

## DHS Grad 2000 meeting dates

The DHS Grad 2000 committee wishes to announce their May meeting dates as follows: Wednesday, May 10; Monday, May 15; Monday, May 22; Thursday, May 25; Tuesday, May 30.

All meetings are at 7 p.m. in the Dallas High School library. Interested community members and high school parents are cordially invited to attend.

- Pizza Hut in Dallas is hosting their 4th Grad 2000 Family Night from 4 p.m. until closing on Monday, May 15. Proceeds from both take-out and eat-in meals will benefit the graduation night lock-in party being planned for the graduating seniors of Dallas High School.
- Reservations for the graduation lock-in party will be taken beginning on Tuesday, May 16, during flex. Seniors are reminded that a \$20 refundable deposit must accompany their parental permission form, which is being mailed to all senior parents.

- Volunteers are still needed to help out at the Grad 2000 lock-in scheduled to begin the evening of June 9 at 11 p.m. 2-3 hours shifts are in the process of being set up. Anyone wishing to volunteer, call our hotline at 674-7333 or contact any committee member.
- Cash contributions and/or donations of gifts are still being accepted. They can be made to: Dallas High School Grad 2000, c/o Dallas High School PTSO, Conyngham Ave., Dallas, PA 18612.

## Hosseini named semifinalist

Wyoming Seminary Dean of the Upper School Dave Davies has announced that Shaudi Hosseini has been named a semifinalist for the United States Presidential Scholars Program. Hosseini, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Hamid Hosseini of Dallas, was selected to be a candidate for the competition in January of this year.



Shaudi Hosseini

Approximately 2,600 students were identified as candidates for the program from nearly 2.5 million graduating high school seniors. Of these candidates, 500 semifinalists were in a pool from which the 2000 Presidential Scholars will be chosen. The Scholars are selected on the basis of their accomplishments in many areas - academic and artistic success, leadership, and involvement in school and the community.

Hosseini is a member of Sem's science research group, a recipient of Dean's List Academic honors, a semifinalist in the Siemens-Westinghouse Science and Technology Competition, an Advanced Placement Scholar and a National Merit Scholarship Finalist.



Dan Laurenzi with Congressman Paul Kanjorski

## Laurenzi attends leadership forum

Daniel Laurenzi of Harveys Lake, a student at Dallas High School, attended the National Youth Leadership Forum on Law (NYLF/Law) from February 29 through March 5, in Washington, D.C. Having demonstrated academic achievement and an interest in a career in law, Laurenzi joined more than 350 outstanding high school juniors and seniors from across America at the conference.

Laurenzi had the rare and extraordinary opportunity to interact with Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia, who shared some

of the history and function of the Supreme Court. Students were also given a chance to see the legal system in action at area courthouses, including the District of Columbia Court of Appeals, District of Columbia Superior Court and various community circuit courts.

The Forum on Law also included visits to some of our nation's most prestigious law schools, including: Georgetown University Law Center; Washington College of Law at American University; and Howard University School of Law.

## Gryskewicz wins mathematics award

The United States Achievement Academy announced that Ryan Gryskewicz from Dallas, has been named a United States National Award Winner in mathematics.

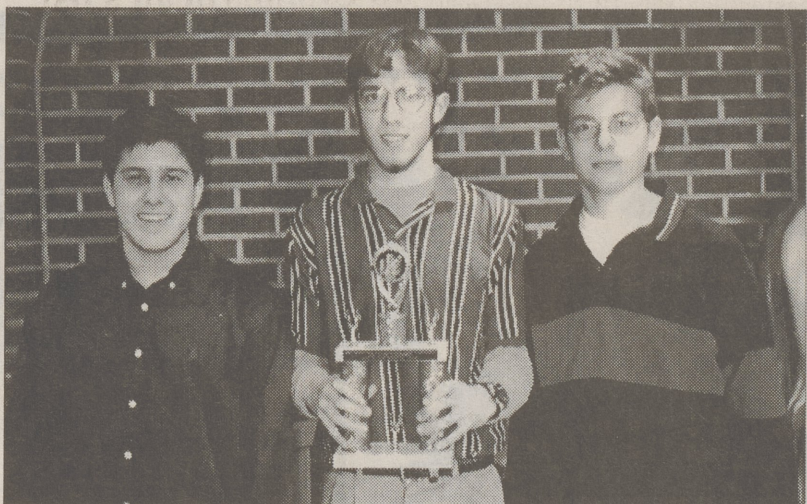
This award is a prestigious honor very few students can ever hope to attain. In fact, the Academy recognizes fewer than 10% of all American high school students.

Ryan, who attends Dallas High School, was nominated for this national award by Mrs. Jenkins a teacher at the school.

Ryan will appear in the United States Achievement Academy Official Yearbook, which is published nationally.

The Academy selects USAA winners upon the exclusive recommendation of teachers, coaches, counselors, and other qualified sponsors and upon the Standards of Selection set forth by the Academy. The criteria for selection are a student's academic performance, interest and aptitude, leadership qualities, responsibility, enthusiasm, motivation to learn and improve, citizenship, attitude and cooperative spirit, dependability, and recommendation from a teacher or director.

Ryan is the son of Charlene Cocco and Edward Gryskewicz from Dallas. The grandparents are Fred and Ann Rosencrans, Dallas.



## Sem chess team takes fifth place

The Wyoming Seminary chess team recently took fifth place in the State Chess Tournament in Bloomsburg, PA. Members of the team are from left: Daniel Tevet, son of David and Edna Tevet of Kingston; Benjamin Rogers, son of Drs. Robert and Linda Rogers of Trucksville and Emir Sehic, son of Drs. Elmir and Azra Sehic of Kingston. (Missing from the photo: Timothy Polin, son of Mark and Ellen Polin of Shavertown.)

