

PEOPLE BRIEFS

TWO NAMED TO 'WHO'S WHO'

Tom Walter and Andrew Gialanella, both of Dallas, are among 34 students from Luzerne County Community College who will be included in the 2012-13 edition of "Who's Who among Students in American Junior Colleges."

Students are selected for the publication based on academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and potential for continued success.

FIVE INITIATED

Five Back Mountain students have been initiated into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi. Membership is by invitation only to the top 10 percent of seniors and graduate students and 7.5 percent of juniors.

Initiated into the society were Thomas Machovec, Dallas; Marissa Gallagher, Wyoming; Jill Jackson, Shavertown; Stephanie Zeiler, Dallas; and Shauna Phillips, Dallas.

SCHRAEDER HONORED

Chad Schraeder, of Dallas, has been initiated into Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest

and most selective collegiate honor society for all academic disciplines, at Pennsylvania State University.

RESEARCH PRESENTED

Several Back Mountain residents were among 43 students enrolled in the weekend and weekday occupational therapy master's degree programs at Misericordia University who received their pins and presented their group research projects during the annual Graduate Research Presentation Conference in Sandy and Marlene Insalaco Hall on campus.

They are Matthew Cash, OTS, Harveys Lake; Susan Smaka, OTS, Shavertown; Jaclyn Tschantz, Tunkhannock; and Jane Zak, OTS, Dallas.

DEFENDS DISSERTATION

Dr. Stephen Cheskiewicz, of Harveys Lake, successfully defended his doctoral dissertation, "Student Perceptions of Computer Science and Information and Communications Technology Programs" on Wednesday, April 17.

Dr. Cheskiewicz received the Doctor of Education degree from the Educational Leadership/Educational Technology program at Wilkes University.

SULLIVAN HONORED

Catherine Sullivan, daughter of Peggy and Fred Sullivan, of Lehman, has been named a 2012-2013 Outstanding Undergraduate Scholar during a ceremony April 11 at Rochester Institute of Technology.

Sullivan is a fourth-year student in the Computer Science - BS program.

Outstanding Undergraduate Scholarship Awards are presented to students who have achieved the distinction of maintaining a minimum university grade point average of 3.85 out of a possible 4.0 and completed at least 125 quarter credit hours of study, nearly two-thirds of the credit hours required for a baccalaureate degree.

SERVICE TRIPS

Misericordia University students who participated in a spring break service trip include Koryn Henry, of Shavertown; Katie Serino, of Shavertown; Sabrina Alles, of Dallas; and Rachel Alles, of Dallas.

METZ JR. HONORED

John C. Metz, Jr., CEO, executive chef and co-founder of Sterling Spoon Culinary Management, has been honored as a 2013 Silver Plate Award recipient by the International

Facility Management Association (IFMA), which recognizes excellence in eight segments of foodservice operations.

Metz, Jr. is the second member of his family to win an IFMA Silver Plate Award, widely recognized as the most coveted operator award in the foodservice industry. His father, Metz Culinary Management founder and Executive Chairman John C. Metz was named an IFMA Silver Plate Award recipient in 1979.

As one of the eight Silver Plate winners, Metz, Jr. will be eligible for the 2013 IFMA Gold Plate Award, which will be announced at the 59th annual Gold & Silver Plate Awards Celebration on May 20 in Chicago.

ATTEND CONFERENCE

Penn State Wilkes-Barre students who participated in Penn State Powerful Women Paving The Way conference at Smeal College are AnnMarie Wempa, Truicksville; Julie Haller, Dallas; and Jill O'Connell, Dallas.

The Powerful Women Paving the Way conference is a professional development opportunity with a personal touch and is an opportunity to interact with successful alumni.



MR. AND MRS. THOMAS YONISKI

Yoniskis note 50 years

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Yoniski Jr., Dallas, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Feb. 23, 2013.

They were married in 1963 in St. Aloysius Church, Hanover Township, by the late Rev. Thomas Monahan.

Mrs. Yoniski is the former Jane Roberts, daughter of the late Thomas and Rose Roberts, Hanover Township. She is a retired registered nurse from Mercy Hospital, Wilkes-Barre.

Mr. Yoniski is the son of the late Thomas and Anna Yoniski, Dupont. He retired from First Eastern Bank as a vice president

in the security department. He is presently employed by the Senate of Pennsylvania as a field representative for Senator Lisa Baker.

The couple has two children, Thomas III and his wife Jill, of Montdale; and Melissa and her husband, Brian Kmetz, Shavertown. They have three grandchildren, Kaitlyn and Morgan Yoniski and Brian Kmetz.

The couple celebrated the occasion with a party for family and friends at the Apple Tree Terrace, Newberry Estates, and a trip to Fort Myers, Fla.

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