

Pascack Valley Regional High School District

INDIVIDUALITY

INNOVATION

INQUIRY

COLLEGE

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Superintendent's Message



Dr. P. Erik Gundersen

Welcome to the Pascack Valley Regional High School District.

We want you to know the Board of Education and staff of our district strive to create a culture of innovation, inquiry, and individuality, guiding students to develop skills and attain knowledge to pursue passions and advance future goals. To accomplish this, we work hard to nurture an environment of inclusivity and equity in which differences are respected, embraced, and celebrated.

We are proud of our high-achieving student body and award-winning staff who continue to move our district forward. Such achievements have earned us membership in the Digital Promise League of Innovative Schools, allowing for collaboration with some of the most progressive schools in the nation and assuring that programs continue serving student needs.

Please consider the material here and connect with us to learn more about what makes the Pascack Valley Regional High School District a truly special place in the community.

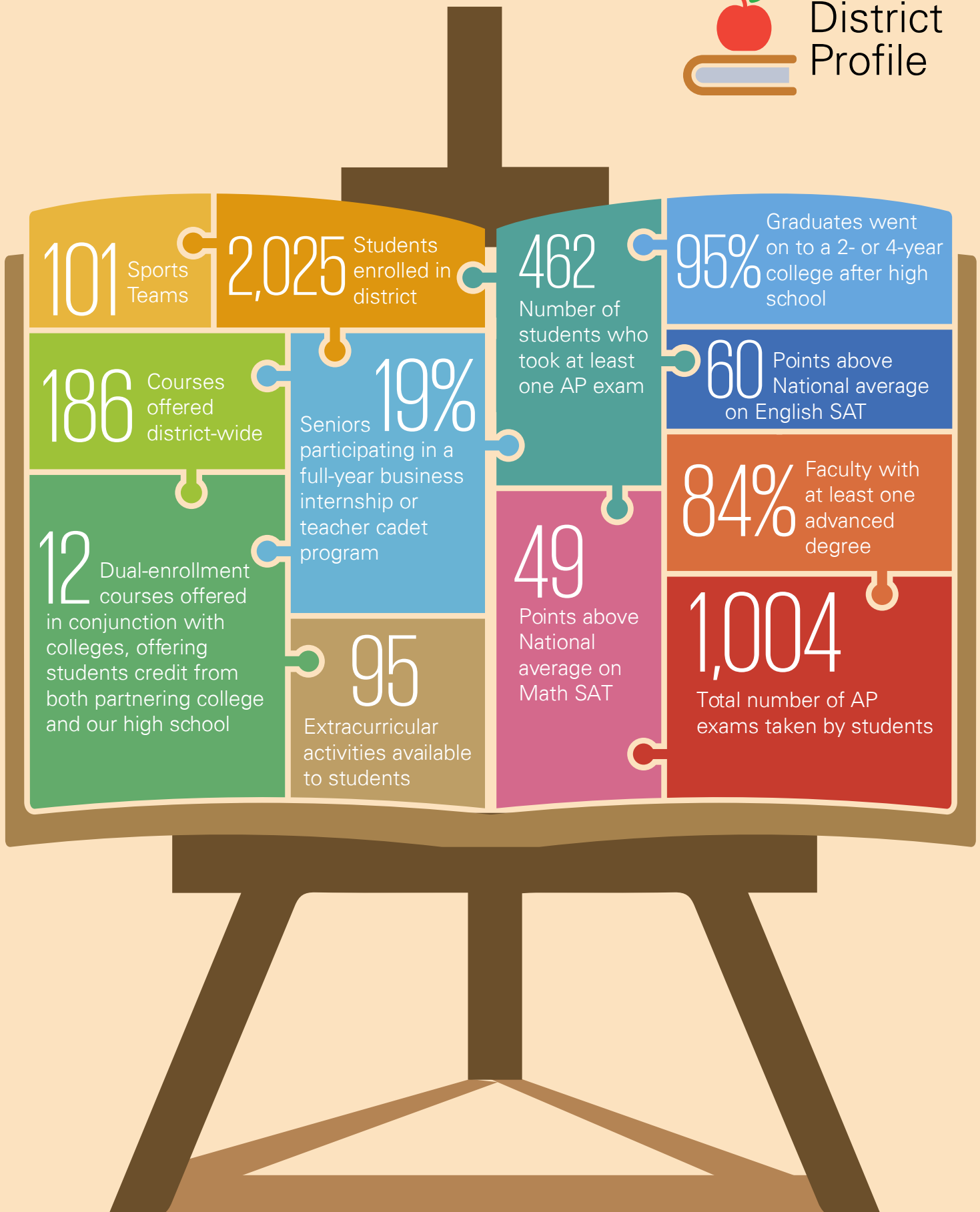


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District Profile



Profile numbers are current with data available at the time of publication, Summer 2020.



Finance and Facilities

The Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education and administration work diligently to be fiscally responsible in providing students with a world-class education.

Instruction:

- Renewing focus in providing distance learning opportunities
- Embedding college and career training in various curricular areas
- Enhancing emphasis on wellness and mindfulness practices for students and faculty
- Continuing work with comprehensive equity
- Establishing Art components in select STEM classes

Capital Projects:

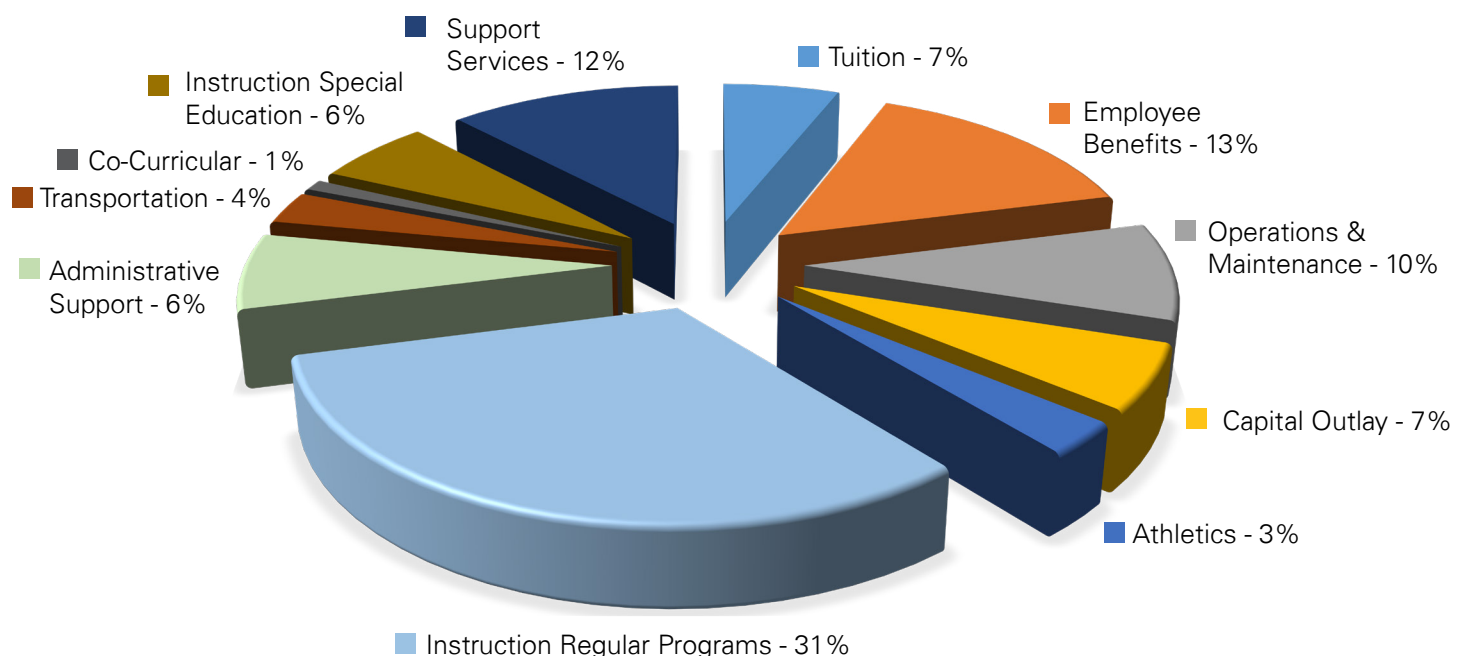
- 54 Wing (PV), C Wing (PH) Roof Replacement
- New Track (PV)
- Air Conditioning Weight Room and Main Gym (PV), C Wing (PH)
- New Transformer (PH)
- Drainage under Grandstands (PH, PV)

