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## ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS HOST CHARITY VOLLEYBALL MATCH



Teachers and staff representing Washington and Wilson Elementary Schools in Westfield participated in a volleyball match in May, with each school raising money for a charity of their choice.

Washington School raised more than \$1,900 for the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation. "This charity is near and dear to the Washington community because Jake Stinton, a 4th grader at Washington, was diagnosed with Crohn's last year. Jake and his family have been working hard to raise awareness and money for the foundation," explained teacher Elizabeth Reilly.

"The staff was proud to wear Jake's shirt as our uniform," added teacher Kerry Ponzio.

Wilson School, who won the match, collected close to \$2,000 for the Valerie Fund to support one of their students diagnosed with leukemia. "While supporting our students and these charities, we all won," stated Ponzio.

The teachers and staff of Washington School are pictured here with Jake wearing the t-shirt he designed, which was also worn by his team AwesomeDude in the Liberty State Park Take Steps for Crohn's & Colitis Walk on June 11, 2017.

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## RAKE AND HOE GARDEN CLUB ADDS CHEER TO MOBILE MEALS

Members of the Rake and Hoe Garden Club recently completed 65 mini flower creations for clients of Mobile Meals of Westfield. Twice a year club members gather at the First Baptist Church of Westfield, where Mobile Meals originates. The club donates the flowers and prepares small arrangements in detergent caps to accompany that day's meal delivery to clients.

Josephine Walsh, director of Mobile Meals Operations, reports that clients welcome and look forward to receiving the home-delivered meals serving those who are unable to shop and prepare their own meals on either a temporary or permanent basis. The service is available to

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The Rake & Hoe Garden Club of Westfield's membership is diverse, spanning all ages (including juniors ages 7-18), interests, and occupations.

Affiliated with the Garden Club of New Jersey and the National Garden Club, Inc., Rake and Hoe has approximately 80 members all of whom share one thing in common: a love of flowers, gardening and community service. Contact Pat Wilson 908-389-9342 for more information on membership or visit [rakeandhoe.org](http://rakeandhoe.org).



(above l-r) Front row: Holly Schlobohm, Margot Partridge, Betsy Chance, Jeanie Pelikan, Kay Cross, Martha Savage, Ruby Simmons, Lena Peitsinovski, Natalie Peitsinovski. Back row: Cathy Becker, Kris Luka, Sharon Shiraga, Bobbie Grecco, Richard Pelikan, Jane Christiani.

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Daria Bonavita - Jefferson/Lincoln Schools,  
Jean Brezinski - Washington/Tamaques Schools,  
Stewart Carey - Roosevelt Intermediate School,  
Patricia Cheek - Franklin School,  
Anne Cohen - Roosevelt Intermediate School,  
Colleen Coyle - Special Services,  
David Davis - Westfield High School,  
Domenico DiDario - Washington School,  
Jason Grant - Westfield High School,  
Suzanne Hanas - Roosevelt Intermediate School,  
Alison Hooper - Edison Intermediate School,  
Lester Hyland – Maintenance,  
Linda King - Visual & Performing Arts,  
Barbara Leparulo - Edison Intermediate School,  
Patricia Marchiano - Westfield High School,  
Jeanette Muñoz - Jefferson School,  
Joanne Ply - Franklin School,  
Dona Panagos - Roosevelt Intermediate School,  
Jerzy Romaniecki - Edison Intermediate School,  
Maria Santilli - Westfield High School,  
Lori Scicolone - Westfield High School,  
Nancy Lee Sommers - Washington School,  
Teresa Squillace - Edison Intermediate School,  
David Tiffenbach - Franklin School.

### EIGHT HONOREES IN THE QUARTER CENTURY CLUB, EACH WITH 25 YEARS OF SERVICE, INCLUDE:

Susanne Bonhote - McKinley School,  
Anne Cohen - Roosevelt Intermediate School,  
Diane Eisen - Tamaques School,  
Melissa Greenwald - Special Services,  
Kerry Lyman - Franklin School,  
Kenneth Miller - McKinley School,  
Andrew Perry - Washington School,  
Andrea Wohl - Wilson School.



*(above l-r) Superintendent of the Westfield Public Schools, Margaret Dolan, congratulated retiring staff members at the school district's annual Gala including Jefferson Elementary School Principal Jeanette Munoz and Roosevelt Intermediate School Principal Stewart Carey.*

Twenty-five Westfield Public School retiring staff members were honored for 558 years of combined service by the Board of Education, colleagues, and guests at the 30th annual Gala for school employees. The event was held on June 1 at the Shackamaxon Country Club. The time-honored event also pays tribute to employees with 25 years of service.

Superintendent of Schools Margaret Dolan and Westfield Education Association President Gail Alston addressed the honorees, thanking them for their dedication and service to the Westfield Public Schools. Board of Education President Gretchan Ohlig and Vice President Peggy Oster formally recognized the retirees and 25-year employees.

