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Meghan Gupta, Sonia Nikhil, Grace Schroeder, and Olivia Videla, four WHRHS freshmen from Troop 65461 in Green Brook earned their Silver Award.

Sonia Nikhil and Grace Schroeder's project entitled, "Positive Smiles Go For Miles," spread mental health awareness to local young children. They interviewed doctors and experts about the ways to teach kids about the importance of mental health and positivity. They also hosted a positivity workshop for young kids where they discussed how to bring happiness to your day, words of affirmation, flip flopping, and understanding your emotions, as well as inner peace and gratitude. They emphasized the importance of gratitude with the kids by putting it into action. Each of the kids made a bracelet with a word of affirmation and wrote an accompanying card that they later brought to young cancer patients at a local hospital. Along with the card, which they called a smile card, were six ways to bring positivity to your

day and a QR code to a spotify playlist curated by the kids at the workshop with songs intended to put you in a happy, cheerful mood. The cancer patients loved and appreciated the cards and bracelets, and the kids that attended the workshop learned valuable lessons about mental health.

Meghan Gupta and Olivia Videla's project entitled, "The ABC's of Healthy Living," addressed current childhood obesity concerns by promoting a healthy lifestyle to young children through a curriculum and workbook designed to encourage healthy eating habits and exercise. They interviewed numerous community members, including pediatricians, school administrators, kindergarten, physical education, and special education teachers. Their insight helped guide the design of the workbook. The workbook, also titled "The ABC's of Healthy Living," provides a variety of educational opportunities for the young students. For each letter of the alphabet, the workbook provides a recipe and exercise along with pages to color, to practice handwriting and spelling, as well as math skills. The workbook also provides a social-emotional component for each letter, and the entire workbook includes accommodations for special education students and gifted and talented learners. The workbooks have been distributed to local schools, after care and summer camp locations, and the local library.



(above) Sonia Nikhil and Grace Schroeder



(above) Meghan Gupta and Olivia Videla

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COMPUTER SCIENCE STUDENTS RANKED #1 IN STATE AND HEADED TO FINALS IN MAY

Warren Hills Region High School Computer Science students competed in the First Annual Garden State CTF Cybersecurity competition sponsored by NJCCIC. There were 370 teams competing, including many of the top schools in the state. Warren Hills had 2 teams in the top 10 of the qualifying round, including the #1 team in the state : David C, Dylan F, Angelina L and Franco G. This team will compete in the finals at TCNJ on May 28th. Good luck in the finals!



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Wellesley College sophomore Alisha Li of Warren earned the 2025 United States Fencing Coaches Association (USFCA) selection as All-Region honors. Alisha made the Division III team in epee. The awards are determined based on

result and field size at each of the NCAA Regional Competitions.

Li made it to the quarterfinals round at the NCAA Northeast Regional, taking 26th among all divisions.

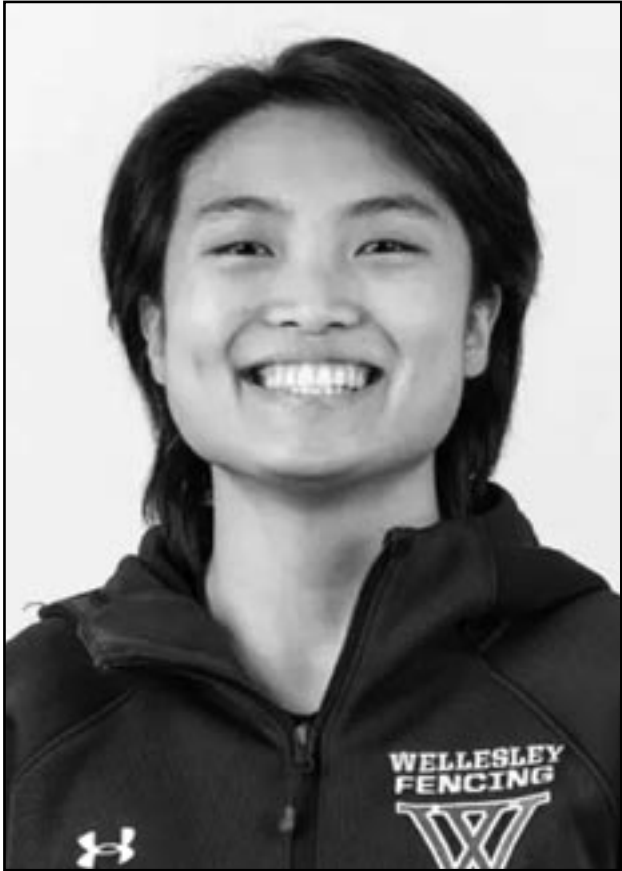
Alisha was Co-Captain of the Fencing team at Warren Hills Regional High School and made First Team All-State in 2022 and 2023. As freshman at Wellsley she won 80 meet matches. She made her collegiate debut with 11 victories at the LIU Shark Tank Challenge. Other accomplishments include: a team-leading 16 wins at the Vassar Invitational; picked up 13 conference wins at NFC Conference Meet No. 1 and the Brandeis Invitational; undefeated against

