

EDISON INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL **HONOR ROLL** Third Marking Period

WESTFIELD – Edison Intermediate School Principal Cheryl O'Brien announced the names of those students who earned honor-roll recognition in the third marking period. Those individuals are:

7th Grade Distinguished

Sarah Albright, Meg Anderson, Gemma Antoniewicz, Mary Barber, Michelle Behzadpour, Kelley Biglin, Zachary Botos, Matthew Caminiti, Wilson Cheung, Eileen Cook, Jessica Cronin, Lucas Cruz, Ella D'Amico, Carley Davis, Catherine DeMasi, Michael DePaolo, Melissa Diep, Isabel DoCampo, Thomas Edwards, Ryan Elliott, Brandon Eng, Bradley Erickson, Emily Fahey, Daniel Fahrentold, Jessie Fang, Geena Gao, Alexa Geltzeiler, Andrew Goldfarb, Abigail Goldring, Ashley Hall, Jacob Harris, Henry Hershey, Samantha Hinds, Ryan Hobson, Kimberly Hoffman, John Hogge, Krysta Huber, Jason Isbit, Lindsey Jacobs, Rafaella Jakubovic, Dominik Jedruszczak, Johnatan Katz, Natasha Kazakevic, Allegra Larche, Danielle Lipschutz, Megan Luppino, Florence Ma, Maeva Maloney, Amanda Marcotullio, Hannah Margolin, Nathan Mitchell, Michael Mondon, Cecelia Mosco, Zhe "Jason" Qin, Willi Rediker, Joseph Rinaldi, Brett Ryan, Dean Schapow, Andrew Schwarz, Troy Skibitsky, Sari Solomon, Mia Spitz, Hannah St. Lifer, Elizabeth Steller, Michael Stravach, Kathleen Tang, Leah Tavasi, Jacob Vergara, Marisa Watanabe, Caroline Weber;

7th Grade Honor Roll

Christopher Albanese, Aimee Bass, Hannah Bass, Daniel Bigelow, James Birnie, Rebecca Bleich, Daniel Brotman, Theresa Carlino, Kathryn Caruso, Hsiao-Min Chiang, Rachel Chodor, Zachary Chodor, Molly Colvin, Nicole Cruz, Melissa DeCandia, John DeDea, Amie Diamond, Ryan Don, Amanda Earl, Gabriella Estevez, Adam Firestone, Elizabeth Fischetti, Declan Fitzmaurice, Sarah Fox, Kaitlyn Frey, Dana Friedman, Evan Friedman, Taylor Friss, Michael Giacone, Zachary Goldfarb, Bernadette Hopen, Lydia Hughes, Christopher Jimenez, Pauna Kiricheva, John Kirna, James Kowalski, John Lanzano, Jack Leahy, Brandon Levan, Kathryn Lobo, Eddy Lu, Maxwell Marchiano, Lauren Mathisen, Alex McHugh, Allie Merkelson, Kaycie O'Donnell, Anne Oldakowski, Thomas O'Neill, Ellis Opoku, James O'Rourke, Michael Osborne, Anthony Pafumi, Gabriella Panarese, Emily Polak, Megan Poyntz, Emily Proskut, Matthew Ragoza, Justin Ricardo, Julia Rivera, Erica Russo, Eric Saunders, Shweta Sethi, Megan Sheil, Cailly Simpson, Smriti Singh, Austin Slifer, Michael Snyder, Alina Spera, Amanda Stivala, Kathryn Sullivan, Scott Sullivan, Lauren Tebbetts, Leonidas Toliatis, Robin Toth, Anthony Valles, Matthew Varakian, Jacob Wegbreit, Zachary Weissglass, Matias Werner, Danielle Wirtshafter, Timothy York;

