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Student Spotlight - David Certo

Plymouth Whitmarsh High School (PWHS) senior David Certo has completed the requirements for all 138 merit badges available within the Boy Scouts of America! The feat, which took five years to complete, included over 230 camping days, 260 hiking miles, 300 hours on the water and travel to 10 states. Only 380 Boy Scouts have achieved the feat since the organization was founded in 1910.

A member of Boy Scout Troop 117 in Plymouth Meeting, Mr. Certo has also earned the Catholic Scout Award from the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, the National Park Scout Ranger Award, the World Conservation Award, the Pennsylvania Fishing and Wild Life Conservation Award, the Forestry Award and the Union League of Philadelphia's Good Citizenship Award. His volume of merit badges awarded him 23 Eagle Palms, which are awarded for additional merit badges beyond the 21 required to become an Eagle Scout. He also earned the National Outdoor Award in camping, hiking, riding and aquatics, and a host of medals for hiking historic trails in Pennsylvania and Washington DC.



Mr. Certo is also a member of the Order of the Arrow, Unami Lodge One and Sea Scout Ship 201 located in Jenkintown, PA. He has completed the BSA's National Youth Leadership Training and holds a PA Boating license and certifications in Wilderness and Remote First Aid, Lifeguarding/First Aid/CPR/AED, PADI Scuba Diving, BSA Scuba and BSA Snorkel.

At PWHS, Mr. Certo is a member of the concert band, concert choir, bowling team and Ultimate Frisbee Club.



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