



**MERIT FINALISTS...**Board of Education President Richard Mattessich presents Westfield High School seniors who have been named finalists in the National Merit Scholarship program with certificates at a recent public meeting of the board. Pictured, left to right, are: Kristin Hauge, Mark Gillespie and Jill Rosenfeld. Missing from photo are Alexander Beals, Rachel Holtzman, Alexandra Mossawir and Yixue "Lily" Wang.

## WHS Seniors Named National Merit Finalists

WESTFIELD — Seven Westfield High School seniors have been named finalists in the National Merit Scholarship program. The finalists are Kristin Hauge, Mark Gillespie, Jill Rosenfeld, Alexander Beals, Rachel Holtzman, Alexandra Mossawir and Yixue "Lily" Wang.

According to the National Merit Scholarship Corporation, the nationwide pool of finalists represents one percent of U.S. high school seniors and includes the highest scoring entrants in each state on the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test and subsequent high scores earned on SAT tests. In addition,

the finalists must have a record of consistently very high academic performance in all of grades 9 through 12 and in any college course work taken.

Board of Education President Richard Mattessich congratulated the students and presented them with certificates at a recent public meeting of the board. In addressing the finalists, Mr. Mattessich said, "You are academic scholars who have proven yourself on a national level, and we on the Westfield Board of Education applaud your hard work, your achievement, and commitment to your education, and wish you continued success."

## BMW Car Club Presents Check to Westlake School

WESTFIELD — The New Jersey Chapter of the BMW Car Club of America members presented a check in the amount of \$7,550 to Westlake School in Westfield during the Union County Board of Education meeting on March 5. The check represented the combined donations of BMW Club member's sponsorship from JMK BMW in Springfield, and proceeds of the Club's June 2013 Club Race at NJ Motorsports Park's Thunderbolt Raceway in Millville.

Each year, the BMW Car Club of NJ hosts Westlake School students during their annual Club Race. Upon arrival to the track, each student is greeted by excited race car drivers offering rides in their race cars. The thrill of being a passenger is evidenced on the students'

faces as they enter the 14 turn race course.

Students have their pictures taken, receive autographs from the drivers and watch several exciting races from prime vantage points.

The BMW Car Club has sponsored Westlake School for over 18 years by using profits from these races to provide donations which enable Westlake School to obtain specialized equipment and curricula for Westlake's multiply disabled students. Westlake students will again attend the race as guests of the BMW Club in June.

Westlake School is under the auspices of the Union County Educational Services Commission located at 45 Cardinal Drive in Westfield. For more information visit [www.ucesc.org](http://www.ucesc.org).



**GENEROUS DONATION...**The New Jersey Chapter of the BMW Car Club of America members presented a check in the amount of \$7,550 to Westlake School in Westfield during the Union County Board of Education meeting on March 5. Pictured left to right, are: Larry Engel, past president of the NJ BMW Club; Doug Feigel, Dr. Ross Karlin, Club Racing Chairman; Mark Carvalho of JMK BMW; Westlake School Principal Claudine Stryker, and Union County Educational Services Commission's Superintendent Terry Foppert.

## Union Catholic Presents Shrek the Musical

SCOTCH PLAINS — Union Catholic Performing Arts Company will presents its spring musical, *Shrek the Musical* opening on Friday, April 4.

*Shrek* focuses on a faraway kingdom turned upside down and things get ugly when an unseemly ogre — not a handsome prince — shows up to rescue a feisty princess. Throw in a donkey who won't shut up, a villain with a short temper, a cookie with an attitude and over a dozen other fairy tale misfits, and you have got the kind of mess that calls for a real hero. Luckily, there's one on hand... and his name is Shrek.

Stars of the show include Rich-

ard Ryngel of Union as Shrek; Catherine Coughlan of Scotch Plains as Fiona; Adrien Cortizo of Elizabeth as Donkey and Drew Tomlinson of Watchung as Farquaad.

