

PM Above & Beyond

Penn Manor School District

Fall 2025

Principal, two assistant principals named

Penn Manor kicked off the new school year on Monday, August 25. Two longtime staff members and a new district employee have been appointed to new administrative positions.

Lisa Suydam was named principal of LeTort Elementary School, replacing Brian Malek, who moved to Conestoga Elementary to teach third grade.

Suydam most recently was the assistant principal at Central Manor since 2020. She previously served as acting dean of students at Manor Middle School and was a classroom teacher and media specialist at LeTort Elementary from 2013 to 2019. She taught at Conestoga Elementary from 2000 to 2006.

Alex DiMarzio has replaced Suydam as assistant principal at Central Manor

Elementary School.

Prior to joining Penn Manor, Alex was the principal at Lebanon Career and Technology Center.

DiMarzio graduated from Millersville University with a bachelor's degree in secondary mathematics education. He earned his master's degree from York College with a specialization in Technology Instruction.

Alex received his principal certificate through the Educational Leadership program at York College.

"Central Manor is thrilled to have Alex join the team," said Central Manor Elementary principal Carly McPherson. "His administrative experience and his background in mathematics will be instrumental to ensure student achievement."

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Lisa Suydam



Alex DiMarzio

All schools included in 'Best Schools' rankings



Congratulations to the staff and students throughout the district, as all schools received "Best Schools" honors from the U.S. News & World Report in the latest school rankings.

Our schools placed within the top 20 percent of all Pennsylvania schools, based on academic measures.

Out of 3,208 elementary schools in the state evaluated for the report, LeTort was ranked 109th. Pequea Elementary was ranked 290th, followed by Central Manor (300th), Conestoga (305th), Eshleman (331st), Hambright (451st) and Martic (624th).

In the middle school rankings, Marticville was ranked 71st out of 2,384

Pennsylvania middle schools. Manor was ranked 116th.

U.S. News ranks the schools based on students' math and reading proficiency and each school's socioeconomic demographics. Any school scoring in the top 40 percent is considered "high achieving."

"I am very proud of the work our teachers, support staff, and students put forth each day," said Superintendent Dr. Gale. "The recognition demonstrates what happens in our schools each day."

Earlier in the fall, U.S. News & World Report released their high school rankings.

Penn Manor High School

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Three PM graduates earn American FFA Degrees

Recent Penn Manor graduates Vita Failla, Molly Gehr, and Carly Railing were notified that they are recipients of the American FFA Degree, which is the highest honor for a member of the FFA.

To qualify for an American Degree, members must earn at least \$10,000 through a supervised agricultural experience (SAE) or earn at least \$2,000 and work at least 2,250 hours outside of class time through their SAE. An SAE is a program in which FFA members own their own business, hold a professional

position as an employee, or conduct research.

Degree recipients must also complete at least 50 hours of community service with at least three different activities. Less than one percent of FFA members qualify and earn the American FFA Degree each year.

Vita is a 2024 graduate of Penn Manor and has been involved in Manor FFA since 2019. She raised market goats for six years and



From left, Vita Failla, Molly Gehr, and Carly Railing.

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market hogs for two years through Manor FFA.

She has dedicated over 2,000 hours working at Kneisley Family Farms picking pumpkins, packing eggs in a commercial layer house at Coffee Street Acres, and working on her grandparents property, LeTort Valley Farms, in the broiler breeder chicken house managing a flock of 19,000 birds.

Vita made approximately \$28,000 from her projects and had \$9,000 invested into her livestock projects.

Vita is currently a sophomore at Penn State York majoring in agribusiness management. She hopes to own her own agritourism farm in the future and carry on her Paw Paw's legacy of working in the farming industry.

Since retiring from showing livestock, she has been raising ducks and growing speciality fall crops. Vita plans to continue to help her younger sister with goat showmanship through 4-H in the coming years.

Molly graduated from Penn Manor in 2024 and was the Chapter Reporter in 2023. She will be in attendance at the National FFA Convention & Expo to receive her honorary degree.