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## DOYLE AND VALDES-DALTON NAMED OUTSTANDING TEACHERS

Westfield Public School teachers James Doyle and Cecilia Valdes-Dalton were named Outstanding Intermediate School Teachers for 2017 by the Optimist Club of Westfield and were honored by the Westfield Board of Education on June 13.

Doyle and Valdes-Dalton are the recipients of the 20th annual Optimist award, established in 1998 to recognize the importance of teaching in the intermediate grades. The award is presented annually to two Westfield teachers – one each from Edison and Roosevelt Intermediate Schools.

James Doyle has been teaching concert band at Roosevelt Intermediate School for 7½ years. He leads the Roosevelt jazz program, which meets before school three days a week, and he co-leads the Afternoon Ramble – a rock and roll club that meets once a week after school. A former mentor for the Teddy Roosevelt Scholar program, Mr. Doyle is currently a member of the school's Sunshine Committee, Leadership Committee and the Intervention and Referral Services team.

He has earned two degrees from Montclair State University -- a Bachelor of Arts in Music Education and a Master's in Education Leadership. Mr. Doyle is a member of the New Jersey Music Educators Association and the Central Jersey Music Educators Association.

A letter of nomination from a student reads, "Mr. Doyle is a very good teacher who has made me learn so much about my instrument but in a non-pushy way. . . He has changed my life and my life as a musician."

A Roosevelt parent adds, "Mr. Doyle brings enthusiasm, integrity and energy to his classrooms. Best of all, he is a great role model



(above) James Doyle, a Music teacher at Roosevelt Intermediate School in Westfield.

for middle school students."

In commenting on receiving the Optimist Award, Mr. Doyle said, "I am beyond honored to receive this recognition, especially considering the many dedicated and talented teachers I work with. I will continue working every day to become a better teacher."

Cecilia Valdes-Dalton is a Special Education teacher, who is in her 11th year at Edison Intermediate School in Westfield, where she also has taught 7th grade replacement math. She is co-advisor for Edison's chapter of Girls Learn International, developing awareness for equal education for girls, especially in third world countries. She also serves as on the Intervention and Referral Services team as well as the school's Safety and Leadership teams.

Mrs. Valdes-Dalton earned a Bachelor of Art degree from Pace University in Political Science and a Master degree in Cross Categorical Special Education from the University of Phoenix. She is a member of the Council for Exceptional Children, the Association of Math Teachers of



(above) Special Education teacher Cecilia Valdes-Dalton

NJ, and the National Association of Special Education Teachers.

In nominating Mrs. Valdes-Dalton, a colleague wrote, "She selflessly gives her time outside of the scheduled class to give students extra help, both with organization and academic support."

Colleagues expressed appreciation for the mentoring generously provided by Mrs. Valdes-Dalton, "As first year teachers at Edison Intermediate School four years ago, Cecilia made our experiences exponentially more successful."

In commenting on being selected for the Optimist Award, Mrs. Valdes-Dalton said, "It is truly an honor to receive this recognition. I am grateful every day to go to work doing something I absolutely love. On a daily basis, I am surrounded by teachers, administrators and students that inspire me to not only become a better teacher, but a better person. I only hope that I am able to provide them with a fraction of the inspiration they give to me."

The Optimist Club of Westfield will honor Doyle and Valdes-Dalton at a dinner.



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The 2017 Westfield Girl's High School Ultimate Frisbee Team won the Spirit Award at the NJ State Tournament on May 27th. The team is looking for new members to join for next

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## THE BENEFITS OF DIVORCE (AND POST-DIVORCE) MEDIATION

By: James McGlew II, Esq.

Many couples who are contemplating divorce or separation believe that litigation is their only option. The truth is that many couples can utilize mediation as a means of resolving their marital issues. Additionally, many couples who have been divorced but are dealing with issues which have arisen after their divorce settlement can use mediation as a cost-effective means of achieving a resolution. Mediation is a fair, unbiased and less confrontational alternative to the parties returning to Court. Many discover they have more individual control in the mediation process than when utilizing the Courts. Divorce mediation offers the possibility to avoid the lengthy and costly process of litigating disputes.

Mediation is a private process for discussing and resolving the parental and financial issues that are part of your divorce or the issues that often arise after your divorce has been finalized. Instead of choosing to pursue the resolution of their disputes through the court system, couples voluntarily agree to work out issues between themselves with the assistance of a neutral third party (an accredited family law mediator).

In some cases one spouse sees the advantages in mediation while the other party is reluctant, mistakenly believing that mediation is a form of marriage counseling. This is not the case. Mediation is a completely non-binding process where the parties attempt to resolve the issues that arise in a separation or divorce or where issues have come about after the parties are divorced (e.g. a party's loss of employment, a child's emancipation or their selection and cost of college, relocation of children

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Sometimes parties believe that going to mediation will set a precedent for future negotiations. This is also not true. The mediation process is confidential. Any disclosures or communications made during mediation are never to be repeated to a judge or third party. The mediator cannot be brought to court to discuss or testify about anything that was discussed in mediation. The entire process is also non-binding on the parties meaning that their understanding must become a signed court Order or formal agreement to be final.

