

Westfield Rotary Club Awards Scholarships

WESTFIELD — For the first time in the 59-year history of the program, the Westfield Rotary Club's annual awards granted this year reached the sum of \$100,000.

Twenty-three of the grant recipients are graduating from high school this year; 28 are now attending various colleges and two are currently attending law school.

The awards were presented at the Rotary Club's June 8 luncheon meeting held at the Westfield "Y" where the award recipients were guests for lunch.

The scholarships awarded this year bring to 1,324 the total number of grants awarded since the inception of the Rotary's scholarship program. The financial aid given during the 59 years of the program now totals \$1,391,900, according to Rotary officials.

In selecting the recipients of the scholarships the scholarship committee gives

amount of \$2,000, were awarded to Tomika Waye who will attend Spelman College, Atlanta, Georgia, and Thomas Lee who will attend Benedict College, Columbia, South Carolina, neither of whom have decided upon a major; to Lisa Villalobos who will major in communications at New York University; Sara Burnett who plans to major in international business at Boston College; Amy Molnar who will major in English at Bates College, Lewiston, Maine; Liza Yannuzzi who will major in physical therapy at Georgetown University, Washington, D.C.; Bo Quan Han who was accepted at Rutgers University and will major in biology; and Alexis Jemal who plans to major in business at Temple University, Philadelphia.

A one-year scholarship for \$1,500 was awarded to Michele Williams who will attend Union County Vocational



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consideration to academic records disclosing the student's ability to complete a proposed college program; the ability of the applicant to articulate the reason for pursuing a college education; the personal contribution of the applicant to their financial needs; the demonstration of their compliance with Rotary's motto "Service Above Self" through their participation in school and/or community activities, and financial need.

The Rotary Scholarship Committee is chaired by Robert M. Read, a past President of the club. The members of the committee are Stanley A. Kaslusky, the current President of the club, Estelle F. Lord, Roger D. Love, Jr., Diane L. Taylor and Mark Zenobia.

The committee interviewed or reviewed the applications of 65 applicants before making the awards.

Two four-year Wallace grants, which are administered through The Westfield Foundation, each in the amount of \$15,000, an increase of \$5,000 over previous Wallace grants, were awarded to Brian Dowd and Elizabeth McKeon.

Brian has been accepted at Carnegie-Mellon University, Pittsburgh,

Technical School and will major in health care.

The one-year Robert and Winifred Read Law Scholarships, each for \$1,250, were awarded to Sarah Biren, now attending the University of Texas Law School, and to Scott Moss, now attending Benjamin Cardozo School of Law.

One-year grants of \$1,000 were awarded to each of the following current high school graduates: Laurie Hogan who has been accepted at Villanova University, Villanova, Pennsylvania, where she will major in elementary education; Jenna Fertakos who plans to major in French at Boston College; Marie Isolda who will be majoring in commercial art at Marist College, Poughkeepsie, New York; Nicole Tyminski who will attend Rutgers University and major in education; and Vrinda Rao who will attend Fairleigh Dickinson University, majoring in English and communications.

The following one-year grants of \$1,000 each were awarded to former Westfield High School graduates who are now in attendance at college. Matthew Ambrosia, now majoring in math-



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ematics at Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, North Carolina; Alexia Burnett, a biology major at Cornell University, Ithaca, New York; Paul Campanile, majoring in history at Rutgers University; Brienne Dowd, majoring in fashion merchandising at the Institute of Merchandising; Maggie Diggory, a history education major at Union County College; Christina Ho, majoring in English at Brandeis University, Waltham, Massachusetts, and her brother Lawrence Ho, an economics major at Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Also receiving one-year \$1,000 grants are: Jeremy Korchak, majoring in science at Roger Williams University, Bristol, Rhode Island; Corinne Liebrich attending American University, Washington, D.C., where her major is communications; and Elizabeth Bucciarelli, a nursing major at Union County College and the Muhlenberg School of Nursing. Elizabeth was also awarded one of the Linda Read Memorial grants of \$750.

Other Westfield High graduates who received one-year grants of \$1,000 are: Pamela Lygate, who has not decided upon a major, and her sister Alena Lygate, majoring in business, both of whom are attending Rutgers University; Tracy Lynn Masino, a psychology major at College of St. Elizabeth, Con-

necticut, where she is a business marketing major; Marie Woehr, attending Boston University where she is broadcast journalism major; Jason Yarusi a market finance major at Lehigh University, Bethlehem, and Jana Zeljkovic, who is an electrical engineering major at Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island.

The second Linda Read Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Maire Abraham, Maire, a Westfield resident, attended and graduated from Oak Knoll School in Summit where she maintained a 4.06 grade point average. She will attend the College of New Jersey as a pre-med major.

Mr. Kaslusky expressed his appreciation for the diligent and tireless efforts of the members of the Scholarship Committee who interviewed all of the high school applicants and reviewed the applications of all of the college students before making the final determination of the grants to be awarded.

He also thanked the members of the club for their efforts and success in conducting Rotary's annual Pancake Day held last March.

