



**FUTURE SCIENTISTS...**A scientist from the Molecular Biology Department of Princeton University visited the Gifted and Talented program held at Edison School this month. Pictured left to right, are: Edison 8th grade students Allison Worms and Jenna Reed being observed by Princeton University scientist, Dr. Ann Sliiski.

### Princeton University Scientist Visits Westfield's Gifted and Talented Program

WESTFIELD—Eighth grade students in Westfield's Gifted and Talented (GT) program worked with a scientist from the Molecular Biology Department of Princeton University this month. The scientist came to Edison Intermediate School, where the GT program is based, bringing with her highly technical equipment from the university.

With the equipment, Westfield students isolated genomic DNA from grocery store foods and ana-

lyzed these foods using PCR (polymerase chain reaction) for genetic modification. "Most students do this in college, and we're doing this in middle school," stated student Ellie Smith. "We are lucky to use this equipment from Princeton and have a professor talk to us."

Student Justin Lin added, "I think we learn a lot using all the interesting gadgets that I never have seen before."

Both Edison and Roosevelt School GT students participated in the lab organized by GT teacher Kristi Houghtaling. "This lab is one of the most exciting things I have done in the 16 years I have worked in Westfield. It was particularly gratifying to see my students using techniques that I learned in research labs in college," she said.

Student Raquel Levy added, "We will make a PowerPoint to share what we learned with other students, and that's exciting."



**James Madison**

### Announces Dean's List

HARRISONBURG, Va. - James Madison University in Harrisonburg, Va. announced the following local students either graduated, or made President's List or Dean's List during the fall 2011 semester.

Jeffrey Pober of Fanwood graduated; Matthew Primmer of Berkeley Heights; Janene Senofonte of Clark; Alexis Turner of Fanwood; Lauren Posluszny of Westfield and Matthew Woods of Westfield were named to the Dean's List.

To qualify for the president's list, a student must carry a semester course load of 12 graded credit hours or more and earn a GPA of 3.900 or above. To qualify for the dean's list, a student must carry a semester course load of 12 graded credit hours or more and earn a GPA of 3.500 to 3.899.



### Gettysburg College Announces Dean's List

GETTYSBURG, Penn. - Gettysburg College students with a quality point average of 3.60 or higher (on a 4.0 scale) for a semester's work are placed on the College's Dean's Honor List. The following local students have been named to the Dean's Honor List at Gettysburg College for outstanding academic achievement in fall 2011: Lindsay Preucil of Cranford; Elise Annis of Westfield; Ann-Marie Valentine of Westfield; Melissa Learn of Berkeley Heights; Elena Rubino of Berkeley Heights.



**A GREAT DANE FOR PANCAKES...**Despite the snow, the Mountainside Parent-Teacher Association Pancake Breakfast on January 21 proved to be a "Scooby" good time with food, music and prizes. Pictured above, Scooby-Doo pals around with two young friends at the event.

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**P.E.A.K. PROGRAM**  
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- Available to children who will be four years old on or before October 1, 2012 and who are Mountainside residents
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- Lottery will be held on Tuesday, February 7, 2012

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Please access the homepage of the district website, [www.mountainsideschools.org](http://www.mountainsideschools.org), for an application. All applications are to be returned by Friday, February 3, 2012, to:

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## Updated WHS Alumni Directory Available Soon

WESTFIELD - This week, Westfield High School alumni near and far will receive postcards to confirm or up-date their contact information for the 2012 Westfield High School Alumni Directory.

The Education Fund of Westfield is collaborating with Harris Connect to offer an up-dated Westfield High School Alumni Directory for publication in 2012. Harris Connect is one of America's leading publishers of college alumni directories. The company also offers similar directory services to public and private high schools. The Education Fund will receive a small stipend from Harris Connect for each purchase.

Embracing new media, Harris offers its directories in a CD-ROM da-

tabase format in addition to the traditional print version.

For more information about the Westfield High School Alumni Directory contact Harris Connect, Inc., Customer Service Department at (800) 877-6554; international customers (757) 455-2900 or by e-mailing Harris Connect, Inc. at [customerservice@harrisconnect.com](mailto:customerservice@harrisconnect.com).

The Education Fund of Westfield is a philanthropic community-based, 501(c)(3), non-profit organization. The Ed Fund raises money to fund grant requests to teachers in all of the Westfield public schools. For additional information about The Education Fund of Westfield and our upcoming fundraising events, go to [westfieldnj.com/edfund/](http://westfieldnj.com/edfund/).



**MODEL UN...**The student delegation from Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School had a very successful trip to the Model UN Conference in Hershey, Pennsylvania held January 6 through 8. First year students drafted and presented resolutions concerning nuclear arms, women's welfare, and health. Students, pictured left to right, are: Hansel Romero, Justin Haas, Louis Dodge, Eli Ben-Michael, Dylan Sands, and Madeline Krema.

### SPFHS Students Have Success at Model UN Conference

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#### PTA Council Offers Middle School Tours

SCOTCH PLAINS - The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Parent-Teacher Association Council invites members of the community to tour the district's middle-school facilities. The tours will provide an opportunity to see each of the schools in action.

