

HILLTOPPER HIGHLIGHTS

2005-2006 ACHIEVEMENT AND EXCELLENCE

Westmont Hilltop Education Association Top Ten Awards

Students who rank academically in the Top Ten of their graduating class have earned the honor of an individual plaque provided by the Westmont Hilltop Education Association. Each student will receive a Board of Education Treasurer's Award in the form of a \$100 savings bond. This award was initiated by Mrs. Karen Azer, supported by Dr. Robert Zellers and Dr. Daniel Meenan, and is now sustained by Mrs. Marian Feath, present treasurer.

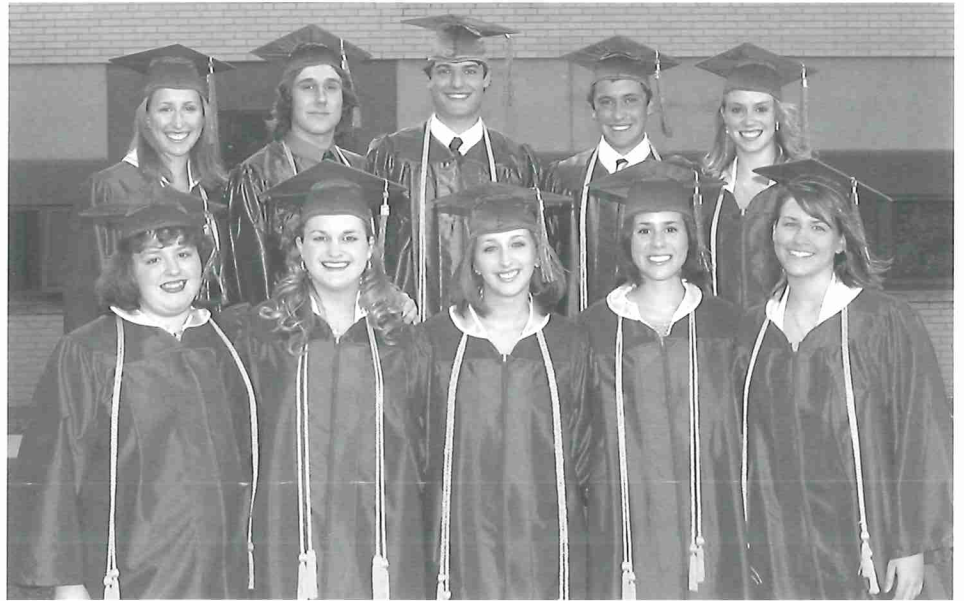
The names of the following students will be inscribed on a plaque on permanent display in the lobby of our high school:

Lauren Marie Fisher
Daniel Eugene Gore
Maria Gorka
Lindsay Kunkle
Julia Carol Livingston
William Thomas Frank Lusk
Caitlin Ann Motley
Annalise Leira Policicchio
Yuri Mikhail Goff Sapolich
Jillian Marie Schroeder

You Are Invited...

Westmont Hilltop School
District Endowment Event
scheduled for
Homecoming Weekend.
See the special invitation
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The Class of 2006 Top Ten



Row 1: Annalise Leira Policicchio, Lauren Marie Fisher, Julia Carol Livingston, Maria Gorka, Caitlin Ann Motley.
Row 2: Lindsay Kunkle, Yuri Mikhail Goff Sapolich, Daniel Eugene Gore, William Thomas Frank Lusk, Jillian Marie Schroeder.

The Year in Review

Throughout the 2005-2006 school year our Westmont Hilltop students excelled in the areas of academics, athletics, performing arts, and community service. The following list highlights just some of the many accomplishments of the past school year:

Academics

The **High School Scholastic Quiz Team** captured the Central Western Scholastic Quiz Championship. Team

members were Utsav Bhat, Kevin Fleck, Daniel Gore, Aram Kolesar, Mark Rossi, Andrew Schroeder, and Jillian Schroeder (captain).

The **Scholastic Quiz Team** achieved the highest overall combined finish in the NAQT Tournament at IUP in February. The varsity and junior varsity team members were Jillian Schroeder (varsity captain), Utsav Bhat, Daniel Gore, Aram Kolesar, David Shelhammer, Brock Rozich,

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The 2006 Hilltopper Highlights Achievement and Excellence, now entering its seventh summer of publication, is a special summer edition of the Hilltop School News dedicated to recognition of the outstanding individual accomplishments of our students within their school and community.

This edition features the accomplishments of Westmont Hilltop School District students in academic excellence, outstanding citizenship, community service, sports achievement, performance, and the arts.



Allison Virus, Student Council President, (excerpt from Commencement 2006 speech): "In a sense our class is like a second family and Westmont is our home. No matter what the distance we are connected by our memories, love, and as Westmont alumni."

