

Holy Trinity School Announces Graduates, Award Recipients

WESTFIELD — Holy Trinity Interparochial School in Westfield held its eighth grade graduation ceremony at Holy Trinity Church in Westfield on June 18.

During graduation, the following awards were presented: For the highest scholastic achievement in all subjects, the General Excellence Medal was awarded to Michele Greco. She received a cash award donated by Holy Trinity parishioners Mr. and Mrs. John Wilder.

First Honors for academic achievement went to Jaleah Hawkins, Sheri Jones, Alexandra Kilduff, Lauren Mullman and Rachel Schwartz.

Second Honors for academic achievement were given to: Anthony Agresta, Dennis Angeles, Brian Luck, Hannah Lynch, Lisa Mruk, Colleen Nika, Deborah Oravez, Gemma O'Toole and David Ritter.

Those students were also presented with the Presidential Academic Fitness Award. While a presidential award for outstanding educational improvement was given to Yaizha Baque.

The Monsignor Henry J. Watterson Award for Personal Integrity, Moral Development and Excellence in Religious Studies went to Gemma O'Toole. Subject awards were also presented as follows: Mathematics, Lauren Mullman; Spanish, Anthony Agresta; French, Kate Greci; Fine Arts, Dennis Angeles, Travis Fuchs and Alexandra Kilduff.

The Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) American History award was presented to Sheri Jones, and the DAR Good Citizenship Medal was awarded to Breanne Crawford.

Perfect Attendance medals were presented to Anthony Agresta,

Breanne Crawford, Kelly Gibbons, Michele Greco and Robert Rush.

Service Club awards were presented to Michele Greco and Gemma O'Toole for organizing the Service Club program within the school. In addition, the following members were recognized for their active participation in this club: Ryan Comer, Breanne Crawford, Travis Fuchs, Alexandra Kilduff, Jaleah Hawkins, Sheri Jones, Hannah Lynch, Lisa Mruk, Lauren Mullman, Ashleigh Myers, Deborah Oravez, Rachel Schwartz and Stephanie Williams.

In recognition for membership in the Holy Trinity Choir, awards were given for six years of participation to Michele Greco and Lisa Mruk; for three years of participation to Breanne Crawford and Alexandra Kilduff; and for participation this year, Yaizha Baque and Kate Greci.

The Christian Leadership Award, which honors a student who has exemplified the qualities of a Christian leader in their everyday life by their actions and example both in and outside of school, was presented by the Holy Trinity Home and School Association to Gemma O'Toole and Deborah Oravez.

The Catholic Daughters of America Court Trinity scholarships were awarded to Michele Greco and Lisa Mruk. The Benedetto J. Cecala Memorial Scholarships were presented to Deborah Oravez and Rachel Schwartz.

Many of the Holy Trinity graduates were also offered scholarships to Union Catholic Regional High School, Mother Seton High School, Bishop Ahr High School, Seton Hall Preparatory School and Roselle Catholic High School.

University News

Two area residents were among those recognized by colleges at the University of Delaware in Newark, DE, for being top scholars.

They are **Adam Ross** of Fanwood, who was named to Mu Iota Sigma, a management information systems honor society, and **Stacey L. Peterson** of Scotch Plains, who was named to Phi Alpha Theta, a national honor society in history.

Separately, the University of Delaware announced its Dean's List for the spring 1999 semester.

Andrea M. Bistak, Lauren M. Castaldo, Lauren A. Gruman, Elizabeth A. Manning, William P. Maslovsky, Shannon L. Wagner and Matthew S. Rosen, all of Westfield, were named to the Dean's List. Scotch Plains residents **Janis L. Acampora, Stacey L. Peterson and Amy E. Sincavage. Marisa E. Mangione and Adam D. Ross**, both of Fanwood, also were named.

Two area residents have received their bachelor's degrees from the University of Vermont, Burlington, Vt.

Thomas P. Ronckovitz of Mountainside received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science, and **Elizabeth Devlin** of Westfield received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Animal Sciences.

WESTFIELD — Shannon D. Reilly of Westfield earned a Bachelor of Arts in Spanish and secondary teacher education and her teacher certification at commencement exercises held May 23 at Albright College, Reading, Pa. She is the daughter of Pamela Shewitz of Westfield.

