

Westfield High School Principal, Peter Renwick, announces the third marking period honor roll for the 2013-2014 school year. Westfield High School recognizes student achievement every marking period at two levels: Honor Roll and Distinguished Honor Roll. Determination of inclusion on the Honor Roll is based on the following criteria: For the Distinguished Honor Roll, the GPA must be between 3.75 and 4.0 with no grade lower than a B. For the Honor Roll, the GPA must be between 3.5 and 3.74 with no grade lower than a B.

**Distinguished Honor Roll  
Ninth Grade**

Nina Alameno, Nicolina Albano, Benjamin Albert-Haley, Samantha Alfano, Madeleine Armstrong, Alisha Asija, Olivia Aurigemma, Charles Baldwin, Owen Bartok, Spencer Beals, Emily Beattie, Carly Bechtloff, Taylor Bechtloff, Matthew Bernstein, Stella Billek, Evan Binder, Cullen Birkel, Kayla Bleich, Dana Boretz, Grace Brindle, Elizabeth Brown-Cordero, Marcus Budasheiwitz, Eli Burk, Loukas Carayannopoulos, Ava Carey, Rafael Cestero, Erica Cheung, SooMin Chung, Camila Coelho, Emma Cravo, Stefan Crigler, John Cunningham, Matthew DeBenedetto, Lily DeFelice, Amanda DePinto, Samantha Della Fera, Shannon Devitt, Claudia Dougherty, Michael Echausse, Nicole Eisenberg, Melissa Endy, Abby Erasmus, Haley Farella, Lauren Fernandez, Mark Fico, Spencer Fishman, Katherine Foley, Karen Forbes, Sara Frankel, Michael Gagliardi, Gabriel Givlber, Brendan Glenn, Sydney Gordner, Samantha Gould, Emily Greaney, Samantha Greenaway, Lucy Hale, Olivia Hamilton, Christina Harvey, Michael Hauge, Maggie Hinel, Sara Hipschman, Lauren Ho, Christopher Hoerner, Emily Holtzman, Sophie Hurwitz, Lila Hutchins, Sara Israel, Alexandra Jackman, Madelyn Jacobs, Alistair Kapadia, Jacob Kaplan, Max Kaplan, Hayley Kasko, Matthew Kaufman, Max Kleiman-Lynch, Rafaela Laitamaki, Julia Li, Amy Liang, Emmy Liederman, Jeremy Liu, Nicholas Maher, Philip Martinez, Sarah Mastrocola, Carl Mazzara, Julia Mazzucco, Jesse McBrearty, Cameron McLaughlin, Jack Meiselman, Zachary Model, Allanis Moreira, Griffin Morgan, Meme Morgan, Ryan Murphy, Esther Nam, Victoria Napolitano, Christopher Ng, Nicholas Nolan, Matthew Omberg, Andrew Orenberg, Emily Oster, Ethan Otis, Marie-Elena Pafumi, Sean Pass, Pinar Pekdemir, Elizabeth Penn, Sonya Peregrin, Charlotte Perez, Natali Pinho, Casey Popowski, Hannah Prieto, Owen Prybylski, Aleksandr Prystupa, Cindy Qiang, Zoe Rader, Connor Ragoza, Noah Reich, Kevin Reinhard, Sofia Reverendo, Samantha Ricci, Alexis Riley, Danielle Rinaldi, Logan Robertson, Zackary Rodriguez, Conor Root, Charles Rule, Henry Sacco, Emily Sackett, Benjamin Salerno, John Sanders, Cameron Scalera, Chloe Schafer, Olivia Scheuermann, Matthew Schiff, Eleanor Scott, Kathleen Seaman, Caroline Seery, Christina Seery, Jack Shirk, Kyle Shirk, Braden Siegel, Hannah Siegel, Aditya Singh, Rebecca Smoot, Emma Stern, Eric Storms, Kathleen Sullivan, Laura Surace, Christopher Swingle, Natasja Taylor, Jason Telsey, Michelle Telsey, Brooke Tepper, Britney Tiffault, Jacob Triarsi, Olivia Turner, Matthew Varano, Grace Venezia, Darlena Vo, Kevin Wang, Keelyn Weber, Miranda Whelan,

