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STUDENTS RAISE OVER \$1,000 FOR LOCAL CHARITY

Green Brook Township Public Schools

In an inspiring display of community spirit and compassion, five 5th graders from a local Middle School in Green Brook organized a highly successful shoe drive in partnership with Funds2Orgs, raising more than \$1,000 for a local charity, NJ Friends Helping Friends.

The students—Jaxon, Rohan, Kenny, James, and Maximus—set out with a simple goal: to help those in need. Their project began as an idea to reuse and sell shoes but quickly grew into something much bigger as they teamed up with the non-profit organization Funds2Orgs, which specializes in helping schools and community groups raise money by collecting gently used shoes. The shoes are then distributed to people in developing nations, and the collected funds are used to support local charities.

The students, with the guidance of their teachers and parents, started planning the shoe drive at the beginning of the calendar year. They set up collection bins at their school, town hall, local gyms, reached out to family and friends, and spread the word through social media. What started as a small initiative quickly gained momentum, with donations pouring in from all over the community.

The shoe drive was more than just about shoes; it was about making a difference in the local community. The funds raised through the shoe collection were donated to NJ Friends Helping Friends, a North Plainfieldbased charity that assists individuals and families facing financial hardships. With the \$1,000 raised from the shoe drive, the charity can continue providing essential services such as food assistance, clothing, and support for families in need. The success of this shoe drive serves as a reminder that no act of kindness is too small, and when people come together, they can achieve extraordinary things. These five 4th graders have proven that anyone—no matter their age—can make a positive impact on the world around them.



(above) Jaxon, Rohan, Kenny, James, and Maximus

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2025 HIGH SCHOOL HALL OF FAME INDUCTION CEREMONY

1982 GRADUATE'S JOURNEY TO THE BIGS

Representing the Class of 1982, Michael Stanfield, the third inductee, was a standout scholar-athlete and National Honor Society member who played on both the varsity football and baseball teams. After earning a degree in sports management from Saint Leo University, he began his career in Major League Baseball. Today, he serves as the Senior Vice President of Sales for both the New Orleans Saints and New Orleans Pelicans, exemplifying how passion and perseverance can lead to extraordinary achievements.



(above) Michael Stanfield with presenter Mark Suseth

Photos by WHRHS

1954 INAUGURAL BOARD OF ED

The fourth induction recognized the pioneering spirit of the 1954 Inaugural Board of Education. As the first Board following the regionalization of the surrounding districts, their tireless efforts and visionary planning were instrumental in establishing Watchung Hills Regional High School. Their work laid the foundation for the generations of students who have passed through its halls.

1973 FOOTBALL TEAM

The final inductees were the members of the 1973 football team, remembered for their unity, spirit, and unforgettable victories. Introduced by one of their former coaches, Mr. Robbery Baly, the team was celebrated for its contributions to the school's rich athletic tradition. Nostalgic stories of teamwork and triumph were shared, reminding all in attendance of the power of sports to shape character and create lifelong bonds.

Each inductee was honored in person and given the opportunity to share memories and reflections from their journey. The ceremony highlighted the importance of preserving local history and recognizing those who have helped shape the identity of Watchung Hills Regional High School.

Watching Hills Regional High School

In a heartwarming celebration of excellence, service, and history, Watchung Hills Regional High School (WHRHS) proudly hosted its annual Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony. The event brought together alumni, faculty, and community members to honor five distinguished inductees whose contributions have left an enduring impact on the school and the broader community.

The Hall of Fame honorees include a decorated Air Force lieutenant, a beloved former school nurse, a nationally recognized sports executive, the original Board of Education from 1954, and the legendary 1973 football team.

Air Force Leadership from the Class of 1968 The first inductee, Virginia Procino Hartmann, graduated from WHRHS in 1968. She was honored for her groundbreaking service in the U.S. Air Force. After graduating from WHRHS, she pursued her studies at Hood College, a

Panel Upgrade

women's university, and soon earned her commission as a second lieutenant through Officer Training School. She began her service career at a time when few women served in the armed forces, breaking barriers and paving the way for generations of women in uniform.



(above, l-r) Virginia Procino Hartmann and presenter Beatrix Procino Hartman

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OSKAR GAEBELE EARNS EAGLE SCOUT RANK



(above) Oskar Gaebele achieved the rank of Eagle Scout on April 10, 2025, from Green Brook Troop 129.

Green Brook Troop 129

Oskar Gaebele achieved the rank of Eagle Scout on April 10, 2025, from Green Brook Troop 129. Oskar's start in Boy Scouts began in 1st grade and continued into his Senior Year at Watchung Hills Regional High School. Oskar says, "In college and for the rest of my life I plan to live by the morals and standards that I have learned from Boy Scouts." Oskar plans on pursuing Mechanical Engineering while taking advantage of any opportunity he gets, whether that be academically or just a chance to have fun. One of those adventures Oskar prepared for and went on was a rugged backpacking trip in New Mexico that took him and his Scout Troop over 80 miles and camping in the wilderness.

