

## SP Teen Leader Exercises Skills in Washington, D.C.

SCOTCH PLAINS—Jennifer Bauer of Scotch Plains was selected to participate in the National Young Leaders Conference (NYLC) in Washington, D.C. from July 30 to August 9. NYLC is a unique leadership development program for high-school students who have demonstrated leadership potential and scholastic merit. Jennifer was one of approximately 300 outstanding scholars from around the country at the conference.



Jennifer Bauer

NYLC's theme is "The Leaders of Tomorrow Meeting the Leaders of Today." During the 11 days, Jennifer interacted with a variety of personnel who operate within the three branches of government, the news media and the international community.

"The National Young Leaders Conference prepares students like Jennifer Bauer to serve our country well, whether that means as elected officials in our nation's capital, as active members within communities around the world or as intelligent, creative and responsible members of the work force," said Mike Lasday, executive director of the Congressional Youth Leadership Council, the organization that sponsors the conference.

### Westfield Students Named AP Scholars

WESTFIELD—Westfield's Caitlin Jennings, Kelly Peeler and Nadine Reitman were among 28 Pingry School seniors named scholars by the College Board for their exceptional achievement on the college-level Advance Placement (AP) examinations.

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"Through a series of simulations, we place these young leaders in the proverbial driver's seat on a variety of issues facing our country today. Their determination, as shown within the conference, is a good indicator of the types of leaders we will see in the future," he added.

Complementing a schedule of special meetings and briefings, Jennifer participated in a number of leadership skill-building activities and simulations. In one role-play activity titled "If I were President," students act as the president and cabinet members responding to an international crisis. Students also participated in "Testing the Constitution," in which they examined actual Supreme Court cases. The conference culminated with the Model Congress, in which the scholars assumed the roles of U.S. Representatives and debated, amended and voted on proposed mock legislation.

Highlights of this program included welcoming remarks by a former member of Congress, made from the floor of the House of Representatives—a treat that is seldom afforded to other groups. Students also had opportunities to interact with prominent members of the Washington press corps at the National Press Club, in addition to meeting with senators and representatives or appointed staff members to discuss important issues facing the nation.

### FW's Bantz Named to Marist Dean's List

FANWOOD—Kathryn Bantz of Fanwood was named to the Marist College Dean's List for the Spring 2005 semester. Kathryn, a business major, is a member of the Class of 2008.



IT'S AN HONOR...Three Westfield High School seniors—Yuchen Zhang, Rachel Leopold and Jen Zhu—are among the more than 16,000 high school seniors in the United States who recently qualified as semifinalists in the National Merit Scholarship Program. They are pictured above with Principal Dr. Robert Petix.

## National Merit Names 2005-2006 Semi-Finalists

WESTFIELD—Three Westfield High School (WHS) seniors—Rachel Leopold, Yuchen Zhang and Jen Zhu—are among the more than 16,000 high school seniors in the United States who recently qualified as semifinalists in the National Merit Scholarship Program.

"This is one of the most prestigious awards in the nation. Our students have consistently performed impressively in the National Merit Scholarship Program," said WHS Principal Dr. Robert Petix. "We are proud that three members of our senior class are being recognized this year."

Rachel, Yuchen and Jen attained their status in the highly competitive scholarship program by achieving high scores during their junior year at WHS on the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT). As high scorers on the PSAT, the three WHS se-

niors, together with other semifinalists in the state, represent less than 1 percent of New Jersey's entire 2006 graduating class.

As semi-finalists, Rachel, Yuchen and Jen will now advance to the finalist level. Students become National Merit finalists by maintaining an outstanding academic record and completing the National Merit Scholarship application. Finalists are eligible to receive scholarships awarded by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation. Scholarship recipients will be announced in the spring.

"These three students have demonstrated their commitment to education and learning. The achievements of Rachel, Yuchen, and Jen are an indication of the value of scholarly commitment. Westfield High School is proud of what they have accomplished," said Dr. Petix.

## Education News

### WHS Announces National Spanish Exam Results

WESTFIELD—This past winter, Westfield High School (WHS) students were among more than 2,500 students from 65 schools in New Jersey who participated in the National Spanish Exam. The results were released this past spring.

From WHS, 26 students scored 90 percent or higher and were ranked nationally by the American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese (AATSP). Twenty-three of these students were recognized by the State of New Jersey's association, the standards of which are even more rigorous than those at the national level, a Westfield school district spokesman said.

The students listed below achieved recognition for their performance in the following levels of competition:

Level 1, Evan Friedman—Honorable Mention.

Level 2, Claire Bennett, Amanda Chang, John Falzon, Michael Kane, Pratik Mehta, Satya Tagat and Eric Zagorski, all Honorable Mention.

Level 3, Catherine Cordeiro, Honorable Mention; Nathan Margolin and Caitlyn Oster, second place in New Jersey tie; Lauren Sinnenberg, Robert Whitehead and Chloe Zeitounian, Honorable Mention.

Level 4, Miriam Becker-Cohen, Rachel Charatan, Jennifer Metz, Ravenna Neville, Jayne Ruotolo, Caitlin Reilly, all Honorable Mention, and Kathy Yang, second place in New Jersey.

Level 5, Camille Hausheer and David Reinhardt, Honorable Mention. Dr. Suzanne Jacobus, supervisor of

the WHS World Languages Department, takes pride in the accomplishments of these students.

"I'm proud that our students value the linguistic and cultural beauty of Spanish. Their achievement on the National Spanish Exam marks the exemplary efforts they put into their studies and their appreciation for world languages and cultures," said Dr. Jacobus.

WHS Principal Dr. Robert Petix echoed these sentiments. "The study of Spanish, and all languages, promotes communication and understanding of people and cultures," he said. "The students' achievements place them amongst the most accomplished in the nation and in the state."

### Area Students Among Delbarton AP Scholars

AREA—Three local students were recognized as Delbarton AP Scholars.

James Wade of Westfield is one of 40 students who qualified for the AP Scholar with Distinction Award by earning an average grade of at least 3.5 on all AP exams taken and grades of 3 or higher on five or more of these exams.

Matthew Delaney of Westfield and Michael Leighton of Scotch Plains are among 16 students who qualified for the AP Scholar with Honor Award by earning an average grade of at least 3.25 on all AP Exams taken and grades of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams.

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All School • Nursery – Grade 12  
Sunday, November 13, 2005, 1-3 p.m.

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| October 18    | Open House Program          | October 16/<br>November 13 |
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| 9:00 - 9:15   | Refreshments & Registration | 1:00 - 1:15                |
| 9:15 - 10:00  | Information Session         | 1:15 - 2:00                |
| 10:00 - 11:00 | Tours                       | 2:00 - 3:00                |

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