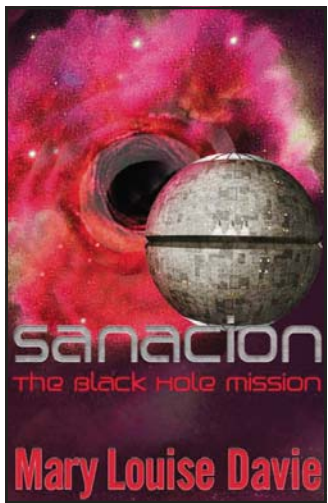




GOOD DEED...Union County Freeholder Chairman Alexander Mirabella, second from left, congratulates Park Middle School students Micayla Mirabella, Bella Bernardo, Allie Gara and Cameron Heisey on being honored at the school's "Caught Doing Good Program" ceremony in Scotch Plains. More than 150 students were recognized for random acts of kindness and good deeds throughout the year. They are joined by Assistant Principal Michael Kneller, Superintendent Dr. Margaret Hayes, second from right, and Principal Lisa Rehimbas.

## Brighton Publishing Signs Davie For Sci-Fict. Debut

CHANDLER, Ariz. - Time is running out for the human race in Mary Louise Davie's debut novel. Brighton Publishing LLC has announced author Mary Louise Davie has signed for her science fiction debut, "Sanación: A Black Hole Mission," launching readers into the farthest reaches of space on a desperate crusade to save mankind. "Sanación: A Black Hole Mission" is scheduled for release in eBook June 16, 2012, followed by the print release in the fall.



Sanación: A Black Hole Mission By Mary Louise Davie

The history of mankind on Earth is one of war, disease and famine. And yet, as a species, we have also striven to understand our place in the universe, indeed have sought to explore beyond the boundaries that confine us. Now, in our darkest hour, the fate of all mankind rests in the hands of a few brilliant and courageous people who will be put to unfathomable tests to save our species.

Earth's oxygen is rapidly depleting and our time left on the only home in the universe we have ever known is coming to an end. Facing extinction, political and religious differences are, for one shining moment, set aside and the nations and peoples of the planet unite to venture into space in search of a new home. Three ships employing vastly different technologies are launched, and the mission to save mankind is begun.

The task of the *Sanación* is the gravest of all. Built, equipped and manned for the purpose of traveling into a black hole with a terrible weapon that may, by the slimmest of odds, allow them to emerge. But before the ship and crew of the *Sanación* can even think of achieving their goal, an immense journey filled with danger, sacrifice and trials unlike any mankind has before witnessed will put everyone on board to the ultimate test.

"Sanación: A Black Hole Mission" pays tribute to Robert Heinlein, dean of science fiction writers, along with Isaac Asimov, Arthur C. Clark and Orson Scott Card. Ms. Davie focuses her keen insights on not just space travel but also the social issues which dominate our culture and define human nature, blending science with the pursuit of understanding our own hu-



### Gettysburg Announces Graduates

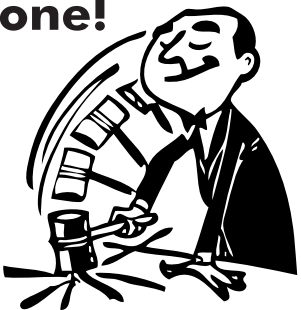
GETTYSBURG, Penn. — Gettysburg College announced that the following students graduated on May 20.

Lindsay Preucil of Cranford graduated Cum Laude. Lindsay majored in Psychology.

Elena Rubino of Berkeley Heights graduated Cum Laude. Elena majored in Economics and Environmental Science.

Ann Valentine of Westfield graduated Cum Laude. Ann majored in Religion and Political Science.

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## UC Vo-Tech Schools Hold 2012 Graduation Ceremonies

By **KIMBERLY A. BROADWELL**  
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

SCOTCH PLAINS - Holding ceremonies for students representing all 21 municipalities in Union County, the Union County Vocational Technical Schools (UCVTS) graduated over 250 students on June 15.

First in the series of graduation ceremonies, Union County Vocational Technical High School (UC-Tech) had 58 students who have earned \$4,000,000 in scholarship money over the next four years.

Students from the program followed a course of study from disciplines such as Allied Health, Automotive Technology, Building Trades, Child Development, Commercial Art, Computer Aided Drafting and Design, Cosmetology, Criminal Justice, Culinary Art, Electrical Technology, Digital Media Design or Information Technology.