Total Sources of Revenue:

• Local Tax Levy -	\$52,575,750*
• Federal/State Aid -	\$ 2,619,206
• Other Local (Reserves, Fund Balance, Tuition) -	\$ 7,029,379
Total	<u>\$62,224,335</u>

2020-2021 Budgeted Expenditures

% of Total Expenses



Over 70% of expenditures are directly related to student growth and achievement.

* The formula for tax-sharing among the sending districts is strictly governed by New Jersey Education Law. The Board of Education has no taxing authority.



The district's special services department is committed to ensuring that students with disabilities receive a free and appropriate public education consisting of placement and services based on unique needs. Students are afforded full educational opportunities, and to the maximum extent possible, are placed in the least restrictive environment.

Several special programs meet the multiple needs of students with emotional, specific learning, and multiple disabilities, as well as communication and other health impairments, including

- Park @ PVR and R.I.S.E. (Regrowth in Self-Esteem) programs for students with behavioral needs provide therapeutic and behavioral services as well as adapted curriculum.
- The LLD program for learning and language disabilities offers modified curriculum, functional life skills development through a Life Skills class component, community-based learning opportunities, and functional and vocational skill development through the district's Career Exploration and Internship programs.





Pascack Hills High School

#HillsPride

The learning community that is continuously built at Hills engenders a great deal of pride. A supportive community, motivated students, and a talented, passionate faculty form the cornerstone of an inclusive and comprehensive education that is second to none.

Extensive and challenging curriculum offerings, 43 extracurricular activities, 29 sports programs, and 47 sports teams provide students with an array of opportunities for both academic and personal growth.

Faculty and students continue to revolutionize teaching and learning in new and unforeseen ways.



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Pascack Valley High School

#PVStrong

A recurrent theme in Valley's warm and caring environment is, "Striving to be the very best that you are capable of becoming." Creative, experienced, and highly skilled teachers focusing on academic excellence challenge students through a diversified curriculum that includes a broad array of courses.

Beyond the classroom, more than 50 active clubs/extracurricular programs and 52 sports teams compete at various levels.

The school's Wellness Center, the first of its kind in the area, places mental wellness at the forefront by providing school-based services to those struggling to manage life stressors. A culture of inclusivity and acceptance offers students the opportunity to explore potential passions and fields of study.



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Curriculum and Instruction

Curricular offerings at Pascack Hills and Pascack Valley are designed to provide students with a rigorous and meaningful educational experience, preparing for college and career. While meeting and exceeding the New Jersey Student Learning Standards, students develop and utilize independent and critical thinking skills, with an emphasis on oral and written expression. College-preparatory, Honors, Advanced Placement, and Dual Enrollment courses challenge all students to meet high district expectations.



