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## SUMMIT MOURNS THE LOSS OF OFFICER MATTHEW TARENTINO

*Donation site created to support the family in this time of need*

SUMMIT, N.J., Wednesday, May 31, 2017 - The Summit Police Department and the entire city of Summit lost a valued officer, community member and friend. This loss has greatly affected not only our law enforcement community and the citizens of Summit, but countless people far and wide. Officer Matthew Tarentino epitomized what a law enforcement officer should be: a respected, trusted colleague with unwavering dedication and enthusiasm for his calling.

Officer Tarentino was the face of the department's community policing unit and understood the importance of building relationships within Summit, most recently serving as Summit's DARE officer. During his time with the Summit Police Department, Matt created a lasting imprint on the department and the city as well as the children of Summit. While Officer Matthew Tarentino may be gone, he will never be forgotten.

The Summit PAL with support from the Summit Police Department, the City of Summit and the entire Summit community has created a donation site to help support the family in this time of need and ensure that Officer Tarentino's legacy is never diminished. Officer Tarentino leaves behind his wife Victoria, two sons, Robert and Raymond, ages two and four, and a third child due in August.



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On Wednesday, May 31, 2017, Summit Police Chief Robert Weck announced the posthumous promotion of Officer Matthew Tarentino to the rank of detective, effective immediately. Detective Tarentino, 29, had served five years in the police department before being killed in a motor vehicle collision early Tuesday morning.

Tarentino was part of the police department Community Policing Unit and considered instrumental in establishing and managing a notable number of programs and partnerships with Summit public and private schools, community organizations and within city departments.

"Matt was an exceptional police officer and fully deserving of this honor," explains Summit Police Chief Robert Weck. "He was highly respected within our department and throughout the Summit community. His legacy is one of strong community connections and balanced, enthusiastic outreach. While he may be gone, he will never be forgotten, and his family will always be part of ours."

For more information on the Summit Police Department and the many significant accomplishments of Detective Matthew Tarentino, go to [cityofsummit.org/police](http://cityofsummit.org/police).

## FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

The viewing will be held on Sunday, June 4 from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Church of the Immaculate Conception on 35 Mountain Avenue in Somerville, New Jersey.

A funeral mass will be held at the same location on Monday, June 5 at 10AM.

Following the mass, a graveside service will be held at Resurrection Cemetery on 899 East Lincoln Avenue in Piscataway, NJ.

In lieu of flowers, a donation site for the Tarentino family has been established by the Summit PAL

## HOW TO DONATE

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INKUBATE®, a collaboration between the New Jersey Dance Theatre Ensemble and Reeves-Reed Arboretum, will offer a third season of “enchanted and exhilarating” evenings of site-specific dance performances on the grounds of the Arboretum. This renowned summer dance festival, featuring dance artists and choreographers from the New Jersey Dance Theatre Ensemble, will present three dance concerts on Wednesday evenings June 21, July 12, and August 2. Master choreographer, Adam Barruch, with a core of 25 dancers from the U.S., Canada, and Israel, will premier a new work especially created for INKUBATE for the July 12 concert.

Under the careful eye of Artistic Director Nancy Turano, the NJDTE ([www.njdte.org](http://www.njdte.org)) provides choreographic residencies for contemporary dance artists that culminate in outdoor performances at the Arboretum, reimagining dance as it interacts with nature and the surroundings. “We are thrilled to present the third consecutive summer of INKUBATE® at RRA,” comments Turano, “and establishing Summit, NJ, as a destination for dance and culture in the region.”

INKUBATE® is part of a four performance Sounds of a Summer Night series at the Arboretum. The final concert of the series will feature the remarkable Well-Strung, the Singing String Quartet with a modern twist, playing classical pieces while singing favorite pop

songs. The New York Times recently called Well-Strung, “A talented quartet of men who sing and play instruments.... brilliantly fuses pop and classical music, from Madonna to Beethoven.”

