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CONGRATS... The Township of Scotch Plains Council honored student athletes from the 2018-19 Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School spring season at the Council Conference/Business Meeting on August 13 at Town Hall. JV Baseball, Varsity Baseball, Varsity Volleyball, and Varsity Golf all won the Team County Title. James Bagdonas was an individual county champion in golf. Ben Fleischer won the County and North II Group IV Sectional Championship for the 3200. Jacob Leigh won the County Title for the 400 m.

Dawood Farahi Announces 2020 Will Be His Last Year as Kean U. President

UNION — Kean University President Dawood Farahi, Ph.D., has told the campus community that he will serve his last year as president in 2020, after 17 years leading one of the state's largest and most diverse universities.

"It has been more than my honor and my privilege to lead this amazing university; it has been a significant part of my life," Mr. Farahi said. "We will continue this academic year on our path of progress and transformation, building a financially strong and academically vibrant institution like no other in New Jersey. The future for Kean students is bright."

Mr. Farahi began his career at Kean more than 30 years ago in the classroom. Since his 2003 appointment as the 17th leader of the University, Mr. Farahi has championed a multitude of groundbreaking initiatives that have elevated both the quality and stature of Kean University. He transformed Kean into a college of choice, remaining true to its roots in education while creating some of the region's most competitive academic programs in fields ranging from occupational and physical therapy to sustainability science and forensic psychology, to name a few. He also championed landmark programs in STEM, computer science and architecture with a specific goal of increasing the number of women and minorities participating in these fields.

"President Farahi's leadership at Kean is nothing less than phenomenal," said Board of Trustees Chair Ada Morell '97. "He put students first from the start. He made sure they had the world-class faculty, facilities and services they need to succeed. He created opportunities for students to access higher education not just in Union, New Jersey but in Ocean County, in the Skylands and across the globe in Wenzhou, China. It's too early to talk legacies, but Dawood's devotion to student success certainly will be one of his."

Among Mr. Farahi's many signature achievements are the creation of the Human Rights Institute at Kean University; the creation of the New Jersey Center for Science, Technology and Mathematics at Kean University; and the integration of the Liberty Hall Museum campus with Kean University.

He made access to higher education the cornerstone of his presidency, leading with great success a visionary strategic plan called, aptly, Vision 2020. He expanded the University's footprint to South Jersey by partnering with Ocean County College (OCC) on a unique initiative that lets Ocean County students complete their undergraduate studies at Kean without leaving the OCC campus. He partnered with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection to bring higher education to northwest New Jersey by transforming an abandoned abbey in the pristine New Jersey Highlands into a unique and gorgeous campus for undergraduate education.

"Dawood Farahi is a dear friend. More importantly, he has been a transformational leader for Kean University," said Jon Larson, Ph.D., president of Ocean County College. "For over 10 years, Kean has been present on the OCC campus in a groundbreaking partnership that has benefited both institutions. OCC and Kean will miss his charismatic leadership and his wisdom."

Perhaps most ambitious of all, President Farahi led the effort to create the first full-scale public university in China, Wenzhou-Kean University, partnering with then Provincial Secretary Xi Jinping of Zhejiang to redevelop a 300+ acre property in Wenzhou, China into a large scale, state-of-the-art campus serving both Kean University and Chinese students. Xi is now president of China. Former U.S. Consul General to Shanghai Robert D. Griffiths likened the importance of

this initiative to the groundbreaking visit of President Nixon to China in 1972.

"It is important to Dawood that Kean students have the same opportunities to succeed as those who attend elite universities," said Steve Fastook, chair of the Kean University Foundation Board of Directors. "Many of our students are the first in their family to attend college, and President Farahi does all he can to ensure it is the greatest experience they ever have. His passion for Kean and its students is unmatched. We have been lucky to have him for so long."