Show dates and times include: April 4, 5, 11 and 12, at 7 p.m. and Sunday, April 6, at 3 p.m. Tickets can be purchased by calling (908) 889-1600, online at [www.showtix4u.com](http://www.showtix4u.com) and at the box office.

For 50 years, Union Catholic High School has earned its reputation as one of New Jersey's foremost Catholic secondary schools. For information, visit [unioncatholic.org](http://unioncatholic.org).



**SWIM MEDALISTS...**Logan D'Amore of Scotch Plains, Jason Yin of Scotch Plains and Zach Brown of South Plainfield, students at The Wardlaw-Hartridge School in Edison were medalists at the Ranney Invitational middle school swim meet. Missing from the photo is Leo Badaker.

## SP Scholarship Foundation Launches Campaign

SCOTCH PLAINS — On Saturday, March 29, and Sunday, March 30, the Scotch Plains Fanwood Scholarship Foundation (Foundation) will launch the second phase of its "Dollars for Students" campaign. High school students who have applied to the Foundation for scholarship assistance will knock on doors in their neighborhoods to ask the community for their support in reaching the Foundation's goal of raising \$25,000 to fund scholarships to be given in 2014. Students will also collect donations outside area businesses.

The Foundation has been distributing scholarship assistance to area youth for the past 48 years, awarding \$2,507,042 in scholarship aid to 2,523 students.

Last year, with the community's assistance, the Foundation was able to award scholarships totaling \$137,650 to 89 students. In 2014, 170 students have applied for scholarship assistance. Due to the success of last year's Dollars for Students campaign, the Foundation is able to increase the amount of scholarships offered this year to those students

chosen by our broad-based screening committee.

"We hope our community will once again partner with the Foundation to financially assist our students, sending them off to college knowing that their community cares and stands with them," said President of the Foundation Mary Ball Cappio.

Contributions are fully tax-deductible and the funds raised will be used to aid high school and college students in achieving their higher education goals. If a resident is not contacted in person or does not find an envelope left by a student, they may send their donation to the Scotch Plains Fanwood Scholarship Foundation, P.O. Box 123, Fanwood, New Jersey 07023.

In addition to its fundraising efforts, the Foundation administers scholarships sponsored by 24 local individuals and organizations, as well as administering the capital of 17 established scholarship funds. For further information, please visit [www.spfscholarshipfoundation.org](http://www.spfscholarshipfoundation.org) or contact [spfscholarshipfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:spfscholarshipfoundation@gmail.com).



**AUTHOR DAY...**Beloved children's author Seymour Simon visits Franklin Elementary School in Westfield recently for its annual Visiting Author Day. Pictured, Mr. Simon engages students in a lively question and answer session at the conclusion of his presentation.

## Author Seymour Simon Visits Franklin School

WESTFIELD — Award-winning children's author, Seymour Simon, recently spent time with Franklin Elementary School students for Visiting Author Day, sponsored annually by the Franklin PTO.

Mr. Simon has written more than 250 books, many dealing with science topics involving outer space, animals, weather phenomena and the human body. He has penned such titles as "The Impossible Shrinking Machine," "Extreme Oceans" and "The Universe."

During two assemblies, Mr. Simon spoke about what inspired him to become a writer. He shared that while in second grade, he loved reading stories about space monsters so much, he decided to write his own book about them, and his teacher had him read it to the class. He explained how he often works with photographers and illustrators but has occasionally taken photos for his books himself.

He then showed a fun video where former students created and flew paper airplanes inspired by "Seymour Simon's Paper Airplane Book." His sense of humor throughout the presentations kept students of all ages engaged.

He concluded with a lively question and answer session, and encouraged students to explore science concepts on his interactive website to learn more.

Mr. Simon had also worked in conjunction with Franklin librarian Rachel Kennedy to hold a contest on his blog. Franklin students were asked to write about which of his books were favorites and why, and the winners received free autographed copies of those books. He also autographed copies of his books for students who had purchased them prior to the event.



