the Ruffed Grouse Society's annual fall shoot. [Read in Radnor Patch](https://www.radnorpatch.com).

• **RTSD and RHS student Meg Girton and her mother** were featured in a *Wall Street Journal* article on web tools that allow parents and students to get info on assignments, test scores, and more: [Read the story](https://www.wsj.com).

• **RMS 8th-grader Ethan Lee** will play piano with the Philadelphia Orchestra on March 24, 2012 as a result of winning the children's division at the Greenfield Competition in March 2011. ([Read more](https://www.mainlinesuburbanlife.com)).

• *Main Line Suburban Life* reports on RHS bringing its TV studio into the 21st century. ([Read here](https://www.mainlinesuburbanlife.com)).

• Radnor Patch previews 11-12 school year for RTSD's elementary schools. ([Read here](https://www.radnorpatch.com)).