



CLASS ACTS...Westfield High School (WHS) announces that seven students each achieved the highest score of 36 on the ACT standardized tests widely used for college admission and placement criteria. WHS Assistant Principal, James DeSarno, left, was on hand to congratulate each student personally for achieving the perfect scores. The scores were earned in December 2016 by these 11th graders pictured from left: Michael Canabarro - English, Saranya Turimella - English, Julia Buosico - English, Yenteen Hu - Math and STEM, Thomas Omberg - Science, and Caroline Stockwell - Reading. Not available for photo was Timothy McAuliffe - English.

College Women's Club of CF Offers Scholarship Apps.

CRANFORD - The College Women's Club of Cranford scholarship applications are now available. Any Cranford high school senior is eligible to apply. Cranford High School students who are members of the Class of 2017 may obtain the Community Scholarship Application at the Cranford High School website at cranfordhighschoolguidance.com.

Cranford students who attend local private high schools should go to their school Guidance Office for an application.

The deadline for submitting the applications is Saturday, April 1.

The completed applications should be sent to Mrs. Susan Dooley, 117 Severin Court, Cranford, N.J. 07016.

Scotch Plains Public Library Hosts After-School Club

SCOTCH PLAINS - Students in grades five to eight are invited to Teen Scene to relax, socialize, and have fun every Monday and Wednesday from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Students can complete homework in the gallery space or head into the meeting room for games, snacks, and maker activities with friends. No registration is required.

These events are free for students

in grades five to eight. For more information, call (908) 322-5007 ext. no. 204, email library@scotplib.org, or stop by the Reference Desk. For more information about other upcoming teen activities, check out our website www.scotplib.org/teens.

Scotch Plains Public Library is located at 1927 Bartle Avenue, one block from Park Avenue in the center of town.

SPFHS Students Attend Winter Congress in D.C.

WASHINGTON, D.C. - On the second weekend of February, 16 members of the Junior Statesmen Chapter of Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School ventured to Washington, D.C. for an extended weekend of legislative activity by attending the Winter Congress 2017. Over 1,200 students from Texas and the Mid-Atlantic States gathered to play the roles of members of the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives.

In January, these students had drafted numerous bills of legislation for consideration by the Congress as a whole.

Then the students were empowered to put their ideas into law over a three-day period. Students Alexa Melnitsky, Shalini Shah, and Juliana Monteiro were successful in getting the Congress to support the elimination of the Electoral College. In a separate endeavor, students Erin Chiappi, Caitlin Bourke, Diamond Terrell, Nina Halberstadter, and Mia Striegel succeeded in passing a bill exempting feminine hygiene products from federal or state sales tax. It is rare for a school to have two or more legislative proposals enacted at Winter Congress.

When not conducting legislative business in the Crystal City Double Tree Hotel in Arlington, V.A., the group enjoyed a tour of the U.S. Capitol Building, arranged and conducted through the efforts of Representative Leonard Lance and his Congressional staff, on Friday afternoon. Saturday evening, over 900 of the student attendees took a tour of the great monuments of Washington, ending at the Lincoln Memorial, by moonlight.

Winter Congress is sponsored by the Junior State of America, a national student organization for the past 80 years that encourages student political awareness and the ability to knowledgeably debate critical issues of our time.

Boston U. Posts

Fall 2016 Dean's List

BOSTON, Mass. - Three Scotch Plains residents recently were named to the Dean's List at Boston University for the Fall semester. Students recognized for this honor include: Jesse I. Ozdamar, Sabrina J. Shih and Monica L. Squeri.

Each school and college at Boston University has its own criterion for the Dean's List, but students generally must attain a 3.5 grade point average (on a 4.0 scale), or be in the top 30 percent of their class, as well as having a full course load as a full-time student.