8th Grade Distinguished

Paige Alvarez, Taylor Anderson, Patrick Bergin, Jane Braun, Hoon Byung Chae, Nicholas Chapel, Ashlyn Chen, Bryan Chen, Alan Chu, Patrick Conlon, Lauren Corcoran, Tara Culnan, Gustav Danielsson, Olivia Dunham, Justin Erickson, Alec Friedlander, Tzvetelina Gameva, Betsy Goellner, Rachel Harth, Evan Hinds, Alice Hong, Alexander Jedruszczak, Ravi

Jha, Yasemin Karamete, Daniel Kerr, Andrew Kirna, Justin Lee, Joseph Leopold, Corey Lipschutz, Joshua Mazen, Colleen McCabe, Juan Mejias, Dominick Molinari, Madison Mone, Amelia Morabito, Alexis Murphy, Francine Nieva, David Osterman, Michael Pohlring, Matthew Ritter, Kyla Rodger, Allison Rose, Meghan Suriano, Matthew Tarantino, Angela Tata, Cheryl Wu, Deborah Wu, Tianzuo Xu;

8th Grade Honor Roll

Amanda Adsit, Valentin Allard, Madeleine Archambault, Max Archambault, Rakhee Barai, Christian Barber, Chloe Baron, Rachel Baron, Siya Bhatt, Kelly Bohlinger, Marissa Boretz, Meghan Boylan, Stephen Buell, Morgan Bungerz, Eric Byer, Brian Cantor, Juliana Capuano, Jillian Ceasrine, Nicholas Chopey, Daniella Ciampa, Meghan Cleary, Alyssa Clemenko, Alyssa Conte, William Cronen, Emma Crossland, Tierny Cummings, Nicholas DePalma, Jeffrey DeSorbo, Brooke Domino, Elizabeth Driscoll, Anna Fetter, Steven Forgash, Nicole Frankfort, Jessica Freeman, Catalina Gaglioti, Edison Gao, Rebecca Glasser-Baker, Alison Glynn, Dana Gottdiener, Emma Gross, Courtney Gurkas, Russell Hager, John Huber, Margaret Jacobi, Alycia Jhaveri, Nicholas Kapur, Elizabeth Kiefer, Benjamin Kraus, Abigail Kwok, Meredith Latimer, Kevin Lee, Zachary Lizmi, John Lizzo, Cara Martone, Sierra McAlaney, Jilliana Meola, Philip Mierswa, Sarah Morasso, Kevin Mulvey, Megan Nogan, Henry O'Brien, Douglas Payne, Lucas Pellegrino, John Perrotta, Katherine Ponce, Jennifer Porch, Aris Psychojos, John Randazzo, Bryan Reilly, Matthew Rivera, Eduardo Roca-Loor, Laura Rogut, Olivia Ryan, Justin Sandler, Christina Scaglione, Nicole Schneider, Olivia Scrofani, John Seip, Emma Shor, Shane Skibitsky, Stephanie Skoller, Connor Slifer, Matthew Stierhoff, Francesca Tilocca, Jamie Torricollo, Julia Tressitt, Garrett Verdone, Connor Walters, Samantha Weidman, Justin White, Daniel Wickens, Cagla Yavuz, Larry Zhang.

Brunner Garden

Is Ready to Grow

SCOTCH PLAINS – Thanks to the donations of time, energy and materials from some special "garden angels," the Brunner School Children's Garden is ready for planting.
Joe Toro, owner of Toro Landscaping service based in Scotch Plains, donated the manpower of several workers to weed and redefine the garden beds.
Sanguiliano Garden Center in Scotch Plains donated five yards of mulch to add a finished look to the garden beds and help with weed control. Thanks to the dedication of Sandra Cepparulo, Brunner parent and AT&T employee, an AT&T Care Grant has provided the funds to purchase plants for the garden.
A garden workday was held on Saturday, May 5. Ten families joined Jane Mebes, chairwoman of the Parent-Teacher Association Garden Committee, and Bernadette Hoyer, coordinator of the Children's Garden, to do some final clean up, pruning and preparations to get the garden beds ready for planting.
On planting day, approximately 162 students from the Jump Start, pre-kindergarten and kindergarten classes will plant in the garden.

