



THANK YOU... Pictured from left to right are: Barbara Hathaway, Jerry Green, Sydell Kessler-Levy, Liela Bernstein, Mike Krasner, Union County Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski.

Volunteer Tutors Recognized at Tutor Appreciation Event

WESTFIELD — It was a night of celebration and recognition for Literacy New Jersey's volunteer tutors at the Westfield Presbyterian Church last week as over 60 tutors were recognized for years of service working with adults in Union County who struggle with reading, writing, and speaking English.

Union County Freeholder Chair Bette Jane Kowalski was a guest speaker, offering words of praise and thanks to tutors who she said were making a positive difference in their communities. On behalf of the Freeholders, she presented five tutors with special awards for volunteer service: Liela Bernstein for more than 20 years of service; Sydell Kessler-Levy and Jerry Green for 15 years; and Mike Krasner and Barb Hathaway for 10 years of volunteer service.

The theme of the event, "Sowing the Seeds of Literacy", reflected how tutors cultivate a positive learning environment in which students grow their skills and achieve important personal and professional goals. Literacy NJ tutors help adults improve their language skills, enabling them to find better jobs, advocate for their children at school, earn a high school diploma, and/or prepare for college.

ESL students Ioannis Petrou and Flor Barrera spoke about their increased confidence communicating with customers, teachers, doctors and friends. Charles Baldwin thanked his

tutors for giving him his life back by teaching him to read, and HSE student Shawn Boatwain described his journey from a small Caribbean island to earning a Master's Degree from Kean University.

Literacy New Jersey offers tutoring to adult residents of Union County in three areas: basic reading and writing, English as a Second Language, and preparation for the High School Equivalency exam. Tutors choose an area of interest and then typically volunteer two hours a week, working with a small group of students. For more information about becoming a volunteer tutor or the program in general, please call (908) 486-1777 or email bhathaway@literacynj.org.

Lauren Brumfield Named to Dean's List

WESTFIELD -- Lauren Brumfield, a rising senior psychology major at Dickinson College, has been named to the dean's list for the spring 2019 semester. A graduate of Westfield High School, she is the daughter of Jay and Sharon Brumfield of Westfield.

Dickinson is a nationally recognized liberal-arts college chartered in 1783 in Carlisle, Penn. The highly selective college is home to 2,400 students from across the nation and around the world.



LADYBUG LAUNCHERS... During the month of May, Lincoln School in Garwood had some very special visitors, ladybugs! Students in Mrs. Zatorsky and Ms. DeSante's science class completed a ladybug life cycle unit. Over the course of the month, the students observed the ladybugs changing from larvae to adult form. At the end of this unit, the students held a "ladybug launch" complete with "ladybug launcher" t-shirts.



LEMONADE STAND... Ms. Hayeck's third-grade class at Orange Avenue School in Cranford held their annual Alex's Lemonade Stand June 6 to raise funds for childhood cancer research. Pictured, with Detective Dubitsky and Sergeant Nazzaro of the Cranford Police Department, left to right, are students: Caleb Goldblatt, Vivian Pascal, Callie Falso, Violet Baldoni and Taylor Jones.

Lori Lubieski-Hutmaker Named OAS Principal

CRANFORD — The Cranford Board of Education announced Lori Lubieski-Hutmaker is the new principal of Orange Avenue School (OAS). Mrs. Lubieski-Hutmaker was selected after an extensive search process which included multiple interviews with the selection committee (superintendent, asst. superintendent, parents, administrators, and teachers); reviews of work samples; and a very thorough reference check.

Mrs. Lubieski-Hutmaker began her educational career as an eighth grade Social Studies teacher in East Brunswick at Churchill Junior High School. After two years, she returned to West Windsor Plainsboro High School (South) as a United States History Teacher where she had worked previously as an instructional aide. During these six years, she taught American Studies I, II, IESL, II ESL, and Advanced Placement United States History and worked with three student teachers. As part of her administrative experience, she developed curricula for ESL students in Biology. Her first administrative position was the Assistant Principal at Lenape Valley Regional High School where she worked for ten years. Here she developed an Undergraduate Awards program and also led a transition to a new schedule. For the last three years, Mrs. Lubieski-Hutmaker

has been the Assistant Principal at Madison Junior School where she has implemented initiatives that focus on the social and emotional well-being of students, while also enhancing the academic program. Furthermore, Mrs. Lubieski-Hutmaker is highly focused on supporting faculty. She recently enhanced a new teacher orientation program to support new school staff. Additionally, as the District's School Safety Specialist, Mrs. Lubieski-Hutmaker has been instrumental in improving safety throughout the District.

