

DALLAS HIGH SCHOOL FBLA ANNOUNCES REGIONAL WINNERS



Dallas High School FBLA members recently participated in the Region 16 Leadership Conference at Luzerne County Community College. The students pictured here distinguished themselves as top competitors among over 600 participants. The eligible regional winners will compete at the State Conference in Hershey. From left, first row, are Kristen O'Brien, Job Interview; Morgan Kunkle, Business Communication; Drew Clouse, Technology Concepts; and Paul VanLoon, Intro to Business. Second row, AJ Thomas, Business Procedures; Bryan Darling, Accounting I; Derek Martin, Management Decision Making; Jared Kern, Management Decision Making; Preston Balavage, Accounting I; Scott Daube, Technology Concepts; and Mrs. Linda Shrader, advisor. Absent at the time of the photo was Andrea Edgar, Personal Finance.

HL student wants to be military pilot

The future of one Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania student is taking off - literally.

Gregory Pimm, a junior from Harveys Lake and a graduate of Lake-Lehman High School, is soaring among the cadet ranks of Air Force ROTC training as he works toward a goal of becoming a military pilot.

The son of John and Joye Pimm, Pimm is about to attend a leadership symposium at the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo., as one of just two cadets from the northeastern United States. In May, he will go to Maxwell-Gunter Air Force Base in Alabama as a cadet training assistant, an invitation that came from earning the Rising Eagle Warrior Spirit award during field training at Ellsworth AFB in South Dakota. He will help to train newcomers during the four-week program at Maxwell.

But Pimm doesn't dream of being just any pilot. His goal is to fly B-1 bombers or F-22 fighter jets. He explains that it's a matter of speed. Both are supersonic aircraft and the prospect of that kind of speed is tantalizing.

Asked if he has a touch of "Top Gun" syndrome, he laughs and says, "Not at all," describing himself as a very reserved kind of per-



Pimm

The last two relate directly to his interest in aviation, and he sees the education degree as the path to teaching after retirement from the Air Force.

If Pimm is admitted to flight school, he'll have to serve at least 10 years in return for the government's investment in his training. After all, it isn't a simple thing to fly an aircraft worth \$383 million at 900 miles an hour, a plane that can deliver nuclear weapons anywhere in the world and return to base nonstop. But he plans to serve for 20 years, so that's not a hardship.

And if he doesn't get a seat in flight school? Then he'll pursue training in the tactical area of aviation support, which continues something of a family tradition. His eldest brother, Eric, was an Army sergeant who worked as an Apache helicopter crew chief, including two tours in Iraq; his brother, Jeff is a Navy airman and aviation boatswain's mate who

son.

Pimm, who is an Eagle scout, has dual majors in secondary education and history and a minor in aerospace studies.

launches and recovers aircraft from the USS Enterprise.

Pimm's path began with a football scholarship, first at Lebanon Valley College and then Bloomsburg. Sidelined with an injury, he recognized that if he pushed luck on the field he might lose his opportunity with the Air Force. So he gave up the game and plunged into studies, earning a spot on the dean's list and serving as a representative on the Community Government Association.

He received a full Air Force scholarship for his academic achievements and pays the balance of his bills through several part-time jobs.

But Air Force ROTC remains his passion. He's one of the flight commanders for AFROTC Detachment 752 and was recognized as a top cadet while serving as physical fitness officer during field training.

Commandant of Cadets Capt. Greg Marsh said of Pimm, "He's a tremendous resource for our team. He appreciates hard work and can accomplish anything he sets his mind to."

And that just might include the cockpit of the B-1 bomber, the most advanced military aircraft of all.

CAIRNS

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tion of up to \$50,000 from Yahoo!

The Col. Potter Cairn Terrier Rescue Network raised a total of \$21,295, less than the \$43,399 the charity Food on Foot accumulated; however, the rescue had the most non-duplicated donations, meaning more people actually donated to it, making it the winner.

"This was not something that was done easily, but we did it and now more people are aware of puppy mills and understand just where that doggie in the window really comes from," Mann-Daly said. "Hopefully, they will remember that those pet store puppies do come from puppy mills and their mothers and fathers are still there."

As a member of the organization's intakes team, Mann-Daly monitors approximately 25 websites that include dog auctions and classified ads. If she sees an ad for a Cairn that is free to a good home or selling cheap, she becomes concerned. Because Cairns are a small breed, dog-fighters will take free or inexpensive ones to use as bait, Mann-Daly explains.

Cairns for sale at dog auctions are also vulnerable to dog-fighters and, more often, to other backyard breeders and millers. The millers usually keep the dogs in

cages, breed them repeatedly and provide no love or veterinary care. One dog from a puppy mill, named Wesson, had ear infections so severe she could not hear or lift up her head. After being adopted, her infections were treated and her rotten teeth extracted. Although she remained deaf, Wesson became healthy and loved.

Mann-Daly also transports dogs from shelters, veterinary clinics and millers to foster homes, driving Interstate 80 in Pennsylvania from Tannersville to the Ohio line for transports. She has also performed a home evaluation for a potential foster home.

Growing up in Montrose, Mann-Daly has always had large dogs. The lifelong animal lover adopted her current dog, an American Eskimo mix named "Snowball," from the Luzerne County SPCA two years ago.

Family members support Mann-Daly's efforts to work with the rescue. Her husband, Kevin, and children, 14-year-old Connor and 6-year-old Nuala are willing to help where they can.

Aside from donations, Mann-Daly says the rescue is always in need of foster homes and transporters.

People looking to adopt a specific breed should try a shelter or rescue group before going to a pet store.

But, most importantly, she urges everyone to spay and neuter their pets.

DHS STUDENTS OF THE QUARTER NAMED



The Dallas High School Guidance Department announces Students of the Quarter for the second quarter of the 2007-2008 academic year. From left, are Christopher Wilson, School Spirit Student; Cory Conrad, Student Achiever; Bruce Sobocinski, Creative Student; and Katelyn Confer, Citizen Student.

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