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MELISSA CURTIS SWORN IS AS CHILD ADVOCATE

While Covid-19 has impacted every facet of life, it's also shown the tenacity of community members who step up to ensure elderly have groceries, local businesses remain above water and milestones are celebrated with drive-by parades. It's no different at Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Union County, the only nonprofit advocating for the best interests of Union County foster youth.

Amid shelter-in-place orders, the organization created an online infrastructure and protocols that ensured advocates could continue connecting with youth and reporting to judges, and staff could continue recruiting and training community members as advocates for the more than 500 local youth in care. The final challenge was swearing in new trainees, as quarantine made the traditional courtroom ceremony impossible. Turns out, oath-taking can go virtual, too. For the first time in the nonprofit's 15-year history, newly trained volunteers were sworn in by a judge via Zoom, making them eligible to advocate for one or more of Union County's most vulnerable: youth from birth to age 21 removed from home due to abuse, neglect or abandonment.

Presided over by Superior Court Judge Richard C. Wischusen during two ceremonies, as well as Superior Court Judge Marc R. Brown via Facetime for one ceremony, the first class, ages 23 to 68, includes parents and nonparents with backgrounds in real estate, sales, law, business and childcare. They are Georgia Brennan, Matawan; Stephanie Bush, Lara Gibbemeyer and Laurie Grossman, Westfield; Donna Isidron, Clark; Leslie Lewis, Westfield; Jasmine Manns, Newark; Kelly Noble, Scotch Plains; Simone O'Leary, South Plainfield; Sue Romano, Scotch Plains; Annette Ross and Charles Schafer Jr., Westfield; Phillip Tullman, Summit; and Alison van Orden, Helmetta.

The second class, ages 26 to 69, includes parents and non-parents with such backgrounds as medical, real estate, law and human resources. They are Alexis Calabrese, Scotch



(above) Berkeley Heights resident Melissa Curtis* joined other advocates during a swearing in ceremony held via Zoom making them eligible to advocate for one or more of Union County's most vulnerable youth from birth to age 21 removed from home due to abuse, neglect or abandonment. To join the next summer or upcoming fall training classes, contact Courtney at cgreen@casaofunioncounty.org.

Plains; Maria Curatolo, Westfield; Melissa Curtis, Berkeley Heights; Natalie Gomez, Elizabeth; Jo Ann Halberstadter, Scotch Plains; Stephanie Kilburn, Roselle Park; Maria Lorenz, Elizabeth; Sean O'Leary, South Plainfield; Caitlin Pappas, Summit; Donna Perch and Denise Sullivan, Westfield. CASA of Union County Executive Director Julienne Cherry of Plainfield, who joined the organization in March from the Community Food Bank of New Jersey, also completed the advocate training and was sworn in.

Said Cherry, "While so much of life has slowed or even stalled, the urgency for CASA of Union County has ramped up. During times of crisis such as Covid-19 with shelter-in-place restrictions resulting in financial and other stressors, acts of physical, sexual and emotional abuse and neglect often increase. There's no time for CASA to rest with childhoods at stake. CASA volunteers provide consistency for youth disconnected from loved ones, friends, school and routines, and during a pandemic the need is exacerbated. They have continued to show up, albeit virtually, during a time when unknowns abound for these fragile youth. I'm excited to welcome these new advocates as they begin their journey."

CASA volunteers have court-ordered access to youth, foster parents, doctors, caseworkers, therapists and teachers in order to identify concerns and protect best interests. To join the next summer or upcoming fall training classes, contact Courtney at cgreen@casaofunioncounty.org.





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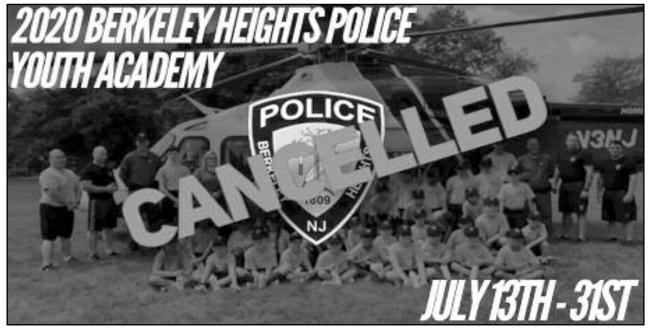


YOUTH POLICE ACADEMY CANCELLED

The Berkeley Heights Police Department regrets to announce the cancellation of all sessions in July of our upcoming 2020 Youth Academy due to the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic.