The Year in Review

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Sadia Rharbite, Andrew Schroeder, and Bradley Schroeder. Jillian Schroeder achieved the highest overall score of the tournament. Utsav Bhat, Daniel Gore, and Andrew Schroeder were also recognized as highest leading individual scorers in the tournament. In April, the team competed in the State Capitol Building in Harrisburg by virtue of their championship in the Johnstown Area League.

The **High School Forensics Team** won the District and Regional Forensics Titles. Thirteen students advanced to State Level Competition at Susquehanna University: Ashley Acosta*, Utsav Bhat, Jason Catanese*, Kelly Cernetich, Daniel Gore, Rebecca Hirsch*, Jeffrey Howanek*, Kieran Layton*, Robert Leary, Jocelyn Meehan*, Chelsea Meenan*, Kristen Mosbrucker*, and Jillian Schroeder*. The students whose names are followed by an asterisk above also advanced to National Forensic Competition in Chicago.

The **Grade 4 Current Events Team** earned the third highest total cumulative score of a total of thirty-three elementary schools across the United States who participated in this national competition. The team's

leading scorer was Devon Gilbert. The other top nine Top Ten Scorers were Chelsea Balon, Nicole Barnhart, Ashlyn Bulas, Rex Cosgrove, Benjamin Katz, Andy Miller, James Miller, Madison Milligan, and Matthew Wehner.

Sports

Athletic teams won the Laurel Highlands Athletic Conference Championship trophy for all sports for the sixth consecutive year and achieved LHAC Championships in the following sports (* indicates District 6 AA Championship as well): Girls' Soccer* (top four finish in state competition), Girls' Volleyball*, Golf, Girls' Tennis (second in District 6), Boys' Soccer, Varsity Girls' Basketball*, and Junior High Football.

The Eighth Grade football team completed an undefeated season.

Three of our Cross Country runners qualified for the PIAA State Meet: Travis Dean, Allison Eanes, and Giles Eanes. Travis placed 6th in the competition.

The Girls' Basketball Team, in addition to winning the LHAC and District 6 titles, won the championship at the Chevy Shootout Tournament, and made it all the way to the State AA Championship Game for the second year in a row.

The Boys' Basketball Team won the annual Hilltopper Classic and the Windber Rotary Tournament.

The Boys' Track Team finished second in the state this year.

The Varsity Wrestling Team won the championship of the Boneyard Bash Tournament.

Zach Bennett and Kyle Patton advanced to the PIAA State Championships. Zach was the runner-up and Kyle finished in 7th place.

Five Westmont Hilltop wrestlers were named to the State's All-Academic Wrestling Team: Michael Brant and T.J. Polacek – 1st Team; Quinten Cameron, Devin Dorian, and Kyle Patton – Honorable Mention.

Four of our younger wrestlers - Trevor Kushner, Tanner Hough,

Joshua Polacek, and Logan Blackburn – finished as Area 2 Regional Champions in Pennsylvania Junior Wrestling Competition.

Kali Antolik was named to the Pennsylvania Volleyball Coaches Association's All-State Volleyball Team.

Kelly Britcher and Kate Lintner both eclipsed the 1000 career point mark in basketball.

Karlee McQuillen set a new PA State Record in the javelin at the West Central Coaches Meet in Altoona with a throw of 161' 5", topping the old record by nearly two feet.

The Boys' Swim Team won the Central Western Conference Championship and finished with an undefeated record. Five swimmers advanced to the PIAA State Swim Meet at Bucknell. The swimmers, along with their event and final finish in the competition (if achieved) follows: Kelly Dorian (1st – 100 Fly; 2nd – 200 Freestyle), Kevin Koul, Kieran Layton (3rd – 500 Freestyle; 3rd – 50 Freestyle), John Livingston (3rd – 200 IM; 3rd – 100 Fly), David Mancinelli (2nd – 100 Fly; 3rd – 200 Freestyle), and Lucas Staib (2nd – 200 Medley).

Kara Kohler achieved 3rd Place in the 100 Breast Stroke at the PIAA State Swim Meet.

Hall of Fame 2006 Induction Ceremonies

On July 22, 2006, Sue Minchau, our veteran Westmont Hilltop Boys' and Girls' Tennis Coach was inducted into the Cambria County Hall of Fame. In 2005, the Professional Tennis Registry named Coach Minchau as the National High School Tennis Coach of the Year during an induction ceremony at an international symposium consisting of nearly 10,000 members in 120 countries.