Gehr raised market sheep to show at a local fair and worked at Riverside Blooms, a local flower farm, earning approximately \$21,080 throughout her time in Manor FFA. Her SAE's involved approximately 600 hours of outside class work.

She completed over 105 hours of community service, including a mission trip to Kentucky and West Virginia with her church. She also volunteered at the Tomato Festival, a craft camp, the food pantry and Blessings of Hope.

She is currently pursuing a post-secondary degree at

Delaware Valley University as an animal science major, specializing in livestock production and management. She hopes to start her own breeding business with sheep and cattle.

Carly is a 2024 Penn Manor graduate and was an officer for two years as a member of Manor FFA. She attributes the officer positions with challenging her and helping to build her confidence in areas like public speaking

She began working on a dairy farm the summer after her freshman year. She was responsible for milking over 400 cows and occasionally feeding the calves. Her SAE experience at the dairy farm gave her knowledge about animal science and farming. Railing also raised pigs for the Lampeter Fair for three years and lambs for a year.

She was an active member in Manor FFA, volunteering at community events and serving with her youth group. Carly attended several missions trips through her youth group and served at Water Street Mission with the Manor FFA officer team.

Carly participated in two Career Development Events (CDEs), poultry evaluation and floriculture. The CDEs provided the opportunity to try different types of careers.

Railing is in the nursing program at Harrisburg Area Community College and hopes to become a licensed RN.

Congratulations on this honor! A huge thank you to the agricultural teachers for their dedication in shaping these individuals.

Message from the superintendent

Make It Happen — Three basic words that themselves don't mean much, but together become a call to action. They have become our district theme for the 2025-26 school year. From day one teachers, administrators, support staff, and students were encouraged to *Make It Happen*.

The call to action is happening. Students and teachers identified areas that they want to improve. They have focused on a goal. They are being more intentional with what they are working on or how they are spending their time in the classroom and during co-curricular activities. *Make It Happen* is a call to

take a risk, address a glaring need, invest in someone to show that we care, to stop watching and start doing.

Our *Make It Happen* theme drives three key initiatives across the district.

1. Student Attendance -

We know students need to be in school. We also know that there are many factors, some out of their control, that keep some students from attending. To fulfill our curricular goals, a student returning from being absent has the dual challenge of catching up on what was missed while keeping pace with the current lessons. For these reasons, we are focused on improving student attendance.

2. Greater Community Connections - Our mission statement states, "*The Penn Manor community will work collaboratively to help students define and achieve their academic and life goals*".

The school district provides the academic needs of our community. In order to do this we need to partner with students, parents, community members, businesses, organizations. We want to build better relationships with our community.

3. Consistency - We are

a big school district. Penn Manor is comprised of seven elementary schools, two middle schools, a large comprehensive high school, 113 square miles, (both urban and rural areas), and close to 400 teachers and 300 supporting staff. We strive for students to have similar academic and curricular

experiences while balancing teacher autonomy to address individual student needs and talents.

As I shared these focus areas with staff, I did have a brief moment of panic, "How are we going to do this?" After all, these are difficult

things that many school districts struggle to do.

But other school districts don't have the resources that are unique to Penn Manor - our community. We receive great support from our parents and the community and our ability to do what we do is enhanced by this support. The Penn Manor community has always been very supportive of our students. Two key organizations, our Parent Teacher Organizations (PTOs) and the Penn Manor Education Foundation (PMEF) make significant contributions to the district. In the first few months of the 2025-26 school year, the PTOs and PMEF have fundraised and provided thousands of dollars for our classrooms and students. I recognize that the work of the PTOs and PMEF comes from people who *Make It Happen*. Thank you for your generous support.

As a district, we will continue to help students develop academic and social skills. This year we are focused to *Make It Happen*.



Dr. Phil Gale

- Dr. Phil Gale

PM students participate in exchange program

German American Partnership Program provides cultural experiences

Throughout the fall of 2024, 15 exchange students from Lahntalschule, located in Hessen, Germany, were hosted by Penn Manor families.