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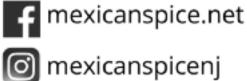
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CANCER SURVIVORS AND THEIR CAREGIVERS NEED YOUR SUPPORT

Submitted by Ruthanne Brown, American Cancer Society (Northeast Division)

Media & Publicity Senior Volunteer

I'm a volunteer for the American Cancer Society, writing on behalf of cancer survivors and their caregivers. I write out of concern for this sector of the population because of the effect Covid-19 has had on them. Eleven percent of New Jersey's Covid fatalities have been individuals who were already battling cancer, then later contracted the virus. This pandemic has caused a myriad of obstacles for cancer patients who've been recently diagnosed or who require continued long-term care.

87% of cancer patients are experiencing disruptions in treatment and testing regimens. This crisis has made it difficult to maintain contact with health care providers, all of whom are overwhelmed and overworked at this point in time. Regular access to treatment is difficult to come by, which increases the probability for cancer cells to spread or even return in some patients. A number of research studies have been temporarily suspended; not a good thing when time is of the essence. All of this, plus the financial burden of paying health insurance premiums and medical co-pays is causing widespread anxiety for patients and caregivers alike.

We collectively, must stand together to protect our most vulnerable members of society. We must make this a priority. We must NOT leave cancer patients behind.

I implore readers to make a contribution to the American Cancer Society. Over the past three months, gifts from donors have decreased dramatically. Many ACS fundraising events have been postponed or cancelled. However, please know we are ALWAYS here for you with cancer help and information when you need it. Call us ANYTIME day or night at 1-800-227-2345 or visit us on the web www.cancer.org.

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We at the American Cancer Society are optimistically looking toward the future. Our dedicated volunteers are working on a safe social distancing plan so we may host community events soon. We are especially excited about "Bark For Life of Central NJ", our statewide Dog-Walk & Festival to raise funds and awareness in the fight against cancer. Visit our webpage www.RelayForLife.org/BarkCentralNJ to make your donation to the American Cancer Society.

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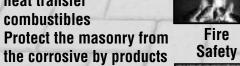
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Reptile Show

Wednesday, July 29 at 10:30 am
This reptile show by the NJ Snake Man will be live if possible; otherwise, the program will be available to watch as a video on the library's Facebook page.

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KEAN UNIVERSITY STUDENT-VETERAN RECEIVES K-9 SERVICE DOG

A special ceremony was held on Kean University's Union campus as senior Jason Pryor, a U.S. Army veteran, introduced the K-9 service dog that he received through an on-campus fundraiser.

Pryor, a senior from Elizabeth majoring in exercise science, did tours in Iraq and Honduras and suffers from PTSD. He received the K-9, named Keen, at the start of the Fall semester as a gift from the Kean Office of Student Government.

"Being with Keen has taught me to be more patient," said Pryor, whose dog accompanies him to class. "Keen is used as a measure to help prevent me from going through the symptoms



(above) Jason Pryor, a U.S. Army veteran who did tours in Iraq and Honduras and suffers from PTSD, received the K-9, named Keen, as a gift from the Kean Office of Student Government through an on-campus fundraiser.

Photo by Kean University

and effects of spiraling down, by me tending to anthem by the Kean Gospel Choir, and the his needs and having him tend to me."

Kean is ranked first in the nation among large public schools for its programs supporting student-veterans, according to the Military Friendly Schools survey.

Student Government raised nearly \$20,000 to support service dogs through Rebuilding Warriors, a volunteer non-profit organization whose mission is to provide trained service dogs to veterans. The bulk of the funds raised went toward training Pryor's dog, and the rest was donated to Rebuilding Warriors to help train other K-9 dogs.

At the ceremony held outside Miron Student Center, Vito Zajda, director of Veteran Student Services at Kean and a U.S. Coast Guard veteran, called Pryor a remarkable student.

"He has been a big support and influential person in our program," Zajda said. "He has helped open our eyes about how the University can best support its vets."

