



**GRAY'S ANATOMY...**Robert M. Gray Fall Scholarship winners, in alphabetical order from top left to right, are David Ackerman, Laura Bentivegna, Maurice Blackmon, Dakota Carey, David Gantz, Jessica Graham, Samantha Miller and Michael Sherry.



**CONSERVATION POLICY...**These essay-winning students pose with author Dan Gutman during his visit to Brunner School recently. The students wrote an essay on how they could help conserve the earth's natural resources to win a chance to dine with Mr. Gutman during their lunch period.

## Author Dan Gutman Visits SP's Brunner Elementary

SCOTCH PLAINS –Just about every kid loves sports, but many are reluctant to open a book. That wasn't a problem at Brunner School last week where visiting author Dan Gutman used sports to get the students excited about reading and writing.

"I hated to read when I was a kid," Mr. Gutman told the students. "But around the time I was 10 years old, I became a big sports fan. I wanted to know everything about sports. Reading baseball cards, magazines, and biographies of my favorite athletes made me into a reader. My mother was astonished that I grew up and became a professional writer."

Mr. Gutman, the author of "The Kid Who Ran for President," "Honus and Me," "Jackie and Me," "The Mil-

lion Dollar Shot," "Ice Skating," "Gymnastics," "Miss Daisy is Crazy," and many others, entertained the students with stories of sports past and present.

First, he took the students through all the steps of the publishing process for fiction and nonfiction books – the idea, proposal, research, writing, re-writing, editing, gathering photos, cover design and, finally, the arrival of the finished book. He showed the students his original manuscripts, early cover designs and even read a few of the many rejection letters he has received from publishers over the year.

"I don't care how many times they turn me down," said Mr. Gutman. "I never give up."

Next, he put on a slide show, which he called "A Day in the Life of An Author." Then, he answered questions from the students and their teachers. During the day he also had lunch with a group of students and signed copies of his books.

For more information, visit [www.dangutman.com](http://www.dangutman.com).

### Library 'Teen Day' On Tap October 21

FANWOOD – The Fanwood Memorial Library will present "Teen Day – Get Real @ the Library" on Saturday, October 21, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Activities will take place in the library's Fanwood Room and are open to all young people in grades 6 to 12.

"Get Real @ the Library" is part of Teen Read Week 2006, celebrated in libraries across the United States. This year's activities will include crafts, a sudoku contest, exercise program, food tasting, games and videos, among other offerings. A full list of programs, with times, is available at the library at North Avenue and Tillotson Road.

The library's Teen Group offers various programs throughout the year for those in grades 6 to 12. For a full list, please visit [www.fanwoodlibrary.org](http://www.fanwoodlibrary.org). For further details, please call Nancy Kipping at (908) 322-6400.

### Wesley Hall Starts New Drama Enrichment

WESTFIELD – Wesley Hall Nursery School, at 1 East Broad Street in Westfield, has started a new drama enrichment class for their three year olds. Each week, the children read and retell a new story. They also play some games and bake a recipe related to their story.

## Woman's Club Announces Fall Scholarship Winners

WESTFIELD – The Woman's Club of Westfield announced the winners of the Robert M. Gray Fall Scholarship, given through the generosity of the Gray Family Foundation, headed by Marie Gray. Each student winner will receive a \$1,000 one-time grant.

David Ackerman, son of Louis and Susan Ackerman, was a 2006 Westfield High School (WHS) graduate. He was a member of the cross country, winter and spring track teams for all four years, winning the Golden Shoe Award. He took part in the Science Olympiad Team and has been a peer group leader at his religious school. David will attend Northwestern University with plans to become a research astronomer.

Laura Bentivegna, daughter of Frank and Leonora Bentivegna, is a 2006 graduate of WHS, where she was a member of the color guard, marching band and track and field team. In addition to her extracurricular activities, Laura babysat, organized children's birthday parties and assisted in a family business. She is enrolled in a six-year Occupational Therapy program at Seton Hall University.

Maurice Blackmon, son of Monique Blackmon, was a 2006 graduate of WHS, where he led his peers as sophomore, junior and senior class president. He was inducted into the National Honor Society, into "Who's Who Among American High School Students" and "Spotlight on Success." Maurice sang with the WHS Concert Choir, Choral and Choraleers. He has worked as a YMCA camp counselor as a party coordinator and volunteered at the Westfield Community Center. He will attend Penn State University in Harrisburg to study liberal arts.