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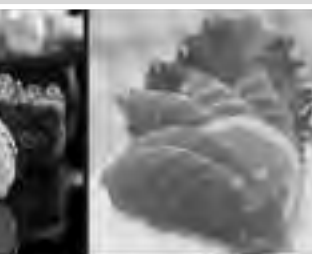
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Doors open 7:30 p.m. The show starts at 8:00 p.m. Admission is \$20.00/\$10.00 for students with ID. The Roadhouse, located in Townley Presbyterian Church, 829 Salem Road, Union, serves real coffee and tea — it's a coffeehouse, not a bar, after all. Hot and cold snacks and desserts are included in the admission.

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Soo Min Chung, senior at Westfield High School, was named a Presidential Scholar Semi-Finalist. She is one of only 723 semifinalists in the nation selected by the White House Commission on Presidential Scholars. On May 11, Dr. Derrick Nelson, Westfield High School Principal, commended Soo Min Chung, stating, "You have demonstrated outstanding accomplishments in scholarship and are a wonderful role model to inspire others to work hard and enjoy the journey."



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Design architect Andrea Carminio of Westfield was recently presented with a certificate of appreciation for her outstanding and generous donation of time, talent and expertise through her pro bono design work on Imagine's new center in Mountainside, NJ. "We are beyond grateful to Andrea for her professionalism, generosity and multiple iterations of design work in order to come up with the perfect, most efficient and affordable use of the over 11,000 square feet of space we have here at Imagine," said Mary

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The performance will include Overture To Die Fledermaus by J. Strauss, Hungarian Dances No. 5 by J. Brahms, The Linz Symphony by Mozart, Dance of the Tumblers

by Rimsky-Korsakov, Ancient Airs and Dances by Respighi, Russian Sailors Dance by Gliere, March of the Dwarfs by Grieg and The Beautiful Galatea by Suppe. Other musical selections will also be included in the program that evening.

Janet Lyman, NJWA Summer Symphony Orchestra Director, commented that "These are unusual and great masterworks of all time. We will play them with JOY!"

The musical event is free and open to the public. There is ample parking in the Zion Lutheran Church parking lot.

The Summer Symphony Orchestra is an ensemble of the New Jersey Workshop for the Arts, a non-profit 501(c)3 organization. For more information, visit the studios at 150-152 East Broad Street, Westfield, phone 908-789-9696 or log on to [www.njworkshopforthearts.com](http://www.njworkshopforthearts.com).



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“I am delighted to welcome Stephanie to our organization, as the newest member of our Corporate Advisory Board,” said Russell Triolo, Chief Executive Officer. “Having Stephanie join our Advisory board will be a great benefit to our organization and will help to enhance our mission of bringing great programs to the youth of Union County.”

Ms. Branna is a principal in her family-owned insurance agency located in Mountainside, a second generation firm specializing in building long term relationships with both business and personal clients. Before joining the family-owned business ten years ago, Stephanie spent 15 years raising her two children. She was also an expatriate living in Mexico, Shanghai China, Belgium and Hong Kong.

“I am honored to join the Corporate Advisory Board of BGCUC! I look forward to serving in an organization that strives to foster the development of youth in our communities,” said Stephanie Branna.

Stephanie stays involved in the local community by volunteering with the Greater Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce as a Board Member and Chairperson of the Non-profit committee. She is also a Board Member for the ARC of Union County and Lifetime Support and previously volunteered in a fundraising capacity for The Friends of the New Jersey Festival Orchestra.

Prior speaking engagements include The Union County Bar Association and The Greater Union County Association of Realtors. Stephanie is proud to be part of United Fire Group’s Small Commercial Business Agency Advisory Board.



Grateful for an amazing community of family, friends and clients, Stephanie makes sure her time is spent on enhancing those relationships and building new ones.

Boys & Girls Clubs of Union County seek to inspire and enable young people, who need them most, to realize their full potential and have provided opportunity for youth since 1955. They are part of a national network of some 4,000 neighborhood-based facilities, Boys & Girls Clubs of America, which serves more than 4.6 million young people annually, in all 50 states and on U.S. military bases worldwide. Clubs provide guidance-oriented character development programs on a daily basis for children 6-18 years old, conducted by a full-time professional staff. Key Boys & Girls Club programs emphasize leadership development, education and career exploration, financial literacy, health and life skills, the arts, sports, fitness and recreation, and family outreach.

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Fan Jam goers can rock out to a diverse lineup of live bands in the park, feast on food truck cuisine, kick back in the beer and wine garden and peruse a fleet of vintage and classic cars. "This is exactly the event Fanwood has needed," said event organizer Aimee Nuzzo. "This is going to generate a lot of new interest in our town." There will be a KidsZone with obstacle course and other attractions and Food Trucks will serve up edibles from Sicilian Rice Balls to Empanadas. The music fest, which runs from 11am – 6pm, is supported by several sponsors including School of Rock Clark, Fanwood Animal Hospital, Goddard School, Two River Bank and Lightbridge Academy.