Division I Northwestern at the Tufts Invitational; went 10-2 at the Eric Sollee Invitational and the EWFC Championships; and advanced to quarterfinals and placed 32nd in epee at the NCAA Northeast Regional. Li was awarded USFCA DIII Newcomer of the Year in Epee and earned a spot on the 2023-24 All-Academic Team.

As a sophomore more Alisha earned 54 victories in dual matches; opened the season with six wins at the Shark Tank Challenge; went 11-4 at the Vassar Invitational; notched 16 victories at the NFC Conference Meets; had strong wins against Division I opponents Cornell and Penn State at the Brandeis Invitational, collected 10 victories at the EWFC Championships.

In both her freshman and sophomore years, Alisha was selected USFCA Northeast Fencing Conference All-Regional Team; Division III All-America Honorable Mention; and Northeast Fencing Conference Second Team.

Westley College is part of Delaware State University and is located Dover. The U.S. Fencing Coaches Association is an association of United States fencing coaches and was established in 1941.



(above) Alisha Li

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STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN POETRY OUT LOUD COMPETITION

Watchung Hills Regional High School

A partnership of the National Endowment for the Arts and the Poetry Foundation, Poetry Out Loud is a national arts education program that encourages the study of great poetry by offering a dynamic recitation competition to high schools across the country. The Watchung Hills Regional High School (WHRHS) English department launched its first year of Poetry Out Loud in September 2024. English teachers Mike Porter, Lynn Raimondo, and Michelle Lesniak led this initiative. Eleven students recited a poem for the full English Department during the WHRHS semi-finals on December 11th. Nine of those semi-finalists competed in the WHRHS Poetry Out Loud finals on January 16th.

Each student recited two poems during finals. Ms. Mary Ellen Phelan, WHRHS Director of Curriculum and Instruction, WHRHS teacher of Social Studies, Ms. Cara Yuknis, and recently retired WHRHS teacher of English Ms. Laura Goodson served as judges.

Zoya Balakrishnan won the WHRHS Poetry Out Loud finals with Tiffany Hwang as an alternate. As the WHRHS Poetry Out Loud winner, Zoya went on to perform in the New Jersey POL Region 4 competition at the Mayo Performing Arts Center in Morristown.

The first year of Poetry Out Loud sparked much collaboration and learning through close reading, recitation, performance, and competition. WHRHS plans to start its next season this spring to involve more classes, more teachers, and more students to give them more time to practice and prepare for the NJ POL

Region 4 competition. WHRHS hopes to get more people involved, especially the underclassmen, so they can see the whole performance.

They performed in reverse alphabetical order by last name, so Zoya was last in the rotation. This meant that "We Are Not Responsible" was the closing performance - it was a good closer for the show!

A reflection from Zoya Balakrishnan "Poetry Out Loud was an amazing way for me to develop a new appreciation for a form of literature often overlooked by high school students in favor of their familiarity with prose. Before participating, I had heard of a few popular poets: Maya Angelou, Ralph Waldo Emerson, and Elizabeth Acevedo. But the three poems I finally chose to recite were from entirely unfamiliar poets with

uniquely fascinating stories to tell. I explored 18th-century sonnets alongside modern blank verse storytelling and practiced performance alongside comprehension. Poetry Out Loud is an amazing way for students to delve into poetry and its intricate interpretations without the pressure of creating original works. I received an immense amount of guidance and advice from our coordinators, all of whom helped me so much with my understanding of the poems on a deeper level. At the regional level, Poetry Out Loud was a chance for me to discover the talents and perspectives of others as well as bond with passionate, like-minded students. I fully intend to participate again next year and hope to see even more students interested in the event, giving them a chance to gain the same enthusiasm and appreciation for poetry that I did.



