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SUMMIT PUBLIC SCHOOLS WELCOMES NEW PRINCIPAL OF THE PRIMARY CENTERS

Submitted by Laurene Callander

The Summit Board of Education welcomed Mr. Evan Kozak as the new Principal of Wilson and Jefferson Primary Center during the remote meeting on Thursday, June 11, 2020. Mr. Kozak was the unanimous choice for the position by the District's Interview Committee, consisting of central office administrators, principals, a special education supervisor, primary school teachers and main office staff.

The Interview Committee identified exceptional professional and personal qualities from Mr. Kozak, and believes he will be an excellent match for The Primary Centers. He exudes charisma, enthusiasm, and passion. Mr. Kozak prides himself as a team player and values building relationships with his students, staff, and school community. He has demonstrated a student-centered approach in his leadership roles, which include teaching and administrative positions in primary settings.

"In addition to being an experienced, enthusiastic and passionate primary educator, Mr. Kozak's philosophy and approach are team-based and student-centered," said Acting Superintendent Robert Gardella. "We are beyond excited to welcome this talented professional to our leadership team and school district community."

In addition to teaching all primary grade levels including special education, Mr. Kozak served as an Assistant Principal and Interim Principal in two settings, most recently at Nishuane School in Montclair, which is a K-2 Primary School with approximately 500 students. Mr. Kozak was known in Montclair for his instructional leadership and was highly regarded by all stakeholders. The Interview Committee valued his diverse background with certifications as a school administrator, principal, supervisor, teacher of students with disabilities, and elementary school teacher.

"I look forward to meeting and interacting with my new colleagues, the families, and most importantly, the students! Summit is such a dynamic and innovative community, I am honored to have been selected for this position. It's a dream come true," said Kozak.

Mr. Kozak assumed this important leadership role on July 1, 2020. Please join us in welcoming Mr. Kozak to The Primary Centers and our District community.



(above) Mr. Evan Kozak, the new Principal of Wilson and Jefferson Primary Center

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SUMMIT FOUNDATION ISSUES GRANTS TO 21 LOCAL AREA ORGANIZATIONS

Submitted by Julie Adams

The Summit Foundation has released more than \$400,000 in grants to 21 local area nonprofit organizations providing vital food, shelter, education, arts, culture, and health programs. In April, the board of trustees issued seven

emergency grants totaling \$100,000 in response to the COVID-19 crisis. In June, The Summit Foundation approved \$309,000 in grants as part of its biannual grant cycle.

The Summit Foundation's emergency grants, which were an increased commitment to assist local groups confronting emerging pandemic-related crises, supported:

Bridges, Outreach Inc, to replace volunteer time and food donations for the homeless

The Connection, for ongoing expenses and essential programming

GRACE's Refrigerator, for food pantry items for Summit families facing food insecurity

SAGE Eldercare, for increased demand for Meals on Wheels

The Summit Area YMCA, for ongoing expenses and essential programming

Summit Board of Education, for hotspot devices for families in need of internet access for online education

Summit Volunteer First Aid Squad, for a decontamination UV light machine for its vehicles

Through its first funding cycle of 2020, The Summit Foundation supported 17 organizations with a total of \$309,000. Some of the organizations include:

CASA of Union County, for its Fostering Futures program pairing youth ages 14 to 21 with

adults who help them transition to independence

Caring Contact, the area's primary responder for the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, to meet increased volume and adapt its technology to a three-digit crisis line

Union County College Foundation, for Operation Graduation, which supports students with emergency grants, leadership training, campus employment, and mentors

The Summit Conservancy, for construction of the permanent home of the Summit Free Market, a student-run, recycling initiative

Other organizations receiving grants include Our House Foundation, Trinitas Health Foundation, Pillar Care Continuum, the Winston School, Visual Arts Center of New Jersey, Reeves-Reed Arboretum, SAGE Eldercare, The Connection, Literacy NJ, Paper Mill Playhouse, Summit Volunteer First Aid Squad, Boy Scouts of America Troop 67, and the Elizabeth Coalition to House the Homeless (Bernice's Place).

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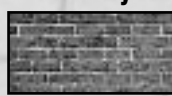
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SUMMIT ANNOUNCES CHANGES IN RECYCLING EFFECTIVE JULY 1

The City of Summit has updated its recycling procedures effective July 1, and includes the following:

- Recycling bins should be placed curbside before 6AM every Thursday, except holidays.
- Pickup will occur between 7AM and 5PM. Missed materials should be left at the curb and pickup will be completed on Fridays.
- Recycled material should be clean, dry, and placed in a covered bin.
- Glass, aluminum, tin cans and lids, and plastic marked #1, #2, and #5 will be accepted and can be comingled.
- Recycled items should not be placed in plastic bags. If placed in a plastic bag, recycling will not be collected.
- Notices will be provided with the reason for non-collection of material.

Residents are highly encouraged to recycle items curbside rather than at the Municipal Transfer Station.

The city pays for each property owner to recycle curbside in its recycling contract. When recycling is taken to the Transfer Station, the city

is charged for the items that are collected there as well.