The Penn Manor students raised money to show the exchange students meaningful local experiences while they were in the states. The exchange students and hosts bonded during



Penn Manor High School students with German teacher, Nadine Smith, experience German culture.

bonfires and cookouts, took tours throughout Lancaster City and County, and trips to Washington DC, Manhattan, and Harrisburg.

The exchange students attended classes at Penn Manor High School where they were able to gain an understanding of the educational opportunities American high schools have to offer.

On June 9, 16 Penn Manor students (Maryam Alfayaddh, Seth Barrett, Lexi Blechschmidt, David Ferre, Caiden Gegg, Eamon Helfrich, Maija Jurgensen, Carson Keller, Olivia Margevich, Gage Myers, Ava O'Hara, Emmy Sauder, Brooklyn Showalter, Sophia Telesco, Emilia Thomsen, Lyla Walter), German teacher Nadine Smith, and a chaperone, embarked on an 18 day visit to Germany.

The PM students attended classes in the greater Marburg area where they experienced the German school system. The students gave speeches in German and English to German students, educating them on American history,



PMHS students in Germany with the exchange students they hosted last fall. geography, and culture.

While in Germany, the students stayed with the family of the German student they hosted in the fall. This allowed the students to immerse themselves even further in German culture.

The trip attendees visited many historical places, including the city of Heidelberg, the former concentration camp Buchenwald, and the Wartburg. Students had the opportunity to view some of the places they learned about in their German, English and Social Studies classes.

The Penn Manor Education Foundation generously provided a

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New members of the Penn Manor High School chapter of the National Honor Society pose following an induction ceremony in the high school auditorium.

Honor Society adds 32 members

The Penn Manor Chapter of the National Honor Society welcomed 32 new members during an induction ceremony September 29 at the high school.

The juniors and seniors qualified for induction by maintaining a cumulative grade-point average of at least 4.0 and demonstrating the four pillars of the organization – scholarship, leadership, service, and character.

The new members for 2025-2026 are: Ahmed Alfayyadh, Natalie Aungst, Caden Boland, Colby Bosley, Sophia

Brown, Charlotte Cohick, Madelyn Eberts, Amelia Fetter, Miles Fetter, Sophia Getz, Marissa Harnish, Nissley Hess, Molly Hufford, Abigail Karlow, Aaron Keohane, Zachariah King.

Amalia Knaub, Oliver Kratz, Madison Landis, Laney McCanna, Anna Mincemoyer, Abigail Moncak, Eliza Myer, Torsten Naff, Allison Provanzo, Claire Roberts, Gemma Rodak, Rae Sandt, Hayden Sheaffer, Emily Simpson, Leo Sweeney and Rakela Zguri.

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Esports team places in state competition



Overwatch team members. Missing Wyatt DeFord and Riley Sanders.

Penn Manor Esports team members ended the year on a high note, earning three top three finishes in a statewide competition.

They were among the 160 players from 36 schools competing in the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Esports Association Grand Finals, held May 31 and June 1 at Mt. Aloysius College in Cambria County.

In the **Smash Brothers Ultimate In-**

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Inside the Comets' spring sports season

Comets see success in spring sports season

Penn Manor's spring 2025 athletic teams concluded another notable sports season. Boys' lacrosse had a historic playoff run, the softball team celebrated their championship title, and multiple Track and Field athletes earned medals at the state level.

Boys' lacrosse ended their historic season with a 13-6 record and finished second in the Section I LL League standings. The team advanced to the District III semifinals and qualified for the PIAA State Championships for the first time in program history.

Grant Bradburn, Jack Warfel, Kyle Schmidtke, and Joe Hull were named First Team Section I All Stars. Bradburn contributed to the team's record-setting season, by becoming the program's all-time leading scorer and a recipient of All-American honors.

Girls' lacrosse finished their season with a 14-7 record and headed to the District III quarterfinals, following a loss in the LL

League playoffs. The team finished third in the section I LL League standings.

Joelle Kroesen, Samantha Smith, and Lillie Swanon all were named Section I First Team All Stars.

Softball ended their season as a Section I Co-Champion, alongside Warwick. The team finished the season with a 10-11 record.

