

Supporting Math Nation for Local Schools

By State Rep. Ann Flood

Last week, I met with Glenn Zollman, director of state programs for Accelerated Learning and Math Nation, to discuss ways we can support Math Nation in Pennsylvania.

Math Nation is an interactive, supplemental math tool that fully aligns with Pennsylvania's Common Core State Standards for Algebra I, Geometry and Algebra II.

It offers schools a comprehensive set of resources including print workbooks to accompany its digital platform, a diagnostic intervention tool, unlimited night and weekend tutoring, ACT and SAT prep, additional teacher and family support, and ongoing implementation training from a Pennsylvania-based associate director.

Math Nation is helping to improve math achievement in states across the country—but currently, none of the school districts in the 138th District utilize the program.

I plan to send a letter of support for state funding and will be reaching out to our local school districts to encourage them to consider adding Math Nation to their curriculum.



Protecting Our Children, Holding Offenders Accountable

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Effectively protecting our children from predators also means holding offenders accountable. That's why I recently voted in favor of a bill that would provide a sentencing enhancement for courts to consider in sexual assault cases where the defendant is a mandated reporter.

The people we encourage our children to trust — such as school employees, health care professionals, child care providers, law enforcement, clergy and social service workers — are mandated reporters. It is especially egregious when someone who is required by law to report suspected child abuse or neglect instead chooses to victimize a child.

House Bill 355 now goes to the state Senate for consideration.



Attention Students: House Fellowship Program Taking Applications

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The Pennsylvania House Legislative Fellowship Program is accepting applications for its fall 2025 semester.

The program is based at Pennsylvania's Capitol Building in Harrisburg where fellows are assigned to work in House standing committees or leadership offices; are compensated for their work (which may also include college credit); and are provided the opportunities to draft and present their own legislation, attend meet-and-greets with various public officials and staff, and tour some of the Commonwealth's historic public spaces, to name a few.

Qualified applicants must be undergraduate juniors or seniors, graduate students, or law school students; enrolled in a Pennsylvania college/university or a Pennsylvania resident enrolled in an out-of-state institution; and have a GPA of 3.0 or higher.

For more information or to apply, visit pahousefellowship.us. Applications can be submitted via email to pahousefellowship@pabmc.net. The deadline to apply for the fall term is July 1.



Winners In The 2025 Literature Contest

By Bangor Women's Club

BANGOR - The Bangor Women's Club is delighted to announce the winners in the 2025 Literature Contest. In Category 1 (K-2) Short Story, tied for 2nd place were Duncan Hero ("Pirate Fun House") and Carter Simon ("Chick-Fil-A") with 3rd place going to Tobias Fernandez-Jackson ("Titi Penny"); all from Faith Christian School. In Category 2 (3, 4, and 5) Short Story; Washington Elementary's Matthew Aulisio ("The Neverlands") placed 1st, Faith Christian's Anderson Little ("Hot Dog Hero") placed 2nd and Faith Christian's Alex Tilley ("Tux, the Soccer Dog") placed 3rd. In Category 2 Poetry Matthew Aulisio ("Acadia") placed 1st. In Category 3 (6, 7, and 8) Poetry, De Franco's Kora Kistler ("On a Spooky, Scary Night") placed 1st. Category 4 (9, 10, 11, and 12) Short Story 1st place was Bangor High School's Emma Confalone ("Blizzard") and Poetry 1st place was Bangor High School's Meadow Summerfield ("My Heart Clenches").

Our local 1st place winners all went on to the State level competition and at May's Convention, Matthew Aulisio won 1st place prize money and certificate for his poem, "Acadia" and 3rd place money and certificate for his story, "The Neverlands"! Lora Kistler received 2nd place money and certificate for her "On a Spooky, Scary Night", a perfect poem for Halloween night! Emma Confalone once again has placed 1st on the State level Short Story with her excellent period piece, "Blizzard", adding another certificate and money to her many awards.

And Meadow Summerfield's "My Heart Clenches" won 2nd place certificate and prize money in the Category 4 Poetry: welcome to a new participant in our competition!

Congratulations to all. And look for the art and literature next January, plus our Bangor Women's Club's Bake Sale and Card Party this fall.