Two area residents recently graduated from Gettysburg College, Gettysburg, Pa.

Laura A. Cashman of Westfield received a Bachelor of Arts, majoring in Psychology. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Cashman of Westfield. **Christopher J. Wahlers** of Scotch Plains earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree, majoring in Biology. Michael, the son of Mr. and Mrs. John G. Wahlers, graduated summa cum laude.

Separately, two Westfield residents were named to the 1998-1999 spring term Dean's Commendation List at Gettysburg. They are **Jessica Brewster**, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R.E. Brewster, Jr., and **Jenna G. Mulford**, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Mulford, Jr.

CRANFORD — Numerous area residents recently received degrees from Union County College in Cranford.

Fanwood residents who received degrees were: **Ebado H. Abdullahi, Matthew W. Hamill, Katherine Isaacs, Michael H. Loges, Marie A. Pennella and Janine M. Wehrle**.

Scotch Plains residents who graduated were: **Thomas A. Ball, Daniel Bell, Vincent L. Booth, Benjamin M. Brazaitis, Phiyen H. Dent, Russell P. Dodge, 2nd, Eleanor I. Fochesato, Jill A. Fusselman, Margaret A. Geis, James P. Gilligan, Karen Giordanela, Patricia A. Grabert, Michael Hinton, Linette C. Kindred, Paul A. Marino, Major C. Montgomery, Jami Novak, Thomas M. O'Bryan, Denise E. Patten, Vallarine Paynter, Cyndi E. Reynolds, David P. Ruggiero, Smruti P. Shukla, Carolyn M. Sorge, Jerry D. Sorrentino, Sheryl Stoll, Sharon L. Wands and Frederick D. Zielenbach**.

Westfield residents receiving degrees are **Amanda L. Avena, Brad A. Bostdorff, Angela A. Buoscio, Gregory Daly, Gary J. Dechellis, James F. Gilmartin, George M. Hayden, Kerry L. Humphreys, Catherine Kudlick, Mei-Yu Lee, Joan McGuire, Kelly E. Patrick, Daniel P. Rinaldo, Katherine D. Reyes, Wendy J. Reynolds, John Salerno, Janice Sampson, Amy Schilling, Terry R. Segall, Arthur L. Slocum, Anna C. Soule, Ann**

Marie Ungvarsky, Joanna A. Villanueva, Erik Willyard, Phyllis M. Wlazlo and Cynthia P. Zicker. Dana C. Kasperreen, Lawrence A. Nistorenko and Alanna M. Quillin, all of Mountainside, also received degrees.

Separately, the college has named area students to the President's List for the spring semester. Consideration for the President's List is based upon quality points earned as a result of the student's grades and number of credits carried.

The following Westfield residents were named: **Kerry L. Humphreys, Dmitry I. Gazarian, Maryellen A. Leegan, Christopher J. Demers, Todd R. Luka, Cynthia P. Zicker, Monica Shimkus, Lisa M. Scheper, Anna C. Soule, William G. Brown, Margaret L. Diggory, Jennifer D. Flynn, Pamela A. Johnston, Genevieve P. Manion, Florence Levy, Angie Starr, Joseph A. Gallagher and Ruth D. Urbanski**.

Scotch Plains residents named were **Jana Gergelova, Michael W. Ohnsorg, Janette M. Lareau, Jennifer J. Bauer, Eileen Torppee, Lisa R. Steinhauer, Lorraine Sleeper, Jean T. Kellogg, Alice Sergeyeva, Julie Share, Lisa Williams and Elizabeth O. Martinson**.

WESTFIELD — Kristin E. Gruman of Westfield has been named to the Dean's List for the spring semester at Rutgers University. She also has been elected to the Rutgers University chapter of Beta Gamma Sigma honor society for collegiate school of business.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey C. Gruman of Westfield.

WESTFIELD — Alison Gorski of Westfield was named to the Dean's List for the fall and spring semesters at William Paterson University in Wayne.

Two Westfield residents recently graduated from the University of Rhode Island, Kingston, R.I. They are **Stephanie Grosso and Toni-Nicole Ring**.

