

EVERGREEN STUDENT WINS HEALTHY SCHOOL LUNCH CHALLENGE



HEALTHY EATING...Evergreen Elementary School's fourth-grade student Trishan Ray, pictured center, won second place in Pomptonian's First Annual Healthy School Lunch Challenge for creating rainbow veggie pancakes. Also pictured, from left to right, are: Colleen Rumaker, fourth grade teacher at Evergreen; Tina Capello, Pomptonian Food Service Operations Manager; Margaret Hayes, Superintendent of Scotch Plains-Fanwood (SP-F) Schools; Carmelina Januszanis, Supervising Accountant SP-F Board of Education; Trishan; Steve Esposito, Pomptonian Food Service Director; Colleen Haubert, Principal of Evergreen; Debbie Saridaki, Business Administrator SP-F Board of Education and Toni Bowman, Pomptonian Food Service Registered Dietician.

Trishan Ray Wins Challenge

SCOTCH PLAINS -- On May 14, Evergreen Elementary School's fourth-grade student Trishan Ray won second place in Pomptonian's First Annual Healthy School Lunch Challenge for creating rainbow veggie pancakes. Trishan's winning creation was prepared in Evergreen's

lunch room by Pomptonian's kitchen staff where Trishan's fellow students, teachers and staff were able to sample his delicious, healthy and colorful veggie pancakes. Pomptonian will be hanging a banner in Evergreen's school lunch room to celebrate Trishan's achievement.

Pingry School Inducts 25 Into Cum Laude Society

AREA – The Pingry School inducted 25 members of the Class of 2019 into The Cum Laude Society on April 24. Established in 1906 as the secondary school equivalent of Phi Beta Kappa, the country's oldest collegiate honor society, The Cum Laude Society honors academic excellence and superior scholarship among its 382 member schools. Membership in this prestigious academic organization is limited to 20 percent of the senior class.

Inductees in our area include: Grace Brown of Westfield, Nathan Hefner of Westfield, and Aditya Gollapudi of Berkeley Heights.

According to The Cum Laude Society, each Chapter may elect students who are enrolled in a college preparatory curriculum and "who have had an honor record up to the time of election and stand in the first fifth of their class...Each Chapter shall determine the method in which an honor record and class standing shall be ascertained...Chapters shall be free to elect members who have demonstrated academic excellence in accordance with the philosophy and policies governing their individual schools."

However, The Cum Laude Society emphasizes more than academic grades. Instead, it recognizes individuals who—in all areas of their lives—love to learn, share their knowledge with others, and demonstrate scholarship, honor, integrity, and good character. The Society also hopes that all of its members will continue their cooperative and selfless pursuit of knowledge while serving as lifelong examples of The Cum Laude Society motto: Arête (Excellence), Diké (Justice), Timé (Honor).

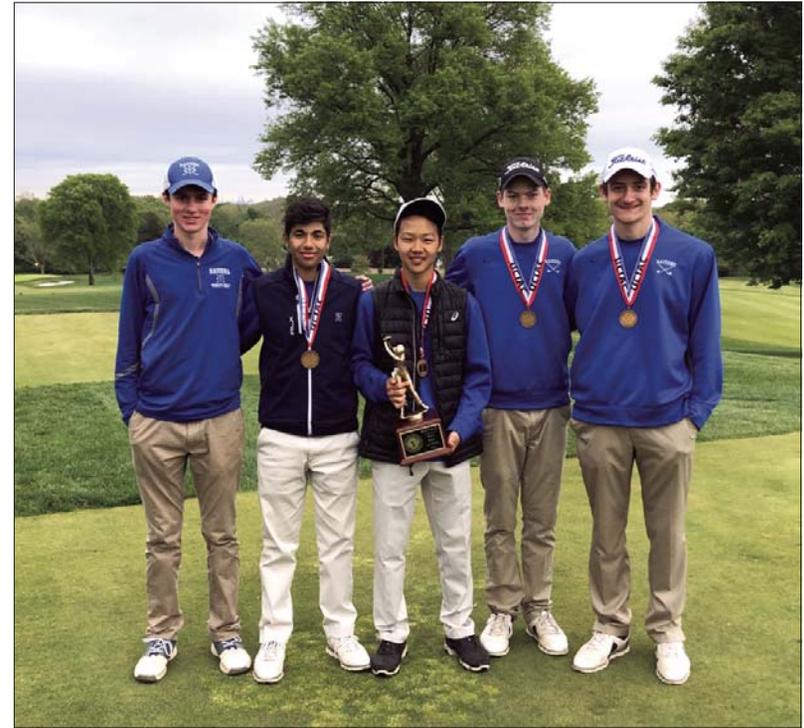
Pingry students must meet each of the following criteria to be considered for election: maintain at least an A- grade point average, achieve honor roll status throughout their years in the Upper School, be in good academic standing, and carry a full college preparatory course load. Upper School teachers nominate eligible students. Faculty and student members of the Pingry chapter of The Cum Laude Society review those nominations and vote for new members. To be elected, nominees must receive at least 50 percent of the votes.

Raiders Golf Team Wins County Tourney

SCOTCH PLAINS — Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School Raider golf team won the Union County Tournament on May 9, at Echo Lake Country Club in Westfield. This is their first victory in this event since 2007.

Senior, Jimmy Bagdonas, won the individual title for the second straight year. Jimmy will continue his golf career next year, competing for Fordham University.

Freshman, Andrew Yu tied for fourth place with a score of 77 and junior, Miguel Fontora tied for seventh place with a score of 78. John Williamson and Patrick Bourke also contributed in the win with scores of 89 and 91, respectively.



TOP GOLF...Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School Raider golf team won the Union County Tournament on May 9, at Echo Lake Country Club in Westfield. Pictured, from left to right, are: Patrick Bourke, Miguel Fontora, Andrew Yu, Jimmy Bagdonas, and John Williamson.