



Dallas Middle School honor society

The Dallas Middle School Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society recently held its annual induction. A candlelight ceremony recognized 103 students who earned a grade point average of 3.5 or higher and who demonstrated leadership, citizenship, character, and service. Readings were delivered by Andrew Slocum, Sarah Marianacci, Joshua Bowman, and Stephanie Konecke. The president of the Dallas High School's National Honor Society, Michael Yurchak, was the guest speaker. Nancy Ferko is the adviser.

From left, first row: Lauren Kelly, Kristen Justice, Alyssa Miller, Kathryn Gilligan, Sara Marianacci, Heather Mines, Amy Vodzak, Victoria Piontkowski, Amanda Wooditch, Debra Keichner, Stacy Searles, Nicole Rivero, Megan Youells, Virginia Reinert, Mackenzie Hogue, Mia Esopi.

Second row: Katrina Yuhas, Katherine O'Brien, Lauren, Bailey VanJura, Erica Scocum, Tara Dombzalski, Desiree Spears, Keysha Hennings, Lauren Yurko, Hanna Grube, Anna Kammen, Stephanie Konecke, Marissa Wright, Emily Fabricatore.

Third row: William Barnes, Rosemary Shaver, Alexa Kirk, Gretchen Mengerhause, Emily Polachek, Lee Ricetti, Alex Napierkowski, Lindsay Szalkowski, Alexandra Dervin, Abigail Bomboy, Andrew Slocum, Garrett Zobel, Joseph Pretko, Eric Danko, Christopher Box.

Fourth row: Paige Selenski, Michelle Gibbons, Allison Evans, Erin Delaney, Kaley Roberts, Danielle Krawetz, Kelci Gibbons, Garritt Chrzanowski, John Thompson, Joseph Stachnik, Christopher Skevofilax, Ilya Volodarsky, Aaron Hogan, Jordan Thimot.

Fifth row: Alyssa Pyros, Jillian Spring, Rachel Kesselman, Shana Weinstock, Kasia Szulborski, Kristen O'Brien, Kylee Besecker, Christopher Jayne, Frederick Mihal, David Carey, Andrew Judge, Stephen Pearson, Ryan Phillips, Vitangelo Recchia.

Sixth row: Nicholas Hetro, Daniel Jacobs, Daniel Anderson, Joshua Bowman, Nicole Madden, Paige Kyle, Julianne Pettit, Nicole McMahon, Robert Monk, Adam Singer, Thomas Parrish, David Hunter, Diana Smith, Erica Lisses.

Top row: Gregory Jerzak, Michael Gergel, Cody Karalunas, Robin Crossley, Alexander Kish, Jacqueline O'Brien, Rachel Schaub, Stephanie Pace, Kenslie Kerestes, Rebecca Banks, Stephanie Kiluk, Rebecca Pensak, Brittany Thomas, Alexander Gallagher, Douglas Harding.

5 local grads inducted into Sem Cum Laude Society

Wyoming Seminary College Preparatory School recently inducted graduating students into the Cum Laude Society, the national academic honor society for college preparatory schools, during the 159th Commencement ceremonies.

Among the new inductees are Anna Bruns, Dallas; Matthew Katyl, Dallas; Lindsey Klish, Dallas; Samantha Lloyd, Shavertown; and David Lucchino, Shavertown.

The goal of the Cum Laude Society is the encouragement and rewarding of academic excellence. Wyoming Seminary's chapter of the society was established in 1930, and each year since then previous members of the organization elect new senior class members in both fall and spring. The students elected in the spring must have attained a cumulative junior- and senior-year average of at least 3.1.

Back Mt. students on Sem dean's list

H. Jeremy Packard, president of Wyoming Seminary College Preparatory School, has announced the Back Mountain students named to the Upper School Dean's List for the spring trimester of the 2002-2003 academic year.

Dean's List High Honors: Alana Allan, Shavertown; Sara Brown, Shavertown; Anna Bruns, Dallas; Jacob Budin, Trucksville; Leah Budin, Trucksville; Devin Anne Carey, Dallas; Naveen Dasa, Shavertown; Kelly Dickinson, Shavertown; Eric Feinstein, Shavertown; Ross Feinstein, Shavertown; Lauren Hardisky, Shavertown; Matthew Katyl, Dallas; Sarah Killian, Shavertown; Lindsey Klish, Dallas; Jordan Koslosky, Shavertown; Andrew O'Hara, Dallas; Aaron Richterman, Dallas; Andrew Rogers, Trucksville; Lindsay Romanowski, Shavertown; Nina Shah, Shavertown; Paul Witt,

Dallas.