Starting at 11 am, the Clark School of Rock House Band will perform on a large stage equipped with a pro sound system and engineer. They will be followed at 12 noon by the Bored of Ed, a hard rock group. At 1 pm, The Broadcasters will play an assortment of Classic Rock. 2:45 pm will bring the Alternative Rock band, Uber Jesus. Headlining the day will be Black Dog, the popular Led Zeppelin Tribute band. A vintage and classic car show hosted by Hot Rod Mike will begin at 10am along Marian Ave, which will be closed to other traffic from 2nd Street to Helen Street.

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The GWACC hosts street fairs each year, two in Downtown Westfield and one in the center of Garwood. The chamber also operates the Fanwood Summer Fan Jam, the Westfield Farmers Market and runs the Young Entrepreneurs Academy (YEA!) program. The GWACC monthly networking events - one in the early morning and one directly after work - serve as an opportunity for current members to network with each other regularly and for prospective members to come see what we're all about. In addition, the Professional Women's Committee organizes networking events specifically tailored to women business owners, professionals, and entrepreneurs.

For more information about the GWACC, visit [www.gwaccnj.com](http://www.gwaccnj.com). You can also call the office at 908-233-3021 Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Our office is located on the 3rd floor of the Bank of America building at 173 Elm Street, Westfield, NJ 07090.



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7/12, 19, 26	11:00 am	Yoga Tales 5+ yrs
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## WESTFIELD CHESS CLUB THRIVES, ATTENDED BY PLAYERS YOUNG AND OLD

By Nick Sammartino

The Westfield Chess Club was established in 1940, originally as the Plainfield Chess Club. Then and now, it acts as a hotspot for the continued revitalization of Chess, achieved only by new players playing an old game. "New" here

refers both to age and experience—there are some children flush with skill and some adults just beginning their journey of a thousand games, and vice versa. And the numbers support this report of the club's vitality. The club averages 57 players at its regular Sunday tournaments.

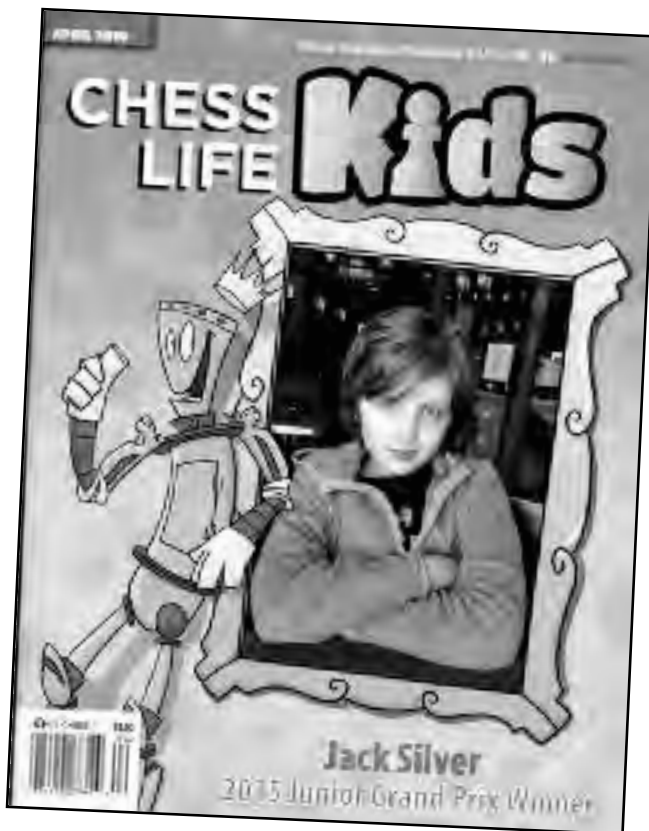
As stated, there are talented players, both young and old, who attend the Westfield club, and a prime example of one of these youth powerhouses is Sanjana Vittal. At just 14 years old, Sanjana is the most recent winner of the 2016 Club Championship. She will be representing the U.S. at the World Youth Chess Championships in Montevideo, Uruguay this fall, along with several other members. Among them are Brandon Nydick, Aaron Shlionsky, and Westfield resident Brandon Jacobson. Another club youth, third-grader Audrey Hu of Westfield, was featured in the "Faces Across the Board" section of the April 2016 edition of Chess Life, after having her first World Team experience. This club has no lack of young stars!

Chess's past is just as important as its future, though, and the Westfield Chess Club has a rich history of skilled and talented past members, some of which include: Grandmaster (GM) John Fedorowicz, GM Michael Rohde, International Master (IM) Tom Bartell, IM Yaacov Norowitz, IM Victor Shen, IM Arthur Shen, and IM Praveen Balakrishnan. Honoring their favorite game and the bonds they share with each other, former Westfield members Gene Salomon, Wayne Conover, and Steve Pozarek authored a book titled 40 Years of Friendship, 100 Games of Chess. To preserve the memory of the greats, the names of the Westfield Club Champions are inscribed on the club's Henry D. Hibbard Cup; the most frequent winner has been Life Master (LM) Todd Lunna, who won the Championship 14 times. Sanjana Vittal, a young teenager, has her name among powerful players of the past—a truly excellent achievement that deserves many congratulations.