Dakota Carey, daughter of Dennis and Kathleen Carey, was a 2006 WHS graduate. She was a member of the soccer and cross-country sports teams and a church peer minister and Sunday school teacher's aide. Dakota also worked as a YMCA camp counselor, worked for a pediatric office and babysat. She was nominated and attended the National Leadership Conference in Washington, D.C. Dakota

will attend the University of Rhode Island, where she will study Spanish.

David Gantz is the nephew of Vincent and Christine Russo and a 2005 graduate of WHS. David is a sophomore at Montclair State University, where he is on the dean's list. While his major is undecided, his interest lies currently in studying to become a high school English teacher. He has tutored and mentored students as part of the Campus Stars Program. David has been an active part of the Emerging Leaders Program, working on campus and in the community.

Jessica Graham, daughter of Linda and Frank Graham, is a 2006 WHS graduate. She was a member of the high school's color guard, marching band and involved in Girl Scouts, earning the Gold Award, the highest Girl Scout Award offered. Jessica was inducted into the National Honor Society, recognized as a commended National Merit Scholar and nominated for the Governor's School of International Studies and Public Issues. Jessica is a freshman at Wake Forest University, where her major is undecided.

Samantha Miller is the daughter of Lesley Miller and a 2006 graduate of WHS. While at Westfield, she was school vice president during her junior and senior years, played JV soccer and softball and co-captained both teams.

Samantha participated in the YMCA United Nations as president of the General Assembly and in NJ Youth and Government. During summers, Samantha was a counselor at a camp for physically and mentally disabled children. She is attending University of Mary Washington studying International Relations and languages.

Michael Sherry, son of Thomas and Delores Sherry, graduated from WHS class of 2004 and from The American Musical and Dramatic Academy 2006. While at WHS, he was a member of the file and drum corps and the WHS marching band, and attained the rank of Eagle Scout. He is interested in singing and acting. Michael will attend Elon University, his sister's alma mater and major in musical theater.



**IT'S THE GREAT PUMPKIN FAIR...**Students at Franklin Elementary School invite everyone to attend their annual Pumpkin Fair to be held next Saturday, October 21, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Roosevelt School in Westfield, rain or shine.

## Teacher Training Grant Partners Kean And Newark

UNION – Kean University, in collaboration with the Newark school system, recently earned a competitive \$1.5 million Transition to Teaching grant from the United States Department of Education.

The five-year partnership brings together Kean and the neighboring urban district in an effort to increase and sustain the number of qualified teachers through a series of enrichment courses and incentive programs.

Directed by Dr. Annette Lopez, professor in the Department of Elementary, Middle and Secondary Education, Transition to Teaching strives to improve K-12 student progress through enhanced teacher preparation and increased certification programs.

Newark is considered by the state as being an Abbott district of "high-need" in terms of socioeconomic conditions and academic achievement, and thus, a logical fit for this partnership.

Submitted by the University's Office of Research & Sponsored Programs, Division of Institutional Advancement, the funded initiative selects qualified teacher candidates to

participate in an accelerated preparation program which, upon completion, leads to their certification and employment in one of the cohort districts.

During their time in the program, participants will be offered various incentives and scholarships. Additionally, for three years following certification, they will have the support of a faculty mentor.

The Transition to Teaching grant will recruit 120 candidates for participation in the program. It will be housed within the College of Education, which is headed by Interim Dean Dr. Frank J. Esposito.

### Cornelius Banta, Jr. Enrolls at Amherst

WESTFIELD – Cornelius Banta, Jr., the son of Cornelius Banta, Sr. and Nancy Lynn Moore-Banta of Westfield, has enrolled as a first-year student at Amherst College in Amherst, Mass.

Cornelius is a graduate of Mercersburg Academy.

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For further information please contact our office at 908-232-1231 or come visit us at:

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 Thursday, October 19, 2006, 9-11 a.m.

**All School • Nursery – Grade 12**  
 Sunday, November 12, 2006, 1-3 p.m.

*Kent Place School is an all-girls K through 12 independent college-preparatory day school with a coeducational nursery and pre-kindergarten program.*

October 19	Open House Program	November 12
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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Waiting list applications will be available weekdays at Westfield Senior Citizens Housing at the address listed below from October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2006 through November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2006 (10AM to 4PM), or may be obtained, by mail, by calling (908) 233-5898.

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**Applications must be received by 5:00pm, November 10th, 2006**