

## Concepts & Thought

### NCTE Recognizes Maimon With Achievement Award

WESTFIELD — Orlee Maimon, a senior at Westfield High School (WHS), has received a 2002 Achievement Award in Writing from the National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE). Orlee is one of 23 students in New Jersey and 670 nationwide to receive the writing award.

In the spring of 2002, Orlee when she was chosen as one of WHS's nominees. Each year, an English Department nominating committee reviews the writing portfolios of 11th grade students who submit their work for consideration in the NCTE contest.

Over 3,000 students nationwide participated this year in the annual writing competition.

As part of her nomination package, Orlee was required to submit a timed and supervised impromptu writing

sample to NCTE. A panel of NCTE judges, which included high school and college English teachers, read and evaluated each nominee's submission.

For her impromptu essay sample, Orlee wrote about learning lessons about self confidence not necessarily taught in the formal school setting.

"The NCTE Achievement Award which Orlee has received is a most appropriate way to honor her exceptional gift and love for language and expression," commented Amy Burgoyne, Orlee's junior English teacher.

Speaking on behalf of the English Department, chairperson Paula Roy commented, "Once again, teachers in the English Department celebrate Orlee's accomplishments and are gratified by the success of a writing program that extends from grades K through 12."



**PUMPKINS FOR SALE...**Franklin Elementary School's Great Pumpkin Fair will be held at Roosevelt Intermediate School, which is located at Dudley Avenue and Clark Street on Saturday, October 19, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The fair will be held rain or shine. Games, arts and crafts, a haunted house, trick-or-treat ticket auction, food court, bake sale, and other fall treats will be on tap. Tickets are available the day of the fair.

### Franklin Students Participate In 'Walk Our Children' Event

WESTFIELD — Students and parents at Franklin Elementary School in Westfield participated in "National Walk Our Children to School Day" on October 2.

Walkers wore red clothing that morning to ensure visibility. Upon arriving at school, Franklin students added their names to a large "We Walked" banner that was later displayed in the school hall.

Representatives from the BRAKES (Bikers, Runners and Kids Are Entitled to Safety) committee also asked walkers to write down any safety hazards they encountered, such as broken

sidewalks or obscured views.

Westfield Mayor Gregory McDermott walked to Franklin School with third grader Brendan Dean. Brendan won first place in a district-wide "Walk With the Mayor" lottery, which was held in the elementary schools.

Third grader Kristyn Quinton, another lottery winner, was accompanied to school by Dr. Mary Fleck, Franklin School Principal.

Nicholas Moynihan, a kindergartener, won the honor of walking to Franklin School with Westfield Firefighter John Peterson.

### Local Residents Enroll At Syracuse University

AREA — The following area residents were among the approximately 3,100 new first-year and transfer students who have enrolled at Syracuse University (SU) in Syracuse, N.Y., for the 2002-2003 academic year.

Matthew Chazanov of Westfield is enrolled in SU's College of Arts and Sciences. He is majoring in arts and sciences.

Robert Daurio of Westfield is enrolled in SU's School of Architecture, majoring in architecture.

Eric Hollander of Westfield is enrolled in SU's School of Management. He is majoring in finance.

Steven Krakauer of Westfield is enrolled in SU's S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications, majoring in public communications.

Daniel Churgin of Scotch Plains is enrolled in SU's College of Arts and Sciences, majoring in arts and sciences.

Brendan Fleming of Scotch Plains is enrolled in SU's L.C. Smith College of Engineering and Computer Science. He is majoring in civil engineering.

Timothy Ryan of Scotch Plains is enrolled in SU's S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications. He is majoring in broadcast journalism.

Steven Brown of Mountainside is enrolled in SU's S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications, majoring in broadcast journalism.

Kerri Moore of Mountainside is enrolled in SU's School of Management. She is majoring in entrepreneurship and emerging enterprises.

### Commended Scholars Told At Westfield High School

WESTFIELD — Dr. Robert G. Petix, Principal of Westfield High School (WHS), recently announced that 18 members of the graduating class of 2003 have been designated as Commended Scholars in the 2002 National Merit Scholarship Program.

Letters of Commendation from WHS and the National Merit Scholarship Program have been presented by Dr. Petix to seniors Marc Castells, James Charatan, David Eisenberg, Gregory Engel, Christopher Ford, Eileen Gessner, Toby Hershkowitz, Marisa Lau, Joshua Lerner, Orlee Maimon, William Masket, Tyler Patla, Angela Ricci, Kenneth Sanocki, Julie Tamboli, Christian Urban, Jordan Warner and Kelly Yang.

Some 34,000 Commended Students throughout the nation are being recognized for their exceptional academic promise.

The 18 WHS Commended Students placed among the top 5 percent of more than one million students who entered the 2003 Merit Program by taking the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test.

"We are impressed by and proud of the achievements of our students," Dr. Petix commented. "Their top-ranking performance in the highly-competitive National Merit Program speaks of their outstanding academic potential. In our school which values excellence, they exemplify to all students the value of developing their scholastic abilities to the fullest."

