

MISERICORDIA DEAN'S LIST

Students at Misericordia University qualify for the dean's list with a 3.55 grade point average or higher. The following Back Mountain students were named to the dean's list for the spring 2013 semester:

Rachael Alles, Dallas; Sabrina Alles, Dallas; Amy Austin, Sweet Valley; Rachael Ayers, Monroe Twp.; Renee Barcheski, Tunkhannock; Robert Barna, Dallas; Kathleen Besermin, Dallas; Matthew Bevan, Dallas; Ashley Blazaskie, Shavertown; Rachel Boice, Tunkhannock; Maria Brody, Tunkhannock; Gabrielle Byczek, Trucksville. Also, Andrea Carr, Dallas; Lisa

Chihorek, Dallas; Alexander Chinikaylo, Dallas; Sarah Church, W. Wyoming; Rebecca Darling, Shavertown; Erika Deckard, Dallas; Nathan Delmar, Shavertown; Nicholas Delmar, Shavertown; Cara Donahue, Dallas; Bethany Empfield, Shavertown; Alicia English, Dallas; Robert Evans, Shavertown. Also, Amanda Faux, Dallas; Kimberly Frederick, Dallas; Nicole Frederick, Dallas; Betty Gaia, Dallas; Mallory Getts, Tunkhannock; Desiree Goble, Tunkhannock; Stephanie Gronchick, Hunlock Creek; Mary Gulotta, Trucksville; Laura Hadsall, Trucksville; Emily Halbing, Harveys Lake; Segan Hamilton, Dallas;

Danielle Harding, Dallas; Sarah Hauze, Sweet Valley; Jacob Hebda, Dallas; Colleen Heninger, Hunlock Creek; Donna Hillard, Hunlock Creek; Frederick Hockenbury, Dallas; Hilary Hoover, Trucksville; Daniel Hynes, Dallas. Also, Dana Jolley, Dallas; Kelly Jones, W. Wyoming; Timothy Kennedy, Dallas; Lisa Kintner, Tunkhannock; Brittany Kneal, Shavertown; Jessica Kreidler, Dallas; Megan Kryger, Dallas; Katie Kugler, Wyoming; David Lance, Tunkhannock; Taylor Lawler, Harveys Lake; Amanda Lazeri, Shavertown; Coreen Leonardo, Dallas; Nicholas Lombard, Shavertown; Anne Long,

Shavertown. Also, Maria Maas, Dallas; Justine Maley, Trucksville; Chrystyn Manocchio-Noble, Tunkhannock; Dana Martin, Dallas; Alyssa McEntee, Dallas; Kelsie McNamara, Dallas; Travis Mcroy, W. Wyoming; Dana Middleton, Dallas; Victoria Mihal, Wyoming; Joseph Miller, Tunkhannock; Toni Miller, Hunlock Creek; Catherine Moss, Shavertown; Cindy Nardi, Dallas; Nicole Negron, Dallas; Tamara Nijmeh, Dallas; Anna Nole, Tunkhannock. Also, Teena O'Connor, Harveys Lake; Danielle Oleginski, Shavertown; John Olenik, Dallas; Marina Orrson, Shavertown; Marina Painter, Dallas; Maia Painter, Dallas; Krista Paluski, W. Wyoming; Jacqueline Pearson, Dallas; Roxanne Popple, Shavertown;

Judith Ragukas, Sweet Valley; James Ranieli, W. Wyoming; Keith Roberts, Shavertown; Patricia Ross, Dallas; Evelyn Rowles, Dallas; Susan Ruotolo, Noxen. Also, Andrea Schiappa, Dallas; Katelyn Serino, Shavertown; Benjamin Seybert, Dallas; Danielle Shaver, Trucksville; Shawn Skovronsky, Tunkhannock; Tia Spagnuolo, Wyoming; Kendra Spears, Trucksville; Sarah Starzec, Tunkhannock; Molly Stone, W. Wyoming; Courtney Sult, Dallas; Rebecca Sweetra, Shavertown. Also, Taryn Talacka, Dallas; Jeffrey Taylor, Shavertown; Michael Terninko, Harveys Lake; William Thompson, Dallas; Cassie Tirpak, Shavertown; Amanda Tomaselli, Trucksville; Rhonda Tronsue, Sweet Valley; Meghan Vargas, Dallas; Ashlee Venn, Harveys Lake; Ruth Whitesell, Harveys Lake; Maria Williamson, Dallas; Shawn Wright, Tunkhannock.