According to UC Tech Principal, Patrick Mauro, in the fall of 2011, the school opened an Academy for Exercise Physiology and Related Sciences. He added that in the fall, the school will be adding a second academy for design in conjunction with Kean University.

Two graduates from UC Tech came from the Scotch Plains-Fanwood School District.

The Academy for Information Technology (A.I.T.) graduated 60 students this year earning over \$6,000,000 in scholarships over the next four years.

According to AIT Principal, Gloria Griffith, this was the school's seventh graduation. She stated "AIT's Class of 2012 is a collection of scholars, leaders and exceptionally well-rounded young men and women. They have been a significant contributing influence in the evolution of our academic institution."

It was noted that four students from AIT are from the Scotch Plains-Fanwood School District, two are from Garwood and one is from Mountainside.

The Academy for Allied Health Sciences had 58 graduates this year including six from Scotch Plains or Fanwood, three from Mountainside and one each from Westfield and Garwood.

According to Allied Health Principal, Shelia Wegryn the school's Salutatorian, Kotryna Sniukaite, is a Scotch Plains resident and is also a Distinguished Academic Scholar in Anatomy and Physiology and History.

It was also reported that the Allied Health Sciences class of 2012 earned \$7,723,680 in scholarship money over the next four years.

The twelfth graduating class from

the Union County Magnet High School for Science, Mathematics and Technology, earned 69 diplomas. According to Principal, Gwendolyn Seneschal, the graduates earned \$9,710,064 in scholarship money over the next four years.

She also noted that seated in the front row at the ceremony was a member of each of the schools 11 prior graduating classes.

Graduation and Curriculum Coordinator, Tricia Drevelus addressed the graduates of the school stating "you have the skills. You have the talent. Now put them together, go out and impress us."

It was noted that eight students from the Magnet school were from Scotch Plains or Fanwood, five were from Mountainside, four were from Garwood and two were from Westfield.

In addition to all of the ceremonies, the fifth school under the UCVTS, the Academy for Performing Arts, had its first graduation ceremony in late May. Held at Kean University, the Performing Arts School, which opened its doors in 2008, had 46 graduates.

Principal, Scott Rubin, noted that this first class earned almost \$2,000,000 in scholarship money over the next four years.

He reported that the Valedictorian, was from Scotch Plains and the Salutatorian, was from Garwood. Six other students came from the SP-F School District, three others are from Garwood, four are from Westfield and one resides in Cranford.



### Area Residents

#### Graduate from Marist

POUGHKEEPSIE, N.Y. — The following residents graduated from Marist College the weekend of May 18.

Melissa Gallagher of Westfield, received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Communication; Michael Kurtz of Garwood, received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Communication; John Lacey of Westfield, received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Communication; Angela Loffa of Cranford, received a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration; Evan Merkelson of Westfield, received a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration; Caroline Osinski of Cranford, received a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration; Michael Ozolnieks of Cranford, received a Bachelor of Science degree in Digital Media.



WORTHY CAUSE...On May 30, Redeemer Lutheran School in Westfield held its annual Mission Walk for the Children's Specialized Hospital in Mountainside. Redeemer Mission Coordinator Janet Nichnadowicz's goal was to raise \$575 for a Sprint Pool Walk to help children learn to walk while supported by water. Redeemer families responded in generous fashion and almost doubled the goal target amount. Redeemer School thanks everyone who participated in the event and contributed to this worthy cause. Pictured, Redeemer Lutheran School's elementary class presents a check to Vivian Cappola-Conception for \$972.



FAREWELL SENIORS...The Class of 2012 of The Wardlaw-Hartridge School in Edison gathered with parents, faculty, staff members and administrators at the annual Senior Farewell Dinner on June 7. Rhona Eserner, Upper School Head, presents the Upper School Head's Award to Jessica Clarke of Scotch Plains.



### Clemson Announces President's List

CLEMSON, S.C. — The following local resident has been named to the President's List at Clemson University for the spring 2012 semester: Dorsey Ann Allison of Mountainside, who is majoring in PRTM (Travel and Tourism).

To be named to the President's List, a student must achieve a 4.0 (all As) grade-point average.



### St. Francis University Awards Degree

LORETTA, Penn. — Kristian Wendel of Westfield received a Health Science degree at the 161st Commencement exercises held at Saint Francis University on May 6.

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