HONOR ROLL

Edison Intermediate School - 2nd Marking Period

- Grade 7 Distinguished Honor Roll**
Anderson, Justin; Aronowitz, Emma; Baker, Aleksandra; Barker, Jack; Bauer, Samantha; Brooks, Aden; Bruder, Hailey; Burke, Elijah; Capistrano, Cayla; Carrero, Antonio; Cho, Christopher; Daly, Conor; DiDario, Melissa; DiFilippo, Kimberly; Duan, Chelsea; Duguid, Genevieve; Engel, Emily; Fiorindo, Carmen; Fowler, Emilia; Frankhouser, Hannah; Freidberg, Mia; Gonzalez, Alexa; Gonzalez, John; Gonzalez, Manuel; Hess, Steven; Hu, Rachel; Jacobson, Chloe; Jain, Anjali; Joseph, Melinda; Jyotishi, Shreya; Kaprowski, James; Katz, Samantha; Klekushin, Michael; Koellhoffer, Sean; Koetje, Trinity; Laguna, Casey; Li, Cynthia; Logan, Sean; Lourenco, Alexa; Maguire, William; McCauley, Margaret; McKenna, Michael; Molen, Emily; Murray, Torrin; Owens, Maximilian; Palmer, Katherine; Pardo, Griffin; Peretz, Katey; Pietrewicz, Lindsey; Pilch, Nicole; Pravlik, Ava; Price, John; Qin, Lillian; Regencia, Sofia; Richards, Dylan; Rickard, Anna; Richtman, Zachary; Ruhnke, Olivia; Sachdev, Karishma; Saunders, Carly; Saunders, Jack; Scanlan, Colman; Schoen, Nicholas; Schwartz, Charlotte; Sharkey, Carsen; Shih, Noelle; Spadaro, Sophia; Spergel, Benjamin; Sreenivasan, Vijay; Strout, Fiona; Strout, Gillian; Su, Kimberly; Swenson, Matthew; Talwar, Ashley; Tompkins, Evan; Toth, Jake; Urbinato, Kate; Useloff, Samara; Vaca, Victoria; Walsh, Thomas; Warren, Kevin; Xi, Alina; Xiao, Amy; Yang, Kevin; Yang, Yuchen; Zdep, Jessica; Zelechowski, Natalie; Zhang, Andrew; Zhu, Kaiyang; Zong, Patrick; Zong, Sarah
- Grade 8 Honor Roll**
AbdelRahman, Ishak; Anderson, Julia; Arkin, Jack; Attia, Dina; Barton, Graham; Beaulieu, Chloe; Becker, Julia; Becker, Sean; Beinhaker, Lleyton; Beurer, Charles; Beyert, Jamie; Birle, James; Birse, Sebastian; Brogan, Joseph; Burke, Brynne; Calandra, Victoria; Caramagno, Alexander; Carlin, Shane; Castellanos, Amya; Chalfant, Jacob; Ciano, John; Cioffi, Anna; Claiborne, John; Cohen, Andrew; D'Agosta, Griffin; Dayton, Rebekkah; Donofrio, Olivia; Doyle, Paige; Duffy, Kaitlyn; Earnst, Addison; Edwards, Emily; Evans, Kathryn; Faltoute, Paige; Fernandez, Allison; Fleming, Mia; Garceau, Benjamin; Garcia, Lisset; Garnhart, Mason; Geschickter, Lindsay; Gibbemeyer, Erik; Green, Alexander; Harding, Spencer; Heinzerling, Mary; Hobson, Michaela; Horvath, Samantha; Imperial, Grace; Jean, Kerri; Jonsson, Rohan; Joseph, Thomas; Kaplan, Zachary; Kastner, Brian; Kelesoglu, Jack; Kennedy, Wesley; Kobori, Xenia; Koonce, D'aja; Krueger, Max; Lara-Rodriguez, Jason; Larsen, Amalie; Lechner, Nathan; Levy, Andrew; Luo, Grace; Mackey, Julia; Mackey, Tyler; Mangiamele, Gianna; Mason, Morgan; Mautone, Emily; McGlynn, William; Mcguire, Elizabeth; Moncayo, Paulette; Morrison, Adam; Morrison, Aidan; Muselli, Jenna; North, Finnegan; O'Brien, Timothy; Palia, Eric; Patel, Rohan; Petruzzi, Jason; Puglisi, Robert; Reynders, Patrick; Ricca, William; Rizzi, Christopher; Sampson, Brian; Shoobs, Elizabeth; Silva, Madeline; Snyder, Kyle; Stewart, Henry; Stiles, Brendan; Strauss, Robert; Sugrue, Emma; Sullivan, Madeleine; Sur, Louise-Marie; Tanaka, Shinnosuke; Torralba Osorio, Daisy; Waller, Mattie; Wendler, Jacob; Werder, Kyle; Wilkerson, Amaya; Wistner, Katherine; Wu, Carlton; Xavier, Breanna; Xiong, Eugene; Yu, Justin; Zadrozny, Mary; Zhao, Andy