(above) Michelle Lesniak, Lynn Raimondo, Zoya Balakrishnan, Michael Porter

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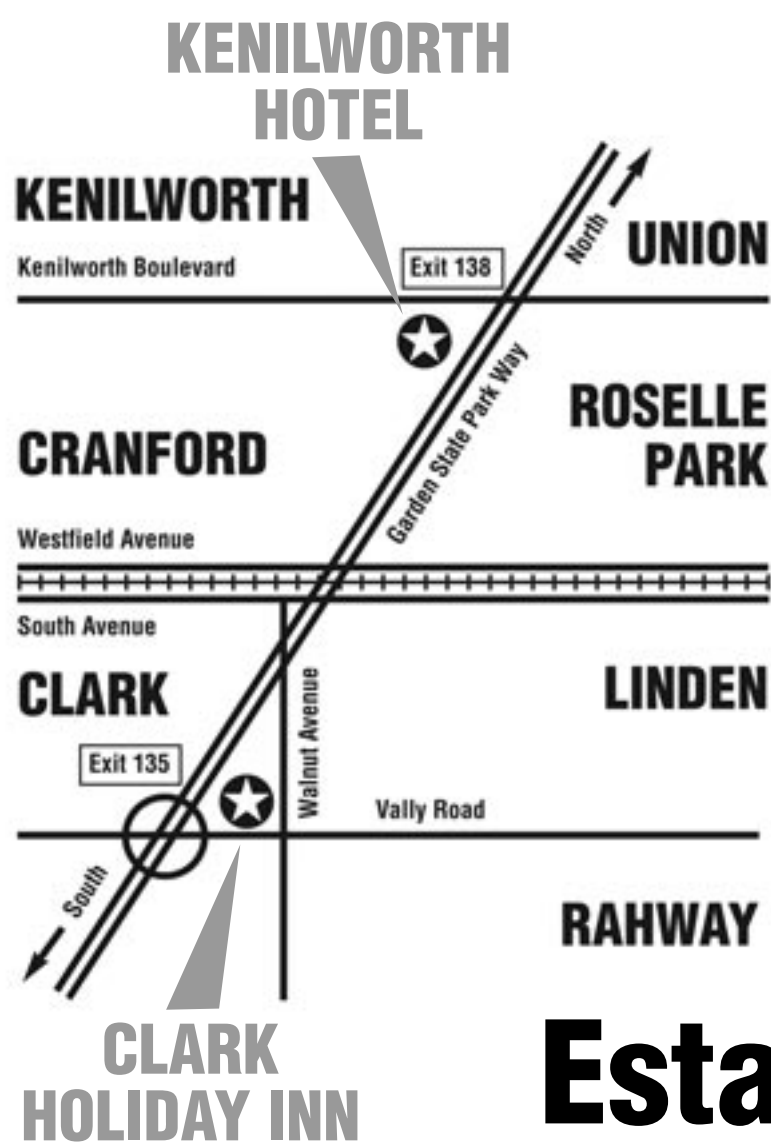
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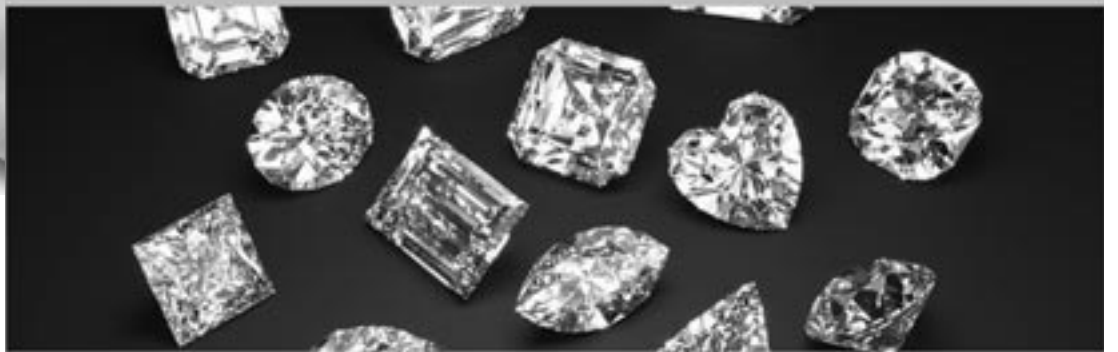
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The event was topped off with the arrival of

