

PEOPLE BRIEFS

Sem students receive Latin awards

Back Mountain residents were among Wyoming Seminary Upper School students honored for their achievements in Latin, based on their scores in the 2009 National Latin Exam. Award winners include freshman Ben Puza, Tunkhannock; sophomore Catherine Clements, Shavertown; sophomore Caroline Meuser, Shavertown; sophomore Evan Leas, Shavertown; freshman Emma Spath, Shavertown; freshman Joseph Kapolka, Dallas; sophomore Bijoy Ghosh, Dallas; sophomore Jared Gollhardt, Dallas; freshman Harry Parkhurst, Trucksville; sophomore Brianna Wise, Shavertown; freshman Brandon Rome, Shavertown; and freshman Logan May, Dallas.

Two Wyoming Seminary students honored

Back Mountain residents among Wyoming Seminary Upper School students honored for their achievements in French language from the Northeastern Pennsylvania Chapter of the National French Contest are senior Katherine Levandoski, Dallas, who has scored in first place for six years; and sophomore Bijoy Ghosh, Dallas.

Lipski on dean's list

Jaime Lipski, of Dallas, a member of the class of 2011, has been named to the dean's list at Providence College for the Spring 2009 semester. To qualify for the dean's list, students must achieve at least a 3.55 grade point average with a minimum of 12 credits.

Garner named to MU library staff

Misericordia University has named Jacob Garner of Dallas as Electronic Reserves Specialist at the Mary Kintz Bevevino Library. Garner



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earned his bachelor's degree in accounting with minors in English and management from Misericordia in 2008.

In his new position, he will be responsible for processing all faculty reserve articles and verifying copyright compliance for those posted on the Blackboard online classroom system.

Halsor earns honors at Skidmore

Chelsea Halsor, a member of the Class of 2011 at Skidmore College, has earned highest honors for the spring semester. She is the daughter of Sid Halsor and Cydney Faul-Halsor, of Dallas.

Highest honors are awarded for a quality point ratio of 3.670 or more from a possible 4.0. Honors are awarded for a grade point ratio of 3.4 to 3.669.

Heintz girls on York College dean's list

Elizabeth and Theresa Heintz, both of Dallas, have been named to the York College of Pennsylvania dean's list for the spring 2009 semester.

To be eligible for this honor, a student must be registered for at least 12 academic credit hours and earn a semester grade point average of 3.50 or higher.

Elizabeth Heintz is a senior nursing major and Theresa Heintz is a junior mass communications major.

Shao on dean's list

Mason Shao, of Tunkhannock, has been named to the dean's list for the spring 2009 semester at the University of Connecticut.

To make the dean's List, students must take at least 12 credits, finish the semester with a grade point average that is among the top 25 percent of students enrolled in their school or college and have no grade below "C."

Yonchik graduates from LCCC

Lori Ann Yonchik, of Franklin Township, received an Associate in Applied Science degree from Luzerne County

Community College during commencement ceremonies held June 4 at the Wachovia Arena at Casey Plaza.

Two named to dean's list

Sheena Lee Kocher, of Noxen, and Mary Elise Novack, of Tunkhannock, have been named to the dean's list at the Savannah college of Art and Design in Savannah, Ga., for the winter quarter 2008.

Kocher is seeking a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from the School of Communication Arts while Novack is seeking a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from the school of Fine Arts.

Full-time undergraduate students who earn a grade point average of 3.5 or above for the quarter receive recognition on the dean's list.

Speace graduates from Gettysburg

Garrett L. Speace, of Shavertown, graduated from Gettysburg College with a bachelor's degree on May 17. He was a management major.

Two named to dean's list at Northeastern

Benjamin Bell, of Shavertown, and Patrick McMahon, of Dallas, have been named to the dean's list at Northeastern University for the 2009 spring semester.

Bell is majoring in liberal arts - science and McMahon is majoring in chemical engineering.

Four graduate from U of S

Margaret M. Mathewson, Mark P. Romanowski, Coral Stredny and Jered J. Weinstock, all of Dallas, received undergraduate degrees from The University of Scranton during commencement ceremonies held Sunday, May 31, at the Wachovia Arena at Casey Plaza.

Mericle receives President's Award

Kelly Mericle, of Shavertown, was among eight Wyoming Seminary graduates who received the President's Award for Outstanding Service during the school's 164th Commencement.

Mericle has been named to the Dean's List with High Honors and received the Rachel Carson Book



Mericle

Award and the Jerry and Edith Iscovitz Memorial Good Sportsmanship Award prior to commencement.

She was a member of the field hockey and swim teams and served as a captain for both teams. She also received the Coaches' Award for swimming and Gold Award in both field hockey and swimming.

Thomas Bassett is scholarship recipient

Thomas Bassett, a 2009 graduate of Lake-Lehman High School, was a recipient of a scholarship from the Mozart Club of Wilkes-Barre. He was presented with the scholarship at the club's annual scholarship awards dinner on May 18.