# HONOR ROLL

## Westfield High School — Third Marking Period

Katherine Whipple, Molly Whitehead, Jake Wolynez, Parker Yarusi, Nicholas Youssef, Philip Zanfagna, Natalia Zeller MacLean, Andrew Zhou, Eli Zidel

**Tenth Grade**

Robert Abbott, Isaac Amador, Nicholas Antonelli, Matthew Baker, Jake Barrow, Caroline Barry, Ryan Bass, Chloe Beauchamp, Luke Beaulieu, Dylan Belka, Madeline Berry, Samantha Beurer, Noelle Blackford, Christopher Boutsikaris, Ryan Bowman, Sarah Boyle, Kevin Bronander, Sarah Broughton, Anna Browne, Lauren Busardo, Daniel Alex Campbell, Victoria Cappo, Max Carle, Courtney Casale, Claire Cassie, Albert Chen, Cameron Chin, Margaret Clarkson, Gabrielle Coffone, David Collins, Brendan Collum, Santiago Correa, Greta Crandall, Nicole Cristiano, Ryan Dang, Ryan Daniel, Theodore Dannevig, Evan Davis, Kayla Derman, Elisabeth Diamantopoulos, Julia Dibella, Kelly Dorry, Jessica Doyle, Sidharth Eleswarapu, Lucas Fan, Alan Fang, Caroline Felix, Sara Fetter, Jack Fico, Jared Foley, Cecile Fountain-Jardim, Julia Frontero, Danielle Gabuzza, Samantha Gargiulo, Isabella Gelfand, Jessica Gold, Jonathan Gorczyca, Mary Gouldson, Matthew Greeley, Julia Gretskey, Veronica Grycan, Frankanthoni Guerriero, Hannah Haar, Bridget Harrington, Emily Hecht, Eloise Hendricks, Jordan Hindes, Kenneth Hoerle, Abigail Hurwitz, Roxanne Jiang, Maya Jonsson, Natalie Karter, Nicholas Kay, William Kelly, Catherine King, Jacob Kurstedt, Nicholas Lawrie, Madeline Levy, Raquel Levy, Briana Litcholt, Jesse Liu, Celeste Liffredo, Olivia Loggia, Olivia Luzzi, Erin Mackenzie, Erin Malley, James Marner, Michael Masciale, Rachel Mattessich, Paige McCann, Kyle McIntyre, Hannah McLane, Ben Meltzer, Felicia Mermer, Lillian Metzger, Carlee Miller, Michael Mizus, Allyson Morgenthal, Sarah Morton, Nick Mueller, Hopper Murray, Owen Murray, Julia Myers, Lukas Naeveke, Andrew Natko, Kathleen Nogan, Michael O'Connor, Shannon O'Donnell, Kevin Palmer, Rebecca Pariente, Anthony Pericolo, Nova Qi, Jenna Rediker, Bryanna Reinhardt, Tyler Ricci, Lauren Rigney, Christopher Rinaldi, Jacob Ritter, Nicholas Rizzi, Fiona Rosenthal, Tyler Roth, Hope Rothenberg, Andrejs Rumpeters, Thomas Sabato, Nicolas Salvato, Deanna Sanchez, Brooke Schaeffer, Lauren Schnepf, Dylan Scott, Chanel Shum, Julia Simpson, Douglas Smith, Elizabeth Smith, Helen Sparrow, Sarah Steiner, Emma Stierhoff, Alexa Stiles, Aidan Sumner, Kelsey Swingle, Gary Takis, Aaron Tavasi, Blake Taylor, Shelby Taylor, Allyson Tazbin, Megan Troutman, Scott Tupper, Christopher Varano, Michael Vricella-Stokes, Paige Whitman, Constanza Wolff, Connie Wu, Diana Wu, Laine Yamano, Justin Yoon