For more information on recycling guidelines, how to report a missed pick up, or a list of items that can and cannot be recycled, please visit the city website at cityofsummit.org/recycle.

<p>Place items at the curb by 6AM</p> <p>Recycling is collected 7AM-5PM every Thursday except holidays.</p>	<p>Report missed pickups and other issues using Report a Concern tool on the city website or by calling 908.273.6404</p>	<p>Missed pickups are completed on Fridays. Leave items at the curb.</p>
<p>Important!</p> <p>Do not place recycling in plastic bags. It will not be accepted by the contractor.</p>	<p>Recycle Right!</p> <p>Notices will be provided with reason for non-collection of material.</p>	<p>Material can also be recycled at the Municipal Transfer Station on 40 New Providence Ave. But curbside is best!</p>

CURBSIDE RECYCLING

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4. Close & lock all exterior doors to homes
5. Turn on outside lights

WILDLIFE ENCOUNTERS

As the season brings warmer weather, the Westfield Regional Health Department warns against feeding or interacting with wildlife and stray animals. Summit residents are advised to take precaution and call the police department non-emergency phone number at 908-273-0051 when encountering wildlife that appears aggressive or distressed.

Additional information regarding Animal Control and safety recommendations is available at westfieldnj.gov/health.

The Westfield Regional Health Department is the contractual health agency serving Chatham Borough, Fanwood, Garwood, Mountainside, New Providence, Roselle Park, Summit, and Westfield.

SANTIAGO ABUT FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

The Santiago Abut Foundation has awarded the \$5,000 2020 Santiago Daniel Abut Memorial Scholarship to Nia King, a graduating senior at Summit High School who will attend Hofstra University and intends to pursue studies in business and entrepreneurship. Nia was chosen from among several applicants, in recognition of her strong academic achievements and solid record of work within the Summit community.

Santiago Daniel Abut (Santi) was an eight-grade student at Summit Middle School, when he unexpectedly passed away in 2008 from a

misdiagnosed health condition. Now in its ninth consecutive year, the Santiago Daniel Abut Memorial Scholarship is awarded every year to a Summit High School graduating senior who demonstrates academic merit and character/citizenship. The launching of this scholarship in 2012, which would have been Santi's senior year at Summit High School, adds special meaning to it, as Santi did not get the chance to go to college, but his family would like to think that he attends college, every year, through and with the students that this scholarship contributes to finance.

SUMMIT MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE

The City of Summit Municipal Golf Course 2020 season began on May 6, 2020. Registration is currently open online at register.communitypass.net/reg/index.cfm.

Due to ongoing Covid19 outbreak restrictions, pre-registration for tee times will be required for all players and social distance guidelines will be strictly enforced. Other mandatory safety protocols can be viewed on the Summit Department of Community Programs website.

Annual membership rates for residents are \$50 for adults, \$40 for children ages six to 17, and \$40 for senior citizens. Non-resident memberships begin at \$115 for the season.

The Summit Municipal Golf Course is located at 189 River Road. The par 3, nine-hole executive

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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

Nicaragua. From Summit High School, Kyra 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

University.

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 Marilyn 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) Taylor Rooney, Summit College Club scholarship recipient.



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



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



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



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

RELIEF FUND TO HELP LOCAL IMMIGRANTS AND FAMILIES

Submitted by Corey Chivers

Covid-19 has meant that many local immigrants have lost their jobs. For immigrants who are undocumented this means virtually no safety net as without documents you cannot apply for federal relief funds or unemployment. Even though immigrants in the Summit community pay taxes and pay into federal reserves, they are

unable to draw from these funds or receive relief.

After receiving concerned messages from the community, the Summit Interfaith Council decided to set up a Covid-19 Relief Fund specifically designated for undocumented immigrants and families. The fund will be allocated similar to the federal relief stimulus with monies given according to individuals as

well as children in a household. The Summit Interfaith Council encourages any undocumented immigrant living in Summit to apply. Identities will be protected. Applications can be made by completing the form (surveyMonkey.com/r/SW9TM5D) or contacting Janet Maulbeck at jmaulbeck@aol.com.

When discussing the Fund and its vital importance, Summit Interfaith Council President, Rabbi Hannah Orden of Congregation Beth Hatikvah noted, "The Summit Interfaith Council was created well over sixty years ago to 'seek the welfare of the city.' Our immigrant neighbors are an integral part of our community, and it is our responsibility to protect and care for the most vulnerable residents of our city."

Donations to the fund can be made via check addressed to "Summit Interfaith Council" and mailed to 4 Waldron Ave Summit, NJ 07901 or online. All donations are tax-deductible.

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(above) Summit Interfaith Council photo taken just a few weeks before the pandemic.

