



MAKING AN IMPACT...The Westfield Foundation 2019 Executive Board is pictured, left to right: Mark Swingle, vice-president; Nancy Wolf, treasurer; Claudia Andrews, secretary, and Robert Gorelick, president.

Westfield Foundation Distributes Grants, Seeks Donations

WESTFIELD – In the third and fourth quarter of 2019, Westfield Foundation distributed \$103,260 in grants to 12 different agencies: Caring Contact, Cranford First Aide Squad, Jewish Family Service of Central New Jersey, Emmanuel Cancer Foundation, Alzheimer's New Jersey, Family Promise, Two Hundred Club of Union County, Center for Hope Hospice, Youth & Family Counseling Services of New Jersey, YWCA Union County, NJ Workshop for the Arts and the Town of Westfield.

The diversity of grant recipients is a testament to the fact that the Foundation's grants impact many lives. The foundation focuses on four sectors: Arts, Education, Health and Social Services. Grants from the Foundation help individuals and agencies launch promising civic projects, so they can become sustainable agen-

cies that meet a specific community need.

This winter, Westfield Foundation is holding its annual fundraising appeal. The Foundation has added the capability of making a secure donation, online, for the first time, at www.thewestfieldfoundation.com.

The Foundation holds only one annual fundraising campaign per year. To donate by check, to the foundation's current annual appeal, please send to: Westfield Foundation, P.O. Box 2295, Westfield, N.J. 07091.

Questions about making a donation or for those interested in creating a family legacy, which would benefit the community for years to come, please contact Betsy Chance, executive director, by phone at (908) 233-9787 or by email to foundation@westfieldnj.com.

WHS Band and Choir to Hold Christmas Tree Removal Fundraiser

WESTFIELD — Westfield High School (WHS) Band and Choir Christmas Tree Disposal Service is set to take place on January 5, 2020.

Westfield High School Band and Choir will once again be holding its popular Christmas tree pick up fundraiser. Proceeds will go directly towards supporting meaningful musical experiences for band and choir students at Westfield High School.

The pick up is scheduled for Sun-

day, January 5, 2020. High school music students will remove the tree from curb side and transport to the conservation center. This service is available to Westfield residents at \$20 per tree. Additional donations are greatly appreciated.

Checks should be made to WHS Music and cash are accepted.

Reservations can be made by December 27, by visiting www.westfieldxmastree.com.



MATH WHIZ...Westfield High School Principal Mary Asfendis, far right, congratulates seniors, pictured from left to right, Brad Hornbeck, Stephen Park, Angela Wang and Jeremy Kronheimer, for their perfect scores of 800 on the Math Level 2 portion of the October SATs.

Columbia Bank Completes First Ever "Week of Giving"

FAIR LAWN — Columbia Bank recently completed its first ever "Week of Giving," inspired by their recent acquisition of Atlantic Stewardship Bank and the deep connection both banks have towards giving back.

Over the course of the week, more than 400 bank employees volunteered at local community and charitable organizations within their common service areas to help children with homework, assist health care centers with holiday decorating, support programs for teens in need, feed the hungry and more. Nearly 100% of the bank's northern region employees participated in the event providing approximately 80 volunteer service hours.

Organizations that received support and a donation included Boys & Girls Club of Passaic, Calvary Temple, Center for Food Action, Christian Health Care Center, CUMAC, Eva's Village, Foundation for the Handicapped, Holland Christian Home, Oasis, Servant's Heart Ministries, Star of Hope Ministries, and Youth Consultation

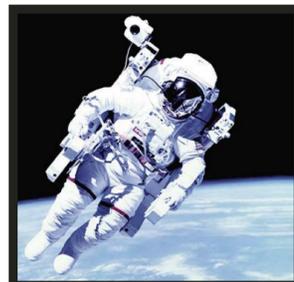
Services.

"The Week of Giving was a great opportunity for Team Columbia to give back during the holiday season," said Thomas J. Kemly, President and CEO of Columbia Bank. "It reinforced our growing commitment to our communities and the fact that our Two Great Community Banks are now One Banking Solution."

For exciting pictures of the event, please visit Columbia Bank's social media pages.

About Columbia Bank Headquartered in Fair Lawn, NJ Columbia Bank has an asset base of over \$7 billion and operates 64 full-service offices throughout New Jersey. Columbia Bank offers a wide range of consumer and commercial products, including online and mobile banking, localized lending centers as well as title, investment and wealth management services. For more information about Columbia Bank's full line of products and services, visit their website at ColumbiaBankOnline.com.

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Westfield Announces Kinder and First Grade Registration in January

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Public School District will be registering children who will become eligible for kindergarten in the 2020-2021 school year. The District also is interested in reaching children who have not attended the Westfield Public Schools for kindergarten but will enter first grade in the fall.