**Eleventh Grade**

Sameena Asija, Elise Ballan, Alexander Bennett, Megan Blutfield, Yasmine Boto, Victoria Breza, Samantha Bromberg, Julie Brownstone, Taylor Bulger, John Bunting, Lisa Calello, Christopher Caminiti, Nicholas Cannone, Paige Carlin, Eamon Caton, Sabrina Cavanagh, William Chandler, William Chen, Amanda Cheung, Kevin Clifford, Daniel Coelho, Jeremy Cohen, Grace Cook, Kayleigh Denner, Nicole DiGiorgio, Lauren Echausse, Samantha Francisco, Jane Franks, Rebecca Freer, Matthew Friedman, Raffik Galal, Gregory Gao, Hannah Goldring, Christina Griesmer, Jaime Gunchar, Aidan Hamilton, Erin Hart, Andrew Harting-Smith, Raquel Henriques, James Hunter, Isabelle Ick, Alexandru Ionescu, Leah Iosif, Kyle Jason, Brian Johnson, Bryn Johnston, Caroline Kacmarsky, Carly Kalis, Katherine Ko, Alison Krakauer, Andrew Kuznetsov, Jorge Ledesma, Jack Lee, Frances Ling, Alexandra Little, Jason Liu, Maria Lizzo, Michael Maguire, Jameson Maher, Andrew Malacrea, Natalie Marcotullio,

Leandra Margolies, Catherine Massa, Sara McCutcheon, Judy McDonald, John McKinley, Johanna Mermer, Aimee Meyo, Mary Meyo, Kevin Miller, Mia Miller, Erica Millwater, Kelly Morrison, Nicholas Moynihan, Rita Murphy, Jacqueline Napolitano, Melanie Nettler, Charlie O'Brien, Corinne Petersen, Christopher Pettit, Amanda Pinho, Emily Posyton, Christopher Prasek, Emily Pritsker, Luke Prybylski, Chelsea Rader, Anna Reid, Samantha Riley, Thomas Rohwetter, Christopher Romano, Jack Rose, Michela Sabba, Logan Schwartz, Lillian Scott, Dana Seigelstein, Jackson Simcox, Juliette Smith, Anastasia Smolenski, Amanda Spiezo, Caroline Stocking, Lindsey Strauss, Emily Sullivan, Meghan Summers, Michael Tivenan, Tyina Vilchez, Nina Wang, Christopher Why, Olivia Windorf, Eli Wirtshafter, Andrew Zale, Katelyn Zelko

**Twelfth Grade**

Tristen Abaya, Ashley Abbott, Elena Arida, Grace Aronds, Audrey Bangs, Alexander Beals, William Bennett, Alexandra Berry, Julia Bieber, Gabrielle Bleich, Kathleen Bond, Jacob Boyle, Harry Brafman, Natalie Brennan, Nicolas Carayannopoulos, Caroline Caruso, James Castaldo, Anna Centrella, Abigail Cook, Olivia Dembiec, Alexa Derman, Leia Descalzi, Nicole Devitt, Erica Di Bella, Allison Diamond, Philip Edwards, Jared Ellner, Rachel Fan, Julianna Federico, Justin Fields, Amanda Fischer, Peter Foltz, Elizabeth S. Fox, Mara Friedman, Ethan Frisch, Nicholas Gabuzza, Evan Garfinkel, Edwin Gee, Mark Gillespie, Elizabeth Gonzalez, Elizabeth Granovsky, Melanie Grycan, Oona Harrigan, Austin Hatch, Kristin Hauge, Kaitlyn Hughes, Matthew Jenkins, Jake Kaplan, Jack Kessler, Caroline King, Alicia Kohl, Rebecca Kreutzer, David Kuschner, Julia Kuzman, Olivia Le Warn, Hongeun Lee, Lyndsay Lee, Lucia Liu, Matthew Luppino, Hannah Mackenzie, Kirsten Mahler, Shannon Malley, Sarah Margolies, Emily Mastrocola, Elizabeth McCabe, Kathleen McCutcheon, Thomas McDonald, Sarah McIntyre, Stephanie Milan, Lena Morello, Nora Moriarty, Christina Mosco, Daniel Myers, Julia Napolitano, William Nisley, Lauren Nogan, Matthew Nuzzo, Shannon O'Brien, Alexandra Palatucci, Madeline Pfeifer, Megan Pinna, Kristin Ragoza, Calvin Robertshaw, Deirdre Romer, Christian Rosa, Jill Rosenfeld, Daniel Sanders, Sarah Sarkos, Elena Scarano, Lauren Schneider, Katherine Seery, Sophia Shiffman, Andrew Stockwell, Gabrielle Stravach, Anna Tanji, Sebastian Trott, Tiffany Tsui, Dara Tucker, Alec Vaughan, John Venezia, Isabella Vergara, Kristen Villane, Joseph Vricella-Stokes, Yixue Wang, Fraser Weist, Michaela Winberg, Amanda Womelsdorf, Francis Wong, Matthew Wormow, Jingyan Xiao, Tiffany Youssef, Erin Yucetepe