Bassett is a clarinet player.

Two sem grads receive awards

Wyoming Seminary graduates Ryan Leas and Tyler Sickel, both of Shavertown, received the Mabel Scott Wandell and Sterling Leroy Wandell Scholarship Award during the school's 165th Commencement.

The award is given in recognition of the students' academic achievements and school leadership.

Leas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Leas, has been named to the Dean's List with High Honors and to Cum Laude. Prior to commencement, he re-

ceived the President's Educational Excellence Award. He was a member of the varsity cross-country team and was active in the student newspaper, Blue Key, Peer Mentors, Peer Writing Lab and the Art Club.

Sickel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Sickel, was a member of the varsity basketball team and served as a captain in his senior year and leader of the team's fall training and conditioning program. He received the Coaches Award for basketball and was active in the Future Business Leaders of America Club.

Dickinson receives award

Wyoming Seminary cum laude graduate Sean Dickinson, son of Dr. and Mrs. John Dickinson of Shavertown, received the Samuel Stephen Popky Leadership Award during the



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school's 165th commencement. He also received the Dr. William Schuler Pierce Award for excellence in science and the Michael Ellis Drama Prize for excellence in theater.

Prior to commencement, he received the President's Educational Excellence Award, the PIAA Scholar-Athlete Award, the Holman Religious Leadership Award, the Colgate University Book Award and the Bausch & Lomb Honorary Science Award.

Spess presents research project

Joseph Spess, of Shavertown, presented an individual research project titled "Pulley Power: Mechanical Advantage" at the 18th annual Undergraduate Student Research and Creative Accomplishment Conference at Penn State Erie, The Behrend College.

Spess, a 2009 graduate with a B.S. in mechanical engineering technology, earned the Best Oral Presentation, Engineering Technology and Physics award for the research.

Three graduate from Boston College

Three Back Mountain residents have graduated from Boston College.

Caroline Byron, of Dallas, received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Human Development from the university's Carolyn A. and Peter S. Lynch School of Education.

Christina Harostock, of Shavertown, received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics from the university's College of Arts and Sciences.

Tamra Morris, of Shavertown, received a Bachelor of Arts degree in sociology from the university's College of Arts and Sciences.

Two named to dean's list

Jessica M. Ferlanda and Savannah A. Coombs, both of Dallas, have been named to the spring dean's list at Lebanon Valley College. Dean's list students must maintain a 3.4 average out of a possible 4.0.

Davidowitz on dean's list

Samuel Davidowitz, of Shavertown, has been named to the dean's list at Bryant University for the spring semester. Davidowitz is a sophomore majoring in international business.

Two graduate from William and Mary

Caleb Piatt, of Dallas, and Timothy Polin, of Shavertown, recently graduated from the College of William and Mary.

Piatt received a BBA degree and Polin earned a JD degree.

BMT residents receive awards at Seminary

Wyoming Seminary presented awards to 22 outstanding Lower School students at the

annual eighth-grade graduation ceremony held June 3 on the Lower School campus in Forty Fort.

Back Mountain residents who received awards include:

Jared Brady, of Shavertown, the Paul Kafrisen Memorial Computer Award and The Irma Meyer Award (excellence in art); Melissa Flack, of Dallas, the Irma Meyer Award (excellence in art); Tyler Harvey, of Trucksville, The Mary Mazzitelli Memorial Music Leadership Award; Frank Henry, III, of Dallas, the Dean's Award (all-around student and school loyalty); Kristen Mericle, of Shavertown, The Jane Pfifferling Dimond Award (excellence in girls' athletics); and Alaina Schukraft, of Dallas, The Peter Drapiewski Memorial Prize (integrity and intellectual promise).

Farias is award winner

Katherine Farias, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alan Farias, of Shavertown, received the Theodore S. Abbot Language Cup in recognition of her ability in world languages during the school's 165th commencement.

Farias has been named to the Dean's List with High Honors and



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has been named to Cum Laude, the academic honor society for independent schools. Prior to commencement, she received the President's Educational Excellence Award and the Iscovitz Memorial Good Sportsmanship Award.

A Levi Sprague Fellow her senior year, she was active in Blue Key, Peer Group, Student Activities Committee, and as a class representative to student government.

She was a three-sport athlete, serving as a captain for the girls tennis, basketball and lacrosse teams, receiving Gold Awards in basketball and lacrosse and receiving the Most Improved Player award twice in tennis.

Collini named to dean's list

Drew University student Lauren Collini, of Dallas, has been named to the dean's list for the spring 2009 semester.

In order to qualify for the dean's list, students must earn a grade point average of 3.4 or above, which is equivalent to a B+ or better.