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EMPOWERING KIDS ORG RECEIVES \$24K GRANT

Submitted by Paola Acosta

Empowering Kids Organization (EKO) celebrated its first year of existence by receiving a generous grant of \$24,000 from Summit's Central Presbyterian Church (CPC). This grant will be used to expand EKO's English as a second language after-school program to Lawton C. Johnson Summit Middle School (LCJSMS) students, in addition to offering the program to Summit High School (SHS) students for the second time next year. EKO is extremely grateful for the continued support of CPC and is currently working on adjusting its programs to the current situation.

During last fall and following its mission, EKO started collaborating with local organizations offering three new programs. These cultural enrichment programs were specifically tailored to include English Language Learners (ELL). EKO's Fall into Art 2019 season included:

IMPROV'ING STUDENTS PROGRAMS:

Dreamcatcher Repertory Theatre opened its doors to give ELL students the opportunity to participate in two comic improvisation programs. Younger LCJSMS students

participated in an 8-week improv class to help them develop collaboration, creativity, and public speaking abilities, while SHS students attended a two-day workshop, where they learned how to incorporate important elements of storytelling to express their ideas faster and with confidence. Both programs were funded by the Provident Bank Foundation via a Dreamatcher Repertory Theatre grant.

OUTREACH ART PROGRAM:

In partnership with the Visual Arts Center of NJ (VAC-NJ), ELL students from LCJSMS and SHS participated in an outreach initiative to engage immigrant and native-born linguistic minority students to build English-language skills. By implementing lessons in connection with the VAC-NJ contemporary art exhibitions, students had the opportunity to repeatedly visit the Visual Arts Center's galleries in order to create art projects based on ideas and themes from current exhibitions, a great experience to deepen their knowledge and understanding of contemporary art while improving their English communication skills. This program was funded with the generosity of The Summit Foundation via a VAC-NJ grant.



(above) EKO's Improv'ing Students Program was held in Fall 2019 at the Dreamcatcher Repertory Theatre.

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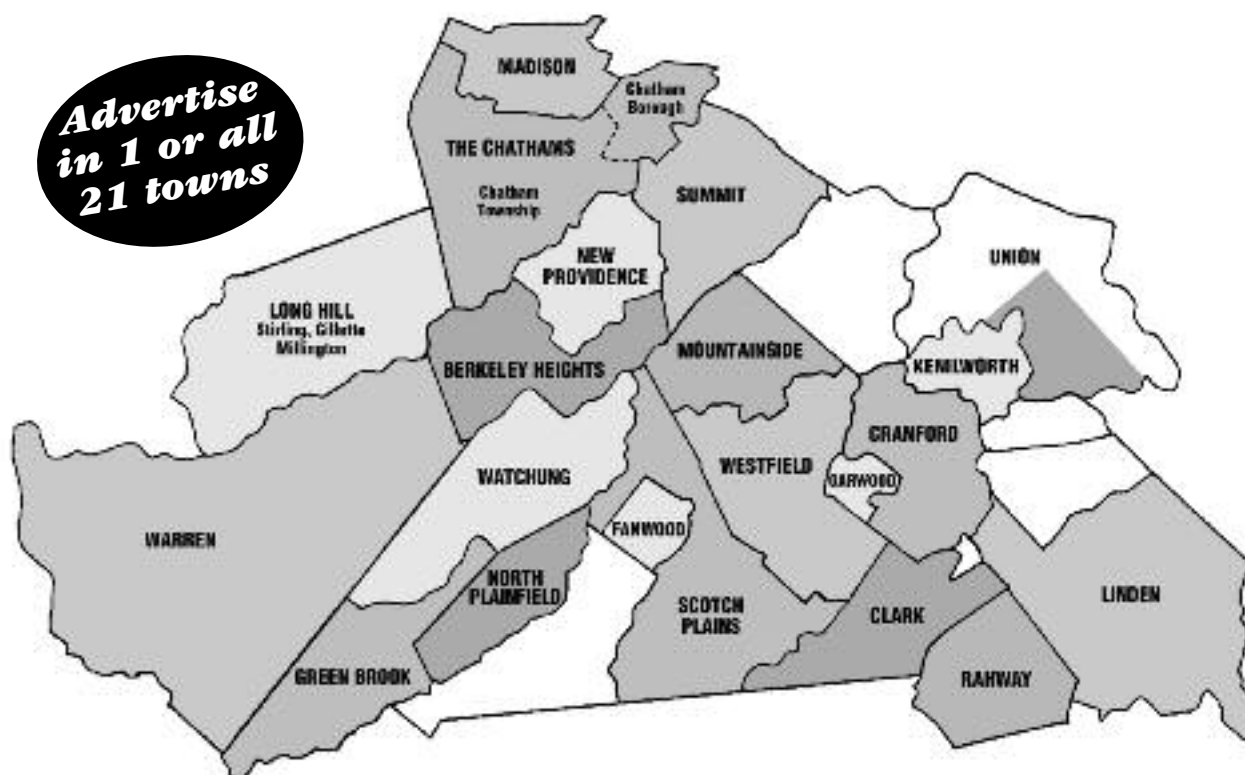
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Markey states, "This crisis didn't happen overnight, nor is it the fault of any individual, city department or elected official. Over the years mistakes and oversights have been made."

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.

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