



Connor Brawley



David Magnin



Jonathan Bentley



Joshua Wilson



Victor Skorochood



Aaron Metzgar

## Faith Christian Graduation

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year, but what he really enjoyed and excelled in are soccer and track and field. He has played soccer for Faith from sixth grade through senior year, and participated in track and field in his seventh, eighth, eleventh, and twelfth grade years.

During his senior year, he served as part of the tech team for the school's weekly chapel and also had the privilege to be a chapel speaker in a three-part sermon series with classmates Connor Brawley and David Magnin. Zachary has excelled in academics, as well and is this year's valedictorian. He plans to pursue a degree in ministry leadership to become a youth pastor. His college of choice is undecided, but a potential school is the University of Valley Forge. One of his many favorite verses to live by is 1 John 4:18 which says, "There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love."

Salutatorian, Cameron Whistler, is the son of Matthew and MaryEllen Whistler, of Pen Argyl, PA. Cameron attended Faith Christian School from eighth through twelfth grades. □

Cameron was a captain of the soccer team during his eleventh and twelfth grade years, and captain of the basketball team his twelfth-grade year. In his tenth-grade year, Cameron served as class vice-president. In his eleventh-grade year, Cameron was nominated and accepted into the National Honor Society, and as a senior, he served as its reporter. Cameron is active in his church, willingly serving by going on mission trips or cleaning the church.

Cameron received multiple "Solomon awards" from Faith Christian School in recognition of his hard work as a student and he was named the salutatorian of his graduating class. His favorite Bible verse is James 4:8 "Come near to God and he will come near to you..." Cameron plans to continue his general education studies at Northampton Community College.

Faith Christian School, K-12 grades, has been serving the Christian communities of the Pocono Mountains, Slate Belt, eastern New Jersey, and the Lehigh Valley areas for 40 years. Children from ten school districts and over 40 churches comprise the diverse and outstanding student body. Most public school districts provide transportation to our school facility located one mile north of Bangor and eight miles south of Stroudsburg, off Route 191 in Roseto, Pa. Please call our office, 610-588-3414, to set up a time to visit. We look forward to meeting you soon at the corner of Dante Street and Liberty Avenue in Roseto, Pa.

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## Minsi Lake Habitat Improvements In Northampton County Recognized By National Fish Habitat Partnership

By Pa. Environment Daily/ Michael Ortoski / Jim Wilson

HARRISBURG - The National Fish Habitat Partnership recognized the habitat work at Minsi Lake in Northampton County was on the nations' Top 10 Waters to Watch In 2020.

The Top 10 is a list of rivers, lakes, streams and shores assembled by the nation's leading authorities on aquatic conservation to create cleaner and healthier habitats for the many fish & wildlife species & people who call these areas home.

Minsi Lake is the only body of water in all of Pennsylvania to achieve this distinction in 2020! This is due to a collaborative partnership of organizations that have improved in lake habitat at Minsi and who continue to now improve recreational & terrestrial habitats at Minsi Lake Park & the surrounding Minsi Lake Greenway.

Go here for a fact sheet on Minsi Lake from NFHP <http://www.fishhabitat.org/waters-to-watch/detail/minsi-lake-pennsylvania>.

Ben Page from Pa. Fish and Boat congratulated, Friends of Minsi Lake, and emphasized what a really big deal it is among fisheries biologists across the country to have their project land on the Top 10 Waters to Watch list. Page said "it's a highly competitive selection process, with a couple hundred of projects nominated every year." The project was nominated by the Reservoir Fisheries Habitat Partnership, which provided \$30,000 for the project. Page said "I'm not aware of another Pennsylvania project ever making the Top 10 list."

640 Fish Structures Built As Part Of Minsi Lake Cooperative Habitat Project.

The Minsi Lake Cooperative Habitat Improvement Project was a collaborative effort undertaken by the Fish & Boat Commission, Northampton County Parks & Recreation and Friends of Minsi Lake, a standing committee under the auspices of the Northampton County Junior Conservation School.

The project remediated a lack of fish habitat that was identified in a nationwide reservoir habitat impairment assessment by the Reservoir Fisheries Habitat Partnership in 2013, and confirmed by the Fish & Boat Commission during a 2017 survey of the empty Minsi Lake basin, which was drained earlier that year for a dam rehabilitation and spillway reconstruction project.

In 2017, the County signed on as a cooperating organization with PFBC's Cooperative Habitat Improvement Program.

The program calls for the cooperator to coordinate a community effort that brings public attention to the need for the project, engages the community in the project and raises funds to purchase all the project materials. In turn, PFBC develops the plan and builds the project.

The County formally partnered with the nonprofit Northampton County Conservation School to establish Friends of Minsi Lake in 2017.

The County led the friends group on behalf of the partnership, which developed and delivered print and digital outreach materials, presented dozens of information and marketing programs to local clubs and civic groups, engaged youth in building turtle basking platforms as part of the project, and raised enough funds through grants and local donations for PFBC to construct one of the three largest lake habitat projects in its history.

The end result is a much improved sport fishery, which will improve angling success and recreational enjoyment for the thousands of children, adults and families who fish and boat at Minsi Lake each year.

The objective of the project addressed a regional reservoir habitat impairment identified as an issue affecting the ecological health and function of reservoir systems in a nationwide reservoir habitat impairment assessment completed by the Reservoir Fisheries Habitat Partnership in 2013.

The habitat impairment at Minsi Lake was identified as limited littoral structure due to a lack of woody elements on the lakebed for fish and other aquatic organisms and communities.

The genesis for the project was the \$4 million Minsi Lake Dam Rehabilitation & Spillway Reconstruction Project, which was begun this spring and is expected to be completed this fall.

The lake was completely drawn down in 2017 in preparation for the dam rehab project, which offered a rare opportunity to access the empty lake basin, address the impairment issue and complete an extensive fish habitat restoration project.



## HOW TO MAKE A HOMEMADE MASK OUT OF FABRIC OR CLOTH



### MATERIALS NEEDED:

- Fabric (100% cotton is most effective)
- Fabric ties
- Scissors
- Sewing machine or a needle and thread



### INSTRUCTIONS:

- Measure and cut two pieces of fabric in a rectangle pattern to fit snugly around the face (size 12 inches by 6 inches is standard for adults)
- Tightly sew both layers together on all edges
- Cut fabric ties to fit around the ears
- Sew the ties to the insides of the mask on the smaller edge, repeat on both sides
- Resew the sides to ensure a tight seal between both pieces of fabric and the earpiece