**Honor Roll  
Ninth Grade**

Mia Anderson, Joelle Ballecer, Samuel Bennett, Andrew Boley, Alaina Brotman, Elizabeth Brucia, Nicholas Calcagno, Kevin Campanello, Alyssa Capone, Joseph Chen, Hsiao-Yi Chiang, Ryan Childs, Katherine Clancy, Quinn Clarke-Magrab, Aaron Coleman, Katherine Collieran, Christina DiBella, Gabriel Diamond, Jack Edmondson, Hannah Frankel, Thomas Fuccillo, Skylar Geoghan, Maria Gerckens, Evan Gibbs, Chloe Gardner, Jack Hall, Beau Heffron, John Heimall, Jenna Iorio, Abigail Jones, Tylah Jordan, Benjamin Kelly, Emily Kelly, Owen Kessler, Victoria Knaul, Mark Kostyack, Daniel LaMastra, Javier Lara, Matthew Mackin, Caroline Martini, Elizabeth Massa, Michael McGrail, Jonathon Miller, Keren Moncayo, Michael Moriarty, Kelsey Moum, Hailey Nettler, Coston O'Brien, Meagan O'Connell, Isabel Otis, Christian Panarese, Alana Payne, Zachary Rabinowitz, Alessandra Sabba, Margaret Schantz, Sarah Schneider, Sarah Slaviv, Brett Spass, Vivek Sreenivasan, Paul Stefanov, Sydney Stewart, Rachel Vanecek, Paige Venturino, Daniel Vergilis, Paul Vernick, Elizabeth Villane, Max Wasilewski, Megan Why, Isabelle Wright, Juliana Yang

**Tenth Grade**

Sophia Alvarez, Devin Anderson, Hannah Angus, Andrew Annitsakis, Caroline Basil, Michael Bergman, Katherine Brown, Samuel Brown, Mitchell Bryk, David Burns, Christina Caggiano, Isabelle Cohen, Owen Colwell, Benjamin Cook, Isabella D'Olier-Lees, Sarah Davis, Marina DeCotiis, Isabella DePalma, Gwyneth Devin, Christian Dobosiewicz, Daniel Evans, Tyler Farris, Rachel Geskin, Kelly Giaccone, Jarek Gozdielski, Amber Hariodopolos, Hannah Hawkins, Liam Heinbokel, Rachel Holt, Jackson Hughes, Paul Jakobovic, Alison Jaruzelski, Stephanie Jung, Maxamillion Kaiser, Jessica Keenan, Shanna Kelly, Jake Klofta, Austin Kreusser, Marija Landeka, Justin Lankler, Brian Lawrence, Mackail Liederman, Elise Lloyd, Cody Lynes, Claire Magnanini, Christian Mancho, Sara Massimo, Patrick McCormack, Katherine McDonald, Emily McGann, Matthew McLroy,

Kayla McMillan, Edward Mebane, Megan Melillo, Michael Mobarakai, Evan Moore, Emily Mordkovich, Julia Morgan, Ryan Munley, Jack Oates, Rowan Oberman, Alyssa Pascoguin, Julia Pikaart, Hannah Priscoe, Jenna Reed, J. Mack Rembisz, Amelia Ritter, Evan Rooney, Jacob Sagal, Isabella Salerno, Claudia Sarkos, Claudia Savickas, Haley Sharlow, Emily Shields, Ryan Siegel, Catherine Simon, Devin Simpson, Molly Skowron, Christina Sloan, Julia Soalheiro, Ryan Soldati, Pavel Stepaniouk, William Stern, Camryn Sullivan, Erik Swanson, Cassandra Teschner, Evan Trott, Matthias White, Martin Wiaczek, Amanda Williams, Allison Worms, Jessica Zimmermann