Juleigh Bowmaster, Zuzu Hardy, Hailey Kreider, and Amelia Trout earned First Team Section I All Star recognition.

Track and Field team members had a strong season that led to three PIAA State medals and one PIAA State Championship qualifier.

Kate Harnish took fifth place in the Pole Vault and



Ethan Kloppmann



Girls' lacrosse team poses with medals.



Kate Harnish

Ethan Kloppmann took seventh in the High Jump. Harnish and Kloppmann were named LL League Champions. Elijah Hess took sixth place in the Javelin and ended the season as a District III Champion.

Sebastian Weaver qualified for the PIAA State Championships in the 1600 meter run.

Baseball narrowly missed qualifying for league and district playoffs, despite

playing one of the toughest schedules in District III. The team concluded their season with a 7-13 record.

Cole Miller and Billy Riggs were named First Team Section I All Stars.

Boys' Volleyball completed their season with a 10-8 record. The team qualified for the PIAA District III Championships, where they fell to Cumberland Valley in the first round.

Harry Whited received First Team Section I All Star recognition.

Boys' Tennis finished their season with a 3-4 record in the section and remaining .500 at a 7-7- record overall.

Following the completion of the spring sports season, Penn Manor received recognition for Outstanding

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Elementary students recipients of Good Citizenship Award

Ten Penn Manor elementary students were recognized as good citizens by State Senator Scott Martin.

The fourth- and fifth-graders each received a Good Citizenship Award for demonstrating kindness, dependability, respect for others, a positive attitude, service to their school and community, leadership, and an understanding and appreciation for civic responsibility.

The students were nominated for the awards by their teachers. Senator Martin's office sponsored

the awards.

Award winners include Clara Kantz (4th grade) and Alice Jenkins-Rouse (5th) from LeTort; Makenna Lance (4th) and Ariana Aquino-Tavarez (5th) from Pequea; Kiera Crowley (4th) and Tashan Stoltzfus (5th) from Martic; Vivian Mace (4th) and Molly Buckwalter (5th) from Central Manor; and Cecilia Corrodo (4th) and Ava Shenk (5th) from Conestoga.

The students were honored during ceremonies at their schools.

This is the second year

for the program, which Martin established to recognize young leaders attending schools within his legislative district.



Pequea Elementary recipients.



LeTort Elementary recipients.

Manor FFA reap rewards at state level

Manor FFA celebrated an impressive showing at the Pennsylvania FFA State Convention and Activities Week, which was hosted at Penn State University from June 10 through 12. Seven FFA teams earned awards in a variety of areas.

The high school agricultural students participated in leadership workshops, career and leadership development events, and fellowship opportunities while celebrating their accomplishments. The events are designed to develop college and career readiness, enhance communication and problem-solving abilities, and foster personal and professional growth.

The **Poultry Evaluation Team** of Misty Railing, Anna Frey, Leanne Kneisley, and Jozie Gilger placed first in the state. Misty was the top individual in the state, followed by Anna in second

place, Leanne in third, and Jozie earning fourth – a sweep for the Manor FFA team.

Also earning first place was the **Dairy Cattle Management and Evaluation Team** of Jayden Buck, Gracie Shaiebly, Lillian Walborn, and Katie Charles.

The two teams had the honor of representing Pennsylvania at the National FFA Convention & Expo at the end of October 2025.

During the Agriscience Fair, the **Animal Systems Team** of Emily Burkhart and Lydia Nichols earned first place in the state.

The **Agronomy Team** of Emily Railing, Sara Gehr, Maybelle Rineer, Grace Keller, and Ava Crill were honored as the state runner up. Emily was awarded first place, followed by Sara in third, Grace in seventh, Ava in 10th, and Maybelle in 12th.

Manor FFA's **Veterinary**



The award-winning Manor FFA Dairy Cattle Management Team, above, and the Poultry Evaluation Team, below.

Science Team of KK Welch, Sarah Souhrada, Emily Burkhart, and Lydia Nichols placed second in the state and competed in the Big E in Massachusetts in September 2025. Emily was the fourth place individual, Sarah was ninth, and KK was 11th.