Mrs. Minchau is nearing 500 career victories, but far more important is the mission that Mrs. Minchau values most in her work. In her biographical introduction, Mrs. Minchau noted, "The game is more than a game. Tennis is a labor of love." As a result of that

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President's Award for Educational Excellence

The President's Award for Educational Excellence is reserved for middle and high school students who have demonstrated substantial academic achievement. At both the middle school and high school levels, students must maintain a high level of academic accomplishment over the duration of their schooling in order to be eligible for this award. Recipients of the President's Award at the high school in 2006 are: **Kali Antolik, Adam Berezansky, Kara Bumernick, Katherine Drummey, Lauren Fisher, Daniel Gore, Heather Harteis, Lauren Kessler, Kaitlyn**

National Merit Scholarship Corporation Letter of Commendation

The highly prestigious National Merit Scholarship Program is an academic competition that started in 1995. Students qualify for this recognition by taking the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test. The following students were honored with a Letter of Commendation in 2006: **Katherine Waters Drummey, Julia Carol Livingston, Kyle John Plummer and Jillian Marie Schroeder.**

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Hall of Fame 2006 Induction Ceremonies

labor, Westmont Hilltop students have had the privilege of participating in state championships twenty-five times during Mrs. Minchau's career as tennis coach. Mrs. Minchau believes that when the game is about influence, coupled with the highest caliber of sportsmanship, everybody wins! More than twenty-five of Coach Minchau's former students have played at the collegiate level following graduation from the WHSD, and four have become certified tennis professionals.

Kiehart, Kara Kohler, Lindsay Kunkle, Kieran Layton, Robert Leary, Julia Livingston, Kourtne McQuillen, Kevin Merchant, Caitlin Motley, Laura Muchesko, Kyle Plummer, Annalise Policicchio, Ashley Rudnik, Sarah Sahlaney, Sasha Sapolich, Yuri Sapolich, Jillian Schroeder, Christopher Shadid, Jared Tabek, Theresa Teofilak, Eleonore Valencia, and Andrew Walizer.

Middle School Recipients of the President's Award are: **Margaret R. Atterbury, Rebecca I. Barron, Juliana F. Bukoski, Luke A. Corona, Kaitlyn B. Dozier, Deanna J. Duncan, Casey R. Eckenrod, Andrea M. Ghezzi, Ashley A. Irwin, Kyle C. Kunkle, Megan E. Lyons, Nathan T. McHugh, Julie A. Mercik, Megan E. Mulrooney, Nicolette M. Petrusic, Sara M. Rogerson, Michael A. Rudnac, Anne E. Rummell, Zachary D. Ryan, Giancarlo A. Scuderi, Norman C. Sivi, Aaron D. Stonecypher, Brittany E. Strelnik, Nadin Suler, Kayla A. Vliet, Megan L. Walker, Christine C. Weidner, Gwendolyn G. Wolfe, Rachel E. Wozniak, Leah E. Young, and Michael J. Young.**

The Principal's Excellence Award

Another award presented to Grade 8 Students is the Principal's Excellence Award. Students must have an academic average of 92% or higher at the end of grades five, six, and seven in core subjects of English, Literature, Math, Civics, and Science. In Grade 8, foreign language is counted as well. Students must maintain that 92% or higher average for the first semester of the eighth grade year as well.

This year's awardees are: **Margaret R. Atterbury, Rebecca I. Barron, Juliana F. Bukoski, Kaitlyn B. Dozier, Deanna J. Duncan, Ashley A. Irwin, Kyle C. Kunkle, Megan E. Mulrooney, Sara M. Rogerson, Nadin Suler, Megan L. Walker, Christine C. Weidner, Rachel E. Wozniak, and Michael J. Young.**

Academic Achievement Award Class of 2006

**Dominique M. Agypt
Jamal W. Alexander
Kali E. Antolik
Moritz Armbrust
Habib Awan
Leah B. Bambino
Bruce D. Barger, Jr.
Alison M. Battaglia
Adam Berezansky
Kara L. Bumernick
Gina M. Cassat
Matthew S. Chornick
Corey L. Crocco
Alisha R. Crowley
Thomas J. Dailey III
Heidi E. DeMarco
Devon I. Dill
Kara D. Dreikorn
Katherine W. Drummey
Bahar Ege
Lauren M. Fisher
Stacie B. Frank
Thomas S. Getty
Kerry L. Glassman
Rebecka Goranzon
Daniel E. Gore
Maria Gorka
Heather J. Harteis
Amy L. Hartland
Attie G. Horner
Jeffrey B. Howanek
Alicia M. James
Bradley J. Kanuch
Brandy N. Kenner
Lauren E. Kessler
Brian N. Kessler
Katie A. Kessler
Amanda M. Koestler
Kara A. Kohler
Michael W. Kramer
Kendra L. Krumenacker
Lindsay Kunkle
Emily J. Lasky
Kieran H. Layton
Robert F. Leary
Emily J. Legath
Kate F. Lintner
Julia C. Livingston
Jordan P. Long
William T. Lusk**

