



Gate of Heaven 8th grade commencement

On Tuesday evening, June 6, the 49th graduating class celebrated 8th grade commencement ceremonies from Gate of Heaven School. The 45 members of the class were awarded their diplomas following Liturgy celebrated by Rev. Joseph Rafferty, Pastor of Our Lady of Victory Parish, and concelebrated by Msgr. J. Peter Crynes, Pastor of St. Therese's Parish; Rev. John Lambert, Pastor of Gate of Heaven Parish; and Rev. Joseph Weber, Pastor of St. Frances Cabrini Parish. The graduates were presented to the Board of Pastors by Mrs. Mary C. Tighe, principal and awarded their diplomas by Mrs. Marilyn Stanks and Dr. Jay Tanner, Pastoral Board members. Mr. Robert Paley serves as President of the Board of Pastors.

Row 1, from left: Dr. Jay Tanner, Mrs. Marilyn Stanks, Mrs. Mary C. Tighe, Colin Conrad, Kevin Tanner, Carl Seitz, Jonathan Krywicki,

Amy Puffenberger, Katelyn Kaminski, LEEANNE GRIFFITH, Stefanie Galeano, Brittany Pavlinchak, Mary Herman, Matthew Muldoon, Matthew Thompson, Michael Peeler, Philip Engler, Mrs. Teresa Rutkoski, teacher; row 2: Jason Austin, Gregory Andrusisian, Sarah Lacey, Stephanie Latosek, Kaitlyn Moody, Meghan Mitchell, Blake Bradley, Megan Harvey, Sally Ann Cusma, Constance Kane, Kathryn Bartizek, Dorothy Cashore, John Leahigh, Edward Stanks; row 3: Rev. Joseph Rafferty; Msgr. J. Peter Crynes, Mr. Abraham Simon, teacher; Rebecca Hizny, Carissa Reisser, Aimee Radics, Nikolai Filak, John Humenansky, Matthew Flanagan, Beth Ann Karwaski, Melissa DeRemer, Bridget Reilly, Andrea Krakosky, Simone Allen, Crystal Oley, Jonathan Wood, Michael Wills, Jonathan Fiorelli, Meghan Davis, Tara Stepanitis, Rev. John Lambert, Mr. Robert Paley, Rev. Joseph O. Weber.

Wyoming Seminary Lower School awards

Wyoming Seminary presented awards to 19 outstanding Lower School students at the annual eighth grade graduation ceremony held June 1 on the Lower School campus in Forty Fort.

Awards were presented by H. Jeremy Packard, school president; John H. Burbank, Jr., dean of the Lower School; and Jeanne C. Yarmey, assistant dean of the Lower School.

Students from the Back Mountain presented with awards include seventh grader Daniel Rittenberg of Shavertown, who was one of two who received the Charles Pflifferling, Sr. Memorial

Prize for best all-around seventh grader.

Eighth grade winners were: Kyle Dagenais, Shavertown, Marjorie Harvey Smith Award; Naveen Dasa, Shavertown, Paul Kafrisen Memorial Computer Award; Tyler Droppers, Dallas, Peter Drapiewski Memorial Prize; Richard Eckman, Dallas, Kenneth and Suzanne MacArthur Award for Athletics; Brigitte Henry, Shavertown, John G. Ruggles III Memorial Award for Creative Writing; Peter Drapiewski Memorial Prize; James Michael Saba, Dallas, Karen Smulowitz Memorial Poetry Prize.

Wilkes students named to Who's Who

Based on their academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and potential for continued success, 33 of Wilkes University's newest graduates were chosen for the publication, Who's Who Among American Students in American Universities and Colleges.

The students and their hometowns in the Back Mountain are: Laura Burns, Trucksville; Matthew Sowick, Shavertown; and Beth Wagner, Dallas.

D'Anca, Murphy graduate from Boston U

Boston University awarded academic degrees to 5,299 students this spring.

Receiving degrees were Dallas residents Laura A. D'Anca, J.D. in Law; Michael J. Murphy, B.S. in Aerospace Engineering, summa cum laude.

McOwen named to Sweet Briar dean's list

Hunter McOwen, daughter of Wayne and Frances McOwen of Dallas, was recently named to the dean's list for the spring semester at Sweet Briar College. The 1997 graduate of Bishop O'Reilly is an English/Creative Writing major at Sweet Briar. She is editor of the literary magazine, *Red Clay*, and the winner of the 1998 and the 2000 Academy of American Poets Prize and of the 2000 Jean Besselièvre Boley Prize for fiction.

Hunter is also the recipient of two merit scholarships: a Fletcher Award for outstanding involvement in the arts, and a Lucille Barrow Turner Scholarship, a Music Department award for vocal performance. She is a member of the Concert Choir and of "The Sweetones", the campus a capella group.



HUNTER MCOWEN

Grad 2001 committee will meet Aug. 10

An organizational meeting of Dallas High School's Grad 2001 committee will be held at Grotto Pizza, Harvey's Lake on Thursday evening August 10 at 7 p.m. All interested high school parents are invited to attend.