The Westfield Chess Club meets on Sundays, usually from 1:15 to 7:30 p.m. at the YMCA building, 220 Clark Street, Westfield, NJ 07090. They are USCF-affiliated, and they run rated tournaments almost every week. For more details visit their website at [www.westfieldchessclub.org](http://www.westfieldchessclub.org) or the Westfield Chess Club blog at [westfieldchessclub.blogspot.com](http://westfieldchessclub.blogspot.com)



(above) Sanjana Vittal holding the Henry D. Hibbard Cup.



(above) Jack Silver was featured on the cover of the April 2016 Chess Life Kids after winning the 2015 Junior Grand Prix.

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# CHESS MATES ACADEMY ALUM, ERIC LI, FINISHES THIRD IN NATIONAL TOURNAMENT

By Nick Sammartino

Westfield Chess Club organizer John Moldovan was proud to see a past Westfield Chess Club member Eric Yuhan Li play for a national championship. Li, who now lives in New York played in the 2017 ChessKid.com Online National Invitation Championships (CONIC). He finished 3rd in the Age 9-10 section of the 2017 CONIC, held on chess.com from June 2nd through the 4th. Eric, who as of May 2017 was the nation's top-rated 9-year-old chess player, defeated top-seed Christopher Yoo in the last round. Yoo is the youngest-ever U.S. player to earn the National Master title. Additionally, Eric has the proud honor of being the US Under 10 Official rep for the 2017 World Cadet Championship, and the 2017 Pan American Youth Championship.

Before moving to New York in April, Eric was a student at Chess Mates Academy in Rahway, where his coaches included Grandmaster (GM) Leonid Yudasin, GM Michael Rohde, and the school's owner/operator Life Master (LM) Arthur Macaspac. He played at the Westfield Chess Club that meets at the Westfield YMCA on

Sundays. Eric was also receiving lessons from 12-time Kenilworth Chess Club Champion LM Scott Massey.

Eric is one of many highly skilled members of the growing youth population that promise personal success in a worldwide classic, as well as its continued vitalization. Organizations like Chess Mates, Westfield Chess Club and Kenilworth Chess Club bolsters many young players, such as Jack Silver of Rahway, who was featured in the April 2016 edition of Chess Life Kids. In 2015 Jack placed first in the US Chess Junior Grand Prix - after attending only 17 events - he made every appearance count, and his skillful brevity delivered him to the gold.

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(above) Ex-World Champion Garry Kasparov makes the 1st move for Eric Yuhan Li at the 51st Annual Greater NY Scholastics tournament held in Brooklyn, NY on February 5, 2017.

Photo by Vanessa Sun, for chessbase.com



(above) Eric Yuhan Li (center) and his Chess Mates teammates (l-r) Mike Silver, Jack Silver & Nikhil Kalyanraman) playing at the 46th Annual U.S. Amateur Team East tournament in Parsippany, February 13, 2016. Photo by John Moldovan, for Chess Mates Academy



(above) Chess Mates owner LM Arthur Macaspac, Instructor, GM Leonid Yudasin with John Moldovan. John is a local chess enthusiast who, for many years, has been an integral part of the Westfield Chess Club, Kenilworth Chess Club and Chess Mates in Rahway. He is a tournament director, instructor and proponent of the scholastic chess scene.



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Mindy Cullen and Karen Gilmour. Chris and Maire Olguin of Space in Westfield, a local sponsor, followed with a calming session of singing bowls and meditation. A poolside dinner followed. More than 20 additional local sponsors also lent their support. A portion of the evening's proceeds will be donated to Imagine, A Center for Coping with Loss, to purchase items on their Wish List.