**David J. Mancinelli
Cameron L. Marcotte
Katlin B. McKinley
Kourtne R. McQuillen
Kevin F. Merchant
Emily V. Mihalacki
Caitlin A. Motley
Laura J. Muchesko
Renee E. Parseghian
Emily D. Pearce
Kyle J. Plummer
Annalise L. Policicchio
Amanda L. Ponzurick
Elizabeth C. Povich
Matthew D. Price
Stephanie N. Rigby
Lauren Rizzo
Julie A. Rohrabach
Laurena R. Saade
Sarah L. Sahlaney
Alyson M. Salem
Yuri M. Sapolich
Jennifer M. Sarosi
Jillian M. Schroeder
Natalie N. Sedlak
Christopher W. Shadid
John P. Skelley
Breanne N. Slocum
Amanda E. Smith
Lucas M. Staib
Amanda R. Stamplis
Shannon A. Stephens
Amber N. Swearingen
Jared M. Tabek
Jason Tai
Theresa E. Teofilak
Michael J. Thompson
William T. Trevorrow
Eleonore P. Valencia
Allison M. Virus
Joseph T. Vojtko
Andrew S. Walizer
Logan D. Weigle
Mark A. Weinzierl
Brittany M. Werner
Suzanne E. Wild
Matthew D. Wilson
Samantha C. Zamias
Allison A. Ziance**

Miss Chuba's Farewell Awards Assembly

Miss Chuba will be missed, although she will remain an active member of our community and supporter of our school. The following was her address to the students, faculty, and staff at the High School Awards Assembly of 2006:

"Welcome everyone, especially our guests, to our annual Awards Assembly. Today we gather to celebrate the achievements of the class of 2006. I have had the pleasure of working with this group of students since they entered WHHS in Grade 9.

This September, as we welcome the class of 2010 to their freshman year at Westmont, members of the class of 2006 will be beginning new educational experiences in various locations. Out of state 2006 grads will be in Indiana at the University of Notre Dame, in Arizona at Arizona State University, in New Mexico at New Mexico State University, in Florida at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University and the American Motorcycle Institute, in Virginia at the College of William and Mary, in North Carolina at Duke University, Elon University, and the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, in South

at Clemson University, in West Virginia at West Virginia University and Bethany College, in Vermont at Castleton State College, in Rhode Island at Salve Regina University, in Connecticut at the University of Connecticut, in New York at New York University in Manhattan, in New Jersey at Burlington County College, in Washington, D.C. at George Washington University and American University, in Maryland at Frostburg State University, in Delaware at the University of Delaware, and in Ohio at Case Western Reserve University, Ohio University Honors College, Kent State University, the University of Findlay, and Marietta College.

Many of our 2006 graduates, however, will be staying in Pennsylvania. In Eastern PA, they will be attending Lehigh University, West Chester University, Temple University, and Bloomsburg University. In Central PA, they will be attending Lycoming College, Juniata College, Shippensburg University, Lock Haven University, and Pennsylvania College of Technology in Williamsport. Penn State's University Park campus and Altoona campus will welcome a total of 18 members of the class of 2006. In Northwest PA, in the Erie area, they will attend

Gannon University, Mercyhurst College, and Edinboro University.

In our local Western PA area, in Pittsburgh, eleven students will attend the Oakland campus of the University of Pittsburgh, while others will attend Duquesne University, Carnegie-Mellon University, Seton Hill University, LaRoche College, Robert Morris University, and the Veterinary Technical Institute. Not too far from home, also in Western PA, 2006 graduates will attend Slippery Rock University, Clarion University, Westminster College, California University of PA, and Washington and Jefferson College.

Finally, many of the class members will be found even closer to home. Eighteen members of the class will attend the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown, eight will attend Indiana University of PA, and others will attend St. Francis University, Saint Vincent College, Mount Aloysius College, Cambria-Rowe Business College in both Johnstown and Indiana, Hiram G. Andrews Center, and Pennsylvania Highlands Community College. Two students will be entering the military in the Marine Corps. Several students will be entering special training programs or the workforce.

Many of our seniors have also received scholarships from their intended colleges and universities and some other organizations."

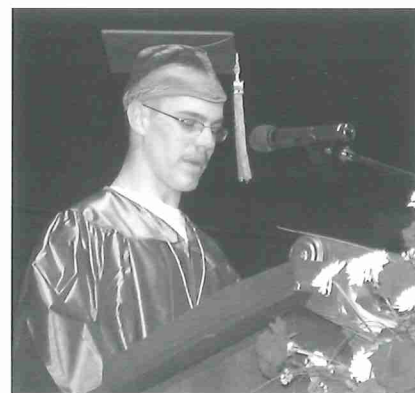
Miss Chuba then acknowledged thirty-seven students who have received scholarships to the institutions of higher education listed above. These included academic and athletic merit scholarships.

Academic Letter Awards

The class of 2006 was especially noteworthy for their level of scholarship and diligence. Seniors are awarded the academic letter based on achievement of academic excellence.