Wake Schepman and his Dad, Wes, at a rollerblading competition in Santa Ana, California.



Wake Schepman trains at Camp Woodward in Woodward, Pa.

Gravity

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"You become desensitized after a while," she said. "I do still worry when he does tricks on the Mini-Mega ramp. It is a huge ramp and he gets going very fast."

Inline skating can be dangerous. Wake says his injuries so far have been minor, citing broken wrists as the most serious he's experienced.

There are obviously challenges in having a child so talented but April said one of the biggest challenges doesn't apply in Wake's case. "Any talented person can become proud," she said. "Being humble comes naturally to Wake so that hasn't

been too hard to reign in on. He is extremely thankful for his talents."

Wake will perform this summer at Dorney Park in Allentown. He has just signed on with All Wheel Sports, a performing group which includes inline skaters, skateboarders and bicycle stunt artists. A team from All Wheel Sports made the semi-finals in the seventh season of "America's Got Talent" and Wake will perform with the group at the park when he is not traveling to competitions.

Does he prefer competitions or performances?

"I like both," Wake said. "At competitions, I get to try new tricks and push my limits. I enjoy the competitive feeling and I perform well under

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Those interested in finding more about Wake Schepman can check his website at wakeschepman.com. There are also a number of videos of his skating skills on YouTube.

pressure. At shows, everything is planned and practiced before. It gets a little repetitive after a while but I love to skate for the crowd."

April sees characteristics in Wake that have allowed him to excel.

"He was blessed with wonderful personality traits that help him be this all-around great kid," she said. "People like Wake

and he loves to meet and talk to people. He is a kind, happy, friendly, athletic person and has great leadership abilities. He does have a competitive nature and all of our kids have this type of internal drive, determination, I guess, that makes their interests not just interests but intense, focused dedication."

Wake would like more young people to get interested in inline skating and has advice for those who would like to skate.

"You should always wear a helmet and protective knee and elbow pads because even the professional skaters fall," he said. "If you can, go to a local skatepark and watch skaters; that helps you. If not, you can look up videos on YouTube.

Skate with a friend, too, or encourage your friends to skate with you."

Wake sees skating in his future but has other plans as well. "When I graduate, I want to attend college and study architecture," he said. "But I am always looking for new opportunities to help further my skating career and the rollerblading industry."



Charlotte Bartizek | Dallas Post
Nicole Chihego, a former softball standout at Lake-Lehman High School, has more than the game on her mind. Chihego is planning a benefit softball game to aid tornado victims in Oklahoma.

Forward

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she spent time in nearby Norman when her father was working on natural gas and petroleum pipeline construction.

"We lived there for a year, and my sisters went to the schools that were affected," she said.

Chihego can't imagine life without sports and hopes to instill that same passion in her daughter.

"I think participating in any type of team sport helps build good character and helps develop your decision making skills," she said. "For me, it's definitely helped me with

my people skills - I meet new people from all over. It also helps you feel like you're a part of something bigger."

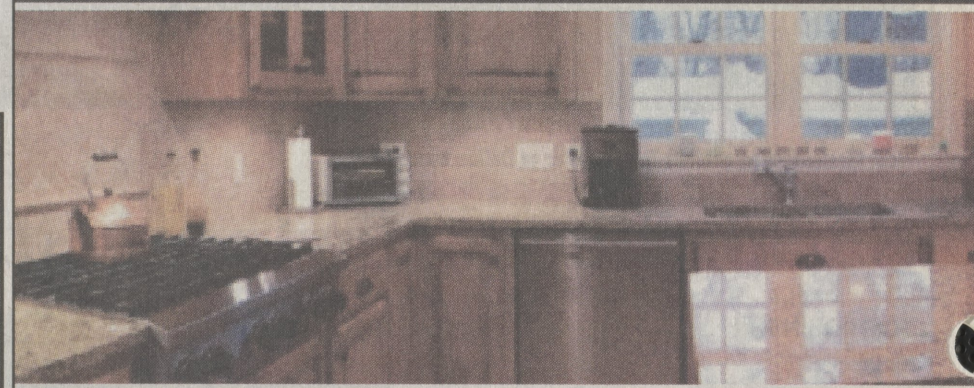
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Blessing of the Boats
The Annual Blessing of the Boats will be held Sunday, June 30 • 3:00pm
at the Lake-Lehman High School. The pastor will be reading the words of blessing over the boats. There will be a boat race and a boat show. All are welcome!

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