

Teacher Expo Offers New Workshops at Four Area Locations

AREA - The Teacher Expo, Expanding Teaching Horizons, an informative expo for professional educators is being held in four locations in New Jersey this summer. Admission and parking are free. Reservations or pre-registration are not required to attend. The exhibits will be open from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

The 2012 Schedule of Teacher Expos is:

Central New Jersey - July 26 - Hilton Garden Inn, 50 Raritan Center Parkway, Edison.

Hamilton/Princeton/Mercer Area

- August 2 - Hilton Garden Inn, 800 U.S. Highway 130, Hamilton.

Northern New Jersey - August 8 - Wayne PAL, 1 PAL Drive, Wayne.

Cherry Hill Region - August 15 - Holiday Inn, 2175 Marlton Pike (Route 70), Cherry Hill.

The Teacher Expo will feature exhibits on a wide variety of topics including: publishers, professional development information, curriculum enhancement, innovations, technology, school supplies, financial/retirement planning, colleges and universities, class trips, assembly programs, fundraisers and more.

The workshops are designed for teachers of grades K-12. Each participant will receive a "One Professional Development Hour Certificate" at the conclusion of the presentation.

The workshops are: Hilton Garden Inn, Edison, July 26: Noon to 1 p.m. - "Your Personality Style and MORE!" - Presented by Regional Training Center; 3:30-4:30 p.m. - "Managing Difficult Behavior: It Works!" - Presented by Ramapo Training

Hilton Garden Inn, Hamilton, August 2: Noon - 1 p.m. - "Building a School Climate of Respect for All" - Presented by: GLSEN CNJ, The Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network - Central New Jersey Chapter

Wayne PAL, Wayne, August 8: Noon - 1 p.m. - "The Bully Proof Classroom" - Presented by Regional Training Center; 3:30-4:30 p.m. - "Managing Difficult Behavior: It Works!" - Presented by Ramapo Training.

Holiday Inn, Cherry Hill, August 15: Noon - 1 p.m. - "Differentiate Instruction with Visual Learning Strategies" Presented by Visual Leap; 3:15 - 4:15 p.m. - "Title to be announced" - Presented by Creative Room for Learning.

The program is subject to change. View more information about the workshops at www.teacherexpos.com.

Register in advance for the workshops by calling (201) 634-0338 or by emailing workshops@teacherexpos.com.

Include your full name, address, phone number and email address for each teacher when you register.

Everyone who attends The Teacher Expos will receive free samples, giveaways and chances to win door prizes. Coupons, ordered in advance, can be redeemed for three additional chances to win door prizes the day of the Expo. These free coupons can be ordered directly from Eagle Productions, LLC, P.O. Box 9222, Paramus, N.J. 07653-9222. (201) 634-0338. Advance orders must be received 10 days prior to each Expo.

For exhibitor and visitor information, contact Eagle Productions, LLC at (201) 634-0338 or www.teacherexpos.com.



Providence College Announces Dean's List

PROVIDENCE, R.I. - The following area residents have been named to the Dean's List at Providence College for the Spring 2012 semester:

Amanda Centrella of Westfield, a member of the Class of 2014; and Maureen Lowe of Cranford, a member of the Class of 2013.

To qualify for the Dean's List, students must achieve at least a 3.55 grade point average with a minimum of 12 credits.



Metropolitan Campus Fairleigh Dickinson Announces Grads

TEANECK - Fairleigh Dickinson University's Metropolitan Campus has released the names of students who have graduated as of May 2012 on undergraduate and graduate levels.

Students include: Christopher McNerney of Cranford, Natalie Allock of Cranford and Gary Wasserman of Westfield.



Cornell University Announces Graduates

ITHACA, N.Y. - Cornell University is pleased to announce the following students graduated with the Class of 2012 during Commencement ceremonies on May 27:

Andres Betancourt of Westfield, graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Hotel and Restaurant Administration.

Christine Tolias of Westfield, graduated with an Artium Baccalarius degree in Biology and Society.

Daniela Arias of Mountainside, graduated with an Artium Baccalarius degree in Government.

WCP Auditions For 'The Fox on the Fairway' Announced

WESTFIELD - Auditions for Westfield Community Players, *The Fox on the Fairway*, the comedy-farce by Ken Ludwig, will be held on Tuesday, July 17, and Thursday, July 19, from 7:30-10 p.m. The play will be directed by John Correll and produced by Sally Brown.