The following students received Academic Letter Awards in the class of 2006: **Dominique M. Agypt, Kali E. Antolik, Habib Awan, Moritz Armbrust, Bruce D. Barger, Alison M. Battaglia, Adam Berezansky, Carissa W. Boback, Alison A. Buchan, Kara L. Bumbernick, Matthew S. Chornick, Christian M. Condric, Carlos L. Cortese, Alisha R. Crowley, Heidi E. DeMarco, Devon I. Dill, Katherine W. Drummey, Lauren M. Fisher, Stacie B. Frank, Kerry L. Glassman, Rebecca Goranzon, Daniel E. Gore, Maria Gorka, Heather J. Harteis, Attie G. Horner, Jeffrey B. Howanek, Alicia M. James, Bradley J. Kanuch, Jamie A. Keafer, Brandy N. Kenner, Lauren E. Kesslak, Katie A. Kessler, Kaitlyn M. Kiehart, Kara A. Kohler, Michael W. Kramer, Lindsay Kunkle, Emily J. Lasky, Kieran H. Layton, Robert F. Leary, Emily J. Legath, Kate**

F. Lintner, Julia C. Livingston, Jordan P. Long, William T. Lusk, Christopher R. MacDowell, David J. Mancinelli, Cameron L. Marcotte, Nicholas D. McKolosky, Kourtne R. McQuillen, Kevin F. Merchant, Caitlin A. Motley, Laura J. Muchesko, Renee E. Parseghian, Emily D. Pearce, Kyle J. Plummer, Annalise Liera Policicchio, Amanda L. Ponzurick, Elizabeth C. Povich, Matthew D. Price, Julie A. Rohrbaugh, Ashley M. Rudnik, Sarah L. Sahlaney, Alyson M. Salem, Sasha M. Sapolich, Yuri M. Sapolich, Jennifer M. Sarosi, Jillian M. Schroeder, Natalie N. Sedlak, Christopher W. Shadid, John P. Skelley, Breanne N. Slocum, Lucas M. Staib, Amanda R. Stamplis, Amber N. Swearingen, Jared M. Tabek, Jason Tai, Theresa E. Teofilak, Michael J. Thompson, William T. Trevorow, Eleonore P. Valencia, Katherine M. Valentini, Allison M. Virus, Joseph T. Vojtko, Andrew S. Walizer, Brittani M. Werner, Suzanne E. Wild, Matthew D. Wilson, and Allison A. Ziance.



Mason Melendez, 2006 Class President (excerpt from Commencement 2006 address): "We are all grown now. At the end of the day, the person who will make the best choices for you is you. At first, when you decided that I would be class president, I was stunned. Now, I am just honored."

Academic "Best" Awards



Row 1: Julianna Bukoski, Megan Mulrooney. Row 2: Christine Weidner, Anne Rummell, Hannah Winterscheidt. Row 3: Michael Young, Casey Eckenrod, Matthew Rizzo, Sara Rogerson.

Academic "Best" Awards are presented to students in Grade 8 who represent the academic best in particular subject areas. Selection is quite a challenge, since so many students in our school represent their own high standards of academic best. A \$100 savings bond is awarded to the students in each category. The following criteria apply:

English: The student in this category must demonstrate scholarship, leadership, a positive attitude, class participation, responsibility, accountability, dependability, and initiative. That student is **Sara Rogerson**.

Mathematics: The student must participate in the PACE Program, and consideration is given to both aptitude and achievement. Classroom performance is evaluated, and outcomes of current challenges and competitions are also considered. The

mathematics award recipient is **Juliana Bukoski**.

Science: To qualify for the science award, the student must have an "A" average for three quarters, participate in all aspects of class (lectures, labs, question/answer, discussions), demonstrate leadership, respect for others, responsibility, reliability, and a mature attitude.

Matthew Rizzo has earned this award.

Civics: The student must demonstrate scholastic high achievement, citizenship as demonstrated through school and community service, and must show initiative through class participation. **Megan Mulrooney** is the recipient of the civics award.

Art: The selected student must display good citizenship and class participation, have a positive effect on peers, exhibit a high level of creativity, and demonstrate a significant level of improvement or achievement. The Best Award goes to the student who shows consistent production of high quality work from Grade 5 through Grade 8. **Hannah Winterscheidt** was chosen as the recipient of this award.

Foreign Language: The academic best in this category must achieve 95% in each of three quarters, demonstrate excellent class participation and a positive classroom attitude, and

demonstrate classroom leadership and reliability. **Christine Weidner** (French) and **Michael Young** (Spanish) have earned the foreign language award.

Music: Participation in at least one ensemble is required for this award, along with superior grades in general music class; the student must possess leadership, responsibility, a positive attitude, and dependability. **Anne Rummell** is the recipient of the music award.

Physical Education: The student selected in this category must display a positive attitude toward physical education, participate to the best of his or her ability in all activities at all times, score, at the least, the average requirement on the National Physical Fitness Test for Fitness, maintain a sense of game, and demonstrate responsible, respectful behavior as a team player. Congratulations to **Casey Eckenrod** for earning the physical education award.

Recognition Assembly

These additional honors and awards for the 2005-2006 school year were announced at an assembly at the high school on June 1, 2006.