The Wyoming Seminary team has been competing for one year as members of the Wilkes-Barre chess club. In addition to attending weekly meetings, the four also compete over the Internet. On April 27, the team participated in the Bishop O'Reilly Tournament where Tevet took 1st place, Sehic took 2nd and Polin took 3rd overall.

## Dallas PTSO names Feb. Students of the Month

The Student of the Month Awards for February were recently presented by the P.T.S.O. of the Dallas High School. Each winner received a \$50 U.S. Savings Bond sponsored by the Fellowship Evangelical Free Church.

**Citizen Student Award**  
**Shannon Gaffney**, 18, of Trucksville, grade 12, son of Paul and Betsy Gaffney.

Extra curricular school activities: swimming, student council, office aide, treasurer of French Club, American Literature, field studies.

Special awards and honors: 4 year letter winner in swimming, December student of the month in 1998, Who's Who in American High Schools 1999-2000.

**Creative Student Award**  
**Bethany Brown**, 17, of Shavertown, grade 11, daughter of Samuel and Mary Ann Brown. Sister of Jolynda, Katje and Samuel Brown.

Extra curricular school activities: Leader of the Allies Bible Club, girls' select chorus, peer helper and peer mediator, See You At The Pole, spring and fall plays.

Extra curricular other activities: Worship leader of "Face-down"-church praise and worship band, monthly ministry to St. Michael's School for Boys, Genos youth group, various ministry outreaches and community service activities, mission trips to Mexico.

Hobbies and personal interests:

Singing, acting, traveling, employed by Klein Chiropractic.

Special awards and honors: District 9 chorus, superior with invitation rating for 5 out of 6 events in the Fine Arts Festival for singing and acting, freshman class president in 9th grade.

**Student Achiever Award**  
**Corey Pajka**, 16, of Shavertown, grade 11, son of Michael and Ruth Pajka. Brother of Adam and Holly.

Extra curricular school activities: Diversity club, swim team, theatre staff

Extra curricular other activities: Boy Scouts, volunteer and church work.

Hobbies and personal interests: Aspiring writer, listening to music, reading, art, collecting comic books.

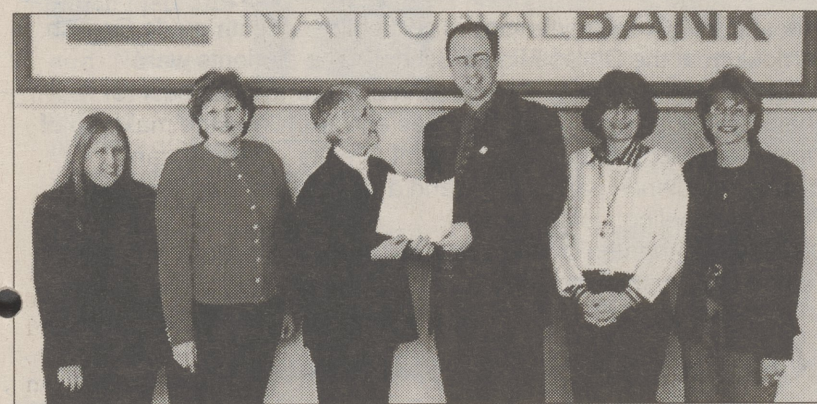
Special awards and honors: Who's Who Among American High School Students, junior youth salute, Johns Hopkins talented youth scholar.

**School Spirit Award**  
**Chuck Suppon**, 16, of Shavertown, grade 10, son of Pam Ostroski and Chuck Suppon. Brother of Lauren Suppon and Ray Anthony Ostroski.

Extra curricular school activities: Football, basketball, track, student council, peer helper.

Hobbies and personal interests: Fishing, mountain biking, skiing.

Special awards and honors: 2nd team All Conference for football, Honorable mention for basketball.



## Grange donates to DHS Grad 2000

The Trucksville branch of Grange Bank recently made a \$250 donation to members of the DHS Grad 2000 committee in support of the drug-free, alcohol-free, all night graduation lock-in party being planned for the graduating seniors of Dallas High School.

Shown in the picture from left: Sherry Riley; Kathy Samanas; Susan Levinson, DHS Grad 2000 committee co-chair; Mr. John Peterson, Vice President Grange Bank; Sharon Bartolini, DHS Grad 2000 committee co-chair and Lynne McDonald.

## Career fair representatives needed

The Greater Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Business and Industry is seeking individuals to represent their fields at Career Exploration Day for area eighth-graders on May 16 at Luzerne County Community College and May 18 at Penn State Wilkes-Barre.

The Chamber is specifically in need of representatives in humanitarian (teachers, social, psychological or vocational workers) and

physical performing fields (athletes and those who use physical skills and strength to entertain audiences).

To volunteer your time and expertise, contact Jane Ashton, director of programs at the chamber, 823-2101, ext. 116, or Joseph Kolesar, program coordinator, county Business and Education Partnership, at 639-5208 or e-mail: JoeKol@aol.com.

## Dallas Women's Club to present scholarships

The Dallas Women's Club raises money each year for Book Scholarships for graduating high school seniors planning to go on to college. This year the scholarships will be awarded at the 7 p.m., May 11, meeting at Appletree Terrace, Dallas. The students will be treated to dinner and presented with a check that evening by Scholarship Chairman, Kathy Eckels. For information on the club or membership call 696-4271.

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