Bring your blankets, lawn chairs and picnic baskets to Reeves-Reed Arboretum as we kick off another summer series of four concerts in the garden. Sounds of a Summer Night 2017 commences with INKUBATE®, on Wednesday evening, June 21. The Arboretum grounds open up at 6 pm for concertgoers to picnic and the performance is from 7 pm to 8 pm. The cost is free to RRA Members (thanks to underwriting support from Investors Bank). There is a \$10 per person donation for non-members, \$5 for students). INKUBATE® and RRA’s Sounds of a Summer Night 2017 are proudly sponsored, in part, by a grant from Investors Foundation, with additional support from Nick & Tracy McKee and The Grand Summit Hotel. Visit [www.reeves-reedarboretum.org](http://www.reeves-reedarboretum.org) for more information.



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Awards are voted on by the Summit High School varsity coaching staff. These coaches select 4 female and 4 male candidates based on the following criteria: Rank in the upper half of the class; Accepted to a 2- or 4-year college,

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Zachary Brooks is a Summit High School Freshman and an autism advocate. He has been inspired by his twin brother Jack who is affected by autism to bring awareness to the community. For several years, Zachary has rallied the community each April, Autism Awareness Month, to support his efforts in creating awareness and acceptance for ASD, Autism Spectrum Disorder. His outreach efforts have included businesses, organizations and local schools. Blue ribbons were placed throughout Summit in support of the month from City Hall to the Fire and Police Departments, store fronts, Lawton C Johnson Summit Middle School, Summit High School and elementary schools.

In 2014, Zachary was named a Garden State Seeds of Hope Award recipient by NJ Monthly magazine for his autism awareness efforts. This distinguished award is given to 5 individuals a year. Zachary has used this honor to help him further his message of awareness, acceptance and kindness for all individuals and their families affected by autism.

This year, once again being inspired by his twin brother Jack, Zachary hosted an art show featuring works by students and young adults on the autism spectrum. Jack loves to draw and paint for hours at a time. Zachary not only took note of Jack's talent, but realized how peaceful and happy he is when drawing. This gave Zachary the idea to showcase the talents of others affected by autism through art. Students from Summit, the EPIC School in Paramus, the ECLC on Chatham, Park Lake School in Rockaway, Cross Roads in Westfield and New Beginnings in Fairfield have

all submitted art work for Saturday's show, Artfully Abled. The works are all amazing.

Annette Dwyer, owner of the Mondo building in Summit graciously donated her space for the special event. Light refreshments were served all from local businesses and Zachary made a presentation during the course of the evening.



(above) Zachary Brooks holding his twin brother Jack's art work.



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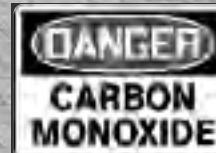


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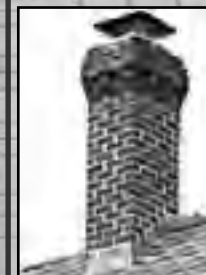
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Adam Gilbert, Youth and Contemporary Music Director at Central Presbyterian Church in Summit, NJ, recently received the Accolade Film Festival Award of Merit as well as acceptance into the Manhattan, Hoboken and New Hope Film Festival for his short film "On Softer Ground" Known more as a piano based singer/songwriter with 2 albums under his name, 5 star ratings on itunes, his own Pandora station, critically acclaimed reviews and national airplay he now finds himself immersed in the film festival circuit which is conveniently timed with the release of his new album, "On Softer Ground"

"You really never know how things are going to grow in a creative process. What started as a song, turned into a music video and then turned into a short film." The short is a non-traditional music video in the sense that you never see the singer or band and is shot with a more artistic and cinematic approach. The story line borders reality with mysticism which follows two characters coping with the emotions of heart break. It's no wonder why this video is being shown at film festivals, it's landscapes and character

movements are beautifully shot and carefully crafted with a hypnotizing melody that seems to slow down time. The process wasn't easy though, Gilbert says, "I'm tough on myself, if it doesn't feel right I just won't release or share it. I had to rework and re-shoot the video many times until it really reflected how I felt and what I wanted to see on the screen. I was lucky to get help towards the end of the process in character development and editing from Ray Williams and Mark Kelly at Hostile Wood Productions to enhance the depth of the story."