Another cornerstone of Mr. Farahi's presidency is the transformation of the University's main campus in Union, New Jersey. Since the beginning of his presidency, the University has undergone a \$500 million+ redevelopment program that saw aging and dilapidated facilities replaced by state-of-the-art academic and research buildings. In addition to the STEM building, Mr. Farahi oversaw the creation of unique and high-tech new facilities dedicated to architecture and design, clinical and health professions, graduate studies, history and student housing. He led the development of some of the best athletic facilities for Division III schools in the region and, in a partnership with the state of New Jersey and Union Township, oversaw the transfer of property that allowed the creation of the bustling Union Township train station, now a major commuter hub to New York City.

Former New Jersey State Senator Raymond J. Lesniak, who now leads the Lesniak Institute for American Leadership at Kean, called Mr. Farahi a visionary and true change-agent.

"Dawood did more than lead the University; he transformed it," Mr. Lesniak said. "He made tough, bold decisions, was guided by principle and an uncanny ability to anticipate market demands, and never shied from confrontation if he knew he was fighting the good fight. I'm impressed by all he has accomplished. Generations of Kean students to come will have a better chance at success because of Dawood Farahi."

Elizabeth Mayor Chris Bollwage, a two-time graduate of Kean and an adjunct with the public administration program, said President Farahi has improved Kean University in every area.

"As a graduate of Kean watching the growth of the infrastructure and the constant improvement in the quality of programming, I am proud to say President Farahi has put Kean University on the map," Mr. Bollwage said. "His presidency has ensured that quality of Kean University continues to improve, along with the success of its current students and future applicants."

Chimaobi Odumuko '05, a former president of Student Organization at Kean, said Mr. Farahi changed his life dramatically.

"I wouldn't be where I am today without him. He always cared for me and checked in on how I was doing while I was at Kean. He always pushed me to have a plan for my life after Kean. And whenever times got hard, I would reflect back on his words, and I knew I could make it through. I'm proud to have been his student and smile knowing that he has touched the lives of thousands of students just like me."

Mr. Farahi's contract allows him to return to the faculty at the conclusion of his presidency. Ms. Morell said the University will begin a search for the next president this fall. Details about the search process, which will include outreach to all University students, faculty, staff and alumni, will be shared in the coming weeks.



FALL FEST... The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Marching Band will host its 21st Annual Marching Band Festival on September 21.

SP-F Marching Band to Host Festival Sept. 21 at SPFHS

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Marching Band will host its 21st Annual Marching Band Festival on September 21. Performances will begin at 5 p.m. at Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School (SPFHS), located at 667 Westfield Road in Scotch Plains. The festival will be held at the Perry Tyson Football Field, behind the school at the rear of the parking lot.

Admission cost will be \$10 for adults and \$7 for students and senior citizens, and will include a free festival program. Food, drinks and 50/50 raffle tickets will be available throughout the evening. The Festival will include performances from local high school marching bands, including Westfield, East Brunswick, West Orange, and Montgomery, to name a few.

The 120 members of the SPFHS Marching Band will perform their latest show, Bocetos de España (Sketches of Spain), under the direc-

tion of Durand Thomas. Additional band staff includes the assistant director, John Gillick and Color Guard director, Jackie Tumolo. Student drum majors are Joe Elkin, Emelyne Johns, and Emma O'Brien.

Throughout the upcoming 2019 season, the marching band will perform at SPFHS home and away football games and various competitions throughout New Jersey and Pennsylvania. In 2014, the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Marching Band was the NJ Group 6A State Champion and National Gold Medal Champion. In 2015, the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Marching Band was the Group 6 Open State Silver Medal Champion. Additional information is available at the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Music Boosters website: www.spfmusicboosters.org.

Come out to support this proud Raider tradition, and stay to enjoy an evening of food, fun and fantastic musical performances!

Cranford Schools to Add Fourth SRO, Add More Safety and Security

CRANFORD — An additional Juvenile Detective, who has been cross-trained as a School Resource Officer (SRO), will be joining the District — this brings the District total to four, Superintendent Scott Rubin wrote in an email to parents and guardians on August 28.

"School safety audits were conducted in partnership with local law enforcement this summer. The audits resulted in several enhancements and upgrades at each school, including the addition of external cameras and improved lighting throughout the District."

Two additional counselors have been hired, one at Orange Avenue School and one at Hillside Avenue School.

