

Gate of Heaven School 10th forensic competition

Gate of Heaven School held its Tenth Forensic Competition, under the direction of Mrs. Anne Marie Lohin, on Feb. 20 in the school gymnasium. On the Varsity level (Grades 7-8), the following students merited First Place: Melissa Rukstalis, Matthew Ruch, and Lauren Weaver (Life Raft by Joe McCabe); Second Place: Zachary Wallick and Samantha Condo; Third Place: Laurie Shevock and Abbey Zurad, and Honorable Mention: Megan Millo and Emily Griswold.

On the Junior Varsity level (Grades 5-6), First Place went to Stephen Ruch, Nathan Albrecht, and Austin Carr (Toyshop Evolution by Greg Brook); Second Place: Daniel Kopicki, Adam (A.J.) Limongelli, and John McCarthy; Third Place: AnnMarie Wempa, Brianna LaFoca, and Caila Sherin, and Honorable Mention: Theresa Restaino and Jill Cawley.

On the "Four-ensic" level, the following students earned First

Place: Rachel Simon and Kirby Smith (Miss Grasshopper, Miss Ant and Mr. Cricket by Rachel Field); Second Place: Christopher Boland and Michael Banas; Third Place: Olivia Zurad, Ariana Brennan, Erin Williams, and Lindsey Stainer, and Honorable Mention: Megan Grabowski, Elizabeth Farrell, and Devin Phillips.

A total of 23 groups of students competed in this year's Forensics. Students were judged on memorization (fluency), pacing, gestures, characterization, interpretation of literary work, voice control (articulation, volume, and enunciation), and general effectiveness. Mrs. Mary C. Tigue (GOH Principal), Mrs. Mary Jane Kozick (Asst. Principal), Mrs. Mary Anne Malone, Mrs. Lynn Jones, Mrs. Nedda Cashore, and Mrs. Kaye Gilbert judged the competition; Mr. Abe Simon tabulated the scores. Awards were then presented to winning students.



Gate of Heaven School Varsity Forensic Team
Standing: Abbey Zurad, Melissa Rukstalis, Lauren Weaver, Matt Ruch, Megan Millo, Mrs. Lohin, coach.
Kneeling: Laurie Shevock, Zachary Wallick, Samantha Condo, Emily Griswold.



Gate of Heaven School 'Four-ensic' Team
Standing: Devin Phillips, Rachel Simon, Kirby Smith, Michael Banas, Chris Boland.
Kneeling: Elizabeth Farrell, Megan Grabowski, Erin Williams, Lindsey Stamer, Olivia Zurad, Ariana Brennan.



Gate of Heaven School Junior Varsity Forensic Team
Standing: Caila Sherin, AnnMarie Wempa, A.J. Limongelli, Daniel Kopicki, John McCarthy, Theresa Restaino. Kneeling: Brianna LaFoca, Nathan Albrecht, Stephen Ruch, Austin Carr, Jill Cawley.

Gate of Heaven students take home PJAS awards

Gate of Heaven School in Dallas won The Award for the Small School with Highest Percentage of First Awards — 100 percent — at the annual Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science competition at King's College on Feb. 28. It was the third time in three years that GOH has won this award, and the second time in three years with 100 percent.

PJAS is open to students from grades seven through 12. Using the scientific method, students hypothesize, design and run an experiment, collect data, analyze and draw conclusions. They present the science project and results in a 10-minute presentation to a team of judges who rate the students first, second, or third. This year over 600 students from 56 schools from Region 2 participated.

Fourteen Gate of Heaven students competed in PJAS and all garnered first place. Projects with stains and stain removers included seventh graders Conor Harrington, Serena Fulton, Abbey Zurad

and eighth graders Lauren Blanc, Carl Peterlin, and Katie Banas. Additional eighth grade first place winners were Matthew Ruch and Lauren Weaver, Popcorn; Dominic Jose, Best Liquid for Disintegrating Medicine; Noah Zurad, Water Quality; Devin Albrecht, Paper Towels, and Gregory Nothstein, Best Floor Mop. Other seventh grade students meriting first place awards were Carolyn Suhocki, Insulated Cups and Laurie Shevock, Best Ice Melter.

