

MEMO

To: Mike Riggle

Fr: Karen Geddeis

Re: Students and Staff Who Excel

Date: October 2, 2014

At the Board meeting on Monday, October 13, we will recognize senior GBN student Sam Korsky for his selection into the Mathematical Olympiad Summer Program (MOSP) and Glenbrook South High School for the breaking of two World Records and the related awareness campaign.

Sam Korsky

Korsky was one of 53 students chosen from a lengthy nation-wide process (starting with 210,000 hopefuls) to participate in MOSP at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in June.

Korsky's participation in the three-week all-expenses paid MOSP this past summer, provided him the opportunity to enhance his mathematical education while being among the country's top math students. During the MOSP, students participated in full day classes, problem solving and tests to deepen their understanding of algebra, geometry, combinatorics, and number theory.

Korsky endured numerous rounds of examinations in order to qualify for selection into this prestigious program. In one instance, he sat for a nine-hour test consisting of only 6 problems.

GBN math teacher Rhoda McInerney was invited to attend this special recognition.

Glenbrook South World Record

On Friday, September 26, Glenbrook South High School students unofficially broke two separate Guinness World Records for capturing the most unique selfies on one phone in one hour and for the most hugs given by a mascot in one minute.

During the first half of the varsity football game against Maine South High School, students and fans took 734 individual selfies with Tommy the Titan, the school's mascot, in one hour, beating a previous Guinness Book of World record of 613.

During halftime, students successfully gathered on the field to race against the clock to hug Tommy 86 times in one minute, beating a previously set record of 75.

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These records await final confirmation by Guinness Book of World Records in England.

As part of the attempt, more than \$1,000 was collected at the game for the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence. Advanced Television students used the selfies taken for the Guinness Book of World Records to create a public service announcement. We will screen this two-minute video for the Board at this meeting.

A representative group of GBS students and assistant principal for student activities have been invited to attend this special recognition.