

DeRojas, O'Brien at top of Bishop O'Reilly class

Alma M. DeRojas was named Valedictorian and Kathleen Grace O'Brien was named Salutatorian of the Bishop O'Reilly High School Class of 1998, which held graduation ceremonies at the F.M. Kirby Center, Wilkes-Barre.

The daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Juan DeRojas of Dallas, Alma has been active in many clubs and activities during her four years at O'Reilly, including the Spanish Club (treasurer and vice-president), the Spanish National Honor Society (president), Foreign Correspondence Club (vice-president), yearbook, Future Business Leaders of America (regional treasurer; chapter secretary and recipient of multiple regional and state awards at FBLA conferences), National Honor Society, SADD, Glee Club, chamber choir, folk group, school play and District Chorus.



ALMA DEROJAS

In addition, she has participated in field hockey (team MVP Award), soccer and basketball. Her community services include involvement in the United Way Day of Caring, FBLA fundraising for the American Heart Association, March of Dimes and the Make-A-Wish Foundation, the school's dance marathon and being a tutor at the McGlynn Learning Center.

Among her academic awards are the National Honor Roll, being a National Merit Scholarship Commended Student, the Youth Salute, NEDT Award, four awards in the National Spanish Examination, multiple regional and state awards in the Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science competition, academic Excellence Awards for underclassmen in religion, business, mathematics, Spanish, social studies, English, science and music, as well as senior academic Parish Awards in religion, English, mathematics, Spanish, science and chamber choir.

She has also participated in the Diocesan Scholastic Bowl competition (2nd place team), Pennsylvania Free Enterprise Week, History Day, the DAR Good Citizen Scholarship program, and in the Music Box Playhouse's pro-

duction of *Hello Dolly*. Alma is a member of St. Therese's Church in Shavertown, where she serves as a choir member and cantor. Her future plans include attending Susquehanna University where she plans to study music, English and business.

Kathleen O'Brien is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James O'Brien of Dallas, where she is a member of Gate of Heaven Church. Her many clubs and activities include the Glee Club, French Club, French Honor Society, National Honor Society, Student Activities Committee (secretary and treasurer), Future Business Leaders of America (Regional Award and State Leadership Conference), Junior class vice-president, Senior Class vice-president, Junior Ring Ceremony Planning Committee, yearbook, Homecoming Banner Committee, Homecoming Court, spring concert accompanist, dance marathon, Walktoberfest, Memory Walk and History Day.

She also played field hockey, basketball and soccer in each of her four years. She served as co-captain of the basketball team in her senior year and won All-Star status in each of the sports.

This year, she was named "Queenswoman of the Year" and awarded a trophy as the school's outstanding female athlete.

Her awards and seminars include Pennsylvania Free Enterprise Week, the University of Delaware High School Athletic Training Workshop, Wilkes University Engineering Seminar for Women, underclass Academic Excellence awards in mathematics and science, a National Educational Development Test Merit Award, the Joseph T. Yozwiak Memorial Award (basketball), Youth Salute, The National Honor Roll, Who's Who Among American High School Students, the Very Reverend Joseph J. McGuckin V.F. Memorial Award and the Memorial Rita Pretko-Bernie Rupinski Scholar Athlete Award.

Kathleen will attend Ithaca College in the fall.