Vice President of Rebuilding Warriors Jeff Mullins, also a veteran, said post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) is a condition that can't be seen by others. "It's invisible, stays with you your entire life, and it's not easy sometimes," he said. "Our goal is to provide veterans and first responders with a service dog to help them achieve their new normal."

The University's Veterans Day event included a color guard, a performance of the national presentation of other honors.

Juan Leon Torres, a senior from Spotswood also studying exercise science and a U.S. Navy veteran, received the 2019 Kean Veteran's Award for Outstanding Mentor. He develops transition opportunities and initiatives, and mentors a student-veteran each semester.

"Being a veteran and going back to school is super hard because you go from one community to a different lifestyle," Torres said.

Zajda noted that it is important to support veterans at all times. "The importance of Veterans Day is to recognize that it's 365 days a year, as veterans go through different highs and lows in their lives," he said.

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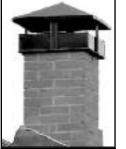
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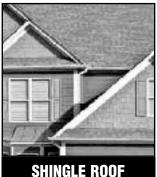






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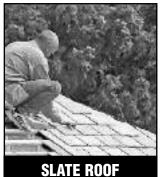




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SUMMIT COLLEGE CLUB TAKES SCHOLARSHIPS INTO THE SUN **ORGANIZATION AWARDS \$22,000 IN OPEN AIR CEREMONY**

Submitted by Marylou Motto

Summit College Club (SCC) has chosen five exceptional young women from the area to receive college scholarships this year. The club has a nearly century-long history of awarding scholarships annually. Usually, the presentation is done at a Spring reception, a celebration, but given the current social distancing rules, such a gathering was not possible. Some creativity was required.

"Even though we couldn't get everyone together, we wanted to do something memorable," said Kathy Tatlow, who co-chairs the SCC Scholarship Committee. "After some discussion, we decided to bring the awards to the winners."

So the Scholarship Committee made appointments to visit each of the five winners 'at home.' At each stop, the winner and her family came out of the front door, and a Scholarship Committee member gave a special award presentation with details about the organization, the award being given, and the reasons the recipient was chosen.

Each winning high school senior received a bouquet of flowers, an award certificate, and a check for \$4,400—and all of this was done, of course, following safe distancing guidelines.

Luckily, the weather was beautiful. The sun shone, the young women and their parents were proud and happy, and the club's members could not have been more pleased.

THE AWARDS

Earlier this year, SCC's Scholarship Committee had distributed applications to the guidance departments of six local high schools. Nearly 50 young women applied and wrote the necessary essay. Then the committee members narrowed the field, interviewing no less than 18 applicants by means of Zoom, and made their final decisions. It was a lengthy process. The result was five senior high school women who have outstanding academic records, diverse activities, and impressive community service.

Kyra Guenther, for example, has been student council president, president of her class, co-editor of the school newspaper and captain of a sports team—as well as playing the harp in the NJ Youth Orchestra and doing mission work in

dney Villegas pictured with her scholarship award. Awards were presented to each winner at home due to the cancelation of the reception.

Nicaragua. From Summit High School, Kyra University. won SCC's Tilla Thomas Merit Scholarship and plans to attend the University of St. Andrews to work toward a career in International Relations.

Also from Summit High School, Caroline Abut has activities ranging from grief work with children to writing published poetry, performing in theatre and musical events, and participating in speech and debate tournaments nationwide. Caroline, who won the Summit College Club Foundation Scholarship, plans to major in Psychology at Tufts University.

Sydney Villegas has taken part in and led a host of activities that raised awareness of diversity and social justice. Her guidance counselor at Kent Place High School praised "her intellect, her faith, her values, her maturity." Sydney won SCC's Mary K. Tennant Scholarship and will major in English Literature at Boston University.

Emily Lamb, who is graduating from Chatham High School, was praised for her scholarship, writing, and her choral work with the NJ Youth Chorus. She also works on behalf of girls with a UN coalition and has been active in a congressional political campaign. Emily won the Summit College Club Merit Scholarship and will major in Political Science at George Washington



(above) Taylor Rooney, Summit College Club scholarship recipient.



(above) Summit College Club scholarship recipient Kyra Guenther and her family.

Taylor Rooney, winner of SCC's Kathi C. Madison Scholarship, stood out as a leader in her classes and school and for her community service in Ecuador and the Galapagos Island. Taylor will move from Governor Livingston High School to the University of Vermont; her goal is a career in Neuroscience.