The Program of Studies includes over 180 courses available to students. Highlights of course and program offerings include:

- Advanced Placement Literature and Composition
- Literature of the Holocaust
- 21st Century Media and Journalism
- Intro to the Analysis of Public Policy
- American Studies
- Psychology
- Statistics
- Computer Science
- Advanced Placement Calculus BC
- Anatomy and Physiology
- Physics and Technology
- Molecular Genetics
- Forensic Science
- Spanish, French, Chinese, and Italian - Levels I-IV
- AP Language and Culture (French/Italian/Spanish)
- Spanish for Heritage Speakers
- Photography
- 2D and 3D Design
- Entrepreneurship
- Career Exploration (Internship)
- Teacher Cadet Program
- Culinary Arts
- Advanced Clothing Construction
- Interior Design
- Music Theory
- Music Technology
- Band and Choir
- Architecture
- Robotics and Game Design
- Broadcast Television Production

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Co-Curricular Activities

There is more to being a student than just studying. Getting involved helps each individual student grow and makes our community and world a better place!



A sampling of the many co-curricular clubs, teams, and programs demonstrates all the district has to offer.

- Animal Rights Club
- Debate Team
- DECA (Competitive Business)
- Environmental Club
- Gay/Straight Alliance
- Interact Club (Community Service)
- Numerous clubs exploring topics on culture, faith, and gender
- Numerous Honors Societies
- Numerous music ensembles, both vocal and instrumental
- Pascack Pi-oneers (Robotics)
- Peer Leaders
- School Musicals (on- and off-stage)
- School Newspapers



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Sports

Athletics plays an important role in the lives of student athletes as well as in the culture of our schools. Participating in athletics helps students improve organization and time management, and in so doing increases their academic performance. Plus — it's fun!

Whether playing the sport, assisting from the sidelines, or cheering from the stands, athletics helps to build spirit in the school and throughout the community.

Our sports teams include:

- Baseball
- Basketball
- Bowling
- Cheerleading
- Cross Country
- Dance
- Football
- Golf
- Gymnastics
- Ice Hockey
- Lacrosse
- Softball
- Swimming
- Tennis
- Track and Field
- Volleyball
- Wrestling