Adding to the build up of the new album Gilbert also released a haunting version of Wicked Game as a single on itunes and spotify a few months ago. "This single fits some of the vibe from the new album so it works well as a build up. I love the atmosphere that is created in the original version of Wicked Game but I wanted to try to stretch that emotion even further to give the song more of a dynamic arch. I wasn't sure if I was going to pull it off or release it but it feels good so I put it out as a single on itunes to help ramp things up! Whatever I release, I try to make it my own—to carve out my own niche and



(hopefully) bloom within that space. It's always challenging, but if you find the 'it,' the feeling is extremely rewarding."

The new album blends vintage Coldplay with Beck's Morning phase but ultimately gives us the defining sound of Adam Gilbert. A piano based singer-songwriter who creates powerful musical moments in grandiose fashion or with the simplest of arrangements of just a piano and his voice. You can watch the Award winning music video and preview his last 2 albums on his website at [www.adamgilbertmusic.com](http://www.adamgilbertmusic.com) The new album will be released on June 29th.



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## FIFTH GRADERS GAIN PERSPECTIVE ON AGING AT SAGE ELDERCARE

About 60 fifth graders from Summit's Lincoln-Hubbard Elementary School participated in sensitivity training at SAGE Eldercare. The program is designed to help the students understand what it is like to age and gives them an opportunity to interact with older adults who attend SAGE's Spend-A-Day program. As part of the eighth annual intergenerational program, the students also provided a generous donation to



(above) A SAGE participant and a fifth grader from Summit's Lincoln-Hubbard School became fast friends during a sensitivity training.

the food pantry at SAGE.

Students were given activities to complete with glasses that simulated a variety of vision problems and rubber gloves with cotton inside the fingertips that simulated arthritis or polyneuropathy symptoms. The children quickly learned that it is hard to write, use buttons, and feel items, and that it was also hard to see what they were trying to do with the "special glasses" on.

Another task was for some of the students to cover their ears while others spoke quietly to them showing them what having a hearing loss might be like. They also breathed through straws to demonstrate asthma and a reduced lung capacity that can sometimes occur with the aging process.

Marianne Kranz, SAGE Eldercare's Director of Volunteers, talked to the students about how aging might impact the sort of activities that they do now such as playing sports, reading, and enjoying video games. The students were also encouraged to "stay healthy and active, eat right, and take care of themselves" so that they could age gracefully.

In addition to the sensitivity training, the students also interacted with participants in SAGE's Spend-A-Day adult day health care center, asking them questions that they'd

prepared in advance. Susan Wirth, Manager of Recreation for Spend-A-Day, discussed dementia and Alzheimer's with the students.

Students reflected on what they learned during the program, including the importance of "patience, being nice and encouraging, and being empathetic" to issues that older adults might face.

"This is an invaluable experience because it affords our students the opportunity to grow in perspective, which is something that is so often challenged with the many distractors children face in today's world. More importantly, it allows them to make 'connections,' listen and simply enjoy time spent in conversation with their new found friends at SAGE. Making connections, listening, and building relationships are all life-skills that we believe will serve our students well as they continue into the middle school, high school, college, and beyond. We are appreciative that SAGE Eldercare allows the Lincoln-Hubbard fifth graders to explore and nurture these skills through time spent with our senior citizens," said Matt Carlin, Principal at Lincoln-Hubbard Elementary School.

To learn more about the training, contact Marianne Kranz at 908.598.5514. The training can be adapted to fit any age group of students or co-workers from a local organization or corporation.

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(above) Fifth grade students from Lincoln-Hubbard pose in the Meals on Wheels kitchen of SAGE Eldercare with a generous donation of food. The students brought the food for the SAGE pantry when they came to attend a sensitivity training program.

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Matt Wilson won "Best Actor" in a Comedy, and Anne Borzner was awarded "Best Supporting Actress" in a Comedy. The Montclair Theatre Awards recognizes excellence in non-musical productions in NJ.



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# 544 PARTICIPATE IN RELAY FOR LIFE



(above) Candy Bar was donated by Sugar Rush of Mountainside.