The tour of Park Middle School, 580 Park Avenue in Scotch Plains, is scheduled for Tuesday, February 7, beginning at 9 a.m. Attendees are asked to enter through the main doors and sign in; they will then be directed to the auditorium, where the tour will begin.

The tour of Terrill Middle School, 1301 Terrill Road in Scotch Plains, is scheduled for Thursday, February 9, beginning at 9 a.m. Participants are asked to enter the school through the main doors and sign in; they will then be directed to the media center, where the tour will begin.

During both tours, visitors will be able to observe teachers and students during their regular school day. Each school's PTA will provide light refreshments.

For further information, contact the PTA presidents of Park Middle School and Terrill Middle School, respectively, at [parkptapres@gmail.com](mailto:parkptapres@gmail.com) or [ellentsmpta@gmail.com](mailto:ellentsmpta@gmail.com).

#### Roosevelt School Spaghetti Dinner

WESTFIELD - On Friday, February 10, Roosevelt Intermediate School will host its first annual Spaghetti Dinner held in the school cafeteria located at 301 Clark Street. Proceeds will support the 8th Grade Service Project.

There will be two sittings. The first seating will be at 5:30 p.m.; the second seating will be at 7:15 p.m.

The cost is \$10 per person with \$5 off total cost for families of four or more.

Tickets can be purchased now through Monday, February 6, by emailing [RISSpaghetti@yahoo.com](mailto:RISSpaghetti@yahoo.com).

First year students drafted and presented resolutions concerning nuclear arms, women's welfare, and health. Returning students reconnected with friends from around the region and acted as mentors. The efforts of the students were recognized for their outstanding preparation and participation.

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood delegation was recognized as an Outstanding Delegation. Justin Haas and Eli Ben-Michael were recognized as Premiere Diplomats. Luke Dodge and Dylan Sands were recognized as Premiere First-Year Diplomats. Rachel Naugle and Justin Haas were selected to attend the Conference on National Affairs. Rachel Naugle and Hancel Romero have been selected as Chair and Vice-Chair of their respective committees.

The YMCA Model United Nations Program is designed to introduce students to the operation and structure of the United Nations while providing them with an opportunity to actively learn about world cultures and debate issues of international importance.

Club advisors Daniel Valentine and Robin Stayvas are "very proud of these fine young students" stating, "We congratulate them all on their hard work and perseverance."



**Tom Weingarten**

**CONGRATULATIONS...** Tom Weingarten, Westfield High School Class of 2002, earned his PhD in Computational Biology from New York University on January 27. Pictured, Dr. Weingarten defends his dissertation, entitled "The Development of Coarse Grain Representations For Molecular Dynamics From All Atom Models."



**UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL...**Preschool and elementary students of Redeemer School in Westfield were treated to an up close and personal view of animals including this tortoise, chinchillas, a white fox, and a tarantula on January 28. The children learned interesting facts about an array of animals and were encouraged to ask questions.

### Westfield Education Association to Award Barry Judd Scholarship

WESTFIELD - The Barry Judd Memorial Scholarship is granted to a Westfield Education Association (WEA) member's son or daughter who is graduating from high school in June and continuing his or her education in an accredited institution of higher learning.

Barry Judd was a respected teacher of world languages at Westfield High School from 1974 to 1992. His life reflected a love of learning and devotion to helping others. In awarding this scholarship, consideration is given to academic achievement, participation in school and community activities, and commitment to the ideals of Barry Judd.

The Westfield Education Asso-

ciation Scholarship awards a scholarship to one Westfield High School senior annually. Candidate must be continuing their education at an accredited institution of higher learning, has demonstrated conscientious academic performance, contributed service to the Westfield community and be designated as 'teachers' choice' for being a positive role model in our community.

Applications for these scholarship are available at the Westfield High School Guidance Department, and in the Main Offices of all Westfield Public Schools, and must be received by the Guidance Department by 3 p.m. on Wednesday, February 22.



**SUCCESS...**The student delegation from Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School prepare for the Model UN Conference held January 6-8 in Hershey, Pennsylvania. Pictured, left to right, are: Jessica McGovern, Louis Dodge, Rachel Naugle, Justin Haas, Hansel Romero, Austin Kwinta, Elisa Staniec, Madeline McGovern, and Maya Mitterhoff.



### University of Hartford Announces Dean's List

WEST HARTFORD, Conn. - The University of Hartford is pleased to announce the following local students have been named to the Dean's List for Fall 2011.

Michele Altebrando of Cranford; Kevin Murphy of Westfield and Youness Darouichi of Mountainside.



### McDaniel College Announces Dean's List

WESTMINSTER, Md. - Scott A. Camuto of Westfield has been named to the fall 2011 Dean's List with Honors. Highest honors are earned for a semester grade point average of 3.90 or higher, high honors for a grade point average of 3.70-3.89, and honors for a 3.50-3.69 average.



**COMPETITION WINNERS...**David Monte of Scotch Plains, center, a senior at The Wardlaw-Hartridge School, won first place in his class "Chopsticks Competition" over freshman Matt Handzy of Westfield, left. Senior Devin Batts of Avenel finished third in the event, which was part of the school's celebration of Chinese New Year.

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