

Union County College Posts President's List for Fall

CRANFORD – Of the approximate 11,000 full-time and part-time credit students who attended Union County College (UCC) during the fall 2005 semester, 244 students have been named to the President's List in recognition of their academic excellence.

To qualify, a student carrying at least 15 credits for a semester must achieve a minimum 3.50 grade point average out of a possible 4, with every grade being a "B" or higher. A matriculated student carrying 12 credits during one semester is eligible for the President's List if he or she achieves a GPA of 3.75 or better, with no grade lower than "B." A part-time matriculated student will be considered if he or she has earned at least 12 credits and has attained a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0. Once this minimum is met, the student must carry no less than six credits and attain a semester average 3.75 with no grade lower than a "B."

Scotch Plains students include:

Area Students Earn Scranton Dean's List

AREA – The University of Scranton announced that two local residents were named to its Dean's List, which recognizes students for academic excellence during the 2005 fall semester.

Sarah Konzelman of Fanwood, a junior majoring in elementary education, and Erin Salmond of Westfield, a junior majoring in nursing, were recognized.

A student must have a grade point average of 3.5 or better with a minimum number of credit hours to make the Dean's List.

Principal Cullen Receives FAAN Award

WESTFIELD – Tamaques Elementary School Principal Michael Cullen has received a national award from the Food Allergy & Anaphylaxis Network (FAAN).

Under the category of school principals, Mr. Cullen will receive the Mariel C. Furlong Award for promoting public awareness for food allergies by altering how Tamaques handles birthday parties. The school will no longer offer birthday cake or cupcakes, but rather will celebrate the child's birthday with a tee shirt and placement on the school bulletin board. He will formally receive the award in Baltimore on March 25.

Gift Auction Scheduled Tomorrow at School

CLARK – The Parents' Guild of Mother Seton Regional High School will sponsor a gift auction in the school gymnasium called "That's Entertainment" tomorrow, Friday, March 10. Doors will open at 6:15 p.m. and the auction will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$8 if purchased in advance and \$10 at the door. Tables may be reserved in advance. Tickets may be purchased in the school office from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. daily through tomorrow. Mother Seton is located at One Valley Road in Clark, exit no. 35 of the Garden State Parkway.

Lorraine Davis, Peter Clavin, Jessica DiFiore, Alison Kaiser, Susan Shopiro, Mary Tamayo, Maryann Matteo and Madiha Ahsan.

Mountainside students include: Joshua Moss and Celeste Chute-Wright.

Fanwood students include: Lynn Bernstein, Dana Flynn, Patrick MacDonald, Marlene Mosko, Kimberley Tan and Idelia Roark.

Westfield students include: Louise Linder, Carol Liscinsky, Sung Jo, Christophe Palentchar, Bibiana Rodriguez, Mary Moreno, Phillip Uhlig, Donald Desimone and Nicole Braxton.

Garwood student Jaelyn Williams was also lauded.

Magnet HS PSA Hosts Local Auction

SCOTCH PLAINS – The Parent School Association (PSA) of the Union County Magnet High School will host a Goods and Services Auction on Friday, March 10 at 7 pm in Baxell Hall Cafeteria, 1776 Raritan Road, Scotch Plains. Admission is free but families are requested to bring a dessert to share. Goods and services, donated by many businesses throughout Union County, will be auctioned with the opening bids at half the actual value of the item.

Items available for silent bid throughout the evening include tickets to the Papermill Playhouse, as well as Nets, Jets and Somerset Patriots sporting events, gift cards to many area retailers and restaurants and gift baskets.

Proceeds from the evening's auction will help the PSA fund scholarships, Project Graduation and future trips and programs for the students.

Swenson Is Named To TLU Dean's List

WESTFIELD – Rebecca Swenson of Westfield was named to the Dean's List at Texas Lutheran University for the fall 2005 semester.

The Dean's List was announced by Dr. John T Masterson, executive vice president and provost of TLU, to honor students who earned a 3.5 – 3.99 of a possible 4.0 semester grade point average with a minimum of 12 graded hours in the past semester.

Math Month Counts At Washington School

WESTFIELD – Washington School in Westfield has designated February as Math Month and has planned a host of special activities, including a Family Math Night set for February 28.