Character requisites (three men, three women) are as follows: Justin - About 25 years old, good looking, offbeat, sweet, anxious, a bundle of nerves with unruly hair; Louise - About 23 years old, beautiful, leggy, good-natured and a little ditzy. She is in her own world, which is very innocent. Louise and Justin get very affectionate with each other; Bingham - 40s, tough, hard headed, Napoleonic, but, somehow, likable; Pamela - About 39, beautiful, very sophisticated, very at home with a martini (or whatever) in her hand; Dickie - 40s, a bouncer, a snake-in-the-grass, a variant of his name; Muriel - 40s a large Harridan, Bingham's wife, he calls her "Lady Voldemort, She of Darkness."

All actors must have good comic timing and the ability to perform physical comedy. Rehearsals are scheduled to begin the week of August 12 or 19.

Production dates: October 6, 13, 19 and 20, at 8 p.m. and October 14, at 3 p.m.

An audition form can be submitted prior to auditioning. The form can be found at www.westfieldcommunityplayers.org/WCPauditionform.html.



AWARD RECIPIENTS...Annmarie Puleio, President of the College Woman's Club (CWC), left, and Deirdre Gelimie, CWC Scholarship Chair, back right, are pictured with this year's award recipients. Recipients, pictured front row, left to right, are: Audrey Peterson, Rory Fitzpatrick, Nicole Cruz. Pictured, back row, left to right, are: Sarah Chandler, Alexandra Jason, Sarah Ramire, Erin An, Katrina Kudlick and Madeline Chandler.

College Woman's Club of Westfield Awards 2012 Scholarships

WESTFIELD - The College Woman's Club of Westfield (CWC) has awarded \$44,500 in scholarship money to nine outstanding young women from the Westfield High School (WHS) Class of 2012. The recipients were selected based on academic achievement, community service and financial need. This year, the selection process was especially competitive, as the club received applications from many strong candidates.

Rory Fitzpatrick received the club's first Past Presidents' Scholarship, inaugurated by this year's president, Annmarie Puleio. Rory achieved the highest GPA among the female students at Westfield High School this year. She is also an accomplished musician, playing the saxophone, clarinet and flute. She was the woodwind captain in the marching band this year, and played in the jazz band throughout her high school career. She also excelled as an athlete, playing on the varsity softball team since her freshman year. She will attend Princeton University in the fall, pursuing her interests in math and science.

Katrina Kudlick was the recipient of the Club's annual Ruth Houghton Scholarship, named for a former mem-



WELL DONE...Kevin Sokol of Westfield, above, recently competed in the 2012 National Leadership Conference of The Future Business Leaders of America-Phi Beta Lambda in San Antonio, Texas. Having placed first at the New Jersey state competition for Word Processing I, he represented Union County Vocational School on the national level as a freshman.



Misericordia Univ. Announces Dean's List

DALLAS, Pa. - Misericordia University announced Thomas Devodio of Westfield qualified for the dean's list by maintaining a 3.55 grade point average or higher.



Area Residents Named To Rider Dean's List

LAWRENCEVILLE - Rider University's colleges of Business Administration; Continuing Studies; Liberal Arts, Education, and Sciences; and Westminster College of the Arts have announced the names of undergraduate students who have been placed on the Dean's List for the spring 2012 semester.

Area Dean's List students are: Kimberly Hiller of Mountainside, a Communication major; Rachel Jacquin of Cranford, a Theater major; Mallory Miller of Westfield, a Music Theater major; Georgios Pagratis of Garwood, a Psychology major; Anne Marie Swayze of Cranford, a Political Science major; Narihiko Watanabe of Westfield, a Accounting major; Jessica Zimmer of Cranford, a Communication major.

ber who made a generous bequest to the Club in her will. Katrina is an accomplished filmmaker, creating inspirational movies that show her feelings about life and the world, and her hope that doors are opening for her and could open for others as well. One of these films was shown in a special screening at the Rialto Theater in Westfield. She will hone her craft at the University of Southern California.

Audrey Peterson received the Eileen "Mike" Farley Scholarship, named for another member whose family endowed a scholarship in her memory. Audrey was recognized for her varied accomplishments in the performing and visual arts, as well as her academic excellence. To name just a few, she painted a series of murals at her church for her Girl Scout Gold Award, played saxophone in the marching band and bass in the orchestra, and was a varsity basketball and softball player. Audrey's creativity and intellectual curiosity shape everything she does—two vital qualities given her desired field of engineering, which she will study at Lafayette College this fall.

Erin An came to this country from Korea as an eighth grader, speaking almost no English. After her first year at WHS, she had become so proficient that she placed out of the ESL program, taking a rigorous load of Honors courses. She particularly excelled in math and science, but her true love is art. As she explains, art is a universal language, and people of all cultures, ages and demographics can understand and appreciate its message. The dichotomy of logical math and science and subjective art interpretation speak to the breadth of Erin's intellectual and creative abilities. She will continue her studies at Rutgers University.