"As wonderful as all five are, it was difficult to pick them out of the larger group. We were highly impressed by the applications we received," said Marilynn MacLean, Committee co-chair.

SUMMIT COLLEGE CLUB

Founded in 1920 by a Summit High School teacher, Summit College Club is currently celebrating its 100th anniversary. "Because of the health crisis, we had to postpone many of our gala year activities," said president Hedy Tukey. "We also had to forgo our usual week-long book sale, which normally funds these scholarships. Still, the book sale will be back next year, and we're delighted to be able to continue our unbroken record of scholarships."

SCC is a branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW), whose mission is to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research.



(above) Summit College Club scholarship winned Emily Lamb with her family.



(above) Caroline Abut, recipient of a Summit College Club scholarship,\with her family.

LITERACY NJ CELEBRATION HIGHLIGHTS ADULT ESL STUDENTS' SUCCESS

On June 4 over 120 students and volunteer tutors came together via Zoom to celebrate a year of commitment and success in learning English. Literacy New Jersey's English as a Second Language (ESL) program provides free classes to adults who want to improve their language skills in order to find jobs, help their children in school, and become more involved in the community.

Thanks to the generosity of Literacy New Jersey volunteer tutors, the celebration included a raffle of \$1,700 in gift cards, with students earning raffle tickets based on the number of ESL classes they attended. The raffle was the highlight of the night for students, many of whom have faced difficult challenges due to Covid-19. with reading and writing. Students also received award certificates for 50+ instructional hours, with some students completing over 100 hours in the program.

The majority of students attended classes at the Elizabeth Public Library until closure due to Covid-19. Not to be deterred, students and tutors quickly transitioned to online platforms such as Zoom, Skype, and Whatsapp to finish out the year and successfully complete their studies.

Literacy New Jersey generally provides daytime and evening classes at libraries throughout Union County. In addition to English classes for immigrants, Literacy NJ offers GED prep classes and support for adults who struggle

Online classes are planned for the fall semester. For more information about the Literacy New Jersey program, or becoming a volunteer tutor, please contact Barbara Bagger, Program Director at 908-486-1777 or bbagger@literacynj.org or visit the website at literacynj-unioncounty.org.







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loud as ever this summer, even as most listen to music at home instead of a concert hall. Everyone together for a week-long virtual concert benefiting Community Access Unlimited (CAU) from July 6-11.

"It will be a week of nights of music that we hope everyone will get entertainment out of while we are stuck at home, with the added good cause of raising money for CAU," said Saranya Thana, fundraising and events director at CAU. "Our artists all have different vibes to their music to cater to everyone's tastes."

CAU is a statewide nonprofit that strives to integrate people with disabilities and youth at risk the general community through comprehensive supports.

From folk-country singer Jesse Lynn Madera and alternative pop singer Sara Ontaneda to handpan artist Dan Mulqueen and jazz guitarist Juan Mungia, a diverse selection of music will be showcased on the CAU Facebook page starting at 7 p.m. each night. Singer Chrissie Limos and electronic artist Matt Pelosi round out the lineup to offer variety for everyone listening.

Those who tune in are encouraged to donate what they can to CAU to support the agency's ongoing essential services for hundreds of adults and youth around New Jersey. From support coordination and behavioral services to employment support, the agency has built out remote operations wherever possible through the coronavirus pandemic and invested in Personal Protective Equipment for staff and members. Essential staff who work directly with people with disabilities and youth at risk continue to support members on a daily basis.

Madera, who lives in Nashville, said she was happy to donate her talent for the benefit concert and hopes listeners find her music hopeful.

"I really love to perform live and I'm not sure how it will translate over the internet, but I really enjoy connecting with people and I hope my music brings some hope to people and some strength when they're confronting big emotions,"

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of difficult."

New York City-based jazz guitarist Juan with an internet connection is invited to listen in Mungia added that he was eager to share his music with new people online.

> "I hope people can enjoy the music and forget the whole situation of the world for a while," he said. "For me that's the whole idea of being an artist is to be able to give people an outlet to have a good time. For me I just like to see people happy."

> New York City-based Sara Ontaneda sings in both English and Spanish with a fusion of pop influences. She said she hopes her music will bring listeners peace during these difficult times.