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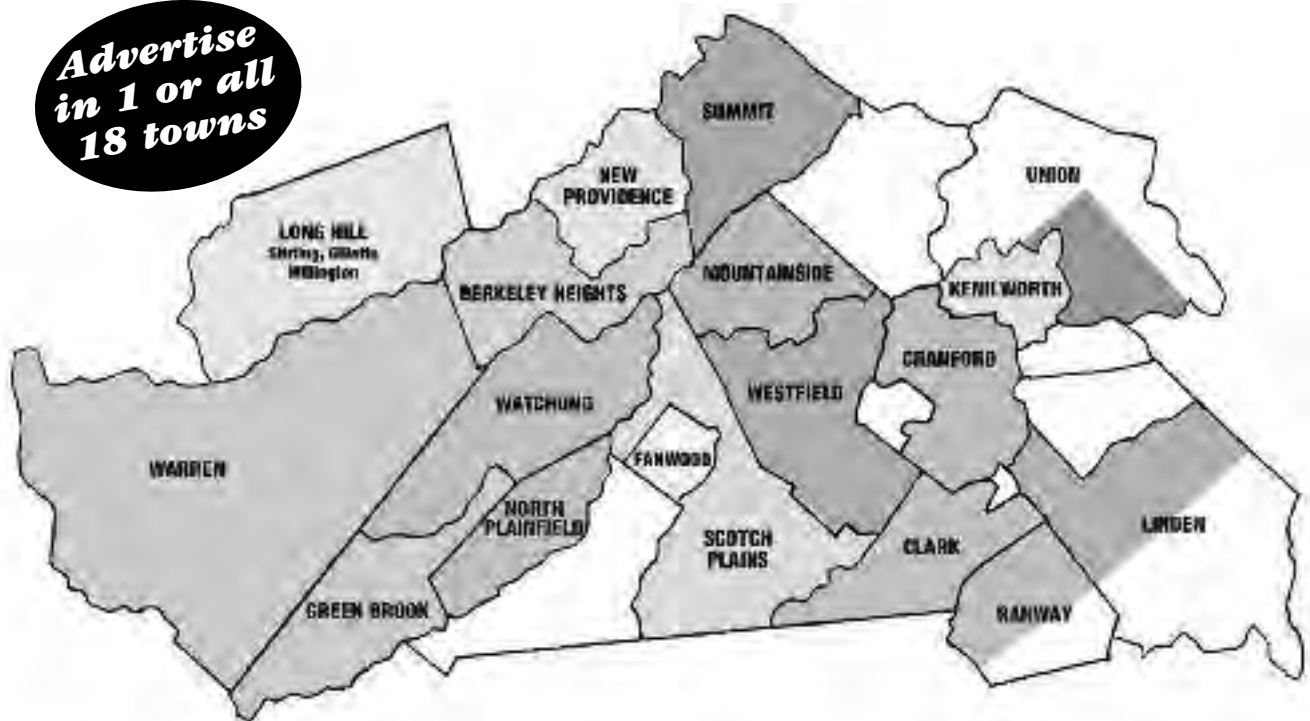
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At Westfield High School's annual Awards Night, 175 awards were presented to graduating seniors. The following students received awards at the May 24 event held in the school's auditorium:

Italian-American Club of Westfield Terry DiFalco Scholarship – Nicolina Albano • Italian Club Achievement Award - Nicolina Albano • Model United Nations and Youth and Government Award - Ben Albert Halevy • National Merit Scholarship Program - Commended - Alisha Asija • Dorothy Kirkley Memorial Scholarship/The Dr. MLK, Jr. Assoc – Aliyah Barnes • Greater Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce Scholarship – Aliyah Barnes • William E. Wyman Memorial Award – Aliyah Barnes • Westfield PTC Scholarship – Aliyah Barnes • Westfield High School Blue Devil TV Award – Hal Barnes • National Merit Scholarship Program - Commended – Owen Bartok • The Charles Addams Memorial Art Award – Matthew Bernstein • Jean M. McDermott Fine Arts Award – Dale Beyert • National Merit Scholarship Program - Commended – Evan Binder • The Buriss Music & MacRitchie Technology Award – Noah Bram • Bruce Dunning Memorial Award – Claire Brennan • Westfield Democratic Committee Public Service Award – Grace Brindle • Col. & Mrs. Henry Bayard McCoy Scholarship - (female) Matching Foundation Award – Grace Brindle • John S. and Helen Bell McMartin Award – Elizabeth Brown-Cordero • Dorothy Kirkley Memorial Scholarship/The Dr. MLK, Jr. Assoc – Elizabeth Brown-Cordero • Westfield PTC Scholarship – Elizabeth Brown-Cordero • French Elan Award – Elizabeth Brown-Cordero • Forensic Science – Sydney Bryant • National Merit Scholarship Program - Commended – Eli A Burk •