"It is very helpful for the District to have this information so that we may effectively plan for every new child," stated Superintendent of Schools Margaret Dolan, Ed.D. "We look forward to welcoming our new young learners."

Kindergarten Registration for all children who are residents of Westfield, reaching the age of 5 on or before October 1, 2020, will be held at Lincoln School, 728 Westfield Avenue. Lincoln School is the centralized kindergarten location for the Westfield Public Schools. Parents may register children eligible for kindergarten on the dates and during the times indicated below by first calling (908) 789-4455 for an appointment.

Daytime appointments will be: Monday, January 6, Tuesday, January 7 and Thursday, January 9 from 9:15 to 11:15 a.m.; Wednesday, January 15, Thursday, January 16 and Friday, January 17 from 1 to 3 p.m.; Tuesday, January 28, Wednesday, January 29, 9:15 to 11:15 a.m. and Thursday, January 30, from 9:15 to 11:15 a.m.

Kindergarten evening appointments will be: Wednesday, January 22, and Thursday, January 23, from 6 to 8 p.m.

First Grade Registration for all children who are residents of Westfield reaching the age of 6 on or before October 1, 2020 and have not yet attended the Westfield Public Schools is as follows:

Please call to make an appointment to register your child at a school listed below. Daytime Registration:

Franklin School (phone (908) 789-4591) - Wednesday, January 15 and Friday, January 17, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Jefferson School (phone (908) 789-4490) - Tuesday, January 14 and Wednesday, January 15, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

McKinley School (phone (908) 789-4555) - Thursday, January 23, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Tamaques School (phone (908) 789-4580) - Thursday, January 23, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Washington School (phone (908) 789-4600) - Tuesday, January 14, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Wilson School (phone (908) 789-4605) - Tuesday, January 21, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Evening appointments to register first graders who are new to the Westfield Public Schools will be held Tuesday, January 21, 6 to 8 p.m. (for all schools) at the Administration Building, 302 Elm Street, Room 106 (first floor). Please call (908) 789-4420 for an evening appointment at Elm Street.

All new students will be required to

have the following information for registration in the Westfield Public Schools:

Birth certificate with raised seal from the Bureau of Vital Statistics; Two proofs of residency documents such as a copy of a recorded deed, tax bill, mortgage statement or fully executed copy of lease agreement, along with a current utility statement or any other documentation that shows that the student seeking to be enrolled maintains his or her permanent home within the Town of Westfield; Personal Health History; and Proof of Immunization (most recent record), which includes: Diphtheria, Pertussis and Tetanus vaccine (DPT Series) – 4 doses with 1 dose given on or after the fourth birthday, or any total of 5 doses. Poliomyelitis vaccine – 3 doses of inactivated polio vaccine (IPV), with 1 dose given on or after the fourth birthday, or any 4 doses spaced by a minimum of 1 month. MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella) – 2 doses OR Rubella (Measles) vaccine – 2 doses given on or after the first birthday separated by at least a month. Rubella (German Measles) vaccine – 1 dose given on or after the first birthday. Mumps vaccine – 1 dose given on or after the first birthday. Hepatitis B vaccine – 3 doses. Varicella vaccine – one dose of varicella vaccine on or after the first birthday or proof of disease or immunity upon entering Kindergarten or Grade 1.

Only one entry physical examination is necessary for admission to kindergarten or first grade (pre-K physical may be the entry physical). A five-year physical exam is recommended.

For Pre-Kindergarten Students age 3 or older, a physical exam and Personal Health History form must be presented, and the above immunizations record (age appropriate) including: Pneumococcal Vaccine – age 12-59 months, 1 dose after first birthday. Current Seasonal Influenza Vaccine – age 6 – 59 months, 1 dose to be given between September 1 and December 31 of each year in pre-school; and Haemophilus B – age 12-59 months, 1 dose after first birthday.

State law will not permit any child to be admitted to a public school unless immunizations have been completed and documented by an M.D., D.O., or Nurse Practitioner, specifically indicating a day, month and year administered.

Registration, Personal Health History, Physical Exam and Medical Records forms are available on the district website at www.westfieldnj.k12.org. They are located on the Family Resources tab under the "Student Registration" and should be printed and completed before the scheduled registration date. These forms are also available by calling one of the schools.

Should parents have any questions about the registration process, please call one of the Westfield Public Schools. In the event of a delayed opening or school closing due to inclement weather, registration for that day will be rescheduled.

Jefferson Robotics Team Advances to State Championship

WESTFIELD — A team of six Jefferson School fifth graders will compete in the state championship of the First Lego League, a robotics competition that has students, ages 9-14, strategizing, designing, building, programming and testing an autonomous robot while applying real-world math and science concepts.

Team Legorio, made up of Luke Jenner, Neev Nedungadi, Mahie

Panjwani, Aaron Rudnick, Evan Tukaczynski and Wilson Wright, was one of 5 teams out of 24 to advance during a qualifying round on November 24. The team also won the Project Award for outstanding innovative project.