Oskar's final Eagle Scout project was to benefit the Warren Lions Club, with the assistance of leaders and Scouts from his Troop he successfully refurbished a shed allowing the Lions Organization to better protect their equipment. Oskar stated, "I learned to plan things out and adapt when things didn't go according to plan." Troop 129 wishes Oskar the best as he continues to live the Scout Oath.





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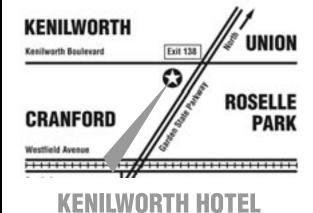
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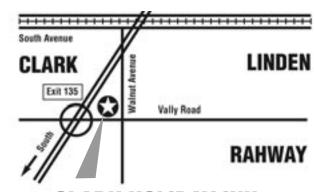
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June 23, 24, 25, 26 & 28, 2 - 3:00pm

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Crafting for the Community

June 26 & July 17, 6:00pm - 7:00pm
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LGBTQ+ book discussion "The River Has Roots"

June 5, 6:30 - 7:30pm

"The River Has Roots" by Amal El-Mohtar. This hybrid book discussion.

English Conversation Group

June 17 & 24, 10:30 - 11:30am

Practice speaking English in a friendly setting. Intermediate English skills are required. Hosted by SCLSNJ staff in partnership with the Literacy Volunteers of Somerset County.

Recipe Club: Rainbow Food

June 17, 6:30 - 7:30pm

Meet like-minded foodies to discuss all things delicious. Our topic this month is rainbow food! This hybrid program is moderated by Warren Library Adult Services staff member.

Local Author Talk:

An Afternoon with Iris Glazner Leigh

June 18, 3:30 - 4:30pm

Connect with author Iris Glazner Leigh for a discussion about her book. "Liza's Secret: A Cape Cod Thriller"

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June 21, 2:00pm - 3:00pm

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June 26, 2:00pm - 3:00pm

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HEALTHCARE INNOVATION FROM THE HEART OF THE SCHOOL

former school nurse who served from 2000 to 2015, was celebrated for her exceptional dedication to student and staff health. Her visionary leadership led to the creation of a Medical Response Team and the implementation of "The Health Office as an Extension of the Classroom," a program designed to educate students on health and wellness. After leaving WHRHS, Dr. Masterson taught nursing courses at Bloomfield College and Monmouth University. She also served on the board of directors and as President of the Columbia University Teachers College Nursing Education Alumni Association. In addition, she volunteered with medical teams conducting clinics in underserved areas, including the slums of Nairobi, Kenya, and near Rishikesh, India. Dr. Masterson was also the co-principal investigator in a research project, alongside a team of nurses from Pace and Columbia Universities, studying stroke survivors and their caregivers in Ghana. Later, she joined Chamberlain University's Global Health Education Program as an Associate Professor and Clinical Supervisor, guiding nursing students during clinical

The second honoree, Dr. Nancy Masterson, a rmer school nurse who served from 2000 to 15, was celebrated for her exceptional edication to student and staff health. Her sionary leadership led to the creation of a edical Response Team and the implementation immersions with marginalized populations. Her work included assignments in leper colonies in Hyderabad and Delhi, India, as well as in rural communities across India, Brazil, and Haiti. Her impact continues to resonate throughout the school community.



(above, r-l) Dr. Nancy Masterson, presenter Mr. Michael Rotolo



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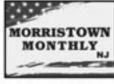
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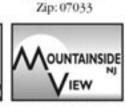
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A team of culinary students from Somerset County Vocational & Technical High School (SCVTHS) were recently awarded a Silver Medal at the New Jersey Association of Counties (NJAC) Culinary Cook-off held at Caesars Atlantic City Resort.

Teams from twelve vocational schools from across the State were tasked with creating, preparing, and serving 300 portions of a savory amuse-bouche – a delicious morsel that takes only two or three bites to eat. Culinary instructors Keith Johnson and Mark Mastrobattista held a "local" competition at SCVTHS to determine which recipe would be entered into the Atlantic City contest. The bite that won the SCVTHS competition – the Pancetta Bruschetta - was developed by Delilah Bergman of Hillsborough and Francesca Boian-Togyik of Manville. The bite featured pancetta, a cream cheese spread

with fresh herbs and spices, a tomato and cilantro bruschetta, and homemade guacamole, served atop crostini, and was presented amid flowers on stands built by the SCVTHS Carpentry program.

Ms. Bergman and Ms. Boian-Togyik were joined by Sharon Castro Benitez of Hillsborough, Michael Dagostino of Bridgewater, Amy Hernandez of Hillsborough, and Alyssa Robinson of Somerset. The team of chefs had an hour onsite to prepare their dishes before the judges arrived for a tasting, evaluating the entry for taste and presentation. Among the judges was celebrity chef David Burke who, after tasting the Pancetta Bruschetta, spent some time with the students, talking with them and providing feedback on their creation.

"It was great for the students to see the reception they got from attendees and the judges" said Mr. Johnson. "We're very proud of the work these chefs did, the food they put on the table, and the accolades they received."

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