Dante Commission Sons of Italy Scholarship

Alison Marie Battaglia

Westmont Hilltop Student Memorial Scholarship Awards

Julia Carol Livingston

William Thomas Frank Lusk

Westmont Hilltop Educational Association Scholarship Award

Breanne Nicole Slocum

Big 33 Nursing Scholarship

Brandy Nichole Kenner

Michael J. Rudnac Scholarship

Jeffrey Barr Howanek

Hilltopper Awards

Daniel Eugene Gore

Jillian Marie Schroeder

Catherine Hubbard Memorial Award

Allison Ann Ziance

Rachel Carson Book Award

Kristen Mosbrucker

National Occupational Competency Testing Institute

Mason Paul Melendez

World Language Students Achieve

Mrs. Diane Rugh recognized the accomplishments of Westmont Hilltop World Language students at the academic assembly on June 1, 2006. The Appalachian Language Educators' Society, or APPLS, Foreign Language Festival is hosted at Indiana University of Pennsylvania. This year, the event involved over 300 students from more than a dozen area school districts. Despite many conflicting responsibilities on the festival day, thirty students participated, proving

that interest in world language remains high in our district.

Two students maximized their opportunity to study both French and Spanish in high school. Both **Caitlin Motley** and **Sarah Sahlaney** have completed five levels of both French and Spanish with an exemplary record. These two students were recommended to the Pennsylvania State Modern Language Association for inclusion in its High School World Language Recognition Program.

Senatorial "Good Citizenship Award"

Senator Wozniak provides special recognition to a student who meets the following criteria: 1) superior academic achievement, 2) leadership capacity, 3) consistent work habits, 4) a positive self-image, and 5) the ability to interact positively with others. Students are nominated to receive this honor.

Christine Carroll Weidner is the recipient of the Senatorial Good Citizenship Award.

American Legion Awards

This award is presented by the American Legion Auxiliary to one 8th grade boy and one 8th grade girl. The criteria used to select the recipients are listed as follows:

Honor: Strength and stability of character, high standards of conduct, keen sense of what is right, adherence to truth and conscience, and devotion to duty.

Scholarship: Scholastic attainment, evidence of industry, and application in studies.

Service: Kindness, unselfishness, willingness to lend a helping hand, protection to the weak and preferment of the interests and welfare of associates without hope of personal reward.

Americanism: Active interest in promotion of love of country.

Leadership: Ability to conduct the duties of leadership assigned to one as exemplified in the holding of an office, participation in committees, and exhibition of a team attitude.

Courage: The capacity to show moral courage to stand up for what is right.

Earning the American Legion Award this year were **Rebecca I. Barron** and **Michael A. Rudnac**.

Fleet Reserve Association: **Julie A. Mercik**.

National Current Events League Award

The Current Events program encourages learning through media and discussion of what students are learning. Students in National Current Events League commit to seven months of extensive study of what's in the news and to coming to weekly discussion meetings on current events topics. Four times per year, students across the country then take a test requiring analysis and evaluation.

Our Grade 5-6 Team placed **third** in this national competition among 140 teams across the United States! Students' names appearing on the award are as follows: **Juliana Bukoski, Zachary Drennan, Santino Jaber, Andrew Kilpatrick, Julie Mercik, Megan Mulrooney, David**

and science and health. Students are tested or compete in four "meets" a year via a multiple choice thirty-question format. The current grade 7/8 team finished third nationally out of 132 teams across the United States.



Current Events 7th and 8th Graders: Row 1: Gwendolyn Wolfe, Aaron Seigh, Joseph Seigh, Andrew Kilpatrick, Christina Atterbury, Row 2: Rachel Wozniak, April Yanko*, Christine Weidner, Kasey Azar, Daniel Wolfe, Margaret Atterbury, Julie Mercik, Row 3: Zachary Drennan, Aaron Stonecypher, Michael Young, Santino Jaber, Keegan Terek, David Pepley, Norman Sivi. Absent from photo: Juliana Bukoski, Nathan McHugh, Megan Mulrooney. *Published Poet



Current Events 5th and 6th Graders: Row 1: Daniel Durham, Maddison Morrell, Jill Clark, James Kane, Stephanie Hetrick. Row 2: Bradley Carney, Nicholas Masciotra, Parag Dharbhamulla, Rebecca Seigh, John Follansbee IV, Kirsten Coyle. Row 3: Forest Penn Whitlow III, Nicole Simmons, Britney Smith, Trenten Boback, Brittany Young, Kelcy Harrison, Stacey Glass. Row 4: Brittany Carney, Emma Thomson, Giana DeMarco, Erin Suppes, Matthew Masiello, Carly Campbell, Elizabeth Atterbury, Leah Mercik, Mariel Kramer, Sarah Marley. Row 5: Aakash Patel, Mustafa Hammudi, Ryan Koul, Tasha Yarris, Marissa Miller, Meredith Herman, Zachary Aman, William Crowe. Absent from photo: Joseph Glennon, Mark Nathaniel, Kathryn Lynch

Pepley, Norman Sivi, Keegan Terek, Christine Weidner, Daniel Wolfe, and Rachael Wozniak.

