

Union Catholic Inducts 81 Students into Honor Society

SCOTCH PLAINS—Union Catholic High School in Scotch Plains announced the induction of 81 students into the National Honor Society, earlier this month at the school's auditorium.

The program included remarks by Humanities Curriculum Specialist Barbara Dellanno and four senior inductees — Cresse Simmonds, Michelle Ryngel, Vincent LaRocca and Sean Sarra, who described the principles set forth by the National Honor Society: Service, Character, Scholarship, and Leadership.

The following students have met all the requirements set forth by the National Honor Society.

Class of 2011 Inductees

Tara Alves, Kenya Cabrera, Colleen Cassidy, Elizabeth Chamis, Michael Chase, Jessica Colucci, Karen Comiso, Timothy Connell, Sarah Cunha, Brittany D'Annunzio, Brian Douress, Erin Farley, Meghan Gaczynski, Melissa Halbeisen, Kristen

Hamilton, Brian Hartnett, Dominique Hayward, Joseph Landry, Vincent LaRocca, Marissa Mastrocola, Brian Milanes, Daniel Mount, Ronald Munkittrick, Caroline Nucatola, James Pereira, Yalie Pierre-Louis, Lauren Reddington, Katherine Rivera, Alexandra Rojas, Michelle Ryngel, Sean Sarra, Joseph Seebode, Shaheena Shahid, Sean Siburn, Cresse Simmonds, Jenna Soggi, Megan Tosato, Jenna Trongone, William Vislocky

Class of 2012 Inductees

Gabrielle Aquino, Abigail Calixto, Ann Cierpial, Stephen Cocuzza, Ryan Coughlan, Roxanne Dalere, Timothy Dalton, Marty Davidson, II, Adrianna DeGazon, Kenneth Di Giovanni, McKenna Dick, Jordan Doherty, Kimberly Esquerre, Christian Fernandez, Loren Franco, Danielle Gruskiewicz, Kevin Hamilton, Annyssa Herlihy, Kelsey Lasin, Timothy Leach, Kathryn Lubin, Meredith McAna, Kayla McCloud, Anna-Teresa Mutuc, Christina Nesi, Katherine Nolan, Joseph Passantino, Michelle Peters, Nicole Pietrapertosa, Jonathan Riedinger, Jessica Santana, David Schanz, Jasmine Serano, Kendra Simcox, Stephanie Smith, Shannon Streisel, Kathleen Sullivan, Demie Teixeira, Megan Troilo, David Von Ellen, James Weyand, Ui-Yeon Yoon



HONOREES...Mother Seton Regional High School in Clark announced the commended students in the 2011 National Merit Scholarship Program. From left to right are Allison Staniec, Scotch Plains; Anna Irizarri, Kimberly Tower, Sister Regina Martin, principal; Victoria Albright and Meghan Valdes.

Mother Seton Names Commended Students

CLARK—Sister Regina Martin, principal of Mother Seton Regional High School in Clark, announced that Victoria Albright, Anna Irizarri, Allison Staniec of Scotch Plains, Kimberly Tower and Meghan Valdes are designated as Commended Students in the 2011 National Merit Scholarship Program.

These students placed among the top 5 percent of more than 1.5 million students who entered the 2011 competi-

tion by taking the 2009 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT).

Sister Regina presented letters of commendation to each of these seniors at Mother Seton. "These students follow a rigorous Advanced Placement (AP) and honors-level curriculum at Mother Seton. In addition, they are actively involved in many extracurricular activities."

Workshop Seeks to Quiet Fears About Cost of College

METUCHEN — Complete College Planning Solutions will hold a free community workshop for parents of college-bound high school students on strategies for maximizing a family's financial aid and lowering out-of-pocket costs.

This workshop will be held at 7:30 pm on Wednesday, November 10, at the Metuchen Public Library, located at 480 Middlesex Avenue in Metuchen, and will reveal what all parents of seniors, juniors and sophomores need to know as they take on the challenge of applying to, being accepted at and paying for college. Parents from Metuchen or any school district are invited to attend.