Throughout the month, children in grades K-5 participated in a voluntary at-home program through the St. Jude Children's Hospital Math-a-Thon. According to Washington Principal Joseph Malanga, "The Math-a-Thon encourages interest in mathematics while benefiting a very worthy cause. In keeping with this year's 'Washington Kids Care' theme, our PTO will donate \$1 for every completed workbook to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital."



WON'T YOU BE MY VALENTINE?... Brianna Pagan, Sean Fanning and Sarah Gorman, students at Brunner Elementary School in Scotch Plains, give their love away during a Valentine's Day program.

THE STUDENT VIEW

The weekly column written by local high school students

High School Seniors Play the 'Waiting Game'

By CAROLYN DIPROSPERO
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

As the rather short month of February turns to March, many high-school seniors now face a startling reality: just one more month before the dreaded Decision Day, April 1. Just 24 days from now, mailmen and women across the nation will deliver pieces of mail that have the power to determine the fate of millions of seniors. After all, this is the day that most college decisions are received.

For 11-and-a-half years, we have worked, studied, joined clubs and gotten involved, all for this one moment, the moment an envelope from the college of our dreams arrives. Will it be the answer we hope for? No one knows, and all seniors are left to do is wait. The situation is out of our control and it is the uncertainty of this overall situation that is enough to send most people over the edge.

In fact, the effects of this pressure can already be seen in the halls of Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School. "The College Talk" is popular in conversations among seniors again after virtually disappearing in the months between December (Early Decision notification month) and now.

This conversation often starts out simply enough, often with a "Hey, what's up?" or "Hi, how are you?" But soon, the friendly chat becomes a showdown à la Donald Trump in the boardroom on *The Apprentice*. Students compare schools and stats (SAT scores, GPA, class rank) in a competition to see who is the best qualified amongst them. Conversations like these usually end with all students involved completely convinced that they will never get into college anywhere and end up sitting at home,

flipping burgers while their smarter, more successful peers happily skip off to the colleges of their dreams.

Another sign that college decision day is nearing is the recently acquired short tempers of many seniors. People who for all four years of high school have seemed relatively sweet and good-natured now snap at anyone and everyone. Comments like "I can't stand it when so-and-so does this" or "He is so annoying!" are more frequent.

So while 24 days may seem like a lifetime away, I am eagerly counting them down, not just because April 1 is the day my collegiate fate is decided, but also because April 1 is the day that my college odyssey is over and the day my classmates and I can just return to normal.

Carolyn, from Fanwood, is a senior at Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School.

WF Residents Earn Honors At Skidmore

WESTFIELD – Three Westfield students at Skidmore College received honors for the fall semester. They include Tyler Deieso, Rachel Lazar and Emily Sharpe.

Tyler, Class of 2008, is the son of Gregory and Sasha Deieso. Rachel, Class of 2008, is the daughter of Scott and Marcy Lazar. Emily, Class of 2007, is the daughter of Peter and Jill Sharpe.

Area Residents Named To BU Dean's List

WESTFIELD – Four Westfield residents recently were named to the Dean's List at Boston University for the fall semester.

Students recognized for this honor include Karen Huskey, Rebecca Korn, Julee Noguchi and David Riggs.

Park Announces First Marking Period Honor Roll

SCOTCH PLAINS – Park Middle School Principal Lisa Rebbimbas announced that the following sixth-through eighth-grade students were named to the first marking period honor roll for the 2005-2006 school year at Park. They are:

Hayley Cornwell
Meghan Cunningham
Matthew D'Apuzzo
Brendan Farrell
Tessa Felely
Elena Haggan
Rory Szeto
Hyun-Ji Park
Stephanie Robak
Danielle Schweitzer
Harmeet Sohal
Michael Spaeth
Elizabeth Stranzbach

7th Grade Honor Roll

6th Grade Distinguished

Alyssa Apuzzo
Elizabeth Baldwin
Gregory Baliko
Karen Bao
Dominika Blach
Ajit Bopalkar
Kelsey Boyea
Laura Cappelli
Adam Carabba
Abigale Churaman
Clare Cohen
Isabel Crystal
Lyndsay Curtis
Erin Dempsey
Jennifer Denman
Margaret Diaz
John DiBattista
Ramona Dumming
Kendall Fawcett
Katherine Fletcher
Steven Garber
Carly Grossman
Christopher Hornung
Tamara Itkowitz
Kathryn Lee
Kristen Lee
Sarah Vanbuskirk
Thomas Lyons
Lisa Matrale
Jessica McGovern
Anna McGuinness
Daniel McMillan
Mariel Mital
Emily Nardone
Taylor Novello
Margaret O'Brien
Marisol Pacaja
Kristina Palazzolo
Rashan Palejwala
Dhruvi Patel
Erin Pierce
Melissa Quarto
Disha Rao
Delaney Reimers
Carlie Roessle
Benjamin Ross
Cassandra Segulin
Zachary Shanker
Allison Speck
Emily Stefanik
Christine Szpond
Alex Tannenbaum
Chayakorn Triamarit
Kristina Zekunde