Dean's List: Nicole Allan, Shavertown; Rachael Anson, Noxen; Noah Blum, Shavertown; M. Christopher Bowes, Shavertown; John Brady IV, Shavertown; Morgan Carey, Dallas; Caitlin Delehanty, Shavertown; Tyler Droppers, Dallas; Abigail Fried, Dallas; Ryan Gower, Dallas; Sofie Grossman, Shavertown; Brigitte Henry, Shavertown; Kevan Hosseini, Dallas; Vincent Insalaco, Shavertown; Rachel Kurzweil, Trucksville; Katelynn Lawrence, Dallas; Michael Lloyd, Shavertown; Samantha Lloyd, Shavertown; David Lucchino, Shavertown; Beth Mariner, Shavertown; Jillian Nataupsky, Shavertown; Gabrielle Richterman, Dallas; Jillian Seeley, Shavertown; Corey Tarreto, Harveys Lake; Lindsey Walkowiak, Dallas; Lucia Witt, Dallas.

Sem students win science awards

Wyoming Seminary Science Research Group students recently earned awards for their research projects at regional competitions. The students presented oral reports of their research to panels of judges and other students.

Back Mountain students who received awards at the recent Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science (PJAS), Northeast Regional Meeting were: freshman Ross Feinstein, Shavertown, Excellence Award in Microbiology, Middle-School level, First award with perfect score; freshman Paul Witt, Dallas, Second Award.

Several students also participated in the State Competition of the Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science at Pennsylvania State University, held in State College. Students receiving awards included Ross Feinstein, First Award.

French awards winners from Sem

Three local students in Wyoming Seminary Lower School's seventh and eighth grades were among this year's winners of the National French Contest for Northeastern Pennsylvania. This year's winners received their awards at a French dinner on May 13 at King's College. They were: Kaytlin Kopen, Shavertown; Samantha Marquart, Dallas; Stephen Levandoski, Dallas.



Little People kindergarten graduates

The Dallas Little People Day Care School, recently held its 18th Kindergarten Graduation Ceremonies at College Misericordia. The graduates are from, left, first row: Allyson Sebolka, Christopher Knecht, Alexis Pelchar, Nicholas Duris. Second row: Barbara Kohler, Administrator, Brian Butler, Morgan Morris, Heather Harvey, Nancy Ide, teacher.



Dallas Middle School super readers

The highest point earners in the Accelerated Reader program at the Dallas Middle School were recently announced. The leading readers for the third marking period were honored at a school assembly. They were: sixth grade Erin Belles, seventh grade Virginia Reinert, and eighth grade Moira Yanik.

From left: Moira Yanik, Virginia Reinert, and Erin Belles.

LCCC open house

Luzerne County Community College will hold an Open House on Wednesday, July 16, from 4 to 7 p.m., at the College's Campus Center.

Information on programs of study and financial aid will be available and tours of the campus will be given.

It's not too late to register for fall classes. For more information, call 740-0337 or (800) 377-LCCC, extension 337.

Q: Where do you find the most Back Mountain news each week?

A: Only in The Dallas Post

Guntli receives top recognition

At its recent Senior Awards Luncheon, Bishop O'Reilly High School, Kingston, named Molly Guntli as Queenswoman of the Year. The award recognizes the female student who has exemplified athletic excellence over the past four years.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rick Guntli of Dallas, Molly played basketball for four years, serving as co-captain for the last two. In addition, she played soccer for two years. Molly was also a member of the glee club, National Honor Society and the Spanish National Honor Society.

Bishop O'Reilly honor students from Back Mt.

Susan Dennen, Principal of Bishop O'Reilly High School, Kingston, has announced the school's honor roll for the fourth quarter marking period. Residents of the Back Mountain area who have merited honors include the following:

Distinguished Honors: (an average of 95 or above in each subject).

Freshman: Laura DeCesaris.

First Honors: (an average of 90 or above with no more than one grade between 90 and 85).

Seniors: Jonathan Carroll, Erin DeCesaris, Amber DelPriore, Jillian Durr, Rebecca Finch, Courtney Reap, Daniel Suhocki, Jaime Verazin, Sean Walski and Mary Yanik; Juniors: Andrew Gialanella, Leanne Griffith, Meghan Mitchell and Laura Mould; Sophomores: Lauren Chupka, Michael DeRojas, Conor Judge, Sandra Krogulski,

Margaret Mathewson, Grace-marie Mike, Melissa Millo, Joanna Smith and Nicole Spencer; Freshmen: Mary Balavage, Allison Baur, Jennifer Bonetski, Brittany Grabowski, Stephane Hennigan, Ian Heron, Natalie Herron and Ann Onzik.