The **Environmental and Natural Resources Team** of Nate Frey, Weston Shertzer, Rachel Sensenich, and Abby Harnish earned 13th place.

Manor FFA's **Forestry Team** of Ceejay Rettew, Grace Garrett, Kylie Fryer, and Lathan Axe earned fourth place. Lathan placed 11th followed by Grace in 12th. Delvin Kneisley served as



the Chapter Delegate on the Committee for Exploration and State Association Connections to the Alumni and Supporters by making recommendations local chapters can connect with alumni and supporters.

Congratulations to the Manor FFA students and agricultural teachers on these awards!

Students earn national academic awards

Twenty-eight Penn Manor seniors have been honored with national awards for academic achievement.

Seth Gansner and Gillian Moss were named National Merit Scholarship Commended Students for being among the 50,000 highest scorers among all students who took the PSAT/NMSQT test in October 2024.

"Seth and Gillian are both truly outstanding academic students," said principal Doug Eby. "Their achievements, which include being named Commended Students by the College Board for their performance on the PSAT Exam, are a direct result of their personal commitment to their education and their desire to seize the educational opportunities Penn Manor offers. Seth and Gillian have both represented Penn Manor well and are fantastic examples for all students in our school."

A group of Penn Manor seniors have been honored with national academic achievement awards from the College

Board based on their test results.

Maryam Alfayyadh, Caroline Binkley, Grant Bradburn, Alena Carrodo, Luke DeVinney, Seth Gansner, Sujit Ghimire, Lily Howry, Benjamin Leed, Ethan Markulik, Gillian Moss, Gage Myers, IzEldeen Salem, Sarah Souhrada, Carley Trimble, Thomas Trussell, and William Wolfe were recipients of the National College Board School Recognition Award.

Cali Freidly-Washington, Givson Gautam, and Kaitlyn Spalletta received a National College Board First-Generation Recognition Award.

Additionally, Alanna Addy, Lathan Axe, Adelyn Martin, Tristin Torres, Jia Jia Yang, and Soksopia Yiem all earned a National College Board First-Generation Recognition Award and a School Recognition Award.

Students need to score in the top 10% of PSAT/NMSQT or earn a 3 or higher on two or more AP exams.

Congratulations to the Penn Manor seniors!

Kindergarten readiness: Tiny Comets

Walking into a brand new school as a kindergartener can be tough. To help, Penn Manor School District offers "Tiny Comets" a program for families with children birth to age five.

The program is an effort to acquaint future Penn Manor students and their families with the school district before entering kindergarten.

Tiny Comets is free and offers educational, kindergarten readiness opportunities and resources for all Penn Manor School District residents.

Visit: pennmanor.net/tinycomet to learn more.

Special education services at PM schools

Penn Manor School District is required to provide a free, appropriate public education (FAPE) to children with disabilities who are determined, through the evaluation process, to need special education and related services under IDEA and 22 Pa. School Code §14.

A school-age child with a disability who is determined to be in need of special education and related services is identified as a child in need of specially designed instruction.

The following are disability categories under IDEA:

- Autism
- Deafness
- Deaf/blindness
- Emotional disturbance
- Traumatic brain injury
- Hearing impairment
- Specific learning disability
- Intellectual disability
- Multiple disabilities
- Other health impairment
- Orthopedic impairment
- Visual impairment, including blindness
- Speech and language impairment

A full description of services and programs available is accessible at: www.pennmanor.net/special-education/ or by contacting Dee Galen, director of student support services, 717.872.9500, extension 2244.

Annual notices

Federal and state laws require school districts to provide students, parents, and/or the public with notices on such topics as privacy, nondiscrimination, child nutrition, open records, and homelessness.

Penn Manor invites parents and guardians of students to review the information on notices at www.pennmanor.net/annual-notices/.

Please contact your child's principal with any questions or concerns about the information contained in these notices. You may also contact the superintendent's office at 717.872.9500, ext. 2223.