Complete College Planning Solutions details how to get the maximum amount of financial aid a family is entitled to, so they pay the least amount out-of-pocket, regardless of income level. This information is not readily available, and even the experts may not be savvy to this new "niche" of college planning and financing.

Historically, more than 90 percent of New Jersey families overpay for college. Equally as important to a child's success, Complete College Planning Solutions provides guidance on locating the correct fit academically between the child and an institution of higher learning.

Co-founded by Ian Welham of Westfield, the company demonstrates how either a private and/or public education is affordable and attainable for middle-class families.

This workshop will be taught by Mr.

Welham and includes: the three biggest mistakes New Jersey parents make when planning for college that cost them thousands of dollars, how to pick colleges that will give the best financial-aid packages, how to get college aid even if one has a "B" student, how to send a child to a top-tier private university for less than the cost of a state school, how to pay for college in a failing economy without relying on 529 plans, expensive private student loans or winning the lottery.

The discussion will also center on how to solve the cash-flow crunch of paying for college and saving for retirement at the same time.

The last seminar Complete College Planning Solutions held had more than 200 attendees. Ann Marie and Bob Centrella of Westfield, two of the attendees remarked, "Through their expert advice, we are able to maximize our time, money and resources while minimizing our stress. It is a welcomed service in any [financial] environment, but especially in today's."

Reservations are suggested because seating is limited and often sell out. To reserve a seat online, visit myaca.com or call (908) 857-4200. All families who attend will receive the online version of "Cash for College," the best-selling book on college planning and funding, plus a checklist "The Top 10 Strengths and Experiences Colleges Look For in a High School Student."



TAKING A DIP...Last month, 10 teachers and 23 Park Middle School parents volunteered to feed 300 hungry Scotch Plains-Fanwood family members and friends attending the annual Quarter Dip. The Eighth Grade Activities Committee hosted the event to raise funds for Park's Class of 2011.

Park School Dip Serves Up Food and Fun

SCOTCH PLAINS — In early October, 10 teachers and 23 Park Middle School parents volunteered to feed 300 hungry Scotch Plains-Fanwood family members and friends attending the annual Quarter Dip. The Eighth Grade Activities Committee hosted the event to raise funds for Park's Class of 2011.

Attendees chose from more than 20 types of main dishes and more than a dozen different side dishes, salads and breads. A variety of desserts and drinks were also available. Park Middle School friends and families donated all the food.

In addition to the food, there were raffles, counting and guessing games, trivia and music. The Park Middle School teachers who won the 50/50 raffle donated their winnings back to Park's Class of 2011.

Four WHS Seniors Named Natl. Merit Semi-Finalists

WESTFIELD—Four Westfield High School seniors, Alexandra Frankel, Anne Maguire, Danielle Fields and Nicholas Chohey, pictured below left to right, have been named semifinalists in the National Merit Scholarship program.

lion students who entered the competition by taking the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test critical reading, mathematics and writing skills.

The Commended Students from Westfield High School include: Paige



According to the National Merit Scholarship Corporation, the nationwide pool of semifinalists represents less than 1 percent of United States high school seniors and includes the highest scoring entrants in each state on the 2010 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test.

They will have an opportunity to continue in the competition to become a finalist for 2011 Merit Scholarship awards that will be offered in the spring.

Twenty-seven Westfield High School students have been named commended students in the 2011 National Merit Scholarship Program. Commended students placed among the top 2.3 percent of more than 1.5 mil-

Alvarez, Jane Braun, Ashtyn Chen, Gustav Danielsson, Wenqi Duan, Justin Erickson, Emma Foley, Josh Friedman, Haozhe Gao, Rachel Harth, Alyssa Hatch, Margaret Jacobi, Ho Yee Lam, Michael Levidy, Corey Lipschutz, Amelia Morabito, Melissa Morawski, Charlotte Murtishaw, David Osterman, Michael Pohling, Matthew Ritter, Nicholas Roth, Joshua Simmons, Madison Weist, Cheryl Wu, Tianzuo Xu and Larry Zhang.