At the time of this writing the American Cancer Society posted on their website that 544 participants raised \$150,311.59 for the Relay for Life of Berkeley Heights, Mountainside, New Providence and Summit which was held on May 13, 2017 from 4 p.m. to midnight. The event was moved indoors to Governor Livingston High School in Berkeley Heights due to poor weather conditions but that didn't dampen the spirits of the 75 teams, the survivors and their families, and the many volunteers and supporters who joined in the effort.

The Relay For Life movement unites communities across the globe to celebrate people

who have battled cancer, remember loved ones lost, and take action to finish the fight once and for all. Relay For Life events are community gatherings where teams and individuals camp out at a school, park, or fairground and take turns walking or running around a track or path. Teams raise funds in the months leading up to the event.

Relay For Life is the world's largest fundraising event to fight every cancer in every community, with four million participants in 6,000 events worldwide in 2015.

Donations can still be made by visiting [relayforlife.org/BerkeleyHeightsNJ](http://relayforlife.org/BerkeleyHeightsNJ).



(above) "Where the Wild Things Run" 8th graders from Oak Knoll School in Summit.



(above) "Frontliners" members from Berkeley Heights.



(above) "Cancer Freezers" members from Berkeley Heights.



(above) New Providence Middle School Peer Leaders.



(above) "Downtown Gang Showing for Joe" members Berkeley Heights firemen Michael DeLio and Tom DeLio.



(above) "Wash Out Cancer" members from Berkeley Heights.



(above) "Fight Club" members from Berkeley Heights & Mountainside.



(above) "Sweat for Survival" members from Mountainside



(above) "Pirates of the Cure-I-Bean" members from Berkeley Heights & Mountainside.



(above) "Believe" members from Berkeley Heights.



(above) "All Knight 4 the Fight" members from Berkeley Heights.



(above) "Spoerl Brainstormers 2" members from New Providence.



(above) "Daddy's Crew" members from Berkeley Heights.



(above) "Hope Brigade" members from Berkeley Heights & Mountainside.

Photos from this and other events can be found online at [rennamedia.com](http://rennamedia.com) and on the Berkeley Heights News page on [facebook.com](https://www.facebook.com) Feel free to "Like", "Tag" and "Share"

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## JUNE 2017 EVENTS AT SAGE ELDERCARE

### Medicare 101

Tuesday, June 6

Do you have questions about Medicare? Are you overwhelmed by all the different plans and options? Join SHIP (State Health Insurance Assistance Program) counselors for a presentation at SAGE Eldercare, 290 Broad Street, Summit. 12:30 – 1:30 pm. Free. To register or for more information, please call 908.598.5548 or email education@sageeldercare.org. To make an appointment with SHIP at another time, please call: 908.273.6999.

### Living with Alzheimer's for Caregivers

Wednesday, June 7

Learn the symptoms and resources for care of early-, middle-, and late-stage Alzheimer's. Presented by the Alzheimer's Association, Greater New Jersey Chapter. Free, 7 – 8:30 pm, SAGE Eldercare, 290 Broad Street, Summit. To register or for more information, please call 908.598.5548 or email education@sageeldercare.org.

### Bereavement Support Group for Spouses

Thursday, June 8 (meets 10 times)

This group meets every Thursday for 10 weeks, starting May 18 until July 20. It is for adults age 60 or older who have lost a spouse within the last year. Led by Licensed Clinical Social Worker Kathy Larkin, InfoCare Manager at SAGE, the group's purpose is to understand the grieving process, gain emotional support, and share coping strategies. Free, Thursdays, 2 - 3 pm, SAGE Eldercare, 290 Broad Street, Summit. Pre-registration is required by calling 908.598.5509.

### Senior Adventures

Wednesday, June 14

Traveling is for older adults too! Hear from frequent flyer Christina Candido, Client Care Coordinator at Goldberg Law Group, on her experiences in Europe, South Africa, South and Central America, and Asia. She'll give tips and show videos from her travels in a free program, 1 – 2 pm, SAGE Eldercare, 290 Broad Street, Summit. To register or obtain more information, please call 908.598.5548 or email education@sageeldercare.org.