Current Events League is open to any student in grades 5-8 at the middle school. Students who are interested in competing in this league must prepare a "fact sheet" each week, and gather information on current events in the following categories: three national/international facts, and one fact each in the categories of arts and entertainment, sports, business,

Congratulations to the National Current Events Teams!

EARNING A MEDAL AND CERTIFICATE OF DISTINCTION: **Grade 6 - Forest Penn Whitlow III.**

EARNING CERTIFICATES OF DISTINCTION: **Grade 5 - Jill Clark, Stacey Glass, James Kane, Ryan Koul, and Mariel Kramer. Grade 6 - Parag Dharbhamulla, Joseph Glennon, Matthew Masiello, and Britney Smith. Grade 7 - Christina Atterbury, Kasey Azar, Zachary Drennan, Santino Jaber, Andrew Kilpatrick, David Pepley, Aaron Seigh, Joseph Seigh,**

Keegan Terek, Daniel Wolfe, and April Yanko. Grade 8 - Margaret Atterbury, Juliana Bukoski, Nathan McHugh, Julie Mercik, Megan Mulrooney, Norman Sivi, Aaron Stonecypher, Christine Weidner, Gwendolyn Wolfe, Rachel Wozniak, and Michael Young.

EARNING MEDALS: **Christine Weidner and Norman Sivi** tied for 1st place with the highest amount of points for the four meets.

"Meritorious Attitude & Effort" Awards

Each year, Meritorious Attitude and Effort Awards are given to several students in each grade. This award is given to students who exhibit a positive attitude and give continuous effort in their educational endeavors.

Grade 5: Stacey Glass and Jessica Toth.

Grade 6: Carly Campbell, Allison Henry, Marissa Miller, and Emma Thomson.

Grade 7: Alison Brownlee, Michael Grandinetti, Summer Reitter, and Sarah Walko.

Grade 8: Brittany Strelnek, Katrina Wentworth, Gwendolyn Wolfe, and Leah Young.

Johns Hopkins Young Students Talent Search

Grade 5: Mariel Kramer and Kathryn Lynch.

Grade 6: Mustafa Hammudi

Grade 7: Annie Fiffick, Kyle Molchany, Aaron Seigh, Joseph Seigh, Patricia Spisak, and Carly Stump.

Grade 8: Margaret Atterbury - *Distinction in the reading and math area*; Nathan McHugh - *Distinction in the math area*; Megan Mulrooney - *Distinction in the reading and math area*; Francis Scarsella - *Distinction in the reading area*; Norman Sivi - *Distinction in the reading and math area*; Christine Weidner - *Distinction in the reading area*; Rachel Wozniak - *Distinction in the reading and math area*.

C-Mites – Carnegie Mellon University

Grade 5: Jill Clark, Stacey Glass, Dante Horvath, James Kane, Mariel Kramer, Brennan Lorditch, Kathryn Lynch, Sarah Marley, Victoria Parlock, Niza Scuderi, and Angela Sutt.

Grade 6: Parag Dharbhamulla, Deannah Dick, Zachary Georgevich, Mustafa Hammudi, Autumn Helman, Mark Nathaniel, and Aakash Patel.

WordMasters Award

The WordMasters Challenge is a national language arts competition. The challenge has been administered for the past 19 years and is dedicated to the inspiration of high achievement in American Schools. The process involves exercises in critical thinking and extending vocabulary. Three times each year, students study a list of twenty-five challenging vocabulary words. They are tested on their comprehension of the definitions and on their ability to analyze these words in analogies. Our

Mariel Kramer, Taylor Davis, Jill Clark, Dante Horvath, Angela Sutt, and Elizabeth Atterbury.



WordMasters 7th and 8th Graders: Row 1: Julie Mercik, Juliana Bukoski, Andrew Kilpatrick*, Christine Weidner, Megan Mulrooney, Row 2: Margaret Atterbury, Francis Scarsella, Rachel Yahn, Summer Reitter, Nadin Suler, Row 3: Benjamin Bukoski, Keegan Terek, Deanna Duncan, Christina Atterbury, Sara Rogerson. Absent from photo: Riley Timbs. *Spelling Competition Winner.



WordMasters 5th and 6th Graders: Row 1: Stacey Glass, Jacob Lohr, Jill Clark. Row 2: Daniel Durham, Kelcy Harrison, Leah Mercik, Madalynn Swaltek, Taylor Davis. Row 3: Bradley Carney, Forest Penn Whitlow III, Nicole Simmons, Parag Dharbhamulla, Angela Sutt. Row 4: Elizabeth Atterbury, Kasia Foster, Emma Thomson, Dante Horvath, Brittany Young. Row 5: Ryan Koul, Jonathan Findish, Mariel Kramer, Chastain Burns, Matthew Masiello. Absent from photo: Lida Thompson, Ryan Glover, Stephen Lugar II.

students consistently excel in these challenges of learning new words as they solve logical puzzles.

