



**Bishop O'Reilly students win math/science awards**

Forty-three students from Bishop O'Reilly High school in Kingston recently participated in the 41st Regional Meeting of the Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science at King's College in Wilkes-Barre. More than 700 students from 49 area schools presented math and science projects at the annual competition. The O'Reilly participants garnered 22 first, 20 second and one-third place awards. First-place winners will continue on to state competition, May 12-14, at Pennsylvania State University, State College, Pa.

Students who reside in the Back Mountain area with school officials. Bottom row, from left: Ms. Susan Dennen (Principal), Nora Stepanitis (1st in math), Meg Mathewson (1st in math), Meghan Reino (1st in math), Meg Mitchell (1st in math), Greg Suhocki (1st in math), and Ms. Barbara Warman (math sponsor and PJAS coordinator).

Top Row: Courtney Reap (1st in math), Adam Onzik (1st in math), Dan Suhocki (1st in math), and Mary Yanik (1st in math).

**Summer music camp scholarships available to local students**

Area middle-school and high school students aged 12-18 interested in instrumental music, choral music, dance or musical theater will have an opportunity to compete for scholarships to attend the Performing Arts Institute (PAI) this summer at Wyoming Seminary Upper School.

PAI has joined with the Luzerne Intermediate Unit 18 (LIU) to offer full scholarships to 24 first-time PAI students, or two students from each of the 12 school districts belonging to the LIU, said Nancy Sanderson, PAI director. All interested students are required to audition, and the two students chosen from each school district will

participate in PAI, which runs from June 30-August 11.

For more information, students may contact Sanderson at 270-2186, or e-mail her at onstage@wyomingseminary.org to set up auditions as soon as possible.

Now in its fourth year, the highly regarded PAI is designed for serious students of the arts who want to immerse themselves in music, dance and musical theater, Sanderson said.

"This is a summer day and boarding program where students can nurture their talents and grow as human beings," she said. "Students have the opportunity to work with nationally and internationally

known musicians, dancers and directors. They learn within a structured schedule that provides large ensemble experience master classes and chamber music sessions, culminating in weekly performances in public throughout the six-week institute."

Each school district in the LIU is contributing funds to the scholarships, and the LIU is also raising money to support the effort. It's a collaborative effort among all the school districts, the LIU and PAI to make the summer program available to more local students, said Michael Ostrowski, LIU executive director.



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