

## Wyoming Sem visitation Feb. 21

Students and their families who are interested in learning more about Wyoming Seminary College Preparatory School are invited to attend the annual Visitation Day, to be held Monday, Feb. 21 at both the Upper School campus in Kingston and the Lower School campus in Forty Fort.

At the Lower School, the event will begin at 8:30 a.m. with visiting students attending classes, taking part in the day's activities and having lunch in the school cafeteria. Students interested in enrolling in grades 5-8 will have the opportunity to take an admission test during their visit. Tours of the Lower School for parents also will be offered. Any students not able to participate on Feb. 21 are welcome to schedule another date to visit the Lower School or to take the admission test. For more information or to sign up for the day's events or a tour, call the Lower School admission office at 718-6610.

At the Upper School, Visitation Day will begin at 8:30 a.m. at the Stettler Learning Resource Center, North Sprague Ave., Kingston. Visitors will hear presentations about the school's curriculum from Academic Dean Dr. William Summerhill and Sem students, and will tour the campus. Visitors may also schedule interviews with admission staff, to be held after the tour. Those interested in attending the Upper School Visitation Day should register by Feb. 18. For more information, or to sign up for the event, call the Upper School admission office at 270-2160.

## 'Cyber Security Camp' for 10th graders

Tenth grade students from area high schools are eligible to participate in the region's first Cyber Security Camp, scheduled for Saturdays in March and April. The Cyber Camp is an introduction to careers in the growing field of information technology security.

Applications can be obtained from the West Side Area Vocational-Technical School and should be submitted to Elizabeth Ellis, principal supervisor of vocational education, by March 4. Students will be admitted into the camp based upon counselor recommendation. Students seeking application must have completed Algebra 1 in the math sequence of their home school. The Saturday programs will run from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information, call 288-8493.



Wyoming Seminary Lower School eighth graders from the Back Mountain area convene, in period attire, in the school's Atwood Foyer prior to participating in the annual Ellis Island Simulation, part of their American history studies. Pictured from left, front row: Kelsey Lloyd, Shavertown; Katherine Levandoski, Dallas; Tara Puffenberger, Dallas; Hannah Frantz, Dallas; and Kyla Halsor, Dallas. Second row: Caroline Kropp, Wyoming; Sean Dickinson, Shavertown; Alexandra Hackett, Dallas; Olivia Marquart, Dallas; and Katie Farias, Shavertown. Third row: Mike Ryan, Dallas; Lauren Henry, Dallas; Derek Kopen, Shavertown; Alex Olsen, Shavertown; and Ryan Leas, Shavertown.

## Sem students get a taste of immigrant experience

Eighth-grade students in Clark Switzer's American History class at Wyoming Seminary Lower School recently got a taste of their ancestors' immigration experience by participating in "Ellis Island Simulation Day."

The learning exercise was followed by an actual field trip to Ellis Island the following day. Eighth graders not only dressed as immigrants and sampled ethnic foods; they also underwent "interviews" in a processing center (the school's Mural Room and the Amato Auditorium), where they were subjected to tests of their intelligence, language ability and health.

"Immigration officials," played by teachers and Upper

School international students, decided who would be allowed to enter "the country" and who would be turned away. In order to make the process as true-to-life as possible, the student immigrants were purposely subjected to the frustration of responding to "immigration officials" who spoke a language the students did not know.

Switzer says his goal each year is to teach his eighth graders how to best appreciate the struggles immigrants faced as they pursued their dreams of becoming Americans. The following day's trip to Ellis Island, in which students bundled up against New York's frigid temperatures, reinforced and built upon the simulated "immigration experience."

## Penn State W-B student wins essay contest

Peter M. Kennedy, a fourth year student at Penn State Wilkes-Barre majoring in Electrical Engineering Technology, has been awarded first prize in the Circuits and Devices (C&D) Magazine writing contest. Kennedy has received a monetary award and his essay will be published in the March issue of C&D Magazine.

C&D is a professional magazine published by The Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, Inc. for practicing engineers, managers, students and research engineers. The

essay contest was developed as an effort to promote journalism and good communication among engineering students. It was open to any graduate or undergraduate student enrolled in an engineering curriculum.

The topic was How my Career in Electrical Engineering will Contribute to a Better Life for my Family. In his prize-winning essay, Kennedy outlined the strides made in recent years in the manufacture of cell phones and computers and the advances made in biometrics and nanofabrication. He also specu-

lated on technology that is yet to come.

"Maybe someday I'll be using my own home control system that heats a little smarter than simple zoning, keeping the lights off when no one is in the room and ordering my groceries," said Kennedy. "When I can do that, then I have to ask myself, 'What can I do that's a little smarter? What can I do better?' I see these as the real benefits to my family, the benefits that come when you view the next horizon."

Kennedy resides at Harveys Lake.

## Jeffrey Jumper admitted to National Honor Society

Jeffrey Albert Jumper, son of Albert and Barbara Jumper, Trucksville, has recently been invited to membership in Phi Kappa Phi and will be inducted into the honor society on February 27. Phi Kappa Phi is the nation's oldest, largest and most selective all-discipline

honor society. Only students in the top 5 percent of their class at Penn State are selected for membership.