Separately, Westfield residents **Gregory J. Gorski, Phillip A. Orsini and Stefanie Ring** were named to the Dean's List at the University of Rhode Island for the 1999 spring semester. Gregory was also inducted into the Rhode Island chapters of the Phi Eta Sigma National Honor Society and the National Society of Collegiate Scholars.

WESTFIELD — Cara A. Garofalo received a Doctor of Medicine Degree from the University of Medicine and Dentistry (UMDNJ). She is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Michael Garofalo, Jr. of Westfield.

Dr. Cara Garofalo, who earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Princeton University, will continue her residency at The Children's Hospital of Buffalo.

At UMDNJ, Dr. Garofalo was active in the Student Family Care Clinic, the Boarder Babies Program and Community 2000, all community out-reach programs of the school's University Hospital.

WESTFIELD — Sister Nancy Hawkins, formerly of Westfield, recently received a Doctorate in Systematic Theology from Fordham University, Bronx, N.Y. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph P. Hawkins, of Farmington, Connecticut, and formerly of Westfield.

Sister Hawkins received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Marywood University, Scranton, Pa., and a Master of Arts Degree in Theology from Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, Pa.

She is a Professor of Theology at Saint Bernard's Institute, Rochester, N.Y., and has been a member of the Congregation of the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary since 1978.



REWARDED FOR THEIR EFFORTS...Franklin Elementary School Principal Dr. Margaret Dolan and Vice Principal Patrick Rooney proudly flank Student Council President Jeff Perrella, while Student Council officers Ben Walker, Secretary, Jesse Cohn, Treasurer, and Katie Tutela, Vice President, display the 1998-1999 Honor Council Excellence Award from the National Association of Elementary School Principals' American Student Council Association.

Franklin Elementary School Earns Honor Council Excellence Award

WESTFIELD — Franklin Elementary School in Westfield recently received the 1998-1999 Honor Council Excellence Award from the National Association of Elementary School Principals' American Student Council Association.

The award, which includes a certificate of excellence, an excellence award ribbon and national recognition in *Student News Today*, acknowledged the school's community service, citizenship and democracy education, and student leadership.

During the 1998-1999 school year, the Franklin School Student Council sponsored a Senior Citizens Craft Day and a Leadership Day.

To prepare for Senior Citizens Craft Day, students from the fourth and fifth grades gave up many lunch hours to begin designing the crafts. They later finished them with the senior citizens, who brought the decorations back to the senior housing buildings where they live to decorate their doors.

The craft-making was an example of the school's winter holiday theme of "Sharing and Caring."

Franklin Student Council President Jeffrey Perrella said, "Both the children and the senior citizens enjoyed the time they spent together."

The Student Council also orga-

nized the Franklin Leadership Summit, which provided students with examples of model leaders.

The students sent letters inviting guests to attend the function. Fourth and fifth graders also discussed and wrote essays about the qualities and characteristics they felt would make a person a good leader.

Westfield Mayor Thomas C. Jardim, Assemblyman Richard H. Bagger and Freeholder Mary P. Ruotolo spoke at the assembly.

"The students got to meet the local government leaders, and we all learned a lot about our government," noted Katherine Tutela, Student Council Vice President.

In commenting on the projects and national recognition they received, Franklin Principal Dr. Margaret Dolan said, "Our student representatives dream up ideas that adults often overlook. They are anxious to make their school and community a better place."

"They are willing to follow through and spend their lunchtime and afternoons working on projects. I am confident that these children are benefiting from their experience, and that as they grow older, they will continue to be involved in community activities," she concluded.

Tiana Nicole Mayes Named CIGNA Scholar in Science

SCOTCH PLAINS — Tiana Nicole Mayes, a 1999 graduate of Union Catholic High School in Scotch Plains, has been named a CIGNA Scholar in Science at the University of Richmond in Richmond, Virginia, starting in September.

Tiana is the daughter of Sylvia



Tiana Nicole Mayes

Liggon-Mayes of Westfield and Jeffrey Mayes of Akron, Ohio.

The CIGNA Scholar award provides one-half tuition and is renewable for eight semesters of undergraduate study. African-American students are selected for this award, valued at \$9,670 for the 1999-2000 academic year, on the basis of academic performance and leadership ability.

The CIGNA Scholars Program provides an opportunity for academically talented African-American students to pursue their college education while gaining leadership experiences designed to expand their edu-

cational opportunities and prepare them for entry into the work force.