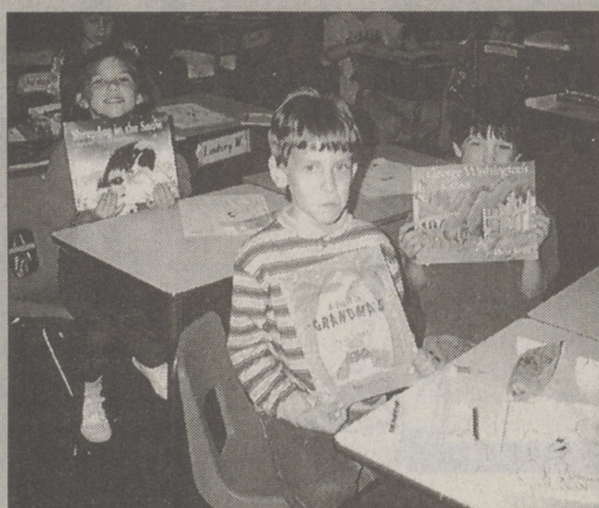


Sem students excel in Latin

Back Mountain eighth-grade students at Wyoming Seminary excelled on the 1998 National Latin Exam. Receiving the highest honors, Summa Cum Laude (gold), were: Benjamin Rogers of Trucksville, Andrew Feinstein and Timothy Polin of Shavertown. Students receiving Maxima Cum Laude (silver) awards were: Krystin Kopen of Shavertown, Puja Talati and Nooshin Hosseini, both of Dallas. Ryan Blaszcak of Shavertown received Magna Cum Laude honors. From left, front row, Margaret Hogan, Clarks Summit; Nooshin Hosseini, Dallas; Lauren Fay, Glen Summit; Krystin Kopen, Shavertown; and Puja Talati, Dallas. Second row: Teacher Elaine Eidam; Dan Tevet, Kingston; Christopher Kratz, Kingston; George Shafer, Kingston; and Ryan Blaszcak, Shavertown. Third row: Timothy Polin, Shavertown; Andrew Feinstein, Shavertown; Stephanie Coccia, Pittston; Benjamin Rogers, Trucksville; Douglas Mock, Clarks Summit, John H. Burbank, Jr., dean of Wyoming Seminary Lower School.

Ross Elementary holds book day

Ross Elementary School PTO of Sweet Valley held their last RIF book distribution on Friday, May 25. The children had a half day of school and enjoyed "Camping" activities and stories.



Pictured, Miss Lori Lutsey's first grade class after choosing a book. From left, Jessica Jones, Douglas Sprau and Michael Manganella.

Dallas School District requests all new students be registered

The Dallas School District is requesting the cooperation of parents with children of school age who have not registered for the 1998/99 school year.

It is essential that the district be informed as soon as possible, of all new students planning to register, especially the Kindergarten and first grade students.

Problems occur with class and school building assignments as well as transportation arrangements when students are registered late.

Parents of new students or those transferring from other schools are strongly encouraged to register their children immediately. Late elementary registrants

may not be assigned to the most convenient school building.

All Kindergarten through 5th grade students are to register at the Administration Building, Church St., Dallas. Middle and senior high students will register at their respective school offices located on Conyngham Ave., Dallas.

Parents must bring birth certificates, report cards from the previous school.

Social Security cards and immunization records. No student will be allowed to enter school without proof of the newly required immunizations.

If there are any questions, call the School District at 675-5201.

Carol Sabatini earns Special Service Award from PSU

Carol Sabatini of Wyoming, was the recipient of Penn State Wilkes-Barre's Special Service Award in the campus' year-end Hayfield Recognition Awards program. Dr. Mary Hines, right, campus executive officer, is shown presenting the Hayfield Award to Sabatini at the campus' recent commencement ceremony.

The annual award recognizes a person who is not employed by the Wilkes-Barre Campus but has made an outstanding voluntary contribution to it. As a member of the Advisory Board, Sabatini was cited for having given generously of her time and her business expertise in service to the campus.

In her position as chair of the Board's Student Affairs committee, she demonstrated a genuine interest in the quality of the total educational experience of the students.

She also served in a time-in-



Carol Sabatini with Dr. Mary Hines

tensive effort as co-chair of the campus; Strategic Planning committee, she represented the Board in the selection process of the student winner of the prestigious Walker Award, and was an active participant in the Great Books at Hayfield series.

Students on dean's list

Shippensburg University students from the Back Mountain were named to the dean's list for the spring semester are:

Joseph Henry Halowich of Harveys Lake, Elementary Ed.; Karen Kocher, Dallas, accounting; Daniel Edward Podehl, Dallas, Com. Jour./Print Med.; Daniel Paul Thomas, Shavertown, Bio/Health Prof. Conc.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES

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DALLAS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - 4 Parsonage St., Dallas. 675-0122. Rev. Michael A. Bealla, Pastor. Morning Worship 9:30 a.m.

SHAVERTOWN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - 163 N. Pioneer Ave., Shavertown. 675-3616. Pastors: Rev. Douglas and Janet Bryant Clark. Music Dir., John Vaida. SATURDAY: 5:30 p.m., Chapel Service; SUNDAY: 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Worship Services. Visitors expected. PHONE-A-PRAYER 675-4666.

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