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SCHOOLS

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COUNTY FAIR QUEEN VISITS NURSERY SCHOOL



Kristina Hrabcak, a senior at Dallas High School and the 2006 Miss Luzerne County Fair Queen, recently visited children at Trucksville Nursery School. Hraback taught the children Spanish words, songs and games. Participating in the event, from left, first row are Max Paczewski, Nicholas Nocito, Abby Javne and McKenzie Zimmerman. Second row: Olivia Jorda, Campbell Kennedy, Caroline Stallard and Grace Parsons. Third row: Ashley Elick, Andrew Gryskevicz, Riley Egan, Hrabcak, Haley James and Sean Bernardo.

Stredny receives Goldwater Scholarship

Dallas resident Coral Stredny recently became the sixth University of Scranton student in five consecutive years to be awarded a highly competitive Goldwater Scholarship and the first Scranton student to earn this prestigious award as a sophomore. She is one of only eight Goldwater Scholars to be selected this year from the nation's Jesuit universities.

A biochemistry major, Stredny is among the 317 sophomore and junior undergraduates in the nation to be awarded the scholarship for the 2007/2008 academic year. A member of the university's Undergraduate Honors Program, Stredny was awarded a two-year scholarship. The 2007 Goldwater Scholars

were selected on the basis of academic merit from a field of 1,110 mathematics, science and engineering students nominated by the faculties of their colleges and universities. Stredny will receive a \$7,500 Goldwater Scholarship for both her junior and senior year of study at The University of Scranton.

Stredny maintains a 3.98 grade-point average and received the university's O'Hara Award for achieving the highest freshman grade-point average in the College of Arts and Sciences for the 2005-06 academic year. A member of Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society (the national honor society for freshmen) and Beta Beta Beta (the national honor society for biology), she was among the six Scranton students to be awarded the President's Fellowship for Undergraduate Research for the summer of 2006.

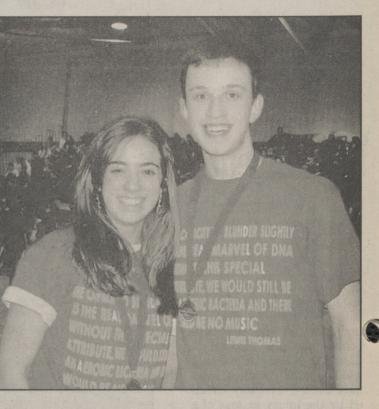
Stredney participated in the Faculty-Student Teaching Mentorship Program, worked as a teaching assistant for an undergraduate biochemistry laboratory and also served as a peer chemistry tutor.

She is the Northeast Pennsylvania Division Lieutenant Governor for Circle K International, one of the largest service organizations in the world for college students, and represents the university's club on the Pennsylvania District State Board.

At The University of Scranton, she was the survivorship chair for Colleges Against Cancer and the survivorship cochair for the Relay for Life committee. She also participated in the Scranton Emerging Leaders Program and this summer plans to work as an emergency medical technician.

A graduate of Dallas High School, Stredny resides in Dallas with her parents, Edward and Joanne and her brother, Eddie.





Dallas High School sophomores Nicole Clemson and Preston Balavage recently earned first-place regional medals at the Science Olympiad Regional Competition at Penn State University. The pair competed in the "Write It-Do It" event, which tests a competitor's ability to communicate with a college in the science processes and thinking skills arena. Clemson and Balavage are members of the Dallas High School Science Olympiad team coached by science teacher JoAnn McAllister. The accomplishment represents the first time Dallas High School has earned a first-place medal at the state Science Olympiad competition. Clemson, left, is the daughter of Paul and Trudy Clemson of Dallas and Balavage, right, is the son of William and Andrea Balavage of Wyoming.





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