The scholarship is made available through a partnership between the CIGNA Corporation, a diversified company headquartered in Philadelphia, and the University of Richmond.

CIGNA Scholars in Science is a component of this program created to support students who are strongly considering careers as scientists, researchers or educators. It provides opportunities designed to nurture and develop these vocations. Students in this program must major in biology, chemistry, computer science, mathematics or physics to remain in the program.

Tiana was recognized earlier this year with a National Achievement Scholarship Program Commendation. These are students who scored in the top 5 percent of more than 100,000 Black Americans who took the 1997 PSAT/NMSQT.

At Union Catholic, Tiana earned membership in the National Honor Society and the Spanish Honor Society. She was a Peer Coordinator for the Big Brothers/Big Sisters Program and participated in the Service Club, Swim Club, Black History Club and Pep Club. She was on the Senior Prom planning committee and a member of the Gospel Choir.

At the Union Catholic Academic Awards Ceremony held in May, Tiana was presented with a Certificate of Honor for students who had maintained Honor Roll Status for the 1998-1999 school year and was a Medalion recipient for maintaining a 7.0 grade point average during the year.

Local Residents Receive National Merit Scholarships

WESTFIELD — National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) has announced the names of 2,400 academic champions, including three local students, who are this year's winners of National Merit \$2,000 Scholarships.

Celeste J. Coleman of Scotch Plains was awarded a National Merit \$2,000 Scholarship. She is a graduate of Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School.

Mindy H. Wu of Scotch Plains also received a \$2,000 Scholarship. She is a graduate of The Pingry School in Martinsville.

Each of approximately 15,000 high school seniors who reached the finalist level in the 1999 National Merits Scholarship Program competed for one of these awards. Merit

Scholars named are the finalists judged to have the greatest potential for future success.

Winners of "National" awards are named in every state, in numbers proportional to the state's percentage of the U.S. total of graduating seniors. Every finalist was considered for one of these awards by a committee of college admissions officers and high school counselors who based their selections on a substantial amount of information submitted by finalists and their high schools.

Selection committee members evaluated each finalist's academic record (amount and difficulty level of course work and subjects studied, as well as grades earned); scores from two tests; demonstrated leadership and contributions to school and community activities; written essay about interests and goals; and the high school's recommendation of the student.



Recent Home Sales

FANWOOD
Dave W. Friedenberg to Jeffrey M. Armus and Judith M. Armus, 61 Glenwood Road, \$219,900.
John P. Sieredzki to Kenneth M. Sproul and Alexandra Rebisz, 134 Burns Way, \$215,000.

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Madeline B. Heller to Gerard J. Brunnequell and Anne B. Brunnequell, 6 Eastham, \$199,000.
Daniel J. Robinson to Danny DiFrancisco and Donna L. DiFrancisco, 1945 Grenville Road, \$226,000.
Elizabeth Colosimo to David and Sharon Gentile, 2450 Allwood Road, \$140,000.
Fred A. Jardine to Daniel P. and Domenica F. O'Brien, 1936 Stony Brook Circle, \$355,000.

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A.M. and M.L. Borr to Paul F. Tompkins and Rebecca L. Kramer, 1 Trails End Court, \$479,900.
M. and B.J. Clancy to Albert L. Cesario and Cheryl A. Jupa, 660 Glen Avenue, \$385,000.
J. and T. Moyer to Jerrold A. Schwartz and Nina B. Ovryn, 420 Dudley Avenue, East, \$270,000.
G. and H. and G.P. Via to Jeffrey T. and Carolyn T. Cortley, 740 Crescent Parkway, \$457,000.
B.V. Corbin to Pascal Marat and Mary E. Philips-Marat, 526 Sherwood Parkway, \$453,000.
J.F. and M. Deegan to Joseph John Triarsi and Krista Marie Triarsi, 214 Golf Edge, \$395,000.
H.E. Carrough to Scott and Sheryl Ettinger, 508 Springfield Avenue, \$175,000.
K. and A. Sullivan to Christopher R. and Mary E. Romano, 716 Kimball Avenue, \$305,000.
W.T. and B.L. Clarke to Jeffrey H. and Julia M. DeSantis, 725 Austin Street, \$315,000.
B.E. Michaels, Jr. and N.C. Michaels to Graphic Arts Mutual Insurance Company, 407 Everson Place, \$325,000.
H.P. and M.M. Kieptyka to Brian A. Stern and Lisa R. Wolf, 680 Westfield Avenue, \$262,000.