The Westfield Future Achievement Scholarship – Sergio Cabrera • Katherine E. Cuthbertson Memorial Achievement Award – Nicholas Calgano • Sylvia Cummin Outstanding Business Student Award - Nicholas Calgano • United States Marines Patriot Award – Brian Callahan • Peggy H. and Jeremiah A. Lott Scholarship Fund Award – Loukas Carayannopoulos • Seminar in College Mathematics Award – Loukas Carayannopoulos • National Merit Scholarship Program - Commended – Loukas Carayannopoulos • Westfield PTC Scholarship – Ava Carey • Madeline Wild Bristol Award – Soo Min Chung • United States Marines Scholastic Excellence Award – Soo Min Chung • National Merit Scholarship Program - Finalist - Soo Min Chung • F.L.A.G. – Foreign Language Awareness Group Award – Camila Coelho • F.L.A.G. – Foreign Language Awareness Group Award – Sara Correa • National Merit Scholarship Program - Commended – Stefan Crigler • Westfield PTC Scholarship – Jacob Davis • Andrew Karp Award – Samantha Della Fera • Model United Nations and Youth and Government Award – Samantha Della Fera • The Seeing Eye Puppy Raising Program Scholarship – Shannon Devitt • Italian - American Club of Westfield Terry DiFalco Scholarship – Christina Di Bella • Italian Club Achievement Award – Christina Di Bella • Social Studies Department Award – Claudia Dougherty • Exercise and Sports Science Award – Joshua Ebel • Charles Ropars Memorial Scholarship – Joshua Ebel • Steven Lapidus Memorial Scholarship – Marie Eisenhauer • Joel V. Langholtz Memorial Award – Rayanne Elsherif • National Merit Scholarship Program - Commended – Melissa Endy • Environmental Science Award – Michael Ferraro • The Les Jacobsen "SBATAI" Award – Mark Fico • Laura Meierhans Memorial Award – Mark Fico • AP Computer Science Award – Spencer Fishman • National Merit Scholarship Program - Commended – Spencer Fishman • National Merit Scholarship Program - Commended – Katherine Foley • National Merit Scholarship Program - Winner (Corporate-sponsored) - Hanna Frankel • United States Marines Distinguished Athletic Excellence Award – Jeffrey Gagum • Physical Education Award

(male) – Jeffrey Gagum • The Westfield Education Association Scholarship – Sara Gargiulo • Model United Nations and Youth and Government Award – Lucy Hale • National Merit Scholarship Program - Winner (College-sponsored) – Olivia Hamilton • F.L.A.G. – Foreign Language Awareness Group Award – Olivia Hamilton • Laurence F. Greene Achievement Award – Ava Harrison • Justina V. Taylor Memorial Award – Christina Harvey • Douglas C. Yearley Memorial Scholarship – Christina Harvey • English Department Award for Excellence in Language – Michael Hauge • AP Calculus BC Award – Michael Hauge • National Merit Scholarship Program - Winner – Michael Hauge • Physics AP – Michael Hauge • Westfield High School Distinguished Student Award – Michael Hauge • AP Statistics Award – Christopher Hoerrner • Chemistry 2 AP – Christopher Hoerrner • National Merit Scholarship Program - Commended – Emily Holtzman • The Excellence in History Award – Emily Holtzman • Madeline Wild Bristol Award – Matthew Hopen • Rachel Mather Sullivan Scholarship – Matthew Hopen • National Merit Scholarship Program - Commended – Sophie Hurwitz • Lisa K. Monteleone Teaching Scholarship – Jenna Iorio • Westfield Association of Administrators and Supervisors Scholarship – Jenna Iorio • Westfield Jaycees Scholarship – Alexandra Jackman • State Farm "Good Neighbor" Scholarship – Alexandra Jackman • AXA Achievement Award – Alexandra Jackman • Optimist Club Thom Hornish Youth Volunteer Award – Alexandra Jackman • Barbara Philpot Memorial Spirit Award – Alexandra Jackman • National Merit Scholarship Program - Commended – Alistair Kapadia • The Westfield Education Association Scholarship – Haley Kasko • Westfield PTC Scholarship – Haley Kasko • Certificate of Appointment to the US Military Academy (West Point) – Benjamin Kelly • National Merit Scholarship Program - Commended – Max Kleiman-Lynch • Semper Fidelis Award for Musical Excellence – Mark Kostyack • Margaret Dietrich Award – Olivia Kuzman • United States Marines Patriot Award - Benjamin Kwok • National Merit Scholarship Program - Commended – Rafaela Laitamaki • Model United Nations and Youth and Government Award – Rafaela Laitamaki • Spanish Club Academic Achievement Award – Rafaela Laitamaki • National Merit Scholarship Program - Commended – Julia Li • National Merit Scholarship Program - Commended – Catherine Li • National Merit Scholarship Program - Finalist - Amy Liang • The Kelly Mazzucco Scholarship (aka Wilson School School) – Hannah Liddy • Andrew Karp Award – Emmy Liederman • Douglas C. Yearley Memorial Scholarship – Emmy Liederman • Westfield PTC Scholarship – Emmy Liederman • Marc Hardy Memorial Latin Award – Nicholas Maher • Kelly Mazzucco Journalism Award – Julia Mazzucco • John Byrne Memorial Scholarship – Cameron McLaughlin • Westfield Young Republican Committee Public Service Award – Michael Mohr - Ramirez • F.L.A.G. – Foreign Language Awareness Group Award – Michael Mohr-Ramirez • The Westfield Future Achievement Scholarship – Keren Moncayo • Ezra Kennedy Memorial Scholarship – Isabella Montes • Katherine E. Cuthbertson Memorial Achievement Award – Isabella Montes • Intro to Design, Engineering and Architecture - IDEA Award – Griffin Morgan • Ezra Kennedy Memorial Scholarship – John Mulvanerty • National Merit Scholarship Program - Commended – Ryan Murphy • Mandeville - Rentrop Scholarship – Brianna Muselli • Waldron W. Holck and Sydna Holck Eddy Memorial Fund Scholarship – Brianna Muselli • Westfield PTC Scholarship – Brianna Muselli • The Douglas J. Odenkirk Memorial Award – Brianna Muselli • The Westfield Future Achievement Scholarship – Brianna Muselli • Joseph E. Rood Memorial Award – Jack Neiswenter • The Gail Trimble Memorial

