

GOH leaders in forensics

Three forensics teams from the Gate of Heaven School, Dallas, placed in the Diocesan Forensics Tournament, the final competition in a string of forensics battles which were held over the course of March and April.

Starting with 27 teams, Gate of Heaven held its in-school tournament to decide which six teams would represent the school in the regional tournament, at which five earned places in the diocesan tournament, held on April 30 at Seton Catholic in Pittston.

Two teams from Gate of Heaven's varsity team and one team from the junior varsity placed in the final competition. The two varsity teams were comprised of students Colleen Leahigh, Casey Hampsey, Serena Fulton, and Conor Harrington, while Nathan Albrecht, Stephen Ruch, and Kyle Wesley manned the junior varsity.



Forensics team members, from left, front row: Stephen Ruch, Nathan Albrecht, Zoe Evans, Jessica Kreidler, Conor Harrington, Kyle Wesley. Back row: Mrs. Ann Lohin, Sarah Moga, Colleen Leahigh, Casey Hampsey, Megan Jordan, Serena Fulton.

Sem senior is award finalist

Andrew O'Hara of Dallas, a senior at Wyoming Seminary, was named a finalist in the prestigious Young Naturalist Award contest, a research-based essay contest sponsored by the American Museum of Natural History in New York City. O'Hara's project, which examined the morphological differences between hermit crab populations in New Jersey, was one of 48 projects chosen from more than 1,000 submitted.

The Young Naturalist Awards is a program of the National Center for Science Literacy, Education and Technology, part of the Museum's Department of Education.

O'Hara, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles O'Hara of Dallas, is shown during the recent Sem Science Research Group Science Presentation.



Andrew O'Hara

Disability champion, author to speak at College Misericordia commencement

Brooke Ellison, author and motivational speaker, will be the guest speaker and receive an honorary degree at College Misericordia's 79th annual commencement ceremony. Andrew J. Sordoni, III, president of the Sordoni Foundation Services, and Patrick J. Solano, retired senior counselor to the Governor of Pennsylvania, will also be presented with honorary degrees.

Ellison was hit by a car in 1990 at the age of 11 while she was on her way home from school. The accident left her paralyzed from the neck down and ventilator-dependent. Despite her physical situation, she was determined to continue with her life. Her accomplishments include honors in poetry, science, math and literature. Her most notable achievement occurred in 2000, when she graduated magna cum laude from Harvard University and gave a commencement address to her class. She graduated with an A- average in cognitive neuroscience, a combined major of psychology and biology.

In January 2002, Brooke and her mother, Jean Ellison, published a book titled, "The Brooke Ellison Story," which

documents their family's experiences from the day of Brooke's accident until her graduation from Harvard. The book was made into a movie, directed by Christopher Reeve.

Brooke, now 26, has also graduated from Harvard's Kennedy School of Government with a master's degree in public policy and is currently a Ph.D. student in political science at Stony Brook University.

In addition to her school work, Brooke has continued to write and works as a motivational speaker, hoping to use her experiences to help others.

Commencement will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 21, in the Anderson Sports and Health Center on campus. Baccalaureate mass will precede the ceremony at 11 a.m. The college is expecting to confer over 400 diplomas to graduate and undergraduate students.

DHS 2005 Grad Lock-in meeting

The Dallas High School Grad Lock-in committee will meet on Thursday, May 19 at 7 p.m. in the Dallas High School library. Everyone is welcome to attend, especially parents of juniors who would like to get involved with the committee for next year. Volunteers for decorating, chaperoning and cleanup are needed for this year's lock-in party. Any questions, call Judy Dickson at 675-4269 or Kathleen Savage at 696-1657.

Frances Slocum State Park nature camps

The Youth Environmental Learning Series (YELS) will be conducted once more at Frances Slocum State Park. The programs are set to run from 9 a.m. until noon on the following dates: ages 4-5, June 14 to 16 or June 21 to 23; ages 6-8, June 28 to 30, July 6 to 8, or July 19 to 21; ages 9-11, July 26-28, August 2 to 4, or August 9 to 11.

Registration is required. Walk-in registration will be held at Pavilion #1 on Saturday, June 4 at 10 a.m.

First come, first served. There will be a \$20 non-refundable registration fee per child. For more information, contact Kathy Kelchner at 696-9105.



From left, Joseph Bevevino, Mira Patel, Orlando Jones, Madison Evans, Courtney Hoats, Jackson Shaver, Gregory Bronsberg, Justus Shultz, Omar Nijmeh, Samantha Bitto, Stephanie Vanderhoff, Katie Conrad, row 2: Kyle Razawich, Carmen Cabrera, Chris Ross, Amanda Kus, Chad Debona, Michael Mihal, Chris Colacito, Miranda Besecker, James DelPriore, Matt Diaco, Samantha Jacobs, Alex Koehler, Marilyn Mizenko, Harry Parkhurst, Michelle Thompson.



Dallas Elementary Student Standouts for March

At left, Tori Landon, Christian Sypniewski. Right, Jonathan Adams, Justin Butsavege.



'Tour' the Met at PSU Wilkes-Barre

Penn State Wilkes-Barre will continue its series of personal enrichment workshops with a Virtual Tour of the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

An evening devoted to those interested in art history and appreciation of the arts will be held on Friday, June 3, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the campus's science building. Experience New York City's Metropolitan Museum of Art

with a virtual tour led by Penn State art instructor Mary Mattern. Following the "Met's" floor plan, Mattern will lead participants through the art works and artifacts on the first floor and the paintings and galleries on the second.

For more information or to register for any of these programs, call Janet Rosenbaum at 675-9102 or e-mail wbce@outreach.psu.edu

LCCC summer session

Luzerne County Community College will offer courses during its full summer session. Classes begin Tuesday, May 31 and end Thursday, August 4.

Registration will be held on Monday, May 23, from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., at the registrar's office, building 5, at the LCCC campus in Nanticoke.

For more information, call LCCC at 740-0337 or (800) 377-LCCC, extension 337.

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