Gate of Heaven School teachers who served as Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science judges were Mrs. Anne Marie Lohin, Mrs. Nedda Cashore, Mr. Abraham Simon, and math student teacher Dianne Mennig. Sponsor and middle school science teacher, Mrs. Nedda Cashore, will now prepare GOH students for the Pennsylvania State University in State College, where over 200 students are expected to participate in the next level of competition on May 16-18.

Local students achieve honor roll at Sem Lower School

These Back Mountain students named to the Wyoming Seminary Lower School Academic High Honor Roll and Academic Honor Roll for the second trimester of the 2003-2004 academic year.

High Honor Roll:

Grade 7: J. Patrick Brady, Shavertown; Katherine Farias, Shavertown; Hannah Frantz, Dallas; Kyla Halsor, Shavertown; Derek Kopen, Shavertown; Ryan Leas, Shavertown; Katherine Levandoski, Dallas; Kelsey Lloyd, Shavertown.

Grade 8: Mollie Grossman, Shavertown; Sarah Magagna, Shavertown; Nina Santarelli,

Dallas; Dominick Trombetta, Shavertown.

Honor Roll:

Grade 6: Christopher Bell, Wyoming; Salvatore DiPietro, Shavertown; Audrianna Gavin, Shavertown; Madeleine Hackett, Shavertown; Michael Kapolka, Dallas.

Grade 7: Sean Dickinson, Shavertown; Alexander Olsen, Shavertown; Tyler Zalattimo, Dallas.

Grade 8: Ian Delehanty, Shavertown; Julia Frakes, Dallas; Zachary Roth, Shavertown; Richard Squitieri, Harveys Lake.

LCCC serves up information about food service, hospitality programs

Luzerne County Community College will hold an information night for its pastry arts management, food production management, hotel and restaurant management, and tourism and travel management programs on Wednesday, April 21, from 5 to 7 p.m., at Building 2, at the college's campus.

Information will be available on enrollment procedures, tuition, financial aid, student scholarships, and other

pertinent information. Those in attendance will have the opportunity to meet informally with faculty members to discuss educational and career opportunities.

The event is open to the public, free of charge. Gourmet food and pastry demonstrations will be prepared and served by pastry arts students. For more information, call LCCC at 740-0343 or 740-0516.

CM nursing program accredited

College Misericordia's nursing department recently received accreditation for 10 years from the Collegiate Commission on Nursing Education (CCNE). After a self-study report and a site visit, the nursing program received accreditation with no recommendations, the highest level of accreditation. The accreditation will be in effect until 2013. College Misericordia offers full- and part-time bachelor's and master's degrees in nursing, as well as the RN-to-BSN program.

Rosetti Art Contest award winners



Sem student award winners

Students from Wyoming Seminary Upper and Lower Schools were recently honored for their artwork in the Suzanne Maria Rossetti Memorial Juried Art Contest, sponsored by Joe and Sue Hand of Dallas, in memory of the daughter of Louise and the late Peter Rossetti of Saugus, MA.

Derek Kopen, Shavertown, received three first place awards on his three entries as well as the Mertie Larish Memorial Award, Best of 7th Grade, Award for Triple Blue Society, and the Award for Promising Future.

Kaytlin Kopen received the Best of 9th Grade, Award for Triple Blue Society, Award for Sports Art and the Award for Dramatic Lighting.

Ashley Pavill, Shavertown, received the MacDonald Art Gallery Award; Lauren Hardisky, Shavertown, was awarded the Award for Excellence in Watercolor, Animal Illustration and Triple Blue Society; Kelly Dickinson, Shavertown, received the award for excellence in charcoal; and Amanda Blom, Wilkes-Barre, was awarded the Award for Excellence in Equine Art on the grade levels of 7-8-9.

Shown from left: Derek Kopen, Kaytlin Kopen, Ashley Pavill, Lauren Hardisky, Kelly Dickinson, and Amanda Blom.



Lake-Lehman award winners

Students from the Lake-Lehman School District were recently honored for their artworks in the Suzanne Maria Rossetti Memorial Juried Art Contest, sponsored by Joe and Sue Hand of Dallas, in memory of the daughter of Louise and the late Peter Rossetti of Saugus, MA.

Special award winners, shown from left: Paulina Posatko, Margo Johnson, Rikki Ritts, Chloe Kalna, Crystal McCaffrey, Robert Phillips, and Victoria Posatko.

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