

## Dallas Elementary standout students

Dallas Elementary School is beginning a new program this year called "The Student Standout". This program honors one student from each classroom for a positive social behavior or a skill observed academically. The students will be honored with a pizza party at the end of the marking period.

First row, from left: Lynn Davis, Kenny Pizano, Brandon Harding, Christopher Dillon, Steven Smith and Shawn Mitchell. (Absent from the picture: Jessica Holdren, Becky Stuart, Zachary Fieglman).

Second row: Matthew Moser, Brandy Popple, Jennifer Walton, Jacqueline Graham, Chris LaFratte, Sarah Zerfoss, Kasey Bloom and Sara Flaherty. (Absent from the picture: Marissa Martindale).

Third row: Patrick Madaya, Frank Hullihen, Alex Manganella, Bridget Smart, Jordan Gause, and Lenny Javick.

Fourth row: Caitlyn Gill, Lindsey Jacobs and Allen Fell (Also absent is Abbie Bendick k-p.m., Eric Hoover k-p.m., and Nikki Sellitto k-p.m.).



## Misericordia wins grant to keep entrepreneurs in NEPA

The Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation in Kansas City, Missouri, recently awarded College Misericordia a \$20,000 grant designed to promote entrepreneurial growth in the northeast Pennsylvania region. The main thrust of this effort will be implementation of a Kauffman Entrepreneurial Internship Program (KEIP) through College Misericordia's Insalaco Center for Career Development. This activity will enable students to gain experience in local start-up firms, thereby preparing them to start their own businesses or to work with small entrepreneurial firms in the region.

The project will have impact beyond College Misericordia as the curriculum and materials developed with Kauffman Foundation support will serve as the basis for a region-wide Entrepreneurship Institute to be held in cooperation with the Northeast Pennsylvania Association of Colleges and Universities, Penn's Northeast, and The Great Valley Technology Alliance.

As part of the project, College Misericordia will implement an Entrepreneurship Institute beginning in January 2003, which will bring together host entrepreneur organizations and students for a four-day training session prior to their internships. The goal will be to maximize the internship's effectiveness by teaching interns important business skills and helping entrepreneurial companies develop young entrepreneurial talent.

Students chosen to participate in College Misericordia's KEIP also will be enrolled in an "Entrepreneurial Concepts" course that they will take for credit as

part of their internships. The course will teach students how to think strategically about planning, growing, and ultimately harvesting new ventures. Topics include: philosophy of entrepreneurship; assessing marketing opportunities; and building strategic alliances.

Under KEIP guidelines, College Misericordia interns will work a minimum of 30 hours for a local entrepreneurial firm, defined by Kauffman Foundation as one with less than \$50 million in revenue and/or less than 200 employees. The KEIP program will provide financial support to start-up firms unable to provide paid internships, serving to level the playing field with established businesses that usually pay interns.

Newer, smaller firms provide the best educational experience for students whose future plans include starting their own business. KEIP, Pennsylvania's "Stay Invent the Future," and other similar programs encourage local graduates to take a proactive role in their own professional success, as well as the success of Pennsylvania's economy.

"Many of our students are fortunate to live in a close-knit community with friends, family and neighbors who care about each other," says Dr. Michael MacDowell, College Misericordia president. "Many want to stay, work, and raise their families here."

For additional information, contact John Sumansky, chief information and planning officer and KEIP program director, at 674-6158, or Christopher Sutzko, director of the Insalaco Center for Career Development at 674-6184.

## Hoover receives scholarship

Justin Hoover of Shavertown, a senior at Gettysburg College, received a Senior Scholarship Prize at the college's September 27 Fall Honors Day ceremonies.

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## Local Wyoming Seminary students named AP Scholars

Twelve current students and recent graduates of Wyoming Seminary from the Back Mountain have been named AP Scholars by the College Board in recognition of their exceptional achievement on the college-level AP (Advanced Placement) Examinations. Only about 14 percent of the more than 900,000 students who took AP Examinations in May, 2002, performed at a sufficiently high level to merit such recognition.

Students take AP Examinations in May after completing challenging college-level courses at their high school. The College Board recognizes several levels of achievement based on the number of year-long courses and exams (or their equivalent semester-long courses and exams).

Benjamin Rogers of Trucksville, a 2002 Sem graduate, qualified for the National AP Scholar Award by earning an average grade of 4 or higher on all AP Exams taken, and grades of 4 or higher on eight or more of these exams. This is the third consecutive year Wyoming Seminary has had National AP Scholars.

Five Back Mountain students qualified for the AP Scholar With Distinction Award by earning an average grade of at least 3.5 on all AP Exams taken, and grades of 3 or higher on five or more of these exams. They are: Irina Ivanova, Trucksville; Benjamin Rogers, Trucksville; and Jill Zatorski, Shavertown. Current seniors Eric Feinstein, Shavertown and Sarah Killian, Shavertown, earned this distinction as juniors.

Three Back Mountain students qualified for the AP Scholar With Honor Award by earning an average grade of at least 3.25 on AP exams taken and grades of 3 or higher on four or more of those exams. They are: Andrew Feinstein, Shavertown and Aaron Gitlin, Dallas. Current Sem senior Samantha Lloyd, Shavertown, also earned this distinction as a juniors.

Three Back Mountain students qualified for the AP Scholar Award by completing three or more AP Examinations with grades of 3 or higher. They are: Nooshin Hosseini, Dallas and Krystin Kopen, Shavertown, and current senior Timothy Polin, Shavertown.



## Sem students are National Merit Commended Students

Seven Wyoming Seminary students have been named Commended Students in the 2003 National Merit Scholarship program, said David Davies, Dean of the Upper School. The commended students from the Back Mountain are, from left: seniors Eric Feinstein, Shavertown; Sarah Killian, Shavertown; and Samantha Lloyd, Shavertown.

Commended Students placed among the top 5 percent of more than one million students who entered the 2003 competition by taking the 2001 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test.

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## Two students help others transition

Courtney Bouthot, of Shavertown, and Aaron Katyl, of Dallas, are Orientation Team members for the class of 2006 at Susquehanna University.

The orientation team assists freshmen in the adjustment to college life. They assist first-year students as they move into the residence halls, and support the new student in adjusting to all aspects of college life.

Bouthot, a senior marketing major, is a 1999 graduate of Lake-Lehman High School. She is the daughter of Fernand and Judy Bouthot.

Katyl, a senior public relations major, is a 1999 graduate of Wyoming Seminary. He is the son of William and Cynthia Katyl.

## ACT deadline nearing

College-bound high school students who want to take the ACT Assessment have two chances to register before the December 14 test date. The postmark registration deadline is Friday, November 8. There is also a late registration postmark deadline on November 21 (an additional fee is required for late registration). Students can get information from their high school counselor or register online at www.act.org. ACT scores are considered by colleges for admissions and course placement.

## DMS parent group to meet Oct. 30

The Dallas Middle School Parent Support Group will meet Wednesday, Oct. 30, at 7 p.m., in the middle school library. An overview of the Pennsylvania reading, writing, and listening standards will be presented. Parents are encouraged to attend.

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