**Eleventh Grade**

Dereck Amakye, Nicholas Barroqueiro, Benjamin Bass, Sophie Bass, Jessica Bebel, Seth Botos, Valeria Bouchoeva, Gabrielle Brennan, Stephanie Brown, James Brucia, Eliza Bryen, Kimberly Burns, Madeline Capodanno, Elena Chermak, Bryan Chou, Amanda Christian, Lauren D'Amico, Liam Datwani, Michael Dazzo, Edward Dellarso, Daniel DeCampo, Molly Dombroski, Colin Dursee, Zoe Federbusch, Emily Forcht, Elizabeth Fox, Seth Franekel, Erin Frankel, Andrew Frantz, Michael Friel, John Fuller, Jared Geoghan, Frederick Gladis, Harry Glasser-Baker, Andrew Gorczyca, Nicole Graf, Matthew Greco, Mary Harbaugh, Kaelyn Heard, Benjamin Howell, Kevin Irving, Amber Johnson, Margot Johnston, Ian Knapp, Jacqueline Knapp, Corinne Kuntz, David LaVelle, Matthew Lanzano, Kaitlyn Larkin, Hongju Lee, Jianhong Liu, Rachel Logan, Meredith Luerssen, Daniel Mitchell, Helen Mizrach, Alexander Monteiro, Maya Moritz, Anna O'Brien, Samantha Paoletti, Meghan Pettit, Anthony Pirrone, Jack Reinhard, Alexandra Rood, Amy Rosenzweig, Matthew Russo, Emily Schuman, Victoria Scognamiglio, Caitlyn Serafin, Finn Siegers, Andrew Simcox, Lisa Simon, Georgia Slater, Hermes Suen, Dhruv Tikku, Kristen Toth, Samantha Velez, Mallory Weisse, Bradley Whitman, Emma Williams, Harry Williamson

**Twelfth Grade**

Jane Aronds, Nora Aronds, Caroline Baldwin, Bridgid Barber, Matthew Barber, Aram Barmakian, Anna Ming Bauer, Matthew Binkowitz, Sean Bohrod, Nicole Carpetto, Ida Chen, Sarah Cronin, Jennifer De Candia, Gianni De Vito, Andersen Eckert, George Egberts III, Holden Ehrhart, Vikranth Eleswarapu, Rayna Erasmus, Michael Esler, Geneva Gleason, Victoria Guerriero, Patrick Harris, Jenna Helfand, Casey Hewett, Sara Hoerner, Dane Huber, Luke Iorio, Sadie Jezierski, Alexis Kardias, Helen Forrest Keating, Michelle Kim, Michelle Kostyack, Rebecca Kraus, Mackenzie Kuhl, Gemma Larche, Andrew Lehmborg, Carly Levine, Jagger Linsky, Olivia Masciandaro, Christopher McGlynn, Emily McLane, Austin Miller, Hannah Moloshok, William Murtishaw, Elisabeth Neylan, Joseph Ohaus, Brianna Parkinson, Julia Penczak, Thomas Pyle, Mary Rippe, Kayla Rodrigues, Noelle Rodriguez, Patrick Rogers, Michael Roggenburg, Neldina Sandeep, Joseph Santry, Amanda Schwarz, Zachary Sheil, Andrea Silva, Emily Simpson, Allison Sprung, Noah Stiles, Maria Tata, Amy Wang, Jacob Wasserman, Ryan Weber, Aaron Wenta, Christopher Wright



**Fairleigh Dickinson  
Dean's, Honor's List**

MADISON - Students at Fairleigh Dickinson University's Florham Campus have been named to the Dean's and Honors Lists for the Spring 2014 semester. Nicole Marotta of Cranford - Honors; Allison Schrul of Mountaintside - Honors; Casey Brennan of Westfield - Honors; Kendl Muckenthaler of Cranford - Honors; Margaret Fabian of Cranford - Honors; John Armstrong of Cranford - Honors; Alicia Petgrave of Cranford - Dean's List and Bianca Ulrich of Cranford - Dean's List. To qualify for the Honor's List, a student must carry a 3.5 or better grade point average out of a possible 4.0 and be enrolled in a minimum of 12 letter-graded hours (four courses). To qualify for the Dean's List, a student must carry a 3.2 or better grade point average out of a possible 4.0 and be enrolled in a minimum of 12 letter-graded hours (four courses).



**UMass Dartmouth  
Announces Deans List**

NORTH DARTMOUTH, Mass. - Kirsten Woodfield of Westfield has been named to the UMass Dartmouth spring 2014 Dean's List in recognition of earning a semester grade point average of 3.2 or higher of a possible 4.0.

# SPFHS's Turturiello Nominated for Grammy

SCOTCHPLAINS - For long-time music educator Vincent Turturiello, coming to work every day means interacting with students, directing the band and supervising the arts program - but this year, it also included being nominated for a Grammy Award.