Cranford High School (CHS) is the recipient of a competitive 3-year grant, the Climate Transformation Project, provided in partnership from Rutgers University and the State Department of Education. CHS joins both Orange Avenue School and Hillside Avenue School, who won the grant in 2018-2019 and are now in year 2 of implementing this powerful initiative.

CHS is the recipient of a grant from the State Bar Foundation and the Cranford Fund for Educational Excellence (CFEE), which will allow the District to implement a Peer Mediation program at the High School this year. The District will also be providing additional conflict resolution lessons in grades, 4, 6, and 9.

The District is implementing its first year of a Youth Mental Health First Aid Program. Over the next few

years, all faculty will participate in an 8-hour course that teaches staff how to help students who may be experiencing challenges in the areas of mental health and substance use. The training helps individuals identify, understand and respond to signs of addictions and mental illnesses.

The District will be working towards implementing Full Value, a behavioral commitment that inspires and encourages individuals to expect the best from themselves and their interactions with others. A small group of teachers and students will go through the training later in the year with a larger rollout being planned for next year.

Project Adventure will be infused into the fitness curriculum, grades 6-12. The initiative provides students an opportunity to work cooperatively, challenge themselves in a supportive environment, improve self-esteem and learn creative approaches to problem-solving. The fitness teachers have already been trained in this instructional strategy and it will be rolled out in grades K-5 in 2020-2021.

Students Taking Action Together (STAT) is a program sponsored by Rutgers University, Social-Emotional and Character Development Lab, which promotes programs that support students social-emotional wellness. During the 2018-2019 school year, the social studies department and business teachers received training on the program, which has since been integrated into grades K-12 Social Studies curriculum and business classes," Mr. Rubin wrote.

Cranford School District is Forming a Stakeholder Committee for Reimagining

CRANFORD — In Superintendent Scott Rubin's welcome letter sent to parents and guardians August 28, he wrote "the District is forming a communitywide stakeholder committee to meet in the fall to help plan the next steps in the process. As you know, we started the conversation with the community approximately 10 months ago and it has been a collaborative process, shaped largely by the community, as it should be. We have held several meetings, provided many presentations, and engaged in dialogue about what we as a community may want to do to enhance the school district. This initial conversation culminated in a survey. I am glad this is the pathway we took. There are over 50 Districts that went out for a referendum within the past year and my understanding is that only one district administered a survey to get public opinion in advance of a referendum. We are representatives and it is so important that we collaborate and partner with the community and we greatly appreciate all who have engaged in this conversation." He noted that 1,848 participants completed the survey and the full results can be found on the district website.

"In general, the results indicate the following: 71% of the community that responded supported the proposed enhancements and citizens would like to vote on these proposed enhancements separately from any potential plan. These potential enhancements include: update science labs (CHS), modernize library/multi-media cen-

ters to support 21st Century STEM programs, upgrade technology, enhance performing arts spaces, enhance accessibility options, install AC in gyms, cafeterias, and performing arts spaces, upgrade electrical service (all schools except for WAS which has already been upgraded), replace interior doors including hardware, paving, masonry and concrete repairs, and window replacements.

Plans 8 & 10 received the most support. Both plans provide great benefits to the school system and neither includes additional busing.

Plan 8 (Full Day Kindergarten, adds appropriate educational support spaces, four K-5 schools, and two dedicated 6-8 middle schools—one on each side of town).

Plan 10 (Keeps schools as they are currently zoned, adds Full Day Kindergarten, and adds appropriate educational support spaces)," Mr. Rubin wrote.

Cranford to Send out Survey on Engagement

CRANFORD -- As part of the District's goal to increase meaningful stakeholder engagement to enhance practices, structures and, ultimately, student learning, the District will send out a survey in the fall to gauge current sentiments around engagement. Responses will help inform the creation of a District Engagement Plan, Superintendent Scott Rubin announced August 28 in a letter to parents and guardians.

COLLEGE NEWS

Goldring Graduates From U. of Rochester

WESTFIELD — Hannah Goldring, of Westfield, received a Bachelor of Science degree in Biomedical Engineering from the University of Rochester in May 2019.