> "I'm more than happy to share my music for a great cause," Ontaneda said. "I believe that everyone should have equal opportunities to live their best life. I really like what CAU stands for and I believe in the work they do."

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The sounds of different genres of music are as she said. "I like to write about things that are kind Instagram. Learn more about supporting the agency and become a monthly donor at caunj.org/support-us/.

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GOVERNOR LIVINGSTON STUDENT AWARDED FULL RIDE TO COLLEGE

Carson Stapleton, a Mountainside resident and a senior at Governor Livingston High School, was one of 3 caddies awarded the 2019-20 NJSGA Evans Scholarship, a full housing and tuition college grant offered to golf caddies. The scholarship is the result of a partnership between the Western Golf Association's Evans Scholars Foundation and the New Jersey State Golf Association Caddie Scholarship Foundation. He was awarded the NJSGA Evans Scholarship to attend Ohio State University.

WGA directors, Evans Scholars alumni and other Program supporters interviewed each of the nominees at the selection meeting. Each caddie has a unique story to tell, reflecting the scholarship's four selection criteria: a strong caddie record; excellent academics; demonstrated financial need; and outstanding character. The full tuition and housing college scholarship is valued at an estimated \$120,000 over four years.

Carson caddied at Baltusrol Golf Club. "Not only have I raked more bunkers than one could count, I also have gained knowledge and insight on life through my interactions with all types of golfers during my time as a caddie," he said. "Thinking about going away to college was somewhat unrealistic, but the day on the golf course when a golfer told me I could receive a full college scholarship just for caddying changed all of that."

Baltusrol caddie manager Brian Bianchi said: "Carson has been dedicated as a caddie the past two summers he has been with us. He is very reliable, and we have never had any complaints about his work. I went to NJSGA Evans Scholars selection meeting, and he did a good job there. He was poised and presented himself well."

"Our NJSGA Evans Scholars have shown dedication, hard work and sacrifice to earn this life-changing scholarship, and we are honored to help them pursue their dreams," said WGA Chairman Kevin Buggy.

Currently, a record 1,010 caddies are enrolled in 18 universities across the nation as Evans Scholars, and more than 11,050 caddies have graduated as Evans Scholars since the program was founded by famed Chicago amateur golfer



(above) Carson Stapleton, a Mountainside resident and a senior at Governor Livingston High School, was one of 3 caddies awarded the 2019-20 NJSGA Evans Scholarship.

Charles "Chick" Evans Jr.

Scholarship funds come mostly from contributions by 32,500 golfers across the country, who are members of the Evans Scholars Par Club program. Evans Scholars Alumni donate more than \$14 million annually, and all proceeds from the BMW Championship, the third of four PGA TOUR Playoff events in the PGA TOUR's FedExCup competition, are donated to the Evans Scholars Foundation.

For those who would like to become involved locally, the 18th annual New Jersey Evans Scholars Classic will be held at Hawk Pointe Golf Club in Washington, New Jersey, on July 27, with event proceeds benefiting NJSGA Evans Scholars.

To learn more about the WGA and ESF, visit wgaesf.org. To learn more about the NJSGA Caddie Scholarship Foundation, please visit njsga.org.

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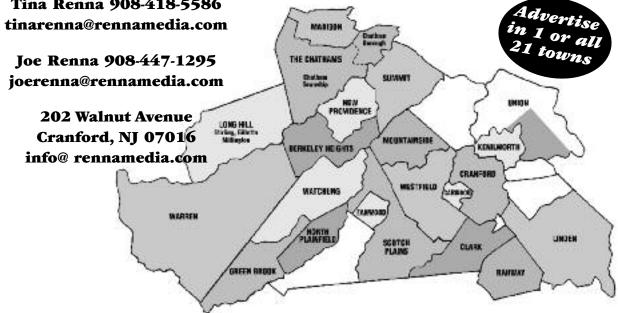
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Markey states, "This crisis didn't happen overnight, nor is it the fault of any individual, city department or elected official. Over the years mistakes and oversights have been made."

The Arbor Day Foundation certified Rahway as a Tree City USA Community in 1997 with two primary requirements: Form a Tree Board and Enact a Tree Ordinance.

The video is to raise awareness and solicit help in the effort to rebuild, restock and restore Rahway's urban forest.

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