

## Parent-Teacher Council Posts Class of 2001 Scholarship Recipients



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WESTFIELD—The Westfield Parent-Teacher Council (PTC) presented one-time grant awards to 15 students from the Class of 2001 during Awards Night on Thursday, June 7.

The awards totaled \$24,700 and were based on financial need, academic achievement and service to the school and community. The scholarship funds were collected from the Parent Teacher Organizations and Parent Teacher Associations, the staff and faculty of the six elementary schools, two intermediate schools and Westfield High School (WHS). The money was distributed as scholarships to a broad spectrum of students.

This year, the PTC Scholarships were awarded to:

• Lenee Clark, the daughter of Patricia Lynn Clark, will attend Lincoln University in the fall. She was a member of the Pep Squad, a cheerleader and Treasurer of the Black Awareness Club. She is a member of the Youth Ministry and the Inspirational Praise Choir. Lenee plans to be involved in the computer age technology of the future.

• Miguel Cruz, the son of Daisy Cruz and Miguella Cruz, Jr., will attend Kean University in the fall. He was a member of the Track Team and Junior Varsity Football Team. He is an active member of the Rose of Sharon Church Choir. Miguel plans to major in environmental science.

• Mark Kolvites, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Kolvites, will attend Boston University in September. He plans to major in engineering. He was Captain of the Junior Varsity Baseball Team and a member of the basketball team. Mark has been an active member of the French Club.

• Joseph Kukis, the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Kukis, will attend Stevens Institute of Technology, where he plans to major in engineering. He was a member of the Saturday Science Club and a Senior Patrol Leader for Boy Scout Troop No. 77. He volunteered with the Westfield Rec-

reation Department and has helped with the Haunted House. Joseph works as a camp counselor each summer at the Jewish Community Center (JCC) in Scotch Plains.

• Elizabeth Ottoson, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ottoson, will attend Wheaton College in the fall. She plans to major in nursing and become a pediatric nurse. She is a member of the National Honor Society, a Section Leader in the Marching Band, Recording Secretary of the Key Club, member of the Spanish Club and Psychology Club, Students Against Drunk Driving, the Christian Awareness Club, Varsity Golf and Merit Mentors. Elizabeth is an avid volunteer in the commu-

nity and her church.

• Joseph Petrosoric, the son of Nancy Humphrey and Joseph Petrosoric and step-son of Raymond Humphrey, will attend Rutgers University in the fall. He hopes to go to the Seminary after Rutgers and to become a Presbyterian Minister. He is a member of the National Honor Society, Youth and Government and Football. He has volunteered at a soup kitchen and works as an avid volunteer in his church and community.

• Susan Ridde, the daughter of Rene David Riddle, will attend Lynn University in the fall. She is a member of the Pep Squad and the Marching Band. She is a member of the Leader Club and the Community Service Club at the Westfield Y. She plans to become a teacher and works as a counselor in the after-school program and as a summer counselor at the Y.

• Matthew Seagull, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Seagull, will attend Ithaca College in the fall. He plans to major in journalism. He is a member of the National Honor Society and a staff writer for the *Hi's Eye* at WHS. Matthew was a member of the Varsity Football Team and the Concert Choir. He is an office clerk and freelance reporter for *The Westfield Leader* and *The Times of Scotch Plains-Fanwood*.

• Elizabeth Sweeney, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Sweeney, will attend Lehigh University in the fall. She is a member of the National Honor Society and Drill Captain in the Marching Band. She is also President of the Line Dancing Club and Captain of the Indoor and Outdoor Track Teams. She is a member of the Key Club and Christian Awareness Club and she volunteers at the Children's Specialized Hospital (CSH).

• Elizabeth Tabachnick, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Tabachnick, will attend Rutgers University in the fall. She plans to major in education and to become a teacher. She is a member of the National

Club and the Science Fiction Club. Elizabeth is an active member of Temple Emanu-El and is a camp counselor at the JCC in the summer.

• Dreena Whitfield, the daughter of Mildred Thomas, will attend Lincoln University in the fall. She was the Captain of the Cheerleading Squad and is a member of the African Awareness Club, Track and Field Team, Spanish Club, Yearbook Club and Community Service Club. She is a member of the Black Achievers Program and tutors younger students with the Student Tutorial Mentoring Program.