Team Legorio, which is run by parent volunteers, will compete against 80 teams from across the state on December 14 and 15.



TEAM LEGORIO...Pictured, from left to right, are: Aaron Rudnick, Neev Nedungadi, Luke Jenner, Wilson Wright, Evan Tukaczynski and Mahie Panjwani, who all compete as Team Legorio during the Lego League qualifying round, advancing to the state championship taking place December 14-15.



SANTA'S HELPER...One of Santa's helpers gives out candy canes to children at Fanwood's Holiday Celebration on Sunday.



Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School French Honor Society Inductees



Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School Italian Honor Society Inductees



Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School Chinese Honor Society Inductees

World Language Honor Societies Holds Induction Ceremony at SPFHS

SCOTCH PLAINS — On Wednesday, November 13, a total of 32 Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School students were inducted into their respective world language honor societies during a ceremony replete with pomp and circumstance. Flag-bearing officers led their inductees into the auditorium as cultural music played.

Senior Derick Vega, who served as Master of Ceremonies, began the night by sharing his own experiences of being raised bilingual at home and then choosing to study a third language, Italian, in middle and high school. He then introduced various guest speakers of the evening.

Junior, Matthew London, spoke from the heart about his positive experiences in his Chinese classes over the years and gave specific thanks to his teacher, Mrs. Li Salewski.

Senior, Michaela Genty, amused the audience with her humorous tales of traveling to France and speaking with the locals. She also credited her family's French-Creole heritage as her inspiration for studying French.

Senior, Kyle Isolda, shared his reasons for studying Italian in middle and high school and spoke with delight over the exchanges he was able to have with his host family while participating in the district's Italian exchange program.

Finally, Senior, Aleazah Madraswalla, spoke with joy as she shared her earliest memories of learn-

ing Spanish in second grade and traveling to Mexico with her family. She attributed the world language curriculum for not just teaching her the Spanish language but for giving her the opportunity to explore and to appreciate cultures of the Spanish-speaking world.

The World Language Honor Society officers conducted the induction ceremonies for each language entirely in the target language. The officers included: Catherine Buren and William Robertson (Chinese), Carina Delcore and Michaela Genty (French), Antoinette Chango and Christina Gubernat (Italian), and Sarai Romero and Tara Wolman (Spanish).

This year's Chinese Honor Society Inductees were Justin Chan, Kaelie Chung, Juan Rojas, Ryan Eng, Margaret Lapolla, Evelyn Liang, Matthew London, Thomas Peeney and Myles Talmadge.

Inducted into the French Honor Society were Chloe Alce, Jessica Jimenez, Shruti Khandelwal, Chloe Rousseau, and Jamie Wirth.

Italian Honor Society Inductees included Lauren Brenner, Abby Conklin, John Dazzo, Joshua Fox, Paul Harris, Lily Holston, Luke Jones, Joseph Lamore, Michael Marino, Roy McGowan, Maxwell Oross, and Derick Vega.

Inducted into the Spanish Honor Society were Kayla Avila, Conor Feeney, Ava Gelling, Patrick Howard, Daniel Scinski, Zoe Wernsing.

Registration Is Open for Literacy NJ Tutor Training Program

AREA — Literacy New Jersey's (LNJ) Tutor Training Program consists of six workshops, which will provide trainees with the tools and strategies necessary for working with adults in one of three categories: English As A Second Language (ESL), High School Equivalency, and Basic Skills. Registration is now open for its Winter 2020 Tutor Training classes. The six required sessions will take place from 7 to 9:30 p.m. on: Wednesday, January 8, 2020; Monday, January 13, 2020; Wednesday, January 15, 2020; Wednesday, January 22, 2020; Monday, January 27, 2020; Wednesday, February 26, 2020.

All sessions except for January 22 will take place at the Cranford Community Center, 224 Walnut Avenue, Cranford. The January 22 session will take place at the Elizabeth Public Library, 11 South Broad Street, Elizabeth.

After completing the training sessions, tutors are matched with a small group of students from the growing waiting list of adults who need to improve their literacy skills. Tutors meet with their students in a public place, usually a Union County library, for

two hours each week. New volunteers are asked to make a commitment of at least 50 hours.

LNJ provides ongoing supervision and support to tutors in the form of free Professional Development workshops on specific topics such as Health Literacy, Learning Disabilities, and ESL Conversation and Small Group Instruction.

Volunteers must be at least 18-years old, able to speak and read English and willing to tutor in Union County. Teaching experience nor ability to speak a foreign language is necessary. The training will provide volunteers with techniques and strategies for working with adult learners, as well as sample instructional materials and activities.

There is a \$45 non-refundable registration fee to cover the cost of books and materials. For more information, or to register, please call Literacy New Jersey at (908) 486-1777 or email nlama@literacynj.org.

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