Mrs. Lubieski-Hutmaker began her collegiate studies at St. Joseph's University studying Finance. After one year, she transferred to Trenton State College where she studied Public Administration and was a member of the 1992 Softball National Championship Team. From working with children in clinics, she was inspired to complete her Master of Arts in Teaching degree in 1995. While teaching and also coaching softball at Princeton University and Rider University, she earned her second Masters in Secondary Administration from Rider in 2004.

Mrs. Lubieski-Hutmaker is extremely excited to be named the new Principal of OAS. She looks forward to working collaboratively with parents, students, and staff to ensure the success of the OAS community.

SP-F Scholarship Foundation Gives Scholarship Awards

SCOTCH PLAINS — In its 53rd year the Scotch Plains Fanwood Scholarship Foundation continues to fulfill its many, varied partnerships with community members, community organizations and individuals by distributing \$167,325 in scholarship aid to 103 students.

Community members contributed to the Dollars for Students Campaign used to distribute \$23,000 among high school and college students who demonstrated both academic achievement and financial need. Some scholarships are named in honor of members of the Foundation (in parentheses). The High School students are: Katherine Agnello, Christopher Bagdonas (John Lawson), Thomas Brown (Henry Schwiering), Hope Edwards (Pearl Rich), Daniel Resnicoff (Recipient Funded), and Dakota Verrico (Eleanor Kramps). The college students are Moustafa Amer, Caroline English, Rachel Lambert, Nicholas Stone (Lee Stein), Christine Vilarino, Jessica Vilarino, Juliana Wagner, Connor Wirth, Jordan Wolman (Joseph Nagy).

Several individuals and families have entrusted funds to the Foundation's stewardship and this year the following students have benefited from such partnership: Adrian Andrews Memorial, Nick Dionisio; George Bryan Memorial, Pedro Garcia; Karen and Joseph Franzone Memorial, Karen Degan; William and Ruth Linge Memorial, Anthony Vallejo and Isabella Verga; William McGinn Memorial, Chloe Nelson; Courtney Metzger Memorial, Olivia Hausle; James O'Hara Powers Memorial, Jonathon Koseoglu and Morgan Wilson; Dr. Muriel Ramsden Memorial, Payton Howell; Terry and Arlene Riegel Scholarship Fund, Isaac Wong; James Sochan Memorial, Juliet Trifiro; Jeffrey Spring Memorial, Alex Rodriguez; and Franklin Maine and Helen McConnell Spooner, Gianna Calligy; Mary Carolyn Werts Wood Class of 1951 Memorial, Emely Diaz. The Class of 1960 Memorial Scholarship funds non-academic expenses such as room and board at Rutgers University for four years; Jonathan Ramos (2019), Thomas Bruckman (2018) and Jacob Brown (2017).

Other individuals and community organizations delegate to the Foundation's dedicated Screening Committee the details of scrutinizing and determining the year's most deserving students who also meet their varied criteria. These partners and the students honored by their scholarships are: Besson Family Memorial, Christopher Sekiya and Sydney Jenkinson; Charlie Brown's Fresh Grill, James Cerini; Mauro and Rulene DiFrancesco, Rachel Rowen; Mauro and Rulene DiFrancesco St. Bartholomew Student, Patricia Bolivar; Camille Dinizo Memorial, Jeffrey Lapidus; Frank & Eileen DiNizo Memorial, Juliet Trifiro; Donna Doremus Memorial, Ashley Diamond; Friday's Place, Amy Magrino; Frank Fumosa Memorial, Stephen Oduro; Girl Scouts, Anita Dazzo; Gordon Memorial Lacrosse, Anthony Porter and Kaitlyn Jackmin; Kristi Hawkins Memorial, Ryan Ackerman; Doris Koues Memorial, Mary Fossaceca; John and Marie Losavio Memorial, Sarah Gorman; John J. Maggs Memorial, Raina Jablon; Tom Montagna (Follow Your Dream), James Bagdonas; Moore-Skillman, Tierra Buissereth and Jessica Edelman; Katherine Newcomer Memorial, Jacqueline Stovall; Lynn Payne Memorial, Julia Poeschl; Dr. Robert V. Scalaria, Josiah Baik; LaVerne Schnell Memorial, Katyana Avila; Nancy Hart Schott Memorial, Mary Fossaceca; School One Retired Elementary Educators and Staff, Riley DeProspero; Scotch Plains-Fanwood Ice Hockey Association, Timothy Lambert; SPF Lacrosse Club Scholarship, Ryan Johnson and Abigail Saperstein; SPFH Italian Club, Ashley Diamond; SPFH Italian Honor Society, Isabella Verga and Lina Suriano Memorial, Kara Bush.