### Caregiver Support Group for Adult Children

Monday, June 19 (meets every other week)

A free support group for caregivers will be led by Licensed Clinical Social Worker and InfoCare Manager Kathy Larkin. The groups will cover topics such as coping with caregiver emotions and managing stress, navigating care options, and defining our roles as caregivers. Pre-registration is required for this free group. Every other Monday, 7-8:30 pm, SAGE Eldercare, 290 Broad Street, Summit. To register, or for more information, please call 908.598.5509.

## SAGE SUPPORT GROUPS FOR CAREGIVERS

SAGE Eldercare offers free caregiver support groups – one for spousal caregivers, one for adult children who act as caregivers for their older parents, and one intended for caregivers of someone with Alzheimer's. The groups are led by Kathy Larkin, Licensed Clinical Social Worker and SAGE InfoCare Manager. All groups are held at SAGE Eldercare, 290 Broad Street, Summit, and require pre-registration by calling Larkin at 908.598.5509.

Caregiver Support Group for Spouses: 2 - 3:30 pm. Every other Monday May 22 through August 28.

Caregiver Support Group for Adult Children: 7 - 8:30 pm. Every other Monday, June 5 through August 28.

Alzheimer's New Jersey Caregivers Support Group: 10 – 11:30 am. Fourth Tuesday of every month.

The Caregiver Support Groups are free and will cover topics such as coping with caregiver emotions and managing stress, navigating care options, and defining our roles as caregivers.

The Alzheimer's New Jersey Caregivers Support Group provides an opportunity for family members and caregivers to discuss frustrations and trials of caring for someone with Alzheimer's disease with others who understand.

"Caregiving can be gratifying, but it is also very challenging. It is important to know that you are not alone with your concerns and questions," said Larkin. "SAGE's support groups will give those that help take care of older adults, whether they are a spouse or an adult child, a safe place to discuss their experiences, share ideas, and get emotional support."

About SAGE Eldercare

Since 1954, SAGE Eldercare has been helping make the communities it serves amazing places to age. The non-profit organization provides a wide array of information, support, and services designed to help individuals lead the most independent and active lives possible. From helping with errands and delivering Meals on Wheels, to exercise classes, community

programs, Medicare counseling, care planning, an adult day health care program, and home health care, as well as the SAGE Resale Shop and Furniture Restoration Workshop, SAGE's expertise helps older adults remain independent in their own homes. SAGE is committed to being the leading provider of programs and services to meet the changing needs of older adults, their families, and caregivers throughout Union, Essex, Morris, and Somerset Counties. For more information, please call 908.273.5550 or visit [www.sageeldercare.org](http://www.sageeldercare.org).



(above) Kathy Larkin, Licensed Clinical Social Worker and SAGE Eldercare InfoCare Manager, leads three caregiver support groups – one for spouses, one for adult children caring for their older parents, and one for those that care for someone with Alzheimer's. The free support groups are held at SAGE Eldercare, 290 Broad Street, Summit.

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Primary Center and Jefferson Elementary School staff on their "Day of Service." The students send special thanks to the entire SPD, Janet Gibney, Christopher Wilson, Janet Blasi, Carrie Pedersen, Alex Sprinzen, Marisol Rodriguez, Megan Mucelli, Rachel Petrella, Angelica Hughes, and Sahar Rimawi.



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# CHALKBOARD CONVERSATIONS RESUME

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Each year the volunteers at UMC place a large chalkboard in front of the church with a question posted and allows all who wish to answer. "What brings you joy?" That was the very first question on the very first week of the very first year of the Chalkboard ministry. This year will mark the fourth year of this wonderful community activity. In the last week of June, UMC will once again position the large chalkboard outside of the church, and will post a weekly question on it for community response. Wander by regularly to reflect on the question posted, add your response to the board, and review the responses of others! (And if you would like to be part of the team that oversees the weekly "refreshing" of the board, please speak with Pastor Hogan.)

United Methodist Church also invites the public to make your way a few steps over to enjoy their beautiful community garden.



# A MUSICAL GALA: FROM EAST TO WEST

Music, a universal language which bridges differences will create an exciting melodic journey from Sephardic to Ashkenazic Jewish Music at this year's Cantor Shemesh & Friends concert on Sunday, June 11th, at 3PM at Temple Sinai of Summit located at 208 Summit Avenue. The concert will feature Galeet Darhashti and her all-woman band Divahn performing their Mizrahi/Sephardic sounds and songs.

