

Westfield Teacher Presents At NJ Tech Conference

WESTFIELD — Adam Pizzi, Master Technology Teacher (grades 6 – 12) in the Westfield Public Schools, was a speaker at the NJ Educational Computing Cooperative's (NJECC) final meeting of the school year held at Montclair State University recently.

At the meeting, where Instructional Technologists came together to share best practices and highlights from the 2013-14 school year, Mr. Pizzi presented what the Westfield Public Schools accomplished.

He described how he and K-5 Master Technology Teacher,

Jeanine Gottko, supported the district's launch of a new website, Google Apps, various professional development offerings, and a new Summer Institute for teachers. He explained the student centered learning model that guides the district's technology initiatives.

"As one of Westfield's instructional technologists, I was honored to address a group of educational leaders and teachers at NJECC on how our district is meeting the challenges of 21st century teaching and learning, and to summarize our accomplishments and milestones," stated Mr. Pizzi.



TO LEAD...The Washington Elementary School fifth grade class selected Katherine Seery as their annual scholarship recipient. Pictured, Katherine reads her essay "To Lead or not to Lead" to the entire student body, faculty and fifth grade parents.

Washington Announces Scholarship Recipient

WESTFIELD — Each year, the fifth grade class at Washington Elementary School in Westfield operates a school store selling school supplies and novelty items. In the past, 100 percent of the profits have been donated to a charity of the class's choice.

Four years ago, the fifth grade class established a scholarship to be awarded to a graduating high school senior who completed their elementary academic education at Washington School.

Each applicant answers the question, "What was the most important lesson you learned in elementary school and how has that made you the person you are today?" Each essay is blindly read to the fifth

grade class and each student casts their anonymous vote.

So many life lessons have been shared by many graduating seniors and past scholarship recipients Daniel Eliades, Madeline Chandler, and Courtney Weiss.

This year, the Washington Elementary School fifth grade class selected Katherine Seery as their annual scholarship recipient.

Katherine was presented with a \$500 check at the Fifth Grade Awards Ceremony at Washington School on June 20 and read her winning essay "To Lead or not to Lead" to the entire student body, faculty and fifth grade parents.

Katherine will attend Ohio State in the fall.



MASTER TEACHER...Adam Pizzi, Master Technology Teacher (grades 6 – 12) in the Westfield Public Schools, was a speaker at the NJ Educational Computing Cooperative's (NJECC) final meeting of the school year held at Montclair State University.



FINAL FIELD DAY...Franklin School students participated in a day of fun athletic activities during the school's annual Field Day. Pictured are fifth graders in Julianne Doto's class enjoying their final Field Day before moving up to middle school. Pictured, clockwise from left, are: Kareena Ghandi, Casey Heintz, Brooke Scheuermann, Jack Kiely, Matthew Storms, Dan Dulinski, Ryan Richter and Aidan McLane.

Mother Seton Regional Celebrates 50 Years

CLARK — Mother Seton Regional High School in Clark announced it will host a "50th Anniversary Gala Evening of Celebration and Recognition" on Thursday, September 18, at 6 p.m. at The Gran Centurions, 440 Madison Hill Road, Clark.

Six women with long-standing bonds and over 200 years of combined service to the school will be honored. Sister Regina Martin Keane, principal from 1975 until 2014, will be honored posthumously.

The other honorees include Sister Jacquelyn Balasia, Sister Theo Furniss, Joan Barron, Maureen Serzan Connell, and Marge Egan.

The evening will feature an open bar, continuous hors d'oeuvres, pasta and carving stations, and dessert. A silent auction will follow the festivities.

Alumnae, family, and friends are invited to attend.

For more information, visit www.MSRGala.org. To purchase tickets, contact the school at (732) 382-1952 or email gala@motherseton.org.



UW-Madison Announces Grads

MADISON, Wis. — Approximately 6,500 students received degrees during the University of Wisconsin-Madison's May 17 commencement ceremony.

Olivia Catherine Magnanini of Westfield earned a Bachelor of Arts - History, Spanish.

WHS Principal Attends National Forum on Education

WESTFIELD — Peter Renwick, Principal of Westfield High School, the only school principal and one of the few educational administrators invited to attend the ECSA National Forum on Education Policy, found the experience an honor and rewarding. Following his appointment to ECS - the Education Commission of the States - earlier this year, Mr. Renwick joined lawmakers, practitioners, and policy experts in Washington, D. C. for three days this summer to find common ground on tough education issues.

