

## SCHOOL BRIEFS

## Fabricatore earns Ph.D. at Seminary

Dan Fabricatore, former pastor of Grace Community Church in Dallas, PA was awarded a Ph.D. on May 9 from Baptist Bible Seminary, Clarks Summit, PA for research in the area of lexical semantics.

Fabricatore plans to write in the areas of New Testament interpretation as well as local church issues. He previously earned undergraduate degrees from Penn State University and the Moody Bible Institute in Chicago, IL. He also earned a Master of Theology in New Testament Greek from Dallas Theological Seminary, Dallas, TX.

## Two residents

## graduate from Cornell

Two Back Mountain students graduated on May 25 from Cornell University in Ithaca, N.Y. Tony Yu, of Dallas, received an Artium Baccalaureatus Degree in Biological Sciences and Naveen Dasa, of Shavertown, received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Hotel and Restaurant Administration.

## Share among 2008 top MU graduates

Misericordia University Nursing Department recently recognized the academic accomplishment of its top graduates, including David S. Share, of Dallas, during the institution's annual Honors Awards Banquet at the Banks Student Life Center.

Share was awarded his bachelor's degree in nursing on May

17 at Misericordia's 82nd Annual Commencement Ceremony at the Anderson Sports and Health Center. He was presented with the Army Nurse Corps Spirit of Nursing Award that is given to the senior nursing student who exemplifies exceptional leadership qualities in local, campus, community and professional activities.

## DeSando, Hallenbeck cited at Misericordia

Misericordia University recently recognized the academic accomplishments of teacher education majors Todd M. DeSando, of Dallas, and Justine Hallenbeck, of Harveys Lake, during the institution's annual Honors Awards Banquet at the Banks Student Life Center.

DeSando received his bach-

elor's degree in history and secondary education. The son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael DeSando, he was awarded the Dr. Louis Maganzin Award that is presented to a student who has excelled in student teaching in a secondary education.

The K. Monica Kruger Award was presented to Hallenbeck, who graduated summa cum laude with a bachelor's degree in elementary and special education. She received the award for being the outstanding adult learner in the teacher education department.

## Sem students receive Fellowships

Wyoming Seminary College Preparatory School recently announced the 2008-2009 recipients of the Levi Sprague Fellowships. Back Mountain recipients

are Katherine Farias, Shavertown; Katherine Levandoski, Dallas; and Sean Dickinson, Shavertown.

Awarded annually to commemorate the 70-year tenure of Wyoming Seminary's fourth president, the fellowship honors student leaders in academic, athletic and extracurricular life. It also brings day and boarding communities together by bringing some day students into the dorms.

Selection as a Levi Sprague Fellow is the highest honor the school bestows for leadership, and, once chosen, these students are expected to serve as models to the rest of the student body.

Nominations of juniors by students and faculty members are gathered in April and May and passed on to a committee of faculty and current Levi Sprague Fellows. The committee makes the

final decision. Recognized students receive full room and board for their senior year.

## Sem students excel in Latin Contest

Five Back Mountain students in Wyoming Seminary Lower School's seventh-grade Latin program recently received awards in the National Latin Contest for Northeastern Pennsylvania, held earlier this year.

The winners are Melissa Flack, Dallas; Anita Ghosh, Dallas; Tyler Harvey, Trucksville; Emma Bertram, Harveys Lake; and Benjamin Puza, Tunkhannock.

Additionally, two eighth-grade Back Mountain students who attend Wyoming Seminary also received the award. They are Emma Spath, Shavertown; and Joseph Kopolka, Dallas.

## LJ STUDENTS CELEBRATE DENTAL HEALTH MONTH



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Students in the kindergarten class at Lehman-Jackson Elementary School recently celebrated Dental Health Month with a visit from Jane Balavage RDH, BS. Balavage, the Philips Oral Health Care and RDH Magazine's 2007 Mentor of the Year recipient, explained the importance of good dental hygiene by telling stories and playing her baritone horn to explain how important it is to have your teeth in good condition. The event included all the students of Ms. Jenna Elston, Mrs. Tracy Thompson, Mrs. Jennifer Graboske and Mrs. Dara Lopasky's kindergarten classes.

## TRIKE-A-THON RAISES MONEY FOR ST. JUDE'S HOSPITAL



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Students in the pre-school and kindergarten classes at I'm Big Now Learning Center in Dallas recently participated in a Trike-a-Thon for St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, raising over \$850 by riding laps on floor scooters with their sponsors donating to the cause. From left, kneeling, are Molly Moran, Amanda Puza, Joshua Rushton, Sam Leandri, Drew Dickson, Alec Mattingly and Matthew Giampietro. Standing, James Chollak, Tegan Ostroski, Samuel Crawford, Savanna Eneboe, Tanner Saracino, Sam Nocito, Ian Atkinson, Freddie Lombardo, Luke DelGaudio, Ethan Adams, David Rinehimer, Matthew Maransky and Shreena Patel.

## PEER TUTORING PROGRAM STARTS AT DALLAS MIDDLE SCHOOL



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The Dallas Middle School has established a peer-tutoring program to help all students be successful in mathematics. Eighth grade National Junior Honor Society members are available daily during periods one and five as well as during activity period each club day to assist students who need help with the understanding of mathematical concepts. Those involved with the program are, from left, Mrs. Debra A Sattof, adviser; Ashlyn Reiser, Madeline Payne, Erika McCabe, Sara Flaherty, Paul Narcum and Brandon Rome.

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