• Taryn Wyckoff, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wyckoff, will attend Lynchburg College. She will continue her soccer career at the school. She is the Captain of the Varsity Soccer Team and was a member of the Freshman Basketball Team. She is also a member of the French Club and she has helped raise funds for the Light the Night Walk for Leukemia.

• Kibong (Dan) Yang, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Chunmu Yang, will attend Rutgers University in the fall. He would like to become a doctor. He is a member of the National Honor Society and Vice President of the International Club, a member of the Asian Club and the German Club. He is also President of his youth group and is involved in many church organizations. In addition, he has volunteered at CSH.

• Tamara Yellin will attend Rutgers University in the fall. She is presently undecided about her major. She has been a member of Gymnastics Team, Basketball, and has run track. She is a peer leader at her temple for eighth and ninth graders.

• Mun Ling Yeow, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Choong Wai Yeow, will attend Montclair State University in the fall and plans to major in education. She is a member of the National Honor Society and President of the of the International Club.

She was Treasurer of the International Club in 10th and 11th grade and is a member of the Key Club and Italian Club.



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## Concepts & Thought



### THE STUDENT VIEW

The weekly column written by local high school students

## On Graduation Day from SPFHs, Pupil Offers Pearls of Wisdom

By JAMIE S. DOUGHER  
*Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times*

Today is the day of my high school graduation. I'm trying to see it as a time to reflect on what I have gleaned from high school that goes beyond academics. I want to come to terms with what I have learned on a more personal level.

There are certain elements of life teenagers learn in high school that carry through to adulthood. These are the ideas that I will keep in my mind as I enter college in the fall in order to have a successful college career and begin to mold my character.

One of my teachers has an assignment in which students write a "List to Live By," outlining what they have learned in high school. It can be considered a list of guidelines for incoming freshmen who haven't yet experienced the lessons learned in high school. This is my personal list, highlighting the most important rules for life that I have learned throughout the years.

• Don't sell yourself short. Always believe in your abilities as a student and as a person. You have a lot to offer, you just need the confidence to show it.

• Take time out to enjoy life. Although school is important, it's easy to burn out or feel stressed from a heavy workload. Focus your attention on a fun activity or something you enjoy doing to break up the monotony of studying.

• Always put your best effort towards whatever you do. Whether it be school, friends, or a part-time job, do the best work possible. This leads to my next piece of advice.

• Develop a good work ethic. This is one of the most important qualities to have in life, as it will prevent you from leaving responsibilities until the last minute, and provide you with the determination and perseverance required to finish what has been started.

• Make good friends based on mutual respect and trust. A friendship means nothing without these key elements.

• Know that every one of your peers deserves common courtesy and respect, and it is a shame that some

insensitive teenagers don't realize this until adulthood.

• You are bound to make many mistakes, but don't sweat it. Learn from the mistakes you make so that you grow from the experiences and extract something positive from them.

• Hold your parents in high esteem. They are always there to guide you through the challenging high school years, and although no teenager likes to admit it, they know more than you do.

• Learn how to manage money before graduating. Open a bank account and keep track of your money, because it's a skill that you have to possess. It also teaches responsibility and maturity.

• Don't be afraid to speak your mind and contribute ideas to class discussions or with friends. Being shy inhibits the growth of your personality. You need to be able to actively participate so that your voice can be heard.

• Enjoy high school while you can, because at the dawn of freshman year four years seems like an eternity, but it passes right before your eyes before you realize it's over.

## Colby College Dean's List Includes Edward F. Smith

WESTFIELD—Edward F. Smith, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Smith of Westfield, was named to the Dean's List for outstanding academic achievement during the spring semester of the 2000-2001 school year at Colby College in Waterville, Me. Edward, who is a member of the Class of 2004, is majoring in philosophy and English. He is a graduate of Seton Hall Preparatory School.

## Oratory Prep Posts Names of Graduates

SUMMIT - Oratory Preparatory School in Summit has announced that Teobaldo Antonio Fernandez of Mountainside graduated from Oratory's high school, while Matthew Patrick Boyle of Scotch Plains and Westfield residents Michael Colin Conroy and Martin Paul have graduated from the junior school at Oratory.

Teobaldo, a National Honor Society student, will attend New York University.

## Koscielecki, Lynch Receive Degrees

SCOTCH PLAINS - Marist College in Poughkeepsie, N.Y. has revealed that Jeremy F. Koscielecki of Scotch Plains and Mark D. Lynch of Fanwood earned their Bachelor of Science Degrees during commencement ceremonies held on Saturday, May 19.



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