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School teacher and fine arts supervisor has been teaching in the district for 35 years and is the anchor of the music program. After receiving the nomination for the Recording Academy and Grammy Foundation's 2014 Music Educator Award, Turturiello, a Berkeley Heights resident, said he is surprised by all of the support he has received.

"I've done more for these kids than I thought I have," he said. "I'm rich in a lot of ways in terms of kids giving back to me."

This is the second year this award has been open to educators who make a difference for music programs and students in schools. Out of the 7,000 educators nominated this year, Mr. Turturiello has been selected as one of the 222 quarterfinalists from more

than 200 cities nationwide.

After he had been chosen to move on, the foundation asked him to answer some questions, post a video of him teaching and recommended gathering at least two tributes or written and video testimonials from current or former students.

Mr. Turturiello's three daughters created a Facebook group for him, "Vinnie Turturiello For a Grammy Award," to garner support. One of his daughters, Kristen Turturiello of Summit, said that what started out as a couple hundred quickly turned to 700 former students, parents and community members joining the group to send in tributes for her dad.

One of the tributes came from a student he did not even teach, she said. "We didn't know we'd have this many," Kristen said. "It's been so touching."

Vincent Turturiello, who grew up in Belleville, stated his father always played music at home while he was involved with the band. But it was not until his senior year in high school that he realized the music classroom is where he belongs, he said.



By MICHAEL S. GOLDBERGER  
Film Critic

While coming of age stories are a dime a dozen in FilmDome, they rarely deal with the transition so astutely delineated in Gillian Robespierre's "Obvious Child." Here, instead of the clichéd albeit touching saga of an adolescent boy learning a big lesson as he evolves into a teenager, is the unsentimental - but also touching - reality of a 20-something Miss making the journey into adulthood. Played by Jenny Slate, she is Donna Stern, a witty, smart and potentially successful comedienne in training who, early on, will be learning the harshness and pain of adding that oh so necessary Pagliacci thing to her professional resumé. Naturally, it's a man who will administer the rude awakening, and of course she didn't see it coming. Or did she?

Heretofore things seemed like they were going pretty well. An opening scene at a hip N.Y. comedy club shows her killing the happy crowd with her notably edgy monologue, replete with allusions to private parts and their even more private functions. But whether she noticed it or not, boyfriend is grimacing.

Never mind whether or not he's worth the tears, second-guessing, world-turned-asunder or drunken bitch that follows his admission: The rat has been wrinkling the sheets with Donna's tall blonde friend. A product of a prosperous demography that can delay the maturing process, she is obviously still a child in some ways, and probably never considered how much character a man would have to possess to put up with her schedule.

Donna's lovesickness and travail of withdrawal, although physically much less severe but emotionally just as devastating, reminds of Sinatra's Frankie Machine trying to shake the monkey from his back in "The Man with the Golden Arm" (1955). If you've been lucky enough to have loved and lost rather than to have never loved at all, you'll appreciate Miss Slate's knowing interpretation of this horrid crucible. I've been told it's the exact antithesis of the joy and dizzying buoyancy that comes with falling in love.

We feel bad for the instantly likable Donna Stern, recognizing the innocence we know resides just one nervous scratch beneath her acerbically entertaining surface. She is a product of her times, and as such, a barometer of the socioeconomic forces that have helped shape her.

Interestingly, though, while developing a rooting interest, we are also unavoidably judgmental. Anxious in the hope that she might sidestep life's inevitable pitfalls, we watch intently, keen to see how she's going

to pull herself out of not only the muck and mire of lost love, but a moral dilemma that compounds her troubles like the dismaying bush-whack of a gut punch.

Providing the cultural background for our Alice in Bewildered Land, Robespierre assures Donna has been properly nurtured by her affable, obviously enlightened, although divorced, parents. Polly Draper's mom, an eminent business professor, while dad, portrayed by Richard Kind, is a successful, dreamy-eyed TV puppeteer who we suspect has fully embraced the flower power wisdom found in most Cat Stevens songs.

Hence, with the dramatic personae's census form filled out, and the Supreme Court standing by its currently valid resolution not to interfere in such mortal affairs, all characters concerned are ready to confront the film's central issue. It's as hot as our topics get. You see, as the good folks during the time of the last civil war liked to euphemistically put it, Donna has cancelled all her social engagements.