Dewees at Oxford this summer

Leslie Anne Dewees of Dallas, is participating in Excel Program at Oxford University/Tuscany this summer. The program offers college level courses at Oxford University's St. Hilda's College as well as travel to Paris and an extended stay in Tuscany to continue studies in Florence. The Wyoming Seminary junior has chosen Shakespeare as her major area of study with a minor in The Art of Sketch. The Shakespeare major is also a theatre course and as a final project students will act in and produce a series of Shakespearean scenes in authentic Italian settings.



Leslie Anne Dewees

The daughter of Fred and Marge Dewees, Leslie is a dean's list

student and member of the chorus, Blue Key, Aids Awareness, yearbook staff, and drama club. She is a graduate of Junior Leadership Wilkes-Barre Class of 2000 and has served on the United Way Youth Allocations Committee. She was recently named as the youth representative to the board of directors of the Wyoming Valley Chapter of the American Red Cross. Leslie is a student at the Wilkes Conservatory as well as a Company member of Ballet Northeast and has been a featured soloist for the Company. Dewees was also named as an alternate to the Pennsylvania Governor's School of the Arts for Theatre and has been named to Who's Who Among American High School Students.

Dewees has previously studied Theatre and journalism in the summer program of the Leysin American School in Switzerland.

deQuillettes named Penn Stater of 1/4

Frouke deQuillettes, coordinator for Penn State Wilkes-Barre's Information Sciences and Technology (IST) program, has been named the campus Penn Stater of the Quarter, announced Dr. Mary Hines, campus executive officer. The Penn Stater of the Quarter is a member of the campus community who has uniquely demonstrated special concern for the campus community; has achieved a significant honor or goal that benefits the campus; or demonstrates special dedication to the mission of the campus.

"I am pleased to announce Frouke deQuillettes as Wilkes-

Barre's Penn Stater of the Quarter for April/May/June, 2000." Said Dr. Hines. "Her continuous work developing the IST program at the associate and baccalaureate levels are beyond the responsibilities of her position. She has participated in all campus open houses and in innumerable meetings at University Park and other campuses developing the program. At the same time, she maintains a strong teaching load. She has also brought her energy and optimism to the campus community, faculty, staff and students."

Frouke, a native of Holland, resides in Shavertown.

Erika Knappman on Villanova dean's list

Erika Knappman was recently named to the Dean's List at Villanova University, College of Commerce and Finance for the spring 2000 semester. She has been on the Dean's List every semester. Erika's majoring in Accounting and she will be starting her junior year. She is a graduate of Dallas High School, Class of 1998. She is the daughter of Richard and Marlene Knappman of Trucksville. She has a sister Marina, a senior at Villanova University, and a brother Randy, a freshman at Albright College. Erika has also been nominated to The National Society of Collegiate Scholars.



Brin receives Grace Andrews award

Cynthia A. Brin, of Dallas, a 2000 graduate of College Misericordia, recently received the Grace Andrews Award in recognition of her ability to demonstrate enthusiasm for lifelong learning.

Brin, a summa cum laude graduate, was awarded a bachelor of Social Work degree. During her college career, she was an active member of the Social Work Club.

She has been named to Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges, Alpha Sigma Lambda, the National Honor Society for Continuing Education, and Delta Epsilon Sigma, the National Honor Scholastic Honor Society.

She is the wife of Nicholas Brin and the mother of Cory Brin. Seen during the award presentation are, from left: Debbie Fries, assistant director of Adult Education; Jennifer Deters, daughter of Grace Andrews; Cynthia A. Brin, Dallas, recipient of the Grace Andrews Award; Susan Andrews, granddaughter of Grace Andrews; and Luke Andrews, son of Grace Andrews.

L-L middle level open house August 22-24

The Lake-Lehman Middle Level Education Building will host an Open House during the week of August 22 through August 24. This yearly event allows 7th grade students and 8th grade students who are now attending the Lake-Lehman MLEB, to try lockers, locate rooms and become familiar with the layout of the school. Information pertinent to the Open House will be mailed to all students the week of August 14. Students must bring this information on the day they choose to visit the school.

Students and parents are welcome to attend, according to the following schedule: Tuesday, Aug. 22, 9 a.m. to 12 noon; Wednesday, Aug. 23, 1 p.m.-3 p.m.; Thursday, Aug. 24, 5 p.m.-8 p.m.

LCCC announces Weekend program courses

Luzerne County Community College will offer credit courses for the fall 2000 semester for its Weekend program at the College's campus in Nanticoke. Registration of Weekend courses will be held on Saturday, Aug. 19, from 10 a.m.-noon and on Monday and Tuesday, Aug. 21 and 22, from 9 a.m.-7 p.m. at Building 5, at the College's campus in Nanticoke.

Classes for the Weekend program will begin on Saturday and Sunday, September 9 and 10.

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