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(above, l-r) First, Second and Third Place finishers and times, Eduardo Cermenio of Summit (16:23), Sean Wang of Warren (17:15), Ethan Steier of Warren (17:41).



(right) First Place Female finisher Allison Ayers of Summit (19:30).

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WATCHUNG HILLS SENIOR DEEPA IRAKAM EARNS GOLD AWARD

Submitted by Anitha Irakam

Deepa Irakam, a member of Girl Scout Troop 65512, recently earned the prestigious Gold Award.

Through her Gold Award, Empower Your Future, Deepa Irakam worked over 80 hours to address the issue of sexual harassment. She educated students, ages ranging from middle school to high school, as many of them have heard about sexual harassment but are still not quite sure what it is, and gave them an opportunity to learn more so that they understood what they can do to make sure it doesn't continue. In addition to working with students in group activities, teaching lessons, and creating discussions, she created a resource guide that included more information on sexual harassment and who to reach out to for help.

The resource guides were distributed to local community centers and schools as a way to spread awareness for sexual harassment education and empower students to speak out

when they see something that isn't right.

She also created a website with more information to help continue her education platform which includes a printable version of her resource guide. You can find her website deepairakam.wixsite.com/empoweryourfuture.

Through the #MeToo Movement and the Time's Up Movement, it's clear that these platforms have started to create positive change to prevent sexual harassment from continuing. However, there is still work to be done. Deepa's project aims to educate students early on about sexual harassment affecting schools, communities, and the workplace, because education is what starts conversations and can serve as a force for meaningful change.

Her Gold Award, Empower Your Future, would not have been possible without the support of her advisor Dr. Susan Cooper, her Girl Scout Troop Leader Sonia Estevez, her Girl Scout Troop, and her Gold Award Team.



(above) Deepa Irakam of Troop 65512 received a Gold Award for her work on "Empower Your Future."

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GIRL SCOUTS SPREAD HOLIDAY CHEER



The Girl Scouts of Service Unit 62, Dunellen/GreenBrook, created ornaments and decorated the tree at Washington Park Dunellen on November 30th, 2019.

The holiday event was organized by Green Brook Girl Scout Troops 65032, 65038, and 65134. The troops threw a decorating party and led a

procession of carolers comprised of all local Girl Scouts to homes around the park.

The girls made ornaments for both the municipal tree in Dunellen and the tree in Green Brook Town Hall. A fun filled afternoon was had by all, as they spread holiday cheer throughout their communities.

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WHRHS CLASS OF 2020 COLLEGE SIGNING DAY



(above, l-r) Seated: Kaitlyn Gully, Bentley University, Field Hockey; Sophia Cicchetti, Adelphi University, Softball; Laura Baeyens, University of Pennsylvania, Cross Country/Track & Field; Chloe Ferreira, Monmouth University, Soccer; standing: Bradley Jelmart, Arkansas State University, Track & Field; Christopher Salkowski, Coastal Carolina University, Track & Field; and Mahogany Jenkins, University of Indiana, Track & Field.

Photo by WHRHS

Submitted by Denis Kelly

Five student athletes in the Class of 2020 who play for the Warriors of Watchung Hills Regional High School (WHRHS) announced their intentions to matriculate and play intercollegiate sports at Division I colleges on November College Signing Day, Wednesday, November 13, 2019. As part of the same ceremony, two additional Warrior Student Athletes announced their intentions to matriculate and play intercollegiate sports at Division II colleges.

The students signing to matriculate and play at Division I colleges are: Chloe Ferreira, Monmouth University (Hawks), West Long Branch, Metro Atlantic Conference, Soccer; Laura Baeyens, University of Pennsylvania (Quakers), Philadelphia, Pa., Ivy League Conference, Cross Country/Track & Field; Bradley Jelmert, Arkansas State University (Red Wolves), Jonesboro, Ark., Sun Belt Conference, Track & Field; Mahogany Jenkins, University of Indiana (Hoosiers), Bloomington, Ind., Big Ten Conference, Track & Field; and Christopher Salkowski, Coastal Carolina University (Chanticleers), Conway, S.C., Sun Belt Conference, Track & Field.

The students signing to matriculate and play at Division II Colleges are: Kaitlyn Gully, Bentley University (Falcons), Waltham, Mass., Northeast10 Conference, Field Hockey; and Sophia Cicchetti, Adelphi University (Panthers), Garden City, N.Y., Northeast-10 Conference, Softball.

Both Bentley and Adelphi play in the Northeast-10 Conference, although the Warrior student athletes, Gully and Cicchetti, will play in different sports when they put on their new colleges' uniforms for Field Hockey and Softball, respectively.

And, among the Track and Field athletes, both Jelmert and Salkowski will play on Sun Belt Conference rivals, Arkansas State and Coastal Carolina, respectively, although they specialize in different Field events, Pole Vault and Javelin.

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WATCHUNG HILLS PROJECT GRADUATION 2020



(above) The Class of 2020 on their Senior shirts.

Photos by WHRHS

Submitted by Gina Strong

Watchung Hills Regional High School will be celebrating its 29th year of Project Graduation. Project Graduation is a series of year long, small

events for the senior class, culminating in a safe, drug and alcohol free celebration on the night of Graduation.

WHRHS kicked off this year's Project

Graduation 2020 on October 16. The Class of 2020 was presented their "Senior shirts" as the official Senior class yearbook photo was taken. The year's events will conclude with the final celebration held on June 21, 2020 at Dave and Buster's in Woodbridge. The Project Graduation committee, composed of parent volunteers, has planned school day activities for the entire year, plus this unforgettable night of fun for all members of the graduating class. The committee arranges for the venue, transportation, security and chaperones. The night will be filled with food, video and arcade games, and entertainment.

In order for every student to participate, the committee is reaching out to the community for support through a direct fundraising appeal. We need your assistance to continue this worthwhile program.

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