Following a family tradition of distinguished musicianship dating back to 19th- century Persia, Galeet Dardashti has performed as a soloist in Israel and throughout the US, including significant cantorial work. She is the leader of the band Divahn, an ensemble that dazzles audiences with its Middle Eastern groove. Infusing traditional and original Jewish songs with

sophisticated harmonies, entrancing improvisations, and funky arrangements, Divahn has an international following. As one of the few groups performing Mizrahi and Judeo-Arab music in the US, Divahn welcomes its audiences to a beautiful sphere of shared Jewish and Muslim culture.

Galeet and the band will be joined by Cantor Marina Shemesh, whose fascinating musical and spiritual journey has taken her from Russia, to Israel where she was a soloist in the New Israeli Opera, to the bimah of Temple Sinai. The program will feature both Sephardic and Ashkenazic music and will appeal to all ages.

Admission is FREE and donations are welcome. All monies raised will fund future music programs at Temple Sinai.

# VOLUNTEER TO KEEP TREE POPULATION STRONG

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## DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI SHINE AT ANNUAL KEAN UNIVERSITY AWARD CEREMONY

Five Kean University alumni, including Geraldine Ponto of Summit, were honored on Sunday, April 23, at the Alumni Association's annual Distinguished Alumni Award event held at the North Avenue Academic Building.

The recipients of the 2017 Distinguished Alumni Award share a strong work ethic and an unwavering commitment to their communities.

Geraldine E. Ponto '76 of Summit received a Kean bachelor's degree in English secondary education and then went on to defend the rights of her clients for three decades as a partner at the law firm, Baker Hostetler.

"I am always amazed by the caliber of our distinguished alumni each year, and this year was no exception," said Kean University President Dawood Farahi, Ph.D. "They are leaders in

business and their communities, each serving as shining examples of the quality education that is offered at Kean."

The Distinguished Alumni Award recognizes Kean alumni who have made significant contributions to society, and whose accomplishments, affiliations and careers have honored the legacy of excellence at the University. Recipients are accomplished in three distinct areas: professional achievement and career distinction; service to society; and service and support to Kean University. These areas reflect Kean's core value: excellence, integrity, leadership, loyalty, respect, and selfless services.

To see more details about this year's recipients as well as past recipients, please visit [www.keanalumni.org](http://www.keanalumni.org).



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(above) Geraldine Ponto was presented with her Distinguished Alumni award from Edward Esposito, Kean University Alumni Board President.

## LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS IS SEEKING MODERATORS

The League of Women Voters of Berkeley Heights, New Providence and Summit invite you to attend a debate moderator training to be held on Sunday, June 11th from 12:30-4 p.m. at the New Providence Memorial Library located at 377 Elkwood Ave, New Providence, NJ.

Why should you participate?

Candidate meetings have been around almost as long as the League of Women Voters. In 1924, a small booklet published by the League of Women Voters, suggested that we:

"hold pre-election meetings and invite all candidates to speak; collect and give out nonpartisan information on candidates and issues; conduct candidate meetings as a service to the voters because it gives them a means of forming a first-hand judgment of the candidates, and as a service to the candidates because it gives them an opportunity to present their views to audiences of varied political affiliation."

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Kean University awarded Distinguished Alumni Awards to five individuals who have made significant contributions to society, their professions at their alma mater.  
(above l-r) Standing: Geraldine Ponto, Alumni Association President Edward Esposito '69 '72 MA, George Gilcrest, M. Ann Walko, Scott Schober; Bottom: Kean University President Dr. Dawood Farahi and Caroline Jolly.

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For more information contact Denise Petrosky at 908-965-2359 or [petrosky@ucc.edu](mailto:petrosky@ucc.edu). Participants must register for the training online beforehand to attend.

The registration link can be found on the Summit Public Library's website: <https://www.summitlibrary.org> Since space is limited, employees who are interested in receiving training should register and reserve their spot as soon as possible.

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