Only thing is, she actually trudges forward. Whether it's because the show must go on, misery loves company or due to her lately alcohol-fueled urge, after a torturous time of self-confinement, the comic takes her pity plight to the stage. An embarrassed audience laughs nervously...perhaps the only polite reaction to such profound suffering.

Discomforting as it may be, this is her catharsis. The cold fact is, she made her decision immediately. But it's a bit more complicated. Because it takes two not only to tango but also to weave the proverbial tangled web, meet Jake Lacy's nicely evoked Max, from Vermont, as white bread as Brooklyn's Donna is Jewish rye with seeds. Disconcertedly, the rebound beau learns of his newfound flame's crisis along with the paying customers.

Maybe she should have told him beforehand. But she wasn't going to change her mind.

The point is that this is a statement film first, and a seriocomic drama second. Firm in its resolve, it is an unapologetic, jagged shard of reality that doesn't mince emotions. We're not counting on a happy solution. Nope...it's about the fortunes and foibles of trying to navigate through this thing we call being human, and as such "Obvious Child" affirms that, regardless of your politics, the path to womanhood is neither simple nor apparent.

"Obvious Child," rated R, is an A24 release directed by Gillian Robespierre and stars Jenny Slate, Jake Lacy and Polly Draper. Running time: 84 minutes.

## Trailside Begins Summer Wednesday Matinee Series

MOUNTAINSIDE - Union County has announced that the summer Wednesday Matinee Series at Trailside Nature and Science Center in Mountaintside will begin next week. The family entertainment series begins at 1:30 p.m. each week and runs approximately 45 minutes.

All shows are recommended for children ages 4 and older. Admission is \$5 per person, or \$4 per senior citizen (62 and older with ID). Tickets go on sale at 1 p.m. on the day of the program. No strollers are allowed.

On Wednesday, July 16, magician Joe Fischer will astound, baffle, delight, thrill and entertain the audience with his "Fantasy, Illusion and Magic" performance. Mr. Fischer has an outstanding rapport with children. On July 23rd, "Rizzo's Reptiles" will be featured. Blending nature, environment and conservation, this program

features live snakes, turtles and an alligator. "Kids Going Green," the July 30 program, is a fast-paced puppet show where Goldilocks is searching for a planet to live on.

On August 6th, a Mad Science Show called "Up, Up and Away" will teach children about Earth's atmospheric pressure. Watch a hovercraft in action and observe a vortex generator create giant smoke rings. The show includes lots of audience participation. On August 13th, "The Science of Magic" with Lisa Lou will reveal the secrets of magic, using magnetism, light, air, condensation, optical illusion and more.

On August 20, will be "Mammal Mania." Travis Gale of Wallaby Tales will present an interactive show that allows families to get an up-close and personal look at live animals from around the world. For more information, call (908) 789-3670 or visit www.ucnj.org/trailside.



**Boston College  
Announces Grads**

CHESTNUT HILL, Mass. - The following local residents have graduated from Boston College.

Nathan Verrilli of Cranford has graduated magna cum laude with a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University's College of Arts and Sciences.

Nicole Koszowski of Mountaintside has graduated cum laude with a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University's College of Arts and Sciences.

Gaffney Peterson of Westfield has graduated magna cum laude with a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University's Carolyn A. and Peter S. Lynch School of Education.

Joseph Macri of Westfield has graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree from the University's Wallace E. Carroll School of Management.

Elizabeth O'Connor of Westfield has graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University's College of Arts and Sciences.

Robert Sinisi of Westfield has graduated magna cum laude with a Bachelor of Science degree from the University's Wallace E. Carroll School of Management.

Richard Knapp of Westfield has graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University's College of Arts and Sciences (major: International Studies).

Jennifer Sgalardi of Westfield has graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree from the University's William F. Connell School of Nursing.

Geena De Rose of Westfield has graduated magna cum laude with a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University's College of Arts and Sciences.



**Fairleigh Dickinson  
Metropolitan Campus  
Announces Dean's List**

TEANECK - The following students at Fairleigh Dickinson University's Metropolitan Campus have been named to the Dean's and Honors Lists for the Spring 2014 semester:

Anthony Morales of Garwood - Honors and Danielle Holloway of Westfield - Honors.

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