

# African American History Month noted

The Misericordia University Multicultural Education Department has planned a series of educational programming for Dream Week 2013 (Feb. 18-21) in honor of African American History Month in February. All programming is open to the public and is free of charge.

Dream Week 2013 begins Monday, Feb. 18 with the presentation "The Taino: The Native Americans Who Discovered Columbus" by Bobby Gonzalez from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Catherine Evans McGowan Room of the Mary Kintz Bevevino Library.

Gonzalez is a nationally-known multicultural motivational speaker, storyteller and poet. He draws on his Native American (Taino) and Latino (Puerto Rican) roots to offer a unique repertoire of discourses, readings and performances that celebrate his indigenous heritage.

Roya Fahmy Swartz will present "Conflict Resolution through Theater: Middle East Conflicts" from 6 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 20 in the Henry Student Lounge.

Swartz has made a career of bringing together people of diverse racial, cultural and religious backgrounds, including Palestinian and Israeli youths, to promote peace. In her workshops, she uses both fine and performing arts to promote

multicultural awareness.

"The Educational and Psychological Needs of HIV/AIDS Orphans in Kenya" will be presented by Tata J. Mbugua, Ph.D., from 6 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 21 in the McGowan Room of the Bevevino Library.

Dr. Mbugua is an associate professor education at The University of Scranton. She worked as a social scientist and program director at the International Center for Insect Physiology and Ecology in Nairobi, Kenya, after completing her bachelor's degree from the University of Nairobi. She has more than 19 years of teacher training experience at the collegiate level, having taught at Ohio University where she completed her master's and doctoral degrees.

Dream Week 2013 also features the film, "Stonewall," at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 19 in the McGowan Room of the Bevevino Library. The 1995 film depicts the 1969 riot by drag queens at the Stonewall Inn in New York City, N.Y.

For more information about the slate of events scheduled for African American History Month at Misericordia University, call Maria Cabrera, multicultural student outreach coordinator, at 674-6160 or e-mail her at mcabrera@misericordia.edu.

## WES STUDENTS DONATE TO SANDY RELIEF EFFORTS



Students, faculty and staff from Wycallis Elementary School in the Dallas School District recently held a Hat Day and raised \$575 for Hurricane Sandy relief efforts. From left, are Sherry Williams, Red Cross Wyoming Valley Chapter executive, Wycallis Elementary Principal Dr. Paul Reinert and Guidance Counselor Chris Baron.

## SCHOOL BRIEFS

### Preschool sets Open House for today

The Together We Grow Preschool program, a part of Wyoming Valley Children's Association, at 1133 Wyoming Ave., Forty Fort, will host an open house for prospective students from noon to 2 p.m. today, Feb. 10.

Parents will be able to tour the building, meet teachers and register their child. Families are welcome to schedule a visit during Open House Week, Feb. 11-15, or schedule a tour at anytime.

For more information, call 714-1246.

### Poet will speak at diversity dinner

Timothy Seibles, M.F.A., an American poet, and English and creative writing professor at Old Dominion University, will be the keynote speaker at the 22nd Annual Diversity Institute Dinner on Thursday, Feb. 14 at Misericordia University.

The Diversity Institute Dinner begins with cocktails at 5:30 p.m. and dinner at 6:15 p.m. in Muth, Huntzinger and Alden Trust Rooms 217-219 of Sandy and Marlene Insalaco Hall.

A limited number of tickets are available to the public. Call

the Diversity Institute at 674-6217 to reserve a ticket.

### King's presents 'The 39 Steps'

The King's College Theatre Department will host the regional premiere of Patrick Barlow's comedy "The 39 Steps" at 7:30 p.m. on Feb. 14-16, 21-23 and at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 17, in the George P. Maffei II Theater in the administration building on North River Street.

Adapted from John Buchan's 1915 novel and the 1935 Alfred Hitchcock film of the same name, "The 39 Steps" is a quick-witted "whodunit?" with a dash of Monty Python style comedy.

Tickets are \$12 for general admission and \$7 for non-King's students and senior citizens.

For more information or to reserve tickets, call the box office at 208-5825 or e-mail boxoff@kings.edu.