6th Grade Honor Roll

Rachel Armus
Chandler Arthur
Lisa Awaitey
Dory Baron
Jacqueline Batts
Dominique Bray
Samuel Brown
Robert Bunnell
Christopher Burke
Bryan Canfield
Daniel Carabba
Jason Cepparulo
Olivia Checchio
Robert Colonna
Jordan Dagostaro
Octavia Dails
Alivia DeMaria
Nicole DePaola
Louis Dodge
Casey Dugan
Amanda Ekstrand
Luke Emms
Jaclyn Friedman
Emily Gill
Allison Grimm
Alexandra Harmon
Matthew Harnett
Patrice Hayden
Kevin Hesson
Matthew Jegede
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Kerri Killen
Joshua Knechtel
Joseph Kosteck
Raymond Kraus
Patrick Leahy
Victoria Lesce
Kevin Lewis
Robert Lockatell
Rebecca Maioriello
Patrick Manfra
James Marvosa
Meghan McGrath
Connor McGuire
Joseph McQuoid
Kathya Melendez
Jake Melsky
Luke Mineo
Michael Misiak
Dylan Mruczinski
Claire Muirhead
Sara Payne
Alyssa Provenzano
Francis Quigley, III
Max Reo
Kathryn Romagnano
Victoria Roser
Jose Sanchez
William Schauer
Jillian Schuster
Kevin Scully
Rose Sigona
Tyree Singletary
Daniel Slegowski
Allen Smith
Brandon Smithwick
Raymond Taylor
Jonathan Tomasulo
Steven Vadas
Precious White
Aliyah Williams
Andrew Wilson
Alan Woodfield
Alexander Zaller
Victor Zanowicz
Michael Ziegler

7th Grade Distinguished

Micaela Jo Bernardo
Amanda Hanna
Jerry Bi
Erin Brown
Laura Bruce
Lauren Buckley
Santino Butler
Michael Canicosa
Joanna Carroll
Marianna Caruso-Gilbert
Benjamin Parisi
Danya Jacobs
Emma Kelly
Matthew Kersey
Richard Krema
Kenneth Lee
Conor Lockier
Tyler Palkoski
Benjamin Parisi

8th Grade Distinguished

Stephanie Baier
Stephanie Baliko
Karolyn Buckridge
Sarah Canfield
Sophie Chou
Aditya Dahiya
Melissa Goldberg
Lauren Hirschhorn
Kimberly Hyn
Nicole Ostrowski
Jason Pearl
Kerry Pierce
Morgan Puleo
Stephen Scannell
Courtney Smeltzer
Aleksandra Szczuka
Devra Traiman
Andrew VanHaasteren
Kimberly Wenson

8th Grade Honor Roll

Andrea Barone
Remy Bernardo
Rachel Blom
Jack Bouchakjian
Rebecca Brand
Sarah Brumfield
Alessandro Bubnov
Michael Burke
Timothy Carroll
Peter Citera
Zaria Combs
Charles Cummings, IV
Dionysos Curry, Jr.
Joseph D'Auria
Alexander Davis
Michael Demmel
Brian Dempsey
Jack Diaz
Adam DiBattista
Marisa Dolan
Tara Dorilus
Brian Dunn
Robert Evans
Joshua Foote
Robert Frazee
Katrina Geans
Jennifer Goughagan
Andriana Gerritsen
Matthew Glassett
Matthew Greaney
Matthew Harris
Edward Heavey
Noorene Helm
Madeline Holt
Maxim Kachalov
Joseph Kaiser
William Kaiserman
Zachary Koch
Nicholas Kosciolk
Leigh Kwasny
Micheline Lambros
Michael Lauricella
Michael Leist
Nivedita Malik
Samantha Mannino
Ryan McTernan
Harrison Millings
William Muirhead
Richard Murray
Renata Pacaja
Veronica Painter
Allison Prestridge
Shaunton Reimers
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