A 2002 graduate of Dallas High School, Jumper is currently a second semester junior at Pennsylvania State University, State College, where he is

studying meteorology. He carries a 3.92 GPA and anticipates graduation in the spring of 2006. Locally, he has been active in community affairs as a volunteer for the Shavertown Volunteer Fire Department and Kingston Township Ambulance.

### DEAN'S LIST

The following students from the local area have been named to the dean's list at their respective colleges or universities:

**Virginia Tech**  
Meredith A. Lacey, Shavertown

**Roman's College**  
Julia Franklin, Tunkhannock

**College Misericordia**  
Sister Aboh, Dallas; Sister Ahanihu, Dallas; Cheri Balmer, Dallas; Mark Butsavage, Dallas; Lori Carter, Dallas; Jennifer Chulick, Dallas; Virginia Conrad, Dallas; Hilary Coole, Dallas; Heidi D'Amore, Dallas; Marilyn Dehaven, Dallas; Cara Devine, Dallas; Marquerite Dewees, Dallas; Thomas Elbich, Dallas; Eli Fried, Dallas; Deborah Ickes, Dallas; Leann Ickes, Dallas; Heather Jones, Dallas; Timothy Kerestes, Dallas; Kristin King, Dallas; Regina Martin, Dallas; Colleen Martinez, Dallas; Kari Maskalis, Dallas; Richard Ross, Dallas; Amy Wandel, Dallas; Robyn Weber, Dallas; Mary Wyberski, Dallas; Brenda

Bowen, Exeter; Christine Jester, Exeter; Kelly Kaslavage, Exeter; Kellie Kizis, Exeter; Jennifer Orkwis, Exeter; Thomas Sokaloski, Exeter; Martin Mc Carthy, Exeter; Kristen De Barry, Harveys Lake; Cheryl Muendlein, Harveys Lake; Joseph Nice, Harveys Lake; Santina Sperling, Harveys Lake; Gwenith Thomas, Harveys Lake; Louisa Vandenberg, Harveys Lake; David Vaughan, Harveys Lake; Valerie Williams, Harveys Lake; Alyssa Bierbach, Hunlock Creek; Sherry Bronson, Hunlock Creek; Alison Davenport, Hunlock Creek; Doreen Johnson, Hunlock Creek; Jenny Sirak, Hunlock Creek; Corin Smith, Hunlock Creek; Melissa Sorber, Hunlock Creek; Joanne Yanchick, Hunlock Creek; Stacy Siglin, Noxen; Renee Lavin, Pittston; Stephen Filipiak, Pittston Township; Ryan Balara, Shavertown; Courtney Burgess-Michak, Shavertown; Melanie Burns, Shavertown; Michael Castanaro, Shavertown; Eric Yench, Shavertown; Mark Zalewski, Shavertown; Pamela Langdon, Shavertown; Krystle

Matthews, Shavertown; Philip Pack, Shavertown; Melissa Rossick, Shavertown; Jenna Fine, Sweet Valley; Carol Rosser, Sweet Valley; Natasha Holter, Trucksville; Chase Susko, Trucksville; Kathleen Baczynski, Trucksville; Luanne Cusatis, Tunkhannock; Sharon Dickson, Tunkhannock; Christine Evans, Tunkhannock; Laura Kintner, Tunkhannock; Jessica Klimas, Tunkhannock; Sarah Luvender, Tunkhannock; Jenilee Patton, Tunkhannock; Sheryl Russell, Tunkhannock; Molly Sayre, Tunkhannock; Hillary Gross, West Pittston; Sara Hando, West Pittston; Jennifer Hawk, West Pittston; Michaelina Capizzi, West Pittston; Wendy Narcum, West Pittston; Deborah Bernoskie, West Pittston; Kimberly Perlock, West Wyoming; Larry Tinson, West Wyoming; Tara White, West Wyoming; Angela Yorina, Wyoming; Jennifer Zeller, Wyoming; Mary Piasta, Wyoming; Maria Pisaneschi, Wyoming; Karen Printzenhoff, Wyoming; Lisa Bressler, Wyoming; Bethany Kinney, Wyoming; Thomas Lubaczewski, Wyoming.

## Security guard training at LCCC

Luzerne County Community College will offer PA Act 235-Security Guard Lethal Weapons Training courses this spring. The next class will begin February 28.

The 40-hour course is approved by the Pennsylvania State Police and is designed for any person who is interested in becoming a security guard, night watchperson or private investigator.

Applicants must meet certain requirements for acceptance into the course. Applications must be printed from the PA State Police site ([www.lethalweapons.state.pa.us](http://www.lethalweapons.state.pa.us)) and submitted to Hershey. Once a certificate of eligibility is received from the state, application for the training program can be made.

For more information, or to register, visit the LCCC web site at [www.luzerne.edu](http://www.luzerne.edu) and click on 'Continuing Education' or call 740-0477.