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College Club Announces Scholarship Recipients

SCOTCH PLAINS — The College Club of Fanwood-Scotch Plains held its annual scholarship awards reception on May 24 at Scotch Hills Country Club. Scholarships Chairwoman, Manya Ungar, presented awards totaling

Elizabeth, the daughter of Linda Frame of Cranford, received \$1,500. She will enter her junior year at West Virginia University.

Nicole, the daughter of Maureen Kreger of Scotch Plains, received \$750. She will enter her sophomore year at James Madison University.

Jennifer, the daughter of Gordon Lee and Donna Williams of Roselle, received \$2,000. She will enter her sophomore year at Kean University.

Silvana, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michele Nizzardo of Scotch Plains, received \$500. She will enter her junior year at Kean University.

Kristy, the daughter of Dennis Statue, received \$750. She will enter her senior year at Rowan University.

Celeste Coleman, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Coleman of Scotch Plains, was presented with a \$250 award for academic excellence while at Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School. She achieved the highest academic average in the



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Seven of the recipients are graduating seniors from Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School. They include Amanda Koscielcki, Katherine L'Heureux, Eun Jin Lee, Jennifer Perryman, Rachel Teutonico, Lisa Yagi and Lucy Zhao.

Amanda received an award of \$1,500 to attend Marist College. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Koscielcki of Scotch Plains.

Katherine, received \$1,500 to attend Hood College. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George L'Heureux of Scotch Plains.

Eun Jin, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kyung Chul Lee of Scotch Plains, received \$2,000 to attend the University of Michigan.

Rachel, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mario Teutonico of Scotch Plains, received \$750 to attend the College of New Jersey.

Lisa, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Noburu Yagi of Scotch Plains, received \$1,000 to attend Johns Hopkins University.

Lucy, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dalian Zhao of Fanwood received \$500 to attend Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Jennifer, the daughter of Patricia McQuilkin of Scotch Plains, was awarded the Marie Leppert Scholarship, established in College Club's 65th year, to honor a longtime member and former President. This award is given to a young woman who exemplifies the similar spirit of dedication to volunteerism that distinguished Mrs. Leppert in her longtime service to the community. Jennifer received \$2,000 to attend the University of Delaware.

There are five college recipients as well. They include Elizabeth Frame, Nicole Kreger, Jennifer Lee, Silvana Nizzardo and Kristy Statue.

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vent, Station; Krista Matteo majoring in merchandising at Valencia University; Gregory May, who is attending Syracuse but has not decided upon a major; Victoria Nusse, a pre-med student at College of New Jersey, Trenton; Timothy O'Shea, attending Syracuse University as a broadcast journalism major; Dora Sugar, a biology major at Dartmouth College, Hanover, New Hampshire; Alex Taner, attending Syracuse University where he is a communications major, and Lisa Tobelmann, a biology major at Houghton College, New York State.

One-year grants of \$1,000 were also awarded to the following Westfield High graduates. William Sweeney and his sister Laura Sweeney, both of whom are attending Colgate University, Hamilton, New York. William is a geology major and Laura is majoring in microbiology.

Anne van Cort, a mathematics major at Harvey Mudd College, Claremont, California; Laura Van Wyk, majoring in international studies at American University; Suzanne Vinegra, attending Fairfield University, Connecticut, where she is a business marketing major; Marie Woehr, attending Boston University where she is broadcast journalism major; Jason Yarusi a market finance major at Lehigh University, Bethlehem, and Jana Zeljkovic, who is an electrical engineering major at Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island.

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Education Association Grants Scholarships to Area Students

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Education Association (WEA) has awarded \$4,000 in scholarships to local students.

Caitlin Nish, Brian Dowd and Beth Satkin were presented with \$1,000 scholarships at the recent Awards Night at Westfield High School.

Caitlin and Brian each received a WEA scholarship, awarded on the basis of academic achievement and contributions to school and community activities.

Caitlin, the daughter of Jeanne Colucci and Wayne Nish, is a member of the National Honor Society, a Garden State Scholar, and an Edward J. Bloustein award recipient.

She contributed to the high school through her work as tri-editor of the Westfield High School (WHS) newspaper *Hi's Eye*, and also served as Vice President of the Student Council.

She participated in Peer Ministry at St. Helen's Roman Catholic Church in Westfield, was involved in Habitat for Humanity, and was a volunteer editor for the P.A.N.D.A. newsletter. Caitlin will attend the University of Michigan and major in political science.

Brian, the son of Patricia Dowd, is a member of the National Honor Society and recipient of the Presidential Education Award. He was a supporter of the Art Club and Quiz Bowl Team, and a member of the varsity track and cross country teams at WHS.

Brian was a Peer Minister at St. Helen's Church, and has also volunteered his time working with the elderly through a group at his church. He plans to study architecture this fall at Syracuse University.

Beth, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Satkin, was awarded the 1999 Mark Vejnaska Scholarship. The scholarship, named for a WHS graduate, honors academic achievement and contributions to the school and community.

Beth is an Edward J. Bloustein Distinguished Scholar and the recipient of the Presidential Education

Award. She also was a staff writer for *Hi's Eye*.