Second Honors: (an average of 85 or above with no more than one grade between 85 and 80).

Seniors: Adrienne Gilbert, Molly Guntli, Maureen Hozempa, Mary Kuniskas and Adam Onzik; Juniors: Sallyann Cusma, Mary Herman and Colleen Krisulevich; Sophomores: Lauren Adamchak, Robert Baur, Sarah Mentis, Jessica Ryan, Jonathan Stephens, Gregory Suhocki and Janelle Zabresky; Freshmen: Joshua Aciukevich, John Durr, Carla Reino and Erin Tanner.

Bishop O'Reilly Junior High honor roll

Susan Dennen, Principal of Bishop O'Reilly Junior High School, Kingston, has announced the school's honor roll for the fourth marking period. Students in the Back Mountain area who have merited honors include the following:

Katie Manbachi (Grade 8 - Distinguished Honors); Peter Filak (Grade 8 - First Honors); Meagan Simkulak (Grade 8 - Second Honors) and Allison Ustynoski (Grade 7 - Distinguished Honors).

Penn State W-B dean's list students

Eleven Back Mountain residents attending Penn State Wilkes-Barre have been named to the dean's list for the spring, 2003 semester according to Martin Slann, Ph.D., director of academic affairs at the campus in Lehman. Students must maintain a grade point average (GPA) of 3.50 or higher while taking 12 or more credit courses to be named to the dean's list.

Dean's list students are: Thomas S. Ash, Tunkhannock; Robert J. Bradbury, Dallas; Ryan T. Doughton, Dallas; Robin Hood, Trucksville; Luke A. Kasper, Hunlock Creek; Peter M. Kennedy, Harveys Lake; Tiffany A. Maslowski, Dallas; Robert J. Mizla, Dallas; Rick A. Popek, Hunlock Creek; Sally J. Stolarczyk, Shavertown; and Donald Earl Weidner, Dallas.

College notes

Graduates

Conyngham graduates from Goucher

Catherine A. Conyngham of Dallas graduated with a degree in Special Education on Friday, May 23 from Goucher College, in Baltimore, Md. Daughter of William and Christine Conyngham, Catherine is a graduate of Wyoming Seminary School.

Lewis graduates from U. of Vermont

Abram E. Lewis, of Dallas, received a Bachelor of Arts degree during May commencement ceremonies at the University of Vermont. Lewis majored in Geography in the College of Arts & Sciences.

Back Mountain LCCC nursing grads

Members of the 2003 Luzerne County Community College nursing class:

Paula Marie Reichold, Dallas; Mary Ann Selenski, Dallas; Nancy Daniels, Shavertown and Hilda Kanios of Shavertown recently completed their studies.

Dean's list students

Amanda Donahue at Widener

Amanda Donahue of Dallas was named to the spring 2003 deans list at Widener University. Selection for this award is based on an academic average of at least 3.5 attained for the courses taken in the spring semester of 2003.

Mansfield University

Two Back Mountain residents were recently named to Mansfield University's Spring 2003 deans list.

Michelle Mancke, Dallas and Erica Naessig, Harveys Lake.

To be named to the deans list, a student must be attending the university full time and earn at least a 3.50.

Stacey Wagner, Lafayette

Stacey Denise Wagner, Shavertown, a member of the Class of 2003 at Lafayette College, has been named to the dean's list for the spring semester. A 3.45 semester grade point average out of a possible 4.0 is required for the honor.

Kutztown University

Kutztown University of Pennsylvania Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Linda K. Goldberg has announced two Back Mountain students were named to the deans list for the spring semester 2003.

They are: Jenna M. Casaldi, Dallas and Ashleigh A. Ide, Dallas.

To be named to the deans list, students must earn a quality point average (QPA) of 3.60 out of a possible 4.0 and be registered for at least 12 credit hours.

Jessica Fields at Susquehanna

Jessica Fields of Dallas was recently named to the deans list for the 2003 spring semester at Susquehanna University. To qualify for the deans list, students must achieve a minimum 3.4 grade point average out of a possible 4.0 for the semester, while completing a minimum of 12 semester hours.