Two graduate from Drew University

Lauren Rachel Collini, of Dallas, and Nicholas Sordoni, of Shavertown, earned Bachelor of Arts degrees from Drew University at the school's 141st commencement on May 16.

Four receive master's degrees

Lindsay M. Carpenter, Rosemary O. Hosey, Lauren Mascioli and Debra A. Pavlico, all of Dallas, received master's degrees from The University of Scranton during commencement ceremonies held May 30 in the Byron Recreation Complex on campus.

Wyoming Seminary students named to academic honor roll

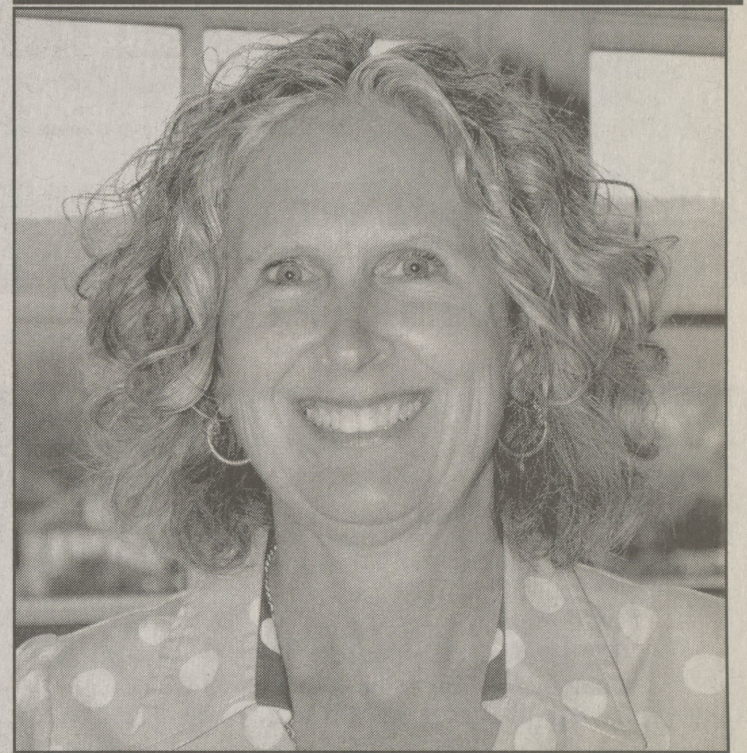
Mary T. Kolessar, Dean of Wyoming Seminary Middle School, has announced the Back Mountain students named to the Academic High Honor Roll and Academic Honor Roll for the third trimester of the 2008-2009 academic year.

HIGH HONOR ROLL

- Grade 5**
Jake Kolessar, Shavertown
- Grade 6**
Corinne Conyngham, Shavertown; Madison Nardone, Shavertown; Adam Rinehouse, Shavertown
- Grade 7**
Sai Abhishek, Shavertown; Gabrielle Coslett, Harveys Lake; Matthew Doggett, Shavertown; Andrew Levandoski, Dallas; Adam O'Brien, Hunlock Creek; Alannah Trombetta, Shavertown

HONOR ROLL

- Grade 5**
Dominique Coslett, Harveys Lake; Alexandra Cuddy, Shavertown; Michelle Leonard, Dallas; Jacqueline Meuser, Shavertown
- Grade 6**
Nathalie Joanlanne, Dallas
- Grade 7**
Noah Sunday-Lefkowitz, Shavertown.
- Grade 8**
Maria Chielli, Dallas; Frank Henry, Dallas; Nadine Malik, Shavertown; Kristen Mericle, Shavertown; Alaina Schukraft, Dallas.



Elizabeth 'Betsy' Gover

Betsy Gover receives teaching award from Wyoming Seminary

Elizabeth "Betsy" Gover, of Dallas, a third-grade teacher at Wyoming Seminary Lower School in Forty Fort, received the prestigious Frances and Louis Maslow Award for excellence in teaching on Wednesday, June 3, during the school's eighth-grade commencement ceremony.

Gover received the honor in recognition of her effective teaching, support of the primary program and ideals of the school and her positive influence on the lives of the students.

Gover has taught third grade at the Lower School for 20 years and is the director of the Primary Division's Respect and Responsibility program, which is designed to develop habits of empathy, understanding and good citizenship among the students. She also has served on the Curriculum Committee,

Reading Committee, Social Studies Committee and the Pennsylvania Association of Private Academic Schools (PAPAS) accreditation committee for the Lower School. Prior to joining Wyoming Seminary Lower School, Gover taught transitional, first and second-grade classes for six years at Dallas Elementary School. She also served as a substitute teacher at Sem before joining the full-time faculty in 1989. She holds a bachelor of arts degree in psychology from Wilkes University and is certified in pre-kindergarten through sixth-grade education. She is in the process of completing a master of science degree in educational development and strategies at Wilkes. She and her husband, Bruce, are the parents of three grown children.

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