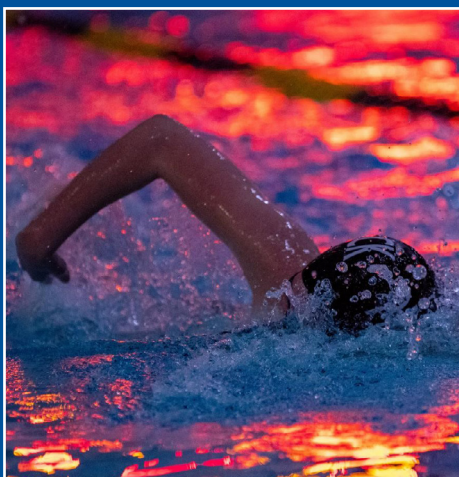
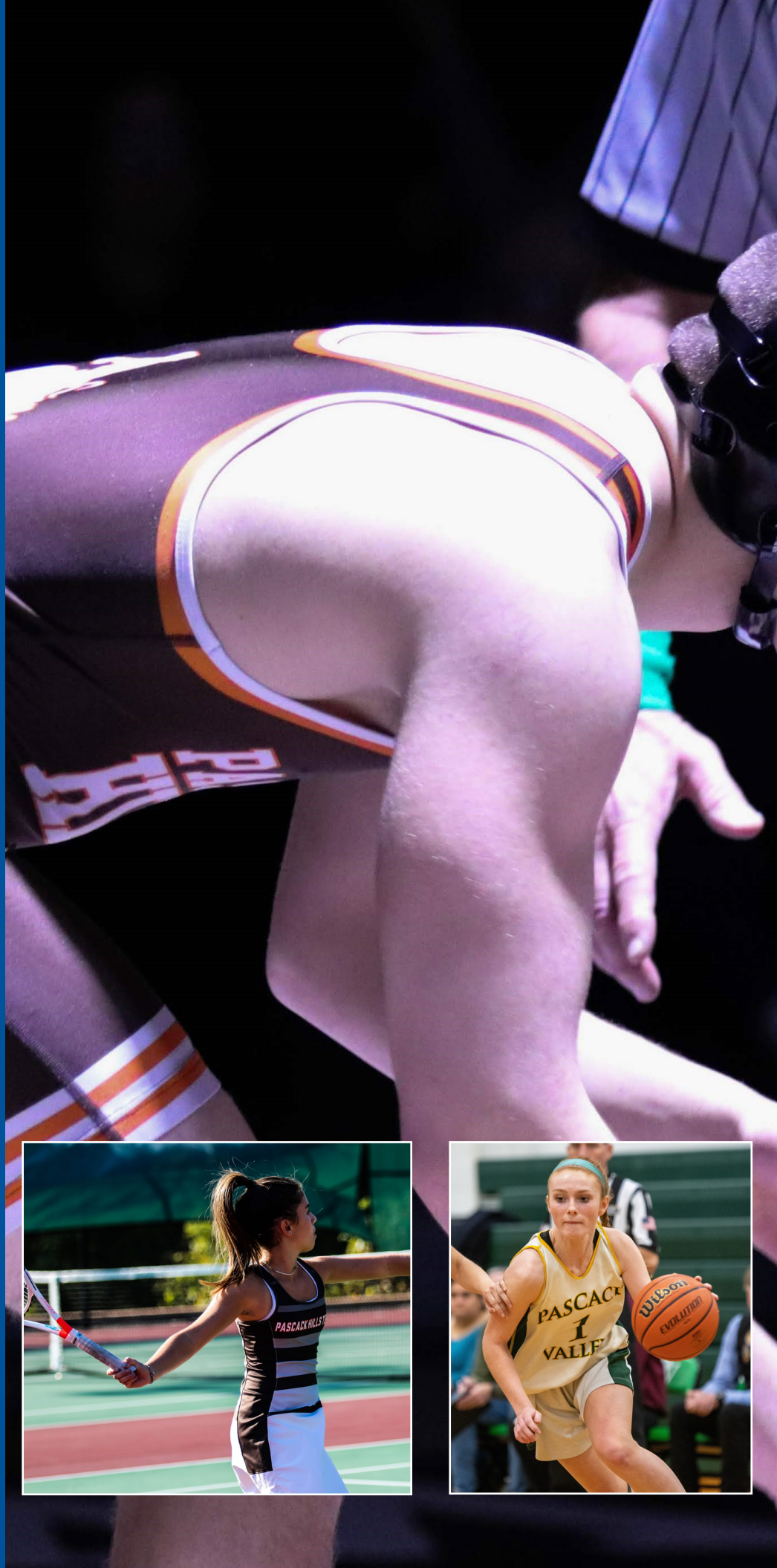
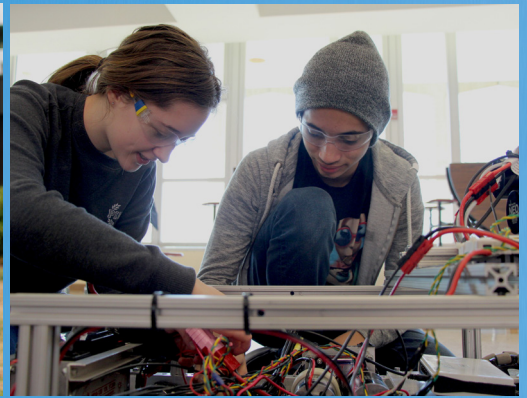
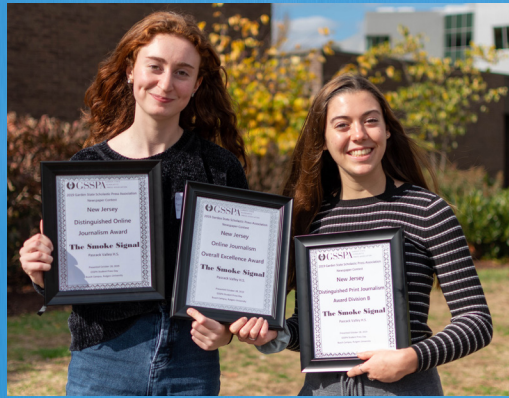


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