Madeline Chandler is a curious student and an enthusiastic reader, who feels that books are magical. She describes them as not merely telling a story, but rather delivering messages as if they have souls. Outside the classroom, Maddie is a very busy girl. She loves animals, and has been an avid equestrian since childhood. Riding helped Maddie discover who she is, and she now shares her passion with younger students. Her curiosity and passion will be a tremendous asset as she pursues her studies at Dickinson College.

Sarah Chandler is a self-motivated student who has challenged herself by taking a full load of the most rigorous courses that Westfield High School has to offer. Her favorite subjects are history, psychology and journalism. She has a natural love of writing, using it as an outlet for her creativity. She was one of only three students nominated by the English Department for the prestigious NCTE Writing Achievement Award in 2011. She has been involved with the WHS award-winning newspaper, the

Hi's Eye, for three years, and served as the Editorial/Opinion Editor this year. She will continue to develop her talents at Colgate University.

Nicole Cruz has always had a deep love for animals. Her life-long goal has been to become a veterinarian, and everything that she has accomplished has been with this goal in mind. As a freshman, she discovered a love for biology, going well beyond the requirements of the course. She continued her study of biology on the AP level, and has also followed a rigorous course of math and chemistry classes to prepare herself for veterinary studies. She is about to realize another goal, becoming the first generation in her family to go to college, when she attends Delaware Valley College in the fall, majoring in pre-veterinary studies and following her dream.

Alexandra Jason is an optimistic, energetic young woman with an intellectual curiosity that will serve her well as she begins her college career. She has consistently chosen some of the more rigorous courses that Westfield High School has to offer. Alix is not only a top student, but also an avid cello player, a member of the Chamber Orchestra since her sophomore year. In addition to her studies and her music, she has also participated in athletics, including basketball, cross-country and softball. Alix is an independent young woman with incredible drive, organization and discipline. All of these attributes will serve her well as she heads off to Oberlin College this fall.

Sarah Ramire emerged as a student government leader during her middle school years, and continued to take a prominent and poised position among her high school peers as a class representative, and ultimately as vice president of the student body. Sarah has also led through her dedicated service to others, both as a Youth Peer Minister in her parish and as a Freshman Transition leader, welcoming new students to the high school. Compassion and interest in the community motivated her to volunteer at a local food bank, to read to blind dialysis patients, and crochet baby hats for a maternity ward. Sarah also served as the photo and graphics editor for the *Hi's Eye* honing her eye for layout and design. She plans to study marketing at Providence College.

The College Woman's Club of Westfield is proud to acknowledge this outstanding group of young women. Applications for scholarships are available through the WHS Guidance Department, and are evaluated by a committee of CWC members each spring. Funds for the scholarships come from annual donations and legacies from our members.

For more information about the College Woman's Club, contact cwclub@aol.com.

WHS Students Place In Top Ten In NJ French Exam

WESTFIELD - Thirty-three Westfield High School students shared in the top ten placements in New Jersey in the National French Exam. Of the 77 students who took the exam, the following students received special commendations for their results:

Level 1: Daniel Coelho; 9th place.
Level 2: Jorge Ledesma: 2d - and 2nd place nationally; Eli Wirsthafter: 2d - and 2nd place nationally; Valeria Bouchoueva: 5th; Claire Lee: 6th; Isabelle Ick: 7th; Leah Pesenson: 7th; Rita Murphy: 9th; Lydia Seaman: 9th; Lauren D'Amico: 10th; Alicia Martin: 10th; Ben Howell: 10th; Juliette Smith: 10th.
Level 3: Mark Gillepsie: 5th; Agatha Magierski: 6th; Victor Magierski: 6th; Kristin Hauge: 7th; Jingyang Xiao: 7th; Danielle

Lamcheck: 8th; Lauren Nogan: 8th; Yixue Wang: 8th; Philip Chapel: 10th; Matthew Luppino: 10th.

Level 4: Estelle Cervantes: 3rd (native category); Elizabeth Sulmont: 4th (native category); Katie Confina: 8th; Meaghan Fleck: 7th; Michaela Nies: 9th; Natalia Trujillo: 7th.

Level 5: Laura Gilbertson: 2d - and second place nationally (native category); Jake Vergara: 7th; Jacob Ziff: 7th.

"We would like to congratulate all of our students for their hard work and dedication to learning another language, and we look forward to more opportunities to showcase their linguistic proficiencies," stated David Greer, Supervisor of World Languages K-12 in the Westfield Public Schools.



Erin L. Breznitsky

Breznitsky Receives Masters Degree

BRONXVILLE, N.Y. - Erin L. Breznitsky received a Master of Fine Arts degree from Sarah Lawrence College Graduate School on May 18. She is the daughter of Lynda and Tom Breznitsky of Scotch Plains.