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The event was hosted by the Green Brook Recreation Committee. The Committee is a volunteer organization consisting of nine members committed to improving the quality and availability of recreational opportunities for all residents of Green Brook Township.



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Watchung Hills Regional High School

Nine students and one teacher from Watchung Hills Regional High School took center stage last Wednesday night at the TEDx Youth event, delivering talks on a diverse range of topics. From biculturalism to ocean energy, leadership to alternative transportation, these young speakers captivated audiences with their passion, research, and personal experiences.

The TEDx Youth event provided an incredible platform for students to share their unique insights and inspire change. Each presentation had a compelling idea, demonstrating the power of youth-driven innovation and critical thinking.

The event highlighted WHRHS's commitment to fostering curiosity, creativity, and leadership among its students. As these young speakers continue to grow and develop their ideas, they serve as an inspiration to their peers and the community.



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This year, Green Brook Middle School excelled with seven teams advancing to the Regional round of the competition. During the virtual presentations at Regionals, students introduced their inventive solutions to a panel of judges. Among the projects were a gas separation

membrane designed to capture carbon dioxide from factory smokestacks, an app for donating food to those in need, a faucet device aimed at conserving household water, robots to clean oceans and beaches, a drone package delivery system, a seedbox farming kit for dispersing seed balls in challenging environments, and an app focused on making healthcare more accessible and affordable.

The dedication, teamwork, and ingenuity of the students were evident as they presented their inventions and innovations tailored to tackle pressing challenges. Their innovative thinking and presentation skills received high praise from the judges. Competition results will be announced soon, and if selected, the students will advance to the Final round of the competition.

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- Remove garbage and recycling cans from the street soon after pickup.
- Remove mail from your mailboxes daily.
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MEMORIAL DAY: A TIME FOR REFLECTION AND ACTION

Michael Boll, New Jersey Veterans Network

Every Memorial Day, millions of Americans attend parades, fire up their grills, and host large backyard BBQs for friends and family. As a veteran, I look forward to marching in a parade and attending a BBQ. However, before the festivities begin, I make it a point to check in on fellow veterans and ensure they are in a good place. For some veterans, Memorial Day is a difficult day, and they could use some reassurance from a friend or comrade.

For too long, our military members and veterans have been facing a heartbreaking crisis. A new study suggests that 44 veterans and servicemembers take their lives every day. This has become a nationwide epidemic, and countless families are struggling with this issue alone. Fortunately, there are many organizations working tirelessly to help our uniformed heroes get through these difficult times.

In 2017, the New Jersey Veterans Network (501(c)3) was created with a focus on the well-being of military members, veterans, and their families. The NJVN is a volunteer-driven mobile outreach team that actively seeks out veterans in need, providing them with free, life-saving resources and services. As a grassroots organization, we have a unique perspective on the needs of our uniformed heroes.

Our approach, combined with the ability to collaborate with other organizations that share our mission, has allowed us to save lives and help veterans live a better quality of life. Recently, the NJVN has ramped up our mentorship and peer support programs. However, our recreational therapy events and functions have produced the most impactful results.

The NJVN has had great success hosting social events such as: movie nights, group hiking, paintball, professional sporting games, fishing

trips, hunting, and other outdoor activities. Additionally, every year, the NJVN sends veterans to Camp Patriot (a PTSD retreat) for a week of healing.

Each week, the NJVN provides veterans with food, clothing, housing assistance, VA benefits information, and mental health support. By partnering with numerous other groups and organizations, we can offer our uniformed heroes a better way of life.