SOUPER BOWL...Students at McKinley Elementary School in Westfield collected over 3,800 cans of food and non-perishable items during the school's annual "Soup"er Bowl Food Drive to benefit the Holy Trinity Food Pantry. Pictured here, students in Katie Schrader's fifth-grade class, winners of the school-wide food drive competition, prepare the items for delivery, joined by Mrs. Schrader, rear left, and Principal Marc Biunno.

Holy Trinity Eighth Graders Receive Scholarships

WESTFIELD - As of February 23 the Holy Trinity School eighth grade class has been awarded over \$500,000 in scholarship funds to local area Catholic high schools.

The Catholic high schools providing scholarships to Holy Trinity School students include: Mother Seton Regional High School, Mount Saint Mary Academy, Oratory Preparatory School, Roselle Catholic High School, Seton Hall Preparatory School, St. Peter's Preparatory School

and Union Catholic High School.

"We are very proud of our eighth grade class and their personal achievements. We are thrilled that so many of our students not only get accepted and receive scholarships to these great schools but that they are choosing to continue their Catholic education," said, Sister Maureen Fichner SSI, Holy Trinity School Principal. "Our school community looks forward to seeing the continued success of these students."

Kean University Alumna Named Teacher of the Year

CRANFORD - Kean University alumna Nicole Halkias '94/M.A. '98 was recently named Teacher of the Year at Brookside Place School in Cranford. The fifth grade teacher received an anonymous nomination that led to her award, recognizing her for excellence in teaching—her life's work. With this accolade, Ms. Halkias is now in the running for Union County Teacher of the Year and, if selected, New Jersey State Teacher of the Year.

"My heart is for the kids. Being a mom and an educator, my passion is teaching and reaching every single kid," said Ms. Halkias. "For someone to notice that passion, realize what that means for the students and then take the time to nominate me, that is such an honor."

Ms. Halkias describes her teaching style as tough yet kind, and her class-

room is a safe environment for students to learn, ask questions and to "have a voice and a choice" in the class.

Ms. Halkias' passion for teaching young ones emerged from her own love of learning growing up. She recalls when, as a kid, her parents would take away her phone privileges as punishment for this or that, and she would enjoy the quiet time by reading books. Other times, she would come home from school and teach her little brother all that she had learned that day.

Her joy for and mastery of the art of teaching was recognized early on while she was at Kean when, in 1994, Ms. Halkias was awarded the Student Teacher of the Year Award. She credits the University's education program for helping her diversify her skills and creating the foundation for what would become her personal teaching style.

Clemson Names Local Students to Dean's List

CLEMSON, S.C. - Local students have been named to the Dean's List at Clemson University for the fall 2016 semester.

They are: Abigail Ellen Litterio of Cranford, who is majoring in Early Childhood Education.

Kelly Lynn Schoustra of Cranford, who is majoring in Financial Management.

Kathleen E. Lafemina of Westfield, who is majoring in Production Studies in Performing Arts.

Lindsay Rebecca Ratner of Scotch Plains who is majoring in

Clemson Univ. Tells President's List

CLEMSON, S.C. - Kevin M. Kaiser of Cranford has been named to the President's List at Clemson University for the fall 2016 semester.

Mr. Kaiser is majoring in Mathematical Sciences.

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

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Prayer to The Blessed Virgin

(Never known to fail)
Oh most beautiful Flower of Mount Carmel, Fruitful Vine, Splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. Oh, Star of the Sea, help me! Show me herein you are my mother. Oh Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succor me in this necessity. There are none who can withstand your power. Show me herein you are my mother. Oh Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee. Holy Mother, I place this cause in your hands (3x).
Holy Spirit, You who solve all problems, light all roads so that I may attain my goal. You who gave me the divine gift to forgive and forget all evil against me and that in all instances in my life You are with me. I want in this short prayer to thank You as I confirm once again that I never want to be separated from You in eternal glory. Thank you for your mercy towards me and mine. Amen.
Say this prayer on three consecutive days. Publish this prayer after the favor is granted.
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