In congratulating all the students, Westfield High School Principal, Peter Renwick, noted that their performance "speaks volumes about their abilities and commitment to their education."

UCC Names Hiscano New Dir. of Business Institute

CRANFORD — Union County College recently welcomed Lisa Raudelunas Hiscano as Director of Corporate and Career Programs for the Industry Business Institute.

Ms. Hiscano is responsible for developing training programs for companies of all sizes who would like to provide their employees with training. Courses include sales training, computer classes, ESL courses, restaurant industry courses, and other opportunities.

The Industry Business Institute is located at the college's Elizabeth campus at 40 West Jersey Street in the Elizabeth I. Kellogg Building. The institute develops training solutions to improve overall productivity, reduce costs and strengthen the competitiveness of local employers.

The Industry Business Institute also operates the Retail Skills Center at the Jersey Gardens Mall, which provides career training programs as well as services to assist employers with hiring and job seekers with job placement.

Ms. Hiscano comes to Union

County College from Passaic County Community College, where she served as the Associate Director of Continuing Education and Workforce Development. She gained experience managing programs under the New Jersey Community College Consortium for Workplace and Economic Development, a role she will maintain at Union County College.

She managed regional workforce development initiatives and developed new programs for Passaic County Community College as well.

Ms. Hiscano has also served on various professional committees and is well versed in working with county Workforce Investment Boards. She served on the Passaic County One Stop Business Resource Center Committee and was a member of the Best Practices Steering Committee for the New Jersey Council of Community Colleges Annual Conference in 2007 and 2008.

For more information on the Industry Business Institute, contact Ms. Hiscano at (908) 965-2358 or e-mail Hiscano@ucc.edu.



RECEIVING HIGH HONORS...Union Catholic (UC) High School in Scotch Plains announced the induction of 81 students into the National Honor Society (NHS), on October 12, during an event held in the auditorium. The program included remarks by Humanities Curriculum Specialist Barbara Dellanno and four senior inductees — Cresse Simmonds, Michelle Ryngel, Vincent LaRocca and Sean Sarra, who described the principles set forth by the National Honor Society: Service, Character, Scholarship, and Leadership. Pictured from left to right are: NHS Moderator Patricia Nuwer, UC Board Member Tom Cristiani, Vincent, Cresse, Principal Sister Percyle Hart, Michelle, Sean and UC Board Member Anne Wischusen.

Union Catholic to Present Night of Comedy Nov. 12

SCOTCH PLAINS — Union Catholic High School's Parent Guild will present a Night of Comedy, featuring three nationally known comedians, on Friday, November 12, at 7 p.m. at the high school, located at 1600 Martine Avenue in Scotch Plains.

The comedians will include Ted Daniels (teddanielscomedy.com), who has performed his standup-comedy act throughout the country, including New York and Las Vegas, and with such headliners as Tracy Morgan.

Doug Karpf (douglascomedy.com), who resides in Springfield, also will star. Known for his rapid punch lines and hilarious improvisations, he performs at clubs across the country and has entertained U.S. armed forces and

Atlantic City audiences.

Tom Daddario (tomdaddario.com), who started his show-business career as a lead vocalist in a band and acting in plays, has played all of the major New York clubs, such as Foxwoods and Mohegan Sun, and is featured in a Sirius radio show.

The \$25 per person admission fee will include beer, wine, soda, coffee and dessert. Attendees can bring their own tailgate-style food and snacks. Tickets should be purchased in advance by calling Union Catholic at (908) 889-1600, extension no. 304. Attendees must be 21 or older. Reservations for tables of eight or 14 can be accommodated. For more information, visit unioncatholic.org.



ON BACKPACKS AND GIVING BACK...This fall, Franklin students donated and collected 121 old and unused backpacks, keeping them out of landfills and furthering the school's commitment to going green. Millennium International Textile, Inc. in Flanders will send these backpacks along with other items to countries in Africa and Central America for reuse by those in need. Pictured left to right are Franklin students Melissa Triolo, Maddie McDevitt, Maddie Katz, Rachel Saxon, Josh Saxon, Emily Triolo and Mackenzie Smith.

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