### Sem Players present 'Twelfth Night'

The Wyoming Seminary Middle School Players will present Shakespeare's romantic comedy "Twelfth Night," at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Feb. 15 and 16 in the Lower School Amato Auditorium, 1560 Wyoming Ave., Forty Fort.

Donations will be taken at the door and will benefit area charities. For more information, call 270-2192.

### Rummage sale set

A rummage and bake sale to benefit the 2013 Dallas High School Lock-In will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, March 9 at the Dallas Middle School.

## PEOPLE BRIEFS

### Danko named to dean's list

Lindsay Danko, of Dallas, a pre-nursing major, was named to the dean's list for the fall semester at The Ohio State University.

The dean's list recognizes students who have earned a

grade point average of 3.5 and above for the semester.

Danko is the daughter of Ron and Deb Danko.

### Bowman on dean's list at Juniata

Taylor Ann Bowman, of Wyoming, daughter of Dr. Kevin

Bowman and Ann James and a 2010 graduate of Dallas High School, has been named to 2012 fall dean's list at Juniata College.

The dean's list recognizes grade point averages of at least 3.6 out of a possible 4.0.

### Marquart named to dean's list

Olivia Marquart, of Dallas, has been named to the dean's list for the fall 2012 semester at

Salve Regina University. Marquart is a senior majoring in Early Childhood Education.

To qualify for the dean's list, students must earn a minimum grade point average of 3.6.

## ROSS ELEMENTARY JANUARY STUDENTS OF THE BUILDING



January students of the Building at Ross Elementary School have been nominated for their honesty. From left, first row, are Alyssya Raczkowski, Lilian Raczkowski, Kylee Blazik, Kaelyn Hinkley, Sierra Vogan, Tyler Coenen, Rachel Derhammer, Aaron Stroud, Bayne Raspen. Second row, Donald James, principal; Jennifer Welby, fourth-grade teacher; Joshua Bonomo, Antoinette Canfield, Jacob Prest, Rylee Chapin, Chase Marie Purdy, Tristan Sheffler and Shannon Kreidler, kindergarten teacher.

## Film series is offered

The Department of Continuing Education at Penn State Wilkes-Barre and the Greater Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Commerce announce the spring personal enrichment film and discussion series schedule.

Penn State Wilkes-Barre is partnering with R/C Wilkes-Barre Movies 14 in downtown Wilkes-Barre to host a film and discussion series exploring The Unconquerable Human Spirit: Five Degrees of Diversity.

All film screenings will be held at 7 p.m. on Thursday evenings beginning March 14 and continuing through April 18 at R/C Wilkes-Barre Movies 14 in Downtown Wilkes-Barre.

Bill Bachman is the instructor for the spring movie series. He has taught a variety of communications course offerings on the Wilkes-Barre campus since 1986.

He currently teaches basic public speaking, public speech writing, mass media and society, propaganda and persuasion, and media effects.

For more information, call 675-9253.

## SEM STUDENTS RAISE MONEY FOR MEDICAL ONCOLOGY ASSOCIATES



Students at Wyoming Seminary Lower School and Upper School recently held fundraisers to benefit the projects and services of Medical Oncology Associates. The students collected \$2,000 from the sale of Breast Cancer Awareness Month t-shirts and dress-down days. Seen during the check presentation are, from left, first row, Evelyn Mozeleski, fifth grade, Mountain Top; Anna Mozeleski, third grade, Mountain Top. Second row, Carol Greenwald, Medical Oncology Associates; Melissa Saldman, Medical Oncology Associates; Peggy Zinkavich, Lower School cancer awareness coordinator; Dr. Claire Hornung, Lower School Dean; Avery Conyngham, eighth grade, Shavertown; and Josiah Cottle, eighth grade, Kingston.

## DES THIRD-GRADERS VISIT MEADOWS RESIDENTS



Dallas Elementary third-grade students in Mr. Michael Viglone's class recently spread holiday cheer for residents at The Meadows Nursing home in Dallas. The students made holiday cards and decorations, a project led by class president Jake DelGaudio. The cards and decorations were delivered to the residents by DelGaudio, class vice-president Logan Paczewski and campaign manager Lily Lombardo. From left, are Paczewski, Barb Evans, Meadows resident; DelGaudio and Lombardo.