"The many nationally recognized

presenters at this forum provided me with meaningful information and timely research on a number of relevant educational issues that will have a direct impact on the Westfield Public Schools in the next few years," stated Mr. Renwick. "I was pleased to bring my unique perspective to the important educational issues that were discussed and evaluated," he added. "I was very impressed with the good work of this highly respected organization and look forward to representing the state of New Jersey as an ECS Commissioner in the future."



NATIONAL FORUM...Westfield High School Principal Peter Renwick was invited to attend the ECSA National Forum on Education Policy. Mr. Renwick, left, is pictured with Brian Sandoval, the Chairman of ECS and Governor of the State of Nevada.

Mountainside Rotary Presents Awards

MOUNTAINSIDE — In keeping with their long standing tradition the Mountainside Rotary presented awards to four deserving Mountainside students.

Rotary member, Constance Alopous, presented two Deerfield School students with the Elmer and Emily Hoffarth Service Award, named after one of the founding members of the Mountainside Rotary and his wife. This year's recipients are Katherine Zimmerman and Samuel Bakaletz. Each student received a certificate and a \$200 check.

Jensen Butler and Ryan Vargo each received a Mountainside Rotary Scholarship presented to them by Mountainside Rotary President Rose Marie Sinisi. A \$1,000 scholarship is presented annually to one male and one female Mountainside student of

the graduating class of the Governor Livingston High School. Ryan will attend Lehigh University in the fall studying mechanical engineering.

The Mountainside Rotary is proud to support deserving students.

To become a Rotarian, visit www.rotary.org. Members will enjoy a complimentary lunch paid for by the club, at the Grillestone on Route 22 East in Scotch Plains the first Monday of each month or Famous Dave's Restaurant in Mountainside on Route 22 East other Monday's (except legal holidays) from 12:15 - 1:15 p.m.



Holy Cross Announces Dean's List

WORCESTER, Mass. — Ryan P. Elliot, a second year student at the College of the Holy Cross has been named to the Dean's List for the second semester of the 2013-14 academic year.

Ryan is majoring in economics and mathematics.



Lafayette College Announces Grads

EASTON, Pa. — The following local residents have graduated from Lafayette College. They were among 590 undergraduate students in the Class of 2014 awarded degrees during the College's 179th Commencement held May 24.

Erica Gennaro of Mountainside, graduated magna cum laude and earned a bachelor of science degree in biology; Justin Butler of Westfield, graduated and earned a bachelor of arts degree in film and media studies/English (double major) with honors in film and media studies and Michael Kelley of Westfield, graduated and earned a bachelor of arts degree in economics.

Lafayette College Dean's List

EASTON, Pa. — The following Lafayette College students were named to the Dean's List for outstanding academic achievement during the spring 2014 semester. Each student achieved at least a 3.60 semester grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

Morgan Miller of Cranford. Morgan is a graduate of Cranford High School.

Christine Shanahan of Cranford. Christine is a graduate of Mount St. Mary Academy.

Megan Kaveney of Westfield. Megan is a graduate of Westfield High School.

Mia Spitz of Westfield. Mia is a graduate of Westfield High School. Erica Gennaro of Mountainside. Erica is a graduate of Governor Livingston Regional High School.



Loyola University Announces Dean's List

BALTIMORE, Md. — Loyola University Maryland has announced the members of its spring 2014 Dean's List. The following local students have achieved this honor:

Amanda Adsit, a member of the Class of 2015 from Westfield; Christopher Cardone, a member of the Class of 2017 from Mountainside; Alex Furlong, a member of the Class of 2014 from Westfield; Michael LaRose, a member of the Class of 2016 from Cranford; Jessica Matterna, a member of the Class of 2017 from Mountainside; Catherine Serzan, a member of the Class of 2017 from Westfield; Emily Snyder, a member of the Class of 2016 from Cranford and Vienna Vitollo, a member of the Class of 2016 from Mountainside.

In order to qualify for the Dean's List at Loyola, a student must have a GPA of at least 3.5 with a minimum of 15 credits.

Cirrotti Named NJSTA Simmons Scholar

MOUNTAINSIDE — Cathy Cirrotti, an eighth grade teacher at Deerfield School in Mountainside, was one of 24 New Jersey educators selected to participate in a week-long professional development institute entitled "The Next Generation in Life Sciences Instruction."

The New Jersey Model Curriculum for Science was the foundation for activities investigating how organisms' cell structures enable them to live, ecosystems, heredity and biological evolution. The participants plan to incorporate the engaging, hands-on, life science activities that were the foundation for the foundation of this summer experience.