## DEL Standouts for January

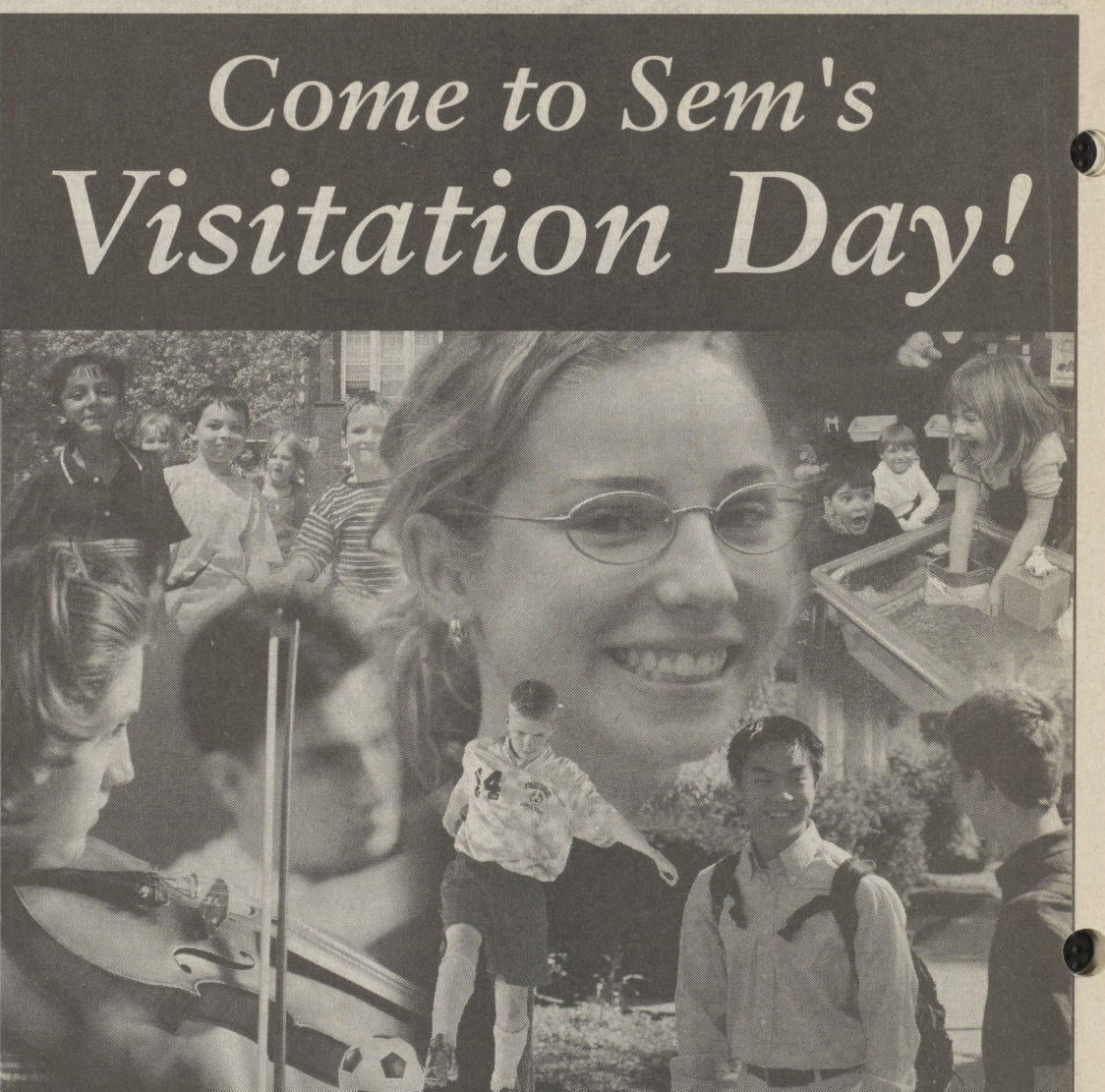
Dallas Elementary School has named Student Standouts for the month of January.

From left, first row: Jacob Besecker, Frank Weaver, Linsey Miller, Andrew Smith, Aaron Becker, Chad Phillips, Ashley Misson, John Gelsleichter, Caitlin Gill, Kyle Kotulski, Nicholas Conway. Second row: Angela DiMaria, Jillian Viercinski, Cortlyn Van Deusch, Michelle Thompson, Krista Zimmerman, Alexander Jones, Samuel Reinert, Michaela Coolbaugh, Maria Fessler, Jonathan Weaver, Jon Barrett, Eric Anderson, Amelia Pietracchini, Bethany Flanders.

Absent from photo, Shon Kocher.



From left, first row: Ryan Phillips, Angela Bendick. Second row: Michaela Weber, Katherine Marianacci.



## Presidents' Day, February 21

Students in pre-kindergarten through grade 12 are invited to visit our Lower or Upper Schools.

Call to arrange your visit - get to know us!



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