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## **JONATHON GEORGE**

Hempfield Area High School  
Greensburg, Pennsylvania, Class of 2012  
Bound for Pennsylvania State University  
University Park, PA  
Accounting/Finance Major

Jonathon will graduate in the top ten percent of this year's graduating class at Hempfield Area High School, in Greensburg, Pennsylvania. He participates in the Hempfield Enrichment Program for gifted students and is a member of the National Honor Society. Jonathon is a student-athlete who has been recognized as an outstanding young leader who has made a positive impact not only on the soccer field and basketball court, but also in his school and the community.

While taking rigorous classes and maintaining his grades, Jonathon also devotes many hours to improving life for others. For the past two years, Jonathon and a friend have partnered with the American Cancer Society and organized the annual Hoops for the Cure which is held in the high school field house. Last year's event raised more than \$8,000 for two teachers who were battling cancer. Jonathon's leadership inspired other students to join the cause. Through his involvement in Project 18 ( a group of student volunteers), he was able to motivate 90 other students to help by playing in the basketball fundraiser that pitted the varsity boys basketball team against the Hempfield Boys All- Star team from the recreation league. Jonathon and his friend were recognized by the local newspaper for their success with this event.

As the Fundraising Chairman, Jonathon has helped organize the school Powder-puff Football games for the past three years which benefited the Susan G. Komen Foundation. Along with organizing the annual Powder-puff Football Games, Jonathon has helped work 8 different school-run blood drives at his high school. Jonathon has also spent time volunteering at the local voting polls with his Project 18 group and is an active volunteer for his church.

Jonathon was one of 12 students in the country to receive the M-Award. This prestigious award presented to Jonathon by Mia Hamm, is for athletics, academics, community service, and for giving to others in need. A four year varsity soccer player, Jonathon has received many awards including: Rookie Athlete of the Year, Offensive MVP, and MVP twice. He has also played on a basketball team that has won the Championship three years in a row. Despite a very busy schedule, Jonathon values time with his family. He has helped his brother who has Autism, train for the Special Olympics for the past three years.

Jonathon's very proud parents are David and Linda George. David is an operations manager at Branch# 9876.

*Best of luck at Pennsylvania State University,*

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