Cathy also received an invitation to attend a follow-up session at the New Jersey Science Convention (NJSC) in October 2014, where she will be recognized as an "NJSTA Simmons Scholar." This professional development opportunity was part of an ongoing initiative of NJSTA and its Maitland P. Simmons Memorial Award fund. NJSTA's mission is to promote excellence and innovation in science teaching and learning for all.



University of Rhode Island Awards Degrees

KINGSTON, RI — At the University of Rhode Island's 128th Commencement on May 17-18, about 3,000 undergraduate and 680 graduate students became the University's newest alumni.

Students who received the honor summa cum laude graduated with a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of at least 3.7; students who received the honor of magna cum laude graduated with a GPA of at least 3.50; and students who received the honor of cum laude graduated with a GPA of at least 3.3.

The following students from your area graduated from the University of Rhode Island:

Michelle Burdi of Mountainside, received a Bachelor of Arts, Psychology; Kristen Labbate of Cranford, received a Bachelor of Science, Communicative Disorders; Matthew Frediani of Cranford, received a Bachelor of Science, Marine Affairs and Alexander Binder of Cranford, received a Bachelor of Science Ocean Engineering, Ocean Engineering.

See it all on the Web!
www.goleader.com



Moravian Announces Dean's Honor List

BETHLEHEM, Pa. — Moravian College announced that Genevieve Chaleff, Class of 2014, from Cranford earned Dean's Honor List standing for the Spring Semester of the 2013-2014 school year.

Students who carry three or more course units during a fall or spring term and attain a QPA for the term of 3.50 or higher are placed on the Dean's Honor List.



William Paterson Announces Dean's List

WAYNE — The following students at William Paterson University have been named to the Dean's List for the Spring 2014 semester.

Jonathan Decker, Mathews Demelo and Annemarie Jablonski of Cranford; Anna Digiacombo of Garwood; Bria Barnes of Scotch Plains; Matthew Adams and Luke Dimatteo of Westfield.

In order to qualify, a student must carry a minimum of 12 credits for the semester and earn a grade point average of 3.45 or better.



EXTENDED SCHOOL YEAR...Joanne Ryan, standing, supervisor of the Extended School Year Program in the Westfield Public Schools, meets with pictured, left to right, Dianne Smith, school librarian and program paraprofessional; Mary Ann Morrison, teacher of the hearing impaired and Robin Ince, registered nurse, to discuss the services the district is providing this summer to help special needs students advance toward attaining their goals.

Westfield Summer Program Strengthens Academic Skills

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Public School District's Extended School Year Program for pre-school through high school students is coming to a close. The five-week program is designed for targeted students with special needs. In addition to fulfilling a state mandate intended for all public schools, Westfield's program focuses on maintaining and strengthening students' academic skills to prepare them for the new school year by providing special education and related services during the summer.

According to Michael Weissman, Assistant Superintendent of Pupil Personnel Services, "For the most part, our own faculty and related service providers work with the children in the summer, resulting in consistency and efficiency all year round. The added benefit to the in-district program is that it continues to save us hundreds of thousands of dollars, since we would otherwise be required to find out-of-district facilities for these students."

This summer the program enrolled 142 students. Twelve classrooms are utilized at Washington Elementary School for children in pre-school

through fifth grades. Westfield High School is the location for four classes of students in grades six or higher.

"Students were selected to the program based on an established regression-recoupment analysis which demonstrates that a student experiences significant regression over breaks from school," explained Joanne Ryan, Supervisor of the Extended School Year. "The maintenance of academic skills is vital, as well as the social and therapeutic activities offered to our students." Related and supplemental services are an integral part of the program that helps students advance toward attaining their annual goals.

The program, which is in its twelfth year in Westfield, runs Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. through Tuesday, August 5. Specialists are available in speech, occupational therapy, physical therapy, behavior/social skills, along with special education teachers, paraprofessionals, and a registered school nurse.



Emory University Announces Grads

ATLANTA, Ga. — The following received a degree from Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia, at its 169th commencement ceremony.

Rebecca Berger of Westfield, received a Doctor of Medicine from the School of Medicine and a Master of Public Health from the Rollins School of Public Health.

Suzanne Lemberg of Westfield, received a Bachelor of Arts from Emory College of Arts and Sciences.

Maxwell Schuster of Westfield, received a Bachelor of Business Administration from the Goizueta Business School.



Curry College Announces Dean's List

MILTON, Mass. — Curry College is announced that Alexandra Caggiano of Westfield has been named to the Dean's List for the Spring 2014 semester.

To qualify for the Dean's List, students must earn a 3.30 GPA, have no incompletes, and have no grade lower than a "C" for the semester. Full-time students must carry 12 or more graded credits for the semester.