Grade 5

Earning a Medal and Certificate for the highest total scores for the year: **Leah Mercik and Stacey Glass.**

Earning Certificates: **Daniel Durham, Kasia Foster, Ryan Koul, Madalynn Swaltek, Jacob Lohr,**

Grade 6

Earning a Medal and Certificate: **Forest Penn Whitlow III.**

Earning Certificates: **Jonathan Findish, Kelcy Harrison, Lida Thompson, Parag Dharbhamulla, Ryan Glover, Chastain Burns, Bradley Carney, Stephen Lugar II, Brittany Young, Matthew Masiello, and Nicole Simmons.**

Grade 7

Earning a medal, certificate, and **national** recognition: **Christina Atterbury.**

Earning Certificates: **Benjamin Bukoski, Riley**

Timbs, Andrew Kilpatrick, Summer Reitter, and Keegan Terek.

Grade 8

Earning a medal, certificate, and **national** recognition: **Sara Rogerson.**

Earning certificates: **Juliana Bukoski, Francis Scarsella, Megan Mulrooney, Margaret Atterbury, Deanna Duncan, Julie Mercik, Nadin Suler, Rachel Yahn, and Christine Weidner.**

Interscholastic Reading Competition Teams

Any student in grades six through eight may compete on the reading teams. Students must read seven or eight books out of a list of 42 middle school books which all schools use. They then write five questions on individual note cards and complete a character sheet outlining plot and characters on each of the books they chose. The spring competition is held in late March or early April.

Grade 6 - Earning Certificates:
Brittany Carney, Tasha Yarris, Emma Thomson, Allison Henry, Bradley Carney, Sarah Layton, Sarah Bunyea, Kara Kovach, Nicole Simmons, Parag Dharbhamulla, Forest Penn Whitlow III, Zachary Aman, Lida Thompson, Marissa Miller, Niza Scuderi, Alyson



Reading Competition 7th and 8th Graders: Row 1: Stephanie Shelhammer, Andrew Kilpatrick, Kayla Vliet, Leah Young, Raymond Burke Gleason, Maggie McNamara, Brittany Strelnik, Row 2: Ashley Irwin, Rosemary Clark, Carly Stump, Kelsey Suppes, Aubrey Varner, Julia Wolfe, Kelsey Layton, Katie Fetzko, Kelsey Mills, Row 3: Nadin Suler, Margaret Atterbury, Megan Mulrooney, Juliana Bukoski, Nicola Masciotra, Julie Mercik, Christine Weidner, Kirsten Hess, Giancarlo Scuderi, Row 4: April Yanko, Annie Fiffick, Shannon Costa, Nicole Kovach, Andrea Ghezzi, Alaina Davidson, Marinanicole Miller, Summer Reitter, Row 5: Matthew Ponzurick, David Pepley, Christina Atterbury, Kasey Azar, Daniel Wolfe, Lauren Matevish, Kyle Molchany, Keegan Terek, Benjamin Bukoski. Absent from photo: Nathan McHugh, Jamie Hudson.



Reading Competition 5th and 6th Graders: Row 1: Allison Henry, Sarah Bunyea. Row 2: Kara Kovach, Bradley Carney, Forest Penn Whitlow III, Nicole Simmons, Parag Dharbhamulla. Row 3: Sarah Layton, Tasha Yarris, Niza Scuderi, Emma Thomson, Britney Smith. Row 4: Meredith Herman, Mustafa Hammudi, Marissa Miller, Zachary Aman, Matthew Masiello.

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Grade 7 - Third Place Spring Green Team: Kasey Azar, Benjamin Bukoski, Alaina Davidson, Raymond Burke Gleason, Jamie Hudson, Maggie McNamara, Marinanicole Miller, Carly Stump, Keegan Terek, and April Yanko.

First Place Winter Green Team:
Christina Atterbury, Annie Fiffick, Andrew Kilpatrick, Nicola Masciotra, Lauren Matevish, Kyle Molchany, David Pepley, Summer Reitter, Stephanie Shelhammer, and Daniel Wolfe.

Grade 8 - First Place Blaze: Juliana Bukoski, Rosemary Clark, Shannon Costa, Katie Fetzko, Kelsey Mills, Megan Mulrooney, Matthew Ponzurick, Giancarlo

Scuderi, Kayla Vliet, Leah Young, Brittany Strelnik, Nadin Suler, and Aubrey Varner.

Second Place Ramrods: Margaret Atterbury, Andrea Ghezzi, Kirsten Hess, Ashley Irwin, Nicole Kovach, Kelsey Layton, Nathan McHugh, Julie Mercik, Aaron Stonecypher, Kelsey Suppes, Christine Weidner, and Julia Wolfe.

Creative Communications Published Poets

Creative Communications sponsors two poetry contests each year in the fall and spring for interested students. Poems can be on any subject but must not exceed 21 lines in order