Erin's focus in the Fine Arts program was Playwriting and she was named the recipient of the 2011-2012 Stanley and Evelyn Lipkin Prize for Playwriting. This prize was established by Drs. Stanley and Evelyn Lipkin, parents of two Sarah Lawrence alumni.

Erin hopes to pursue a career in the theater in the New York area.

"Ted" Stuffed with Fantasy

3 popcorns

One Popcorn, Poor • Two Popcorns, Fair • Three Popcorns, Good • Four Popcorns, Excellent

By MICHAEL S. GOLDBERGER
Film Critic

Seth MacFarlane's "Ted" is a kid's fairy tale strictly for adults. And although you get the feeling the filmmaker is breaking new ground, one isn't quite sure in what way that is. Clearly, however, this is a sweet, nutty and rather raunchy romp through the imagination, deliriously blurring the line between child fantasy and so-called grownup responsibilities.

Once upon a time, about 20 or so years ago, there was a shy little boy named John Bennett who had no friends, and little prospect of ever accumulating any. Thus, one Christmas, to ameliorate the situation, his parents bought him a Teddy bear. They became fast friends. Only problem was, Teddy wasn't real. So little Johnny made a real big wish.

Fast forward to the present and the once heralded Christmas miracle is all but forgotten by a fickle media that made it the cause celebre back when the title character first took human breaths. And that's OK with John and Ted, who've been as inseparable as peas and carrots to these many years. And that's OK with John's girlfriend, Lori... or so it seems.

But dig a little deeper and you'll mine the main plot in this oddly shaped love story. While Mila Kunis's Lori, a career lady who shares digs with the duo, appreciates the kinship she has ostensibly turned into a triangle, she worries that her beau is limiting his horizons, working in a dead-end car rental job by day, getting stoned with Ted by night.

Fact is, John is aware of her concern, fully acknowledging his curious case of arrested development and the downside of maintaining so devoted a link to such a fantastical childhood. Yet he feels indebted. What would Ted do without him? But most of all he's having a great time, stuck in perennial adolescence with his bear. What to do, what to do?

Adding heady substance to auteur MacFarlane's creative scenario, Ted isn't completely selfish, but rather in sympathy with the tragic dilemma his brother under the fur faces. That's the wonderfully strange thing. He's real. If we cut him, doth not his stuffing escape? Great F/X and Mr. MacFarlane's emotive voicing make him fully alive to us.

Mr. Wahlberg, as the would-be adult Johnny Bennett, is quite good in a difficult role, responding to and engaging a cinematic chimera, a cutting edge variation on Jimmy Stewart's tête-à-tête with Harvey. But the question this fictional relationship ultimately begs is, can an animated character win an Acad-

emy Award? You can make a case for it.

Of course, it's always possible the Academy will shun the ursine phenomenon because of his foul-mouthed ways. Plus, he's not part of the Hollywood establishment. But aside from the incredible fact that he exists only on film, it'll take some doing to top his totally enrapturing portrayal. Yep, his persona even matures with the circumstances, so to speak.

Simple of plot, the screenplay assigns judge, jury and prognosticative duties to the viewer, who is beset with figuring out how this sticky wicket of a social dilemma might be resolved. While we'd like to see Lori and Johnny live happily ever after, we can't entirely fault party animal Ted for whatever encumbrances to that goal he represents.

After all, he didn't ask to be wished into existence. And he's known little else but to make his best pal happy. Similar to twins who've developed their very own language, for John and Ted moving on with their lives means regaling each other with one memorable anecdote after the next, needing only a buzz word to incite a mutually enjoyed cackle.

Here, Mr. MacFarlane shows us via a cleverly eccentric monograph within his movie that he knows true male friendship, or bromance as film writers have come to call it of late. Ted and Johnny's residence in a constant private joke is a testament to their bond and a declaration of dedication to a gesellschaft, whether they know what it means or not.

And maybe no one understands that fact better than Lori, impressively realized by Miss Kunis. Secure in her sense of self worth, figuring there's enough love to go around for all those concerned, Lori is confident in Johnny's love. But there'd be no dramatic purpose here if that confidence weren't intriguingly shaken by a series of hilarious complications.

Consistently spiced with Ted's ever-abashing, street corner profanities, the Boston Southie dialect is integral to the comedic lilt as the film mind-snatches you into its screwy world. Complemented by allusions to pop culture, politics and anything else that strikes MacFarlane funny, "Ted" is a bizarrely delightful bearer of movie entertainment.

"Ted," rated R, is a Universal Pictures release directed by Seth MacFarlane and stars Mark Wahlberg, Mila Kunis and the voice of Seth MacFarlane. Running time: 106 minutes