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AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

- First Place, Poetry, New Jersey Sights and Sounds Competition 2022, "Sisters Dancing at a Family Party" (Grade 10)
- Awarded recognition from Ipomoea Publishing as beta reader for novel *A Royal's Game* by Georgina Bollom (Grade 12)
- Second Place, Greek Folk Dancing, Folk Dance Festival 2023 Maryland (Grade 11)
- National Honor Society Chapter Vice President (Grade 11-present), Rho Kappa National History Honor Society (Grade 12)
- Honor Roll (Grade 9-present); Principal's List, Highest Level of quarterly recognition (Grade 11)
- DECA, Regional Champion, Sports and Entertainment Marketing (Grade 11)
- Certified PowerBack Peer Leader (Grade 11-present)

IN SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

- **Member, Angel Ambassador.** Invitation-only program. Selected to represent AHA as model student at school events. Organize open house activities and host prospective students. Guide tours and conduct information sessions. (Grades 10-present)
- **Editor, Blue Print (AHA school magazine).** Review art and writing submissions. Collaborate with editors to establish theme of annual magazine and front cover. Edit submissions and prepare for final print. (Grade 11-present)
- **Vice President/Co-Founder, Greek Cultural Club.** Prepare agenda and lead meetings to introduce students to Greek history, language and culture. Teach and perform traditional Greek folk dance and provide Greek food at AHA International Night 2023. (Grades 11-present)
- **Member, DECA.** Regional Champion, Sports and Entertainment Marketing (Grade 11). Prepared paper for 2022 State DECA competition. Participate in role play business simulations and evaluate members' presentations. (Grades 10-present)
- **Team Leader, Powerback Club.** Lead discussions about teen dating abuse and sexual assault. Certified and authorized to help and give advice to AHA students. Create videos and projects to raise awareness of teen dating abuse. (Grades 10-present)
- **Member, Varsity Lacrosse Team.** Defender. Practice and train six days a week. (Grades 10-present)
- **Member, Writers' Society.** Critique writing. Discuss literature and film. Engage in group writing activities. (Grades 9-present)

OUT-OF-SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

- **Corresponding Secretary, Greek Orthodox Youth Association (GOYA), The Metropolitan Cathedral of St. John the Theologian (100+ members).** Elected position. Author monthly articles for the church chronicle. Collaborate with Executive Board to plan events. Organize annual fundraiser for over a thousand students, raising over \$30,000 for cancer. Participant of *Bridges*. (Corresponding Secretary, Grade 11-present; Member, Grade 9-present)
- **Member, OPA Pathia Greek Folk Dancing Team.** Practice 4 hours weekly to prepare for national competition showcasing various regions of Greek folk dance and traditions, including authentic dress. (Grades 9-present)
- **Co-Founder/President, Online writing club "Teen Writers".** Create online forum to discuss and proofread students' writings and host writing contests. (Grade 9-10)
- **Member, St. John's Metropolitan Cathedral Fellowship Volleyball Team.** (Grades 9-present)

WORK EXPERIENCE

- **Intern, Stroll Magazine-Englewood Cliffs.** Author monthly pet column. Interview town residents. (Grades 11-present)
- **Beta Reader, A Royal's Game series by Georgina Bollom with Ipomoea Publishing.** Selected to provide feedback to author prior to review by editor. Critique storyline, character development, and general writing flow. Communicate daily with author. (Grade 9-present)
- **Founder/Teacher, Creative Writing Class, Cresskill Library.** Develop weekly creative writing class and curriculum for 30+ elementary school students. Use interactive activities to help students improve grammar and writing. (Grades 10-present)

PUBLICATIONS/WRITING

- **Witchcrafty.** Worldbuilding, multiple novels and short stories involving over 100 characters.
- **"Sisters Dancing at a Family Party",** Blueprint (AHA Magazine 2023) (Grade 11)
- **Stroll Magazine.** "Interview with Pepper"; "Interview with Syrianni"; "Interview with Panini"; "Interview with Truffle"; "Interview with Ganymede" (Grade 11)
- **Not All There.** Poetry Compilation of 10 poems (Grade 10)

VOLUNTEER WORK

- **Bridges Outreach.** Prepare, package, and distribute sandwiches to homeless in Newark, NJ. (Grade 9-present)