We are always looking for volunteers that can both assist with upcoming events and help mentor veterans so they can live better productive lives. Volunteers are the most important NJVN resource, and we would love to have more people help us save lives. If you need assistance, or are interested in joining our team of volunteers, please send us your name, email, and phone number to NJVN1775@gmail.com or call 973-332-1556. For more information visit NJVN.org.



(above) Memorial Day parade march

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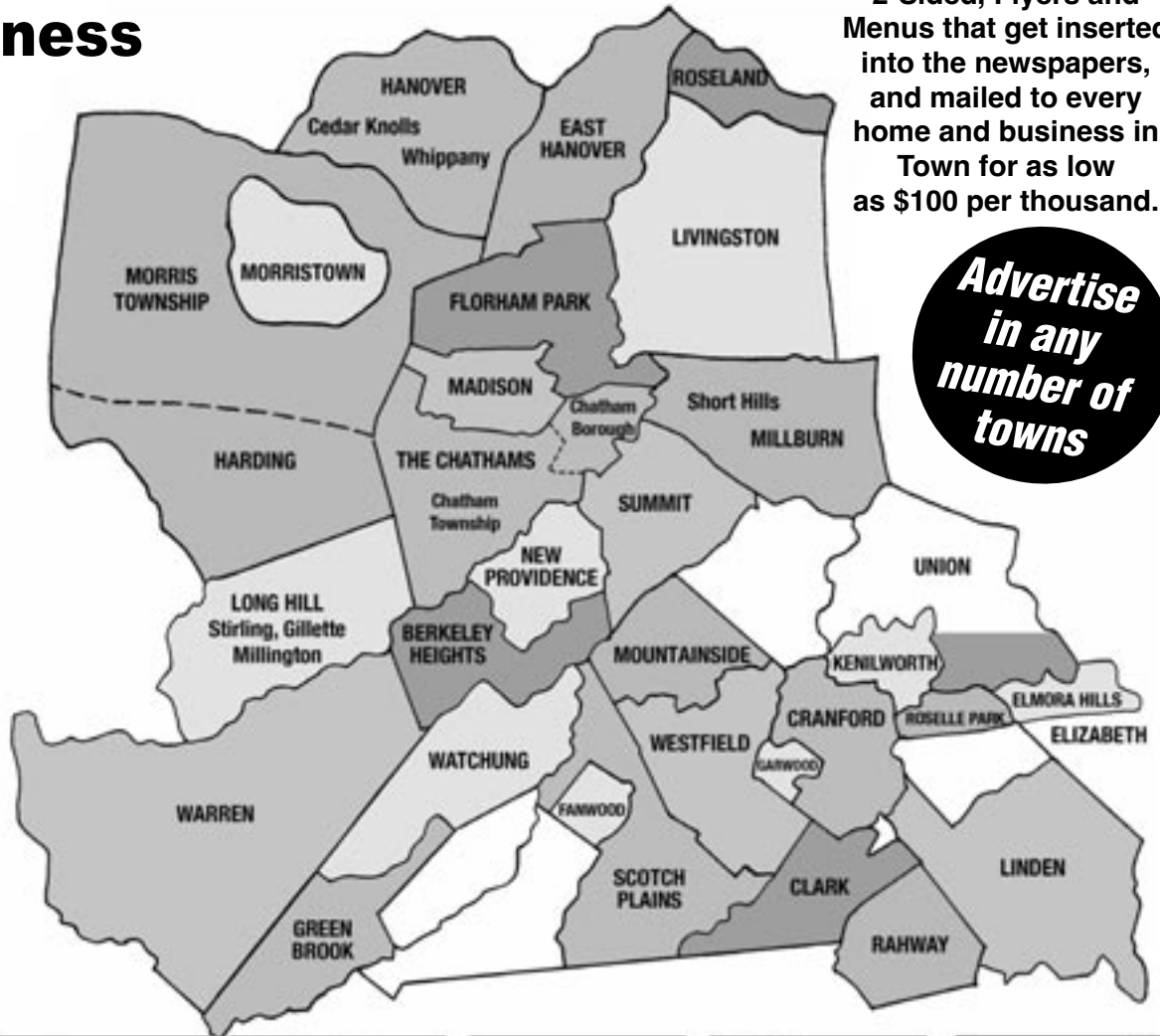
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