Staff: New assistant principals appointed

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Kara Eshleman was named assistant principal at the high school. Eshleman previously served as the dean of students at the high school.



Kara Eshleman

She joined the Penn Manor staff in 2014 as a learning support teacher at LeTort Elementary. Ms. Eshleman previously taught third grade at Pequea Elementary from 2016 to 2025.

Esports: Statewide honors earned

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dividuals competition, Penn Manor's Gabriel Perkins and Thomas Trussell defeated opponent after opponent until they faced each other for the state title.

Gabriel won the title, and Thomas placed second.

Micah Emigh, coach of Super Smash Brothers team, said he is "constantly amazed by these students and the way they manage to not only excel in their training, but also be great teammates to each other. Watching them grow over the course of a year has been incredible to see."

In the **Overwatch team** competition, Penn Manor's Seth Barrett, Wyatt

DeFord, Jason Rhinier, Nathan DeJewski, Zoey Joniec, Dominic Malpica, and Riley Sanders tied for third place statewide.

"They are incredibly dedicated and driven," Overwatch coach Tyler Lloyd said of the team members. "They practice the game, they study the game, they seek out challenging opponents and are always focused on being the best versions of themselves they can be. It's truly inspiring."

Congratulations to these students and their coaches for these impressive accomplishments!

Athletics: Spring '25 athletes shine

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Sportsmanship from the LL League. girls' basketball, boys' and girls' volleyball, boys' lacrosse, boys' soccer, boys' tennis, softball, and track and field teams were the eight recognized teams.

The LL League presents a sportsmanship award each athletic season - fall, winter and spring. Penn Manor was the recipient for the spring sportsmanship award which made them eligible for the year long award. Athletic Directors from the LL League selected Penn Manor as the overall winner for the 2024-2025 school year.

"This award is a tremendous honor, not just for our student-athletes and coaches, but for the entire Penn Manor community," said Athletic Director Pat Tocci. "It underscores that our athletes achieve success not only through their competitive spirit, but also through their unwavering commitment to positive conduct. They truly embody what it means to represent Penn Manor with pride."



Student-athlete's holding LL League Sportsmanship Banner

Middle schoolers participate in 'Construction Wars'

Nine Marticville Middle School students participated in 'Construction Wars' at ABC Keystone's location in Manheim, PA on October 14 through 16. Construction Wars is an interactive career exploration program for middle school students in Lancaster, Lebanon, and York Counties.

During the program, students explore construction careers through Google Virtual Reality, make an airtight plumbing fixture,

and construct a toolbox and a step stool.

The students learned about heating, cooling and refrigeration, wiring circuits to turn on a light switch, and assist in laying brick under the guidance of a construction professional.

"The goal is to open students' eyes to the many career paths available," said Marticville Middle School Counselor, Danielle Rogers. "Through hands-on experiences like

Construction Wars, students learn that careers in construction trades offer high-paying, in-demand opportunities — and that a four-year college degree isn't the only route to a rewarding future."

The participants from Marticville were Quentin Alexander, Sophia Burkholder, Izabella Giordano, Nick Halderman, Chris Halter, Henry Jones, Verik



Kleinhaus, Aubree Reinhart and Garrett Rettew.

We are so proud of you!

Best Schools

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was ranked 2,611th out of 17,901 high schools in the nation. Out of 741 high schools in the state of Pennsylvania, Penn Manor was ranked 100th.

The U.S. News ranks the high schools based on performance on math, reading and science state-required tests, graduation rates, and college readiness.

"This achievement is a direct result of the relentless hard work and dedication our students and staff pour into their education every single day," said high school principal Doug Eby.

NHS

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They join the 36 returning members of the Penn Manor NHS. Chapter officers this year are Seth Barrett, president; Soksopia Yiem, secretary; Alena Corrodo, treasurer; and Gianna Menaquale, historian. Faculty advisors are Michelle Boland and Kathleen Struble.

Outstanding staff members honored

Penn Manor honored three outstanding staff members – Curt Elledge, Jen Rohrer, and Mary Snyder.