## Dickinson College Dean's List

CARLISLE, Pa. — Amy T. Rosenfeld, a senior international business and management major at Dickinson College in has been named to the dean's list for the fall 2013 semester. A graduate of Westfield High School, she is the daughter of Barry and Randy Rosenfeld of Westfield.

All students earning a position on the dean's list, a recognition of academic excellence, must have a grade point average of 3.7 or above on a 4.0 GPA scale for the semester.

## Clothing Drive To Be Held on April 5

SCOTCH PLAINS — Union County Academy for Allied Health Sciences will be hold a clothing drive on Saturday April 5, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Accepted donations are wearable clothes, shoes, belts, handbags, linens, stuffed toys and hard toys. Collected items are shipped to developing countries that are in need.

Drop off is located at 1776 Raritan Road, Scotch Plains, in front of Baxel Hall.

Clean out your closets and support the school's efforts.

For more information call Kathy Romanovich at (908) 797-3939.

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**YOUTH ART MONTH...**The Westfield Public Schools celebrate Youth Art Month with colorful and creative displays throughout the downtown area. Paintings, drawings, sculpture, and painted furniture designed by approximately 270 students from Westfield's 10 public schools are displayed by downtown merchants, the Westfield Memorial Library and RMC Studios in Garwood.

## Youth Art Month Celebrated In Area Window Displays

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Public Schools are celebrating the nationally acclaimed Youth Art Month with colorful and creative displays throughout the downtown area. Paintings, drawings, sculpture, and painted furniture designed by approximately 270 students from Westfield's 10 public schools are displayed by 38 downtown merchants as well as the Westfield Memorial Library and RMC Studios in Garwood, who volunteered their window or display space for the month of March.

"Youth Art Month is a time to celebrate the creative work of our children," explained Linda King, Supervisor of Fine Arts for the Westfield Public Schools. "The artwork represents children of all levels of age and ability. It is

chosen by our art teachers for various reasons: work ethic, commitment to the project at hand, proficiency, emotional uplifting, and appropriate medium for the chosen store. I am honored and pleased with the work of our dedicated educators, the children whose work is displayed, and the many supporting community members who give of their valuable time to make this event occur each year," added Dr. King.

In coordination with Youth Art Month, RMC Studios in Garwood is hosting an Open House for the general public to view student artwork in unique gallery settings.

An evening of Art and Music at RMC, 207 Center Street in Garwood will be held on Friday, April 4, from 7 to 9 p.m.



**REACH OUT...**Kim Byam, Director of Reach Out and Read - New Jersey, poses with students from St. Paul's Day School in Westfield with books donated by families of the school to Reach Out and Read New Jersey.

## St. Paul's Day School Donates Books

WESTFIELD — St. Paul's Day School in Westfield recently participated in "Reach Out and Read New Jersey." The school collected 1,000 books that will soon find new homes. Through the donations of the school community, Reach Out and Read is able to touch the lives of many young children and their families throughout the state.

Reach Out and Read prepares America's youngest children to succeed in school by partnering with doctors to read together. The program begins at the six-month checkup and continues through age 5, with a special emphasis on children growing up in low-income communities. Families served by Reach Out and Read read together more often and their children enter kindergarten with larger vocabularies and stronger lan-

guage skills, better prepared to achieve their potential.

Reach Out and Read will distribute the books donated by St. Paul's Day School to the Lotus Medical Care in Trenton, a community health center that has many young patients who will be thrilled to take these books home.

## Mother Seton Reg. Open House Set

CLARK — Mother Seton Regional High School will host an Open House on Wednesday, April 9, at 7:30 p.m. for girls in grades 5 through 8.

The school is located at One Valley Road, Clark. For more information call (732) 382-1952 or visit [www.motherseton.org](http://www.motherseton.org).

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