One of our deepest partnerships is with the Fanwood-Scotch Plains Rotary

Club and the Rotary-Garbe Foundation who administer the funds for the following scholarships: Rotary Garbe Foundation, awarded for four years to Tyler Dvorin, Joshua Venick and Giancarlo Castro (2019); Rosella Cuomo, Rhiannon Leonardo, and Patrick Gannon (2018); Lukas Stein, Ethan Cheung and Marc Occhipinti (2017); Matthew Auda, Alexander Guevera, Maxwell Kearns and Jacob Brown (2016); William Mullin Memorial, awarded for four years, Massimo Modica (2019), Julia Dunlap (2018), Taylor Sirchio (2017), and Mariel Weigel (2016); Ethel Perkins Memorial, awarded for four years, Saniya Dalvi (2019), Niva Patel (2018), Brianna Sorrentino (2017) and Noah Bernstein (2016); David Ringle Memorial Valedictorian Award, Michael Dieu and Salutatorian Award, Melanie Litwin; Robert Kraus Memorial, William Ricci, Jr. and Dr. Richard Dobyns Turnaround Award, Peter Sailsman.

Our Foundation began in 1966 with a donation from the SPFH PTA - a partnership which flourishes to this day. Every PTA in the school district contributes at least two scholarships to graduates who have attended their schools. In addition, the Scholarship Chairperson for each PTA serves on the Foundation's Screening Committee. The PTA Council scholarships: Many Unger to William Gale, Dr. Margaret Hayes to Sara Greene, Dr. Carol Choye to Sarah Gorman and Health and Wellness to Stefanie DeVizio; SPFH PTA scholarships: Robert Adams, Jr. to Melanie Litwin and Dr. Terry K. Riegel to Rae Mikula; Park Middle School McTB scholarships: John Kayser and Jennifer Schug; Terrill Middle School John C. Foulks scholarships: Ben Kuperschmid and John Huby; Brunner Elementary scholarships: Dr. Albert DeSousa Memorial to Victoria O'Connor and Brunner PTA to Julia Lomonte and Maggie Traina; J. Ackerman Coles Elementary scholarships: Carl M. Kumpf to Sophia Iacona, Carol Patten Memorial to Emily Smulewitz and Michelle Crisafulli to Varun Sangal; Evergreen Elementary scholarships: Dr. Beverlee Kaminetzky to Kara Schramm, Kehs-Aakjer Memorial to Patrick O'Brien and Mary "Chickie" Giraud Memorial to Kyle Burton; McGinn Elementary Mariana Cassidy Excellence Awards to Drew Burfeindt and Anita Dazzo; and School One Elementary scholarships: James V. Cerasa to Sarah Citarella and Jeffrey Grysko to Elena Wollman.

The Foundation congratulates these outstanding scholars and gives its deepest thanks to all the partners who have stood by them for 53 years. For further information, please visit www.spfscholarshipfoundation.org or contact the Foundation's president, Mary Ball Cappio at (908) 889-8155, or spfscholarshipfoundation@gmail.com.

Colleen Verdic Graduates from Loyola

SCOTCH PLAINS — Colleen Verdic, of Scotch Plains, received a BBA degree in Bachelor of Arts at Loyola University Maryland's 167th Commencement Exercises on May 18, at Royal Farms Arena in downtown Baltimore.

Established in 1852, Loyola University Maryland is a Catholic, Jesuit comprehensive university comprising Loyola College, home to the University's arts and sciences programs; the Sellinger School of Business and Management; and the School of Education. Loyola enrolls 4,000 undergraduate and 2,000 graduate students from across the country.

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SENIOR PROJECTS... A senior at SPFHHS stands in front of a mural during The Senior Project Experience and Tomorrow's Teachers Program on June 19.

SPFHHS Seniors Present Senior Projects

SCOTCH PLAINS — On June 19, seniors from Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School (SPFHHS) presented their projects for The Senior Project Experience and Tomorrow's Teachers Program.

The Senior Project Experience and Tomorrow's Teachers program provides participating seniors a valuable opportunity to engage in an experience that benefits the community and provides the student with career exploration. Students that apply must

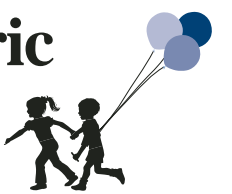
meet all of the requirements and deadlines in order to participate.

SPFHHS had over 60 seniors participate this year. Some of the projects included apprenticeships; community awareness development projects; documentaries; internships and creating murals. Additionally, there were many students participating in Tomorrow's Teachers where they assisted teachers in both elementary and middle schools.



HELPING THE COMMUNITY... On June 19, seniors from Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School (SPFHHS) presented their projects for The Senior Project Experience and Tomorrow's Teachers Program. These seniors present on community awareness.

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