Curt Elledge, learning support teacher at Manor Middle School, was the Outstanding Secondary Teacher of the Year.

"Mr. Elledge is an amazing teacher, colleague and mentor," said Kristen Putt, a fellow learning support teacher at Manor. "His incredible



Curt Elledge

work ethic, positive student relationships, and commitment to his students and their learning are unmatched."

Jen Rohrer, secretary at Manor Middle School, was honored as the Outstanding

Employee of the Year. She previously was a secretary at Eshleman Elementary School and Central Manor Elementary School.

"Mrs Rohrer is an incredible person. She always went above and beyond with her role as a secretary at Eshleman Elementary," said Eshleman teacher, Aliza Becker. "I don't know how it was possible, but she seemed to have everyone's backs - teachers, students, parents, and the administration. She was the glue that kept our school together."

Mary Snyder, a first-grade teacher at Pequea Elementary, received the Outstanding Elementary



Jen Rohrer

Educator award. She served the district for nearly 35 years at Pequea Elementary and brought great enthusiasm to her classroom each day.

"Mary is the kind of teacher every family hopes their child has. She strives to make learning fun and purposeful, but knows that the most important attribute of a great teacher is built on impactful relationships," said Kim March, Pequea principal. "Pequea is a better place because of her and she is incredibly deserving of this recognition."

The trio were honored at the school board meeting on May 5, 2025



Mary Snyder

Exchange: Students travel to Germany

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grant for the students which allowed them to take a four-day field trip to Bavaria. The grant provided the opportunity to hike the Bavarian Alps, swim in Lake Starnberg, and visit King Ludwig II famous castle.

German teacher Nadine

Smith said, "Our students rose to the occasion and I could not be more proud. A person who can partake in an experience such as a student exchange, learns more than a language; they learn about life in general, and I am beyond proud to say that we

as a Penn Manor community have prepared our kids well for life after high school."

Well done, students!

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Meet the newest Penn Manor educators

33 join Penn Manor staff

Thirty-three professional educators have joined the Penn Manor family for the 2025-2026 school year.

New Teacher Orientation took place the week of August 4 at Penn Manor High School. The new professionals participated in orientation sessions with facilitated activities, a bus tour of the district schools and a luncheon with administrators.

Here are the new Educators:

Central Manor Elementary – Aleese Angelo, Grade 1; Josephine Dombach, Grade 6; Alex DiMarzio, Assistant Principal; Kayly Feliz Zorrilla, Grade 6; Blake Jacyszyn, Health & Physical Education; Delaney Reitnauer, Grade 6; Evan Sherrick, Grade 4; Skyla Taglieri, Kindergarten.

Conestoga Elementary - Emily Worley, Grade 5.

Central Manor/LeTort/Martic Elementary – Emily Massage, Grade 2 and Health & Physical Education.

Eshleman/Pequea Elementary - Cassidy Cutler, Learning Support.

Hambright Elementary - Jackie Parise, School Counselor.

Hambright/LeTort Elementary – Alison Garder, School Psychologist.



Penn Manor's new teachers pose for a photo during orientation activities.

Hambright Elementary/Manor Middle - Brooke Nicodemus, School Counselor.

Martic Elementary – Mary Knapp, Grade 3; Jill Roach Grade 6.

Pequea Elementary – Michelle Crosby, Kindergarten Diagnostics; Jayme Fillman, Grade 3.

Elementary Schools – Ashley Peachey, Speech & Language

Manor Middle – Yaneris Weaver, ESL.

Marticville Middle – Alexander Jones, Business; Hannah Poff, Science.

Manor/Marticville Middle – Alex Goodman, Music.

Manor Middle/High School – Anthony Kutza, Technology Education.

Penn Manor High School – Jordan Clark, Virtual School Coordinator; Nina Coolidge, Agriculture; Colton Esbin and Ian Hollinger, Technology Education; Catherine Geraghty, Jordan Styer and Taz Whitfield, School Counselor; Sarah Hunter, and Sydney Pierson English; Thaddeus Pasierb, Art; Kathryn Shisler, Social Studies.