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DESIGNING CAREERS... Architect Daniel Falcone (right, back row) stands alongside, right to left, Stephen Klein of Last Mile Connections and Craig Williams of Hilton Hotels. The gentlemen were three of seven guest presenters at Deerfield School's annual Career Day, coordinated by Guidance Counselor Barbara Komoroski, far right. Scot Worswick of the Mountaintop Police Force, attorney Steven Grossman, Linda Condrillo, reporter for *The Westfield Leader and The Times* and Marthe Harcarik, a bank manager, also presented, as seventh- and eighth-grade students heard about the speakers' various occupations. Also shown, left to right, are Isabella Perez-Santalla, Alyssa Giannone and Vinny Bennett.

Career Day Gives Students A Glimpse into Job Force

By LINDA B. CONDRILLO
Specially Written for *The Westfield Leader and The Times*

MOUNTAINSIDE — Assisting students with career choices may seem a bit premature in the seventh and eighth grade, but that hasn't stopped the Deerfield School from hosting its annual Career Day every spring for the past 15 years.

Guidance counselor Barbara Komoroski, who coordinated the event, invited parents from the student body as well as other members of the Mountaintop community to present overviews of various professions to middle-school students.

Mrs. Komoroski told *The Westfield Leader* and *The Scotch Plains Times*, "Career Day exposes the students to occupations that they might never get to learn about."

This year, the lineup of speakers included a police officer, information technology executive, attorney, architect, hotel manager, bank manager and newspaper reporter.

As a stringer for *The Westfield Leader and The Times*, I was one of the guest speakers who made a presentation in four 30-minute sessions in classrooms holding roughly 20 students each.

Accompanied by my best friend (a wastepaper basket), and with the help of magnetic clips, I tacked my stenographer's notepad to the chalkboard alongside a series of edits and re-writes and, finally, the printed copy of my recent byline from *The Leader/Times*, taking the students through the evolution of a newspaper story.

Noting that I write newspaper articles in my spare time — mostly for enjoyment and not for the money — I emphasized to the students that Language Arts is one of the most important subjects that will help them in any career they eventually choose.

I also introduced them to "The Student View" — a column in *The Leader/Times* specifically geared for young writers. High-school students from surrounding communities may submit articles for consideration in "The Student View" written on almost any topic.

Colleen Tedesco, an eighth-grade student and one of the handfuls of students who may consider a career in newspaper reporting, noted she would take a journalism course next year at Governor Livingston High School.

The inquisitive 14-year-old said, "I like to ask questions, and I like to find out answers. I also I think that doing what you really like to do is more important than making a lot of money."

Another Deerfield student about to graduate from the middle school is Caitlyn Williams, whose father, Craig Williams, is the general manager of The Embassy Suites Hotel in Secaucus. Using his laptop computer and LCD projector, Mr. Williams made a PowerPoint video presentation of "a day in the life of a general manager in the hotel industry."

Mr. Williams said, "I think the kids realized that there is more to the hotel business than just cleaning a room

and serving breakfast."

Architect Daniel Falcone, whose grown children are a product of the Deerfield School system, was also one of the seven invited speakers. Mr. Falcone is an active member of the community and has been an officer of the Mountaintop Rotary Club for a number of years.

The Mountaintop Rotary Club honors four students a year with a "Deerfield Student of the Marking Period" recognition certificate and lunch, as well as awards two savings bonds to graduating eighth-grade students and two \$1,000 scholarships to two Governor Livingston graduates.

Before going into our respective breakout sessions, *The Leader/Times* asked Mr. Falcone which subject is most beneficial to the success of an architect. Mr. Falcone said, "You really have to love what you're doing and also do well in art."