Award – Hailey Nettler • Westfield Welcome Club Scholarship – Hailey Nettler • Excellence Award in Mandarin – Christopher Ng • State Farm "Good Neighbor" Scholarship – Ethan Otis • Westfield PTC Scholarship – Ethan Otis • Westfield Art Association Award – Christopher Parmelee • National Merit Scholarship Program - Commended – Charlotte Perez • Westfield Jaycees Scholarship – Cindy Qiang • National Merit Scholarship Program - Commended – Cindy Qiang • Dorothy Kirkley Memorial Scholarship/The Dr. MLK, Jr. Assoc – Tristan Quallis • Edmund K. Faltermayer Journalism Scholarship – Zoe Rader • National Merit Scholarship Program - Commended – Noah Reich • National Merit Scholarship Program - Commended – Danielle Rinaldi • Physical Education Award (female) – Danielle Rinaldi • Noel and Thelma Taylor Memorial Award – Danielle Rinaldi • Douglas C. Yearley Memorial Scholarship – Michael Rodriguez • Westfield PTC Scholarship – Michael Rodriguez • English Department Award for Excellence in Literature – Charles Rule • Westfield Chapter UNICO National Awards – Alessandra Sabba • David M. Hart Science Award – Alessandra Sabba • Italian Club Achievement Award – Alessandra Sabba • National Merit Scholarship Program - Commended – Henry Sacco • Douglas C. Yearley Memorial Scholarship – John Sanders • J. Isabella Dodds Award – Cameron Scalera • John S. and Helen Bell McMartin Award – Cameron Scalera • Greater Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce Scholarship – Cameron Scalera • John Byrne Memorial Scholarship – Cameron Scalera • Westfield Chapter UNICO National Awards – Cameron Scalera • AP Calculus AB Award – Cameron Scalera • Most Outstanding World Language Student – Cameron Scalera • John Byrne Memorial Scholarship – Leigh Scarano • Westfield PTC Scholarship – Matthew Schiff • Katherine E. Cuthbertson Memorial Achievement Award – Sara Schneider • Star of Progress in Mandarin Award – Sara Schneider • Calculus Award – Caroline Seery • Kathryn Brennan Memorial Award – Charlotte Seltzer • Westfield Municipal Alliance, Volunteer of the Year Award – Sara Slavin • Kelly Mazzucco Journalism Award – Rebecca Smoot • Laurence F. Greene Achievement Award – Matthew Stravach • Kathryn Brennan Memorial Award – Kathleen Sullivan • Robert & Marilyn Bunting Award – Kathleen Sullivan • The Kelly Mazzucco Scholarship (aka Wilson School School) – Kyra Sullivan • Frank A. and Margaret R. MacPherson Fund Award – Christopher Swingle • Discrete Mathematics, Probability & Statistics Award – Katerina Truch • Westfield PTC Scholarship – Katerina Truch • Ezra Kennedy Memorial Scholarship – John Tyahla • The Barry Judd Memorial Scholarship – Paige Venturino • Charles E. Brown History Prize Award – Paul Vernick • Katherine E. Cuthbertson Memorial Achievement Award – Peter Walter • Biology AP – Kevin Wang • English Department Book Lover's Award – Katherine Whipple • Excellence in French Award – Katherine Whipple • F.L.A.G. – Foreign Language Awareness Group Award – Katherine Whipple • National Merit Scholarship Program - Winner – Nicholas Youssef • Charles Frankenbach, Sr. Memorial Scholarship – Philip Zanfagna • Liesja Tortorello "Carpe Diem" Award – Philip Zanfagna • Westfield Democratic Committee Public Service Award – Philip Zanfagna • Col. & Mrs. Henry Bayard McCoy Scholarship (male) – Philip Zanfagna • National Merit Scholarship Program - Commended – Natalia Zeller – MacLean.

In addition, teacher and staff award recipients included: PTO Teacher of the Year Award – Mr. John Brzozowski • WHS Distinguished Teacher of the Year Award – Ms. Molly Dennis • The Above and Beyond Award – Mr. Daniel Devlin • Robert L. Foose and Linda J. Foose Memorial Award – Mr. Kevin Womack.

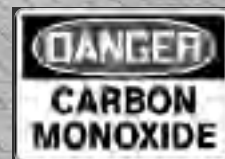


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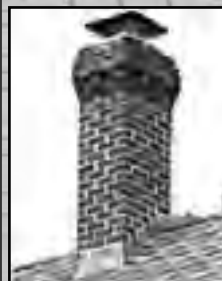
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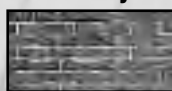
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