The graduate is a bassist and was a member of the WHS Symphony, All Girls Orchestra, the All-Eastern Honors Orchestra, and the New Jersey All-State Orchestra.

Beth was Vice President of the Temple Emanu-El Senior Youth Group, a candy striper at Overlook Hospital in Summit, and a volunteer at the Community Food Bank. She will attend Brown University as a music major.

Carolyn Torquati, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Torquati of Berkeley Heights, received the Barry Judd Memorial Scholarship of \$1,000 at the WEA Delegate Dinner at The Westwood in Garwood. Mr. Judd was a teacher of foreign language at WHS from 1974 to 1992.

Carolyn is a member of the Italian National Honor Society and was actively involved in the Italian Club and Concert Band at Governor Livingston High School in Berkeley Heights.

She participated in the Youth Ministry program at the Union Methodist Church of Berkeley Heights, where she volunteered in the church's outreach program, helped the homeless, assisted in the Food Bank Facility, and provided child care during worship services.

Carolyn plans to attend Susquehanna University and major in education.

Funds for the WEA and Barry Judd Memorial Scholarship were raised through donations from WEA members. The Mark Vejnaska Scholarship was originally funded by the teaching staff of Westfield High School, and is now continued by his family to celebrate Mr. Vejnaska's life.



Beth Satkin



Carolyn Torquati



Brian Dowd

Alumni Association Names 1999 Scholarship Recipients

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Scotch Plains Fanwood Alumni Association of Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School has announced the recipients of the 1999 Scholarships.

Pandick Oakley and Bob Carboy served on the committee to select the successful candidates. The Alumni Association received many applications and the recipients each were awarded \$750.

Jennifer Perryman is the daughter of the former Patty Burns (Class of 1973) and Christopher Perryman (Class of 1974). She will attend the University of Delaware and study Physical Therapy.

During her four years in the high school, she was in the Marching Band and in the softball program. She was in the swimming program, as well as volunteering on the Scotch Plains Rescue Squad as a certified emergency medical technician with 320 hours annually on duty and 230 scramble calls to her credit.

She also volunteers Children's Specialized Hospital and works at Theresa's Restaurant in Westfield.

Andrea Liss is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Liss of Scotch Plains. Mr. Liss was in the Class of 1972. She will attend Marist College in the fall, where she will pursue an accounting degree.

Vo-Tech Pupils Lauded For Perfect Attendance

SCOTCH PLAINS — Sixty-two students at the Union County Vocational Technical Schools (UCVTS) have been honored for perfect attendance during the third marking period of the Spring Semester.

Among the Vo-Tech administrators and staff taking part in the recent breakfast and luncheon ceremonies were Dr. Thomas Bistocchi, Superintendent; Carol A. Hopper, principal; Brian Purzak, Dean of Students, along with Evelyn Jeffrey, Gloria Griffith, and Mark Bratus, all members of the UCVTS Guidance Department.

The honored students include Westfield residents Benjamin Cheah, Culinary Arts; Pawel Zakowski, Auto Tech II; Mark Rotondo, Baking; and Jasmin Kearney, Culinary Arts.

Scotch Plains residents include Joseph Lubrano, Baking; Jason Patterson, Computer Repair; and Maissa Minor, Baking.

Joe Triano, a Fanwood resident and Culinary Arts student, was also honored.

Andrea is ranked 16th out of a class of 206, with a grade point average of 3.78. She placed fifth honors in accounting at a fall National Leadership Conference held in Rhode Island.

At the state level, she received an honorable mention for her fashion and merchandising promotion plan through participation in DECA. She was also involved during her four years in high school in volleyball intramurals and worked on the yearbook.

Congratulations were offered to both girls at the May meeting of the Alumni Association.

Local Residents Awarded Adele deLeeuw Scholarships

SCOTCH PLAINS — Students from Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School are among those sharing more than \$100,000 from the Adele deLeeuw Scholarship Fund.

The Adele deLeeuw Scholarship is administered by the Plainfield Foundation. The awards are made from a bequest by Adele deLeeuw, lifelong Plainfield resident who was an author of 80 books and an arts activist.

Class of 1999 graduates awarded scholarships include Celeste J. Coleman, \$2,000; Elise V. Danilides, \$4,000; Christine Doyle, \$2,000; Gerald

P. Kavinski, \$4,000; Jason Thomas Meehan, \$3,000; and Niel Stender, \$2,000.

Local repeat scholarship winners include Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School pupils, Adam Bryan Baumwoll, \$2,000; Eun Yub Lee, \$2,000; Christine Lisa Racinecz, \$1,000, and Maureen Zupkus, \$2,500.

Applications for year 2000 Adele deLeeuw scholarships will be available in January from local high school guidance offices. For further information, please call Sally Young, scholarship administrator, at (732) 381-6269.

Congratulations Class of '99



INVESTING IN YOUTH...Robert Dowens, left, President of the Town Bank of Westfield, presents Jerry Hughes, Treasurer of Project Graduation, with a check for \$250 to support the Westfield High School "BASH '99" post graduation party.