

**PEOPLE BRIEFS**

**STUDENTS RECEIVE SCIENCE AWARDS**

Dominic Wright, of Dallas, received the First Award, Perfect Score and Excellence Award for his physics project at the Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science State Competition at Penn State University. Wright is an eighth-grade student at Wyoming Seminary Lower School.

Andrew Schukraft, of Dallas, won a First Award in chemistry. He is also an eighth-grade student at Wyoming Seminary Lower School.

Both students received First Awards for their projects at the earlier Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science (PJAS), Northeast Regional Meeting held at King's College.

**SEM STUDENTS RECEIVE AWARDS**

Wyoming Seminary Upper School Science Research Group (SRG) students recently earned awards for their research projects at regional and state competitions. The students presented oral reports and posters of their research to panels of judges and other students.

Back Mountain students receiving awards at the Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science State Competition at Penn State University were junior Sai Abhishek, Shavertown, biochemistry; freshman Elijah Miller, Dallas, behavioral science; and freshman Leana Pande, Shavertown, biology.

Junior Alannah Trombetta, Dallas, received a Second Award for microbiology.

**BHATT GRADUATES**

Himali Patel Bhatt, of Shavertown, was awarded a Doctor of Dental Surgery degree during Creighton University's commencement ceremony on May 18 at the CenturyLink Center, Omaha.

**RUSSELL NAMED TO DEAN'S LIST**

Kaylin Russell, a Communications major from Trucksville, has been named to the dean's list at Elizabethtown College for the spring 2013 semester.

To earn this recognition, students must earn a semester grade point average of 3.60 or better in 14 or more credit hours, of which at least 12 credits are letter-graded course work.

**NAUGLE ON DEAN'S LIST**

Ryan Naugle, of Shavertown, has been named to the dean's list for the spring 2013 semester at Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wis.

Naugle is pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Science.

**RECEIVES SCHOLARSHIP**

Raven Evans, a student at Tunkhannock High School, was awarded a 25 percent tuition President's Scholarship to McCann School of Business and Technology, Wilkes-Barre Campus during an Acceptance and Awards Dinner for current high school seniors who have been accepted and are attending McCann School of Business and Technology for their college education.

**THREE HONORED**

The Graduate Admission Department and the Teacher Education Graduate Program at Misericordia University

recently acknowledged the academic accomplishments of the first cohort of teachers to complete the Master of Science degree in education with a specialization in reading and the reading specialist certificate program during a ceremony in the Catherine Evans McGowan Room of the Mary Kintz Bevevino Library.

Back Mountain residents honored were Kevin Moran, Harveys Lake; and Barbara Zekas, Sweet Valley.

Lara McAndrew, Shavertown, completed the reading specialist certificate program.

**TWO RECEIVE DEGREES**

Marie Foti, of Shavertown, and Olivia Mary Marquart, of Dallas, were awarded bachelor's degrees during Salve Regina University's 63rd commencement on Sunday, May 19.

Foti was awarded a bachelor of arts degree in Political Science. Marquart was awarded a bachelor of science degree magna cum laude in Early Childhood Education. She is a member of Delta Epsilon Sigma national scholastic honor society for students of colleges and universities with a Catholic tradition, and Sigma Phi Sigma national honor society established by the Religious Sisters of Mercy.

**MILLER HONORED**

Misericordia University recently recognized the academic accomplishments in biology of graduating student Joseph Miller, of Tunkhannock, by presenting him a prestigious academic award at the annual Honors and Awards Ceremony in Lemmond Theater in Walsh Hall on campus.

Miller was presented with the Robert Anderson Award in

Pre-Medicine, which is given to the outstanding graduate in the pre-medicine curriculum for academic excellence, as well as service and leadership to the University.

**DELMAR AWARDED**

Nathan Delmar, of Shavertown, received the Bishop 4th Degree Knights of Columbus Award that recognizes a student for outstanding achievement in history during the annual Misericordia University Honors and Awards Ceremony in Lemmond Theater in Walsh Hall on campus.

**HARVEY NAMED TO JAZZ ENSEMBLE**

Tyler Harvey, of Trucksville, a 2013 graduate of Wyoming Seminary Upper School, was recently named to the 2013 National Association for Music Education All-Eastern Honors Jazz Ensemble.

Harvey has also been named to the Pa. Music Educators Association District Jazz Band, District Band, Regional Band and All-State Concert Band for 2013. He plays the soprano, alto, tenor and baritone saxo-

phones, bass and B-flat clarinets and flute, and has been an active member of the Wyoming Seminary Jazz Ensemble, Wind Ensemble and Orchestra for four years. He is also a member of the Sem Madrigal Singers.

**NURSES PINNED**

Back Mountain residents who participated in the recent nursing pinning ceremony at Misericordia University are Jennifer Huntzinger, Trucksville; Lindsey Ross, Wyoming; April Passetti, Dallas; and Grace Ross, Wyoming.

**PERTL AWARDED**

Blake Pertl, a junior at Dallas High School, has been awarded an honorable mention by the Fine Arts Fiesta of Wilkes-Barre. He was recognized for his close-up tiger eyes created in airbrush.

**PALERMO GRADUATES**

Ashley Isabelle Palermo, of Harveys Lake, graduated from Clemson University on May 10 with a Master of Education in Administration and Supervision.

Palermo was among 3,053 students who received degrees

at three commencement ceremonies at Littlejohn Coliseum.

**JACKSON HONORED**

Ithaca College's Department of Physical Therapy honored Dallas student Jill Jackson with its Professional Excellence Award on May 15.

Jackson graduated magna cum laude with a bachelor's in clinical health studies.

**NINE GRADUATE FROM SCRANTON U**

Six Back Mountain residents were among 1,735 students who received degrees from The University of Scranton at its undergraduate commencement on May 26 at the Mohegan Sun Arena at Casey Plaza in Wilkes-Barre.

Receiving bachelor's degrees were Nicole E. Clemson, Dallas; James Stephen Dalkiewicz, Shavertown; Christopher B. Donahue, Dallas; Elena M. Habersky, Dallas; Michael R. Moleski, Dallas; Edward S. Stredny, Dallas.

Receiving master's degrees were Timothy Conor O'Shea, Shavertown; Eric Thomas Romanowski, Shavertown; and Kelly Sue Silver, Dallas.

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