Ms. Goldring is the child of Laurie Woog and Jay Goldring, and a graduate of Westfield High School. She was a Dean's List student, Teaching Assistant for the Fundamentals of Biomechanics, Research Assistant in the Buckley Lab researching the mechanical properties of tendons, and part of an all-female engineering team that designed adaptive assembly line technology for workers with disabilities, presented at the 2019 CREATE (Cultivating Resources for Employment with Assistive Technology) symposium in Albany, New York. Ms. Goldring also participated in the women's squash team, Off-Broadway On Campus orchestra, and served as a trip leader for UR Foot, the freshman outdoor orientation program. She is currently employed as a consulting engineer at FM Global.

Alexander Wendel Named to Honor Roll At Lawrence Tech.

WESTFIELD - Alexander Wendel, of Westfield, has been named to the Dean's Honor Roll for the Fall 2018 and the Spring 2019 semesters at Lawrence Technological University. Mr. Wendel is majoring in Transportation Design. To be named to the honor roll a student must maintain at least a 3.5 grade point average for the term.

Jack Fico Graduates from RPI

WESTFIELD — Jack Fico, of Westfield, earned a Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Engineering from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute of Troy, New York in three years. Jack graduated Magna Cum Laude, and was on the Dean's List every semester. He continues his studies in Biomedical Engineering in their co-term program, to earn his master's degree in 2020.

Devin Wendel Earns Dean's List at Bentley U.

WESTFIELD — Devin Wendel, of Westfield, made Deans List for the Fall 2018 and Spring 2019 at Bentley University in Waltham, Mass. Mr. Wendel is majoring in Economics and Finance.

To be named to the Dean's List, a full-time student must have a grade point average of 3.3 or higher with no course grade below 2.0 during the term.

Devin Loh Earns Dean's List at Purchase

FANWOOD — Devin Loh, of Fanwood, has been named to Purchase College's Dean's List for the spring 2019 semester. Mr. Loh is studying Dance and Arts Management.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, students must carry a semester GPA of 3.5 for Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science programs and 3.75 for Bachelor of Fine Arts and Bachelor of Music Performance programs. They must take a minimum of 12 credits.

PUBLIC NOTICE TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD COUNTY OF UNION TAKE NOTICE

THAT PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION NO. 2019-279 ADOPTED BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD ON AUGUST 13, 2019, THE UNDERSIGNED WILL EXPOSE FOR SALE AT PUBLIC AUCTION ON **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2019**, IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 30:10-A-1, AT THE TIME AND LOCATION SPECIFIED BELOW, THE FOLLOWING BICYCLES, WHICH CAME INTO THE POSSESSION OF THE CRANFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT THROUGH ABANDONMENT OR FAILURE OF OWNERS TO CLAIM SAME.

ALL BICYCLES ON THE FOLLOWING LIST ARE OFFERED IN STRICTLY "AS IS" CONDITION, WITH NO REPRESENTATION AS TO CONDITION OR FITNESS FOR ANY PARTICULAR PURPOSE.

PURCHASE MUST BE MADE BY CASH OR CERTIFIED CHECK. A 10% DEPOSIT MUST BE GIVEN AT TIME OF AUCTION. BALANCE MUST BE PAID BY 12:00 PM THE SAME DAY.

THE PUBLIC AUCTION SHALL BE HELD IN PURSUANCE OF, AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY PERTAINING THERETO.

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Shimano	Genesis	GS15120002
Giant	XTC	09802
Schwinn	Varsity	DH109272
Mongoose	Excursion	SNFSD18085330
Mongoose	N/A	CM13K525542M004
Roadmaster	Granite Peak	SNFSD18U
Schwinn	Caliente	GG8150789
Magna	Great Divide	857212
Huffy	Stone Mountain	9199HUFFY26681
Schwinn	Falcon	SNFSD09F74012
Mongoose	Ledge 2.1	SNFSD13J34554
Magna	Glacier Point	TD1089020547
Giant	Boulder	C61B7026
Roadmaster	Granite Peak	SNF5017HF2037
Next	Power Climber	68026699
Schwinn	Frontier	POFA58340
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