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CHS Display Honoring Soccer Team Reminds Students, "History is all Around You."

The Clifton High School Boys Soccer team finished its 20-0-1 season ranking the number 1 team in the state for the first time in the history of Clifton High School. While the team enjoyed recognition as the state champs from media and soccer organizations throughout the state, Clifton High School had another surprise for the team.

Sometime after the Boys Soccer team won the state championship, CHS principal, Mike Doktor, approached John Lesler. Doktor asked the CHS History teacher and sports announcer, to create an exhibit in the history club display case to pay tribute to the historic soccer season. Lesler and his History Club kept their project "under wraps" for over two months.

"As a Cliftonite who has a passion and love for promoting the positive in Clifton, CHS, and CHS History, this project became a labor of love for me. I also created the display because of the amount of respect that I have for Coach Lembryk and the successful soccer program that has continued to flourish under his leadership.

Lesler unveiled the soccer display for the entire soccer team and school administrators on January 23, 2020. Lesler said to the team, "History is all around you. You just have to open up your eyes. Your team is now in the lexicon of some of the greatest teams that Clifton High School has ever produced, and you should be proud of that accomplishment."

Lesler reminded the team that everyone who walks past the display, fellow students, visitors, parents, guardians, and people who visit the school for after-hours activities would see what the team has accomplished.

"I was a former history teacher and it is important to emphasize to our children that our actions today will be tomorrow's history lessons," said Dr. Danny Robertozzi, Superintendent of Clifton Public Schools. "Our soccer team has set a phenomenal example by making an outstanding mark in the history of our great schools."

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