After the presentation, Mr. Falcone remarked, "The kids seemed less interested in the educational requirements necessary to become an architect than some of the projects I've designed. One student asked 'what the weirdest building I ever designed was.' I told him it was a private residence designed to look like a castle.

"I guess he spread the word," he continued, "because the two following groups asked about the castle I designed."

Community involvement, great schools, involved parents — doing what you love and loving what you do seem to come naturally in Mountaintop.

Local Student Osieja Receives Honor

MOUNTAINSIDE — The National Society of High School Scholars (NSHSS) announced that Governor Livingston High School student Ashley Osieja from Mountaintop has been selected for membership.

The society recognizes the top scholars in the nation, and invites only those students who have achieved superior academic excellence.

"On behalf of NSHSS, I am honored to recognize the hard work, sacrifice and commitment that Ashley has demonstrated to achieve this exceptional level of academic excellence," founder and chairman Claes Nobel said.

Membership entitles qualified students to scholarship opportunities, academic competitions, free events, publications, participation in programs offered by educational partners and publicity honors.

Woman's Club of Westfield Gives \$40K in Scholarships

WESTFIELD – The Woman's Club of Westfield has announced its Spring 2007 Awards. The club bestowed eight scholarships, at \$5,000 per student, at the Atlas Pythagoras Masonic Lodge in Westfield.

Seven one-time freshman grants and one sophomore one-time grant were given to the students. The education committee undertook the task of choosing the eight. The winners are as follows:

Kaitlyn Anness, the daughter of Janet and Kenneth Anness. A journalist, she serves as review page editor for *The Hi's Eye*, Westfield High School's (WHS) student weekly newspaper. Kaitlyn plans to attend Quinnipiac University and major in journalism.

Stephanie Baeder, the daughter of Patricia Baeder. Stephanie has taken part in the Model United Nations, the Transition Program and designed a Vietnam memorial in Westfield High School. She will major in business at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio.

Valerie Kiel, the niece of Jacqueline Francis. A participant in the Model United Nations, she is listed in the National Honor Society. Along with a friend, Valerie began the WHS Hiking Club. Valerie attends Rutgers University and majors in psychology.

Jaelyn Nicoll, the daughter of Sharon and Marty Nicoll. A member of The Little Opera Company of New Jersey, she is head of lighting for the WHS Theatre Arts Department and a member of the school's color guard. Jackie also is a member of the WHS choirs. She will major in chemistry at the University of Vermont;

Olivia Pomann, the daughter of Juliette Levy-Pomann. She is part of the Color Guard and also active with the Transition Project. Additionally, she has contributed to *Folio* literary magazine. An animal lover, she hosted a foster home for cats. She will study political science at New York University in Gallatin;

Brittany Pryor, the daughter of Gail and Charles Pryor, is part of the Transition Project, the Westfield Police Explorers and the YMCA Black Achievers Program. She will work this summer with the YMCA Summer Camp program.

The Erma Sloane Chambers Award is named for a former member of the Woman's Club of Westfield and given in her name and honor by her husband. This year's recipient is Victoria Attanasio, the daughter of Linda and Victor Attanasio.

Victoria has received the Silver and Gold Girl Scout Awards and volunteered as a peer minister at Sister Pat's Camp for ill children. Victoria will attend St. Joseph's College in Philadelphia with an undeclared major.

The Ruth L. Quadenfeld Antiques Department Scholarship is named for a former member and friend of the Woman's Club of Westfield. It was awarded to Courtney Fox-Sherman, daughter of Susan Sherman, who will enter her sophomore year at Rutgers.

While at WHS, Courtney successfully balanced working part time and maintaining strong grades. She has been named to her college's dean's list and also received a certificate for academic achievement while still working outside of school.



The Woman's Club of Westfield gave \$40,000 in eight scholarships to, left to right, Kaitlyn Anness, Victoria Attanasio, Stephanie Baeder, Valerie Kiel, Jaelyn Nicoll, Olivia Pomann, Brittany Pryor and Courtney Fox-Sherman.

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