A day of ‘Global Perspectives’

All Huntingdon Area Middle School students participated in a new endeavor titled “Global Perspectives” May 6. The purpose of the event was to heighten adolescent awareness regarding cultural diversity. Educators and parents share a common goal in having young people develop skills needed to compete within the realm of global economics and diverse nationalities. Eleven international students from the Juniata College Language in Motion Program, as well as many local members of the community, made presentations on Germany, England, Nicaragua, the Netherlands, Hungary, The Gambia, Russia, Australia, Panama, Italy, Philippines, Guatemala and France. HAMS students were given a “passport” to visit six countries and classrooms. The presenters shared information about geography, language, traditions and many other fascinating facts. All students and staff sampled recipes from a sumptuous international buffet provided by parents and students. While partaking of food, students were able to view an international doll display provided by the Jazmine Weyant family. Through great collaboration between Huntingdon Area High School, HAMS, Juniata College and community resources, local students experienced a fantastic first-time event. This is the group of Juniata students and community members who participated.