H. and D.J. Rosen to Thomas M. Smith and Mallory Saltzman, 849 Tice Place, \$352,000.
A.R. French to Peter Ondi and Dawn Marie Ondi, 1027 Columbus Avenue, \$203,000.
J.M. and R.S. Lambert to Arthur J. Gabel, 3rd and Robyn A. Schafer, 206 Elizabeth Avenue, \$275,000.
L. Mattson to William and Kerry Hanlon, 1094 Rahway Avenue, \$295,000.
I.R. Campbell to Stephen D. and Michele L. Dzury, 1410 Rahway Avenue, \$218,000.
R.G. and E.A. Haiber to William and Susan McCusker, 1738 Dakota Street, \$270,000.
Needle-Point Homes, L.L.C. to Aaron Cohen and Laura Cohen, 1237 Sedgewick Avenue, \$749,000.
V & R Realty Co. Inc. to Shelley Novick Leighton, 153 Hamilton Avenue, \$645,000.
W.M. Cole to Maureen Verrier and Ira Herman, 852 Ramapo Way, \$2,200,000.
Norman and Phylis Stier to Richard P. Furst and Karen J. Furst, 777 Lenape Trail, \$1,000,000.
W.D. and L.S. Macaluso to Paul Zimmermann and Kristine Zimmermann, 819 Clark Street, \$451,000.
R.B. and T.A. Compton to Mark Hoffman and Hilary Hoffman, 421 Tuttle Parkway, \$490,000.
H. and J.S. Gralla to Glenn A. Weiner and Marian R. Passannante, 506 Highland Avenue, \$610,000.
G.M. and P.A. Ray to Tomasz Kowalski and Anna Kowalski, 1 Hampton Court, \$375,000.
L.C. Yarbenet to Michael J. Karp and Sheila G. Karp, 5 Karen Terrace, \$415,750.
W. and M.E. Bird to John Lovito and Jeanne Lovito, 255 Canterbury Road, \$643,000.
D.T. and G.G. Smith to Scot McElheny and Barbara McElheny, Lenox Avenue, \$620,000.
M. and M. Fritz to David William and Lisa Ann Jackson, 560 Cumberland Street, \$174,900.

Local Service League Names Recipients of Scholarships

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Fanwood-Scotch Plains Service League has announced that Moira Cappio, Kimberly Eide, Silvana Nizzardo, Kathleen Polito, Scott Amory and Christian Sorge have received 1999 scholarship awards from the organization as part of its \$42,000 in community donations for the year.

Moira is a sophomore at Boston College, majoring in early childhood special education. A volunteer in high school, she now volunteers on campus serving children with severe special needs in a "Creative Kids" program.

She also works at the Greater Boston Food Bank and at Franciscan Children's Hospital one day a week.

Kimberly will be a junior at Belmont Abbey, majoring in psychology, with a minor in sociology. She volunteered at Children's Specialized Hospital and with the Scotch Plains Rescue Squad and was active in the St. Bartholomew the Apostle Roman Catholic Church Youth Group. She now works on campus counseling rape victims.

Silvana will be a junior at Kean University, majoring in elementary education and minoring in math sci-

ence. She was a recipient of the League's scholarship in 1998. At Kean, she is an assistant teacher for three- and four-year-olds and also tutors a Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School student.

Kathleen will be a junior at the University of Virginia, majoring in sociology and minoring in education. She has been a teacher's helper in a first grade project, and volunteers at a site lab in a housing project. She is also a first-grade reading tutor.

Scott will be a senior at Rowan University, majoring in computer science. A scholarship recipient in 1998, Scott did community work which he continues in college. He worked on N.E.A.T. (free Web TV) for local schools and also helped rebuild a home for local town improvement.

Christian, a sophomore at the University of Maryland, majors in liberal arts. He is active with the Scotch Plains Rescue Squad and Explorer Post No. 757 in the Air Force Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps. He is also a member of St. Bartholomew's Youth Group and is an altar server. Christian remains involved in local community activities.