#### Bridgeman, Weingarten Earn Rush Rhees Grants

WESTFIELD — James Bridgeman and Thomas Weingarten, graduates of Westfield High School, received a Rush Rhees Scholarship at the University of Rochester in Rochester, N.Y.

Named for the University's third president, this grant is given to high-ability students who score at least 1350 on the SAT or a composite of 31 or better on the ACT tests.

James is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bridgeman of Westfield. Thomas is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Weingarten of Westfield.

These Rush Rhees Scholarships are renewable each year of college.

### Kent Place Sets Open House For Co-Ed Nursery, Pre-K

SUMMIT — Kent Place School will hold an Open House for prospective families interested in its coeducational Nursery and Pre-Kindergarten on Thursday, October 17, from 9 to 11 a.m. in Hauser

Hall of the Primary School.

Following a brief information session, attendees will tour the award-winning school building and meet members of the faculty, administration, and staff.

The Nursery and Pre-K programs, for 3- to 5-year-old girls and boys, focus on learning that is both fun and educational. Children are provided a relaxed atmosphere of trust, love and freedom in which each child can develop a good self-image.

Applications are now being accepted for the 2003-2004 school year. For more information about Kent Place, or the Open House program, please contact the Admission Office at (908) 273-0900, extension no 254, e-mail admission@kentplace.org or visit www.kentplace.org.

#### Michelle Molinaro Enters Syracuse College of Law

WESTFIELD — Westfield resident Michelle Molinaro was among the 270 new first-year and transfer students who have enrolled at Syracuse University College of Law for the 2002-2003 academic year.



**DRIVEN TO EXCEL...**Wardlaw-Hartridge School Head Chris Williamson presents Milan Patel and his senior class peers James Cleaver and Henry Park, right, with certificates from the National Merit Scholarship Program. The students were named recently as Commended Students for scoring in the top 5 percent of the nation from among the more than one million teens who took the PSATs as juniors last October.

### Wardlaw-Hartridge Teens Recognized in Merit Contest

EDISON — Three students from The Wardlaw-Hartridge School in Edison have been named Commended Students in the National Merit Scholarship Program.

Last week, Head of School Chris Williamson congratulated James Cleaver of Cranford, Henry Park of Edison, and Milan Patel of Scotch Plains, seniors at the independent school, for this achievement.

Commended Students scored among the top 5 percent of the more than one million teenagers in the nation who took the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT) as juniors last October.

The Wardlaw-Hartridge students, representing 10.3 percent of the class, were presented with official certificates from NMSC at an assembly of the entire Upper School.

"Historically, the performance of Wardlaw-Hartridge students in the National Merit Scholarship competition typically exceeds national aver-

ages, and in three recent years during my tenure we have more than doubled the national averages," Mr. Williamson said. The average high school has 5 percent of their senior class achieve that status.

He explained that this is just one area of national testing in which the Wardlaw-Hartridge students excel.

"We are looking forward to hearing the results of the National Achievement Scholars and National Hispanic Scholars recognition," he said. "In the past three years, over 12 percent of our students have earned recognition in one or more of the PSAT-based scholarship programs, and we expect that outstanding trend to continue once all programs announce their results in the next few weeks."

The National Merit Scholarship Program is a privately financed nationwide competition that provides a variety of recognition and awards for the country's most academically talented students.

### Ninety-Two Percent of WHS Grads Continue Education

WESTFIELD — Approximately 92 percent of the Westfield High School (WHS) Class of 2002 are embarking on the road to higher education this fall.

According to a statistical report released by Dr. Cas Jakubik, Director of Guidance, approximately 83 percent are entering four-year colleges and universities, while 8 percent are attending two-year colleges, and less than 2 percent have entered vocational, business and other post high school institutions.

The remainder have accepted employment or had future plans that were undecided at the time of graduation. Although the colleges selected are from coast-to-coast, most of the colleges and universities chosen by the Class of 2002 are located in the eastern U.S.

One student plans to attend McGill University in Montreal, Canada.

Some of the more popular out-of-state colleges and universities selected by this year's graduates include: Boston University and New York University, each attended by seven graduates; six WHS graduates each to Pennsylvania State University and Miami University of Ohio; and five each to Tufts University and St. Joseph's University.

A total of 71 WHS graduates are continuing their education in New Jersey, with 47 attending four-year colleges and universities, 23 entering two-year colleges, and one graduate accepted to a specialized art school.

The most widely attended New Jersey school is Rutgers, with 12 WHS graduates attending various colleges within the university.

Kean University is next in enrollment, with seven students from WHS. Montclair State has five Westfield graduates attending and Seton Hall University has four WHS graduates from the Class of 2002.

Looking at two-year institutions, Union County College welcomed 18 WHS graduates this fall.

A total of 322 students (or 98

percent) received WHS diplomas this year, including 10 students who attended Special Education schools.



**BEAUTIFUL GROUNDS...**Parents, students and members of the staff at McKinley Elementary School in Westfield recently united to make improvements to the grounds and play area. Sponsored by the Parent-Teacher Organization, the group helped to spruce up the garden beds, shrubbery, trees and playground. Pictured, left to right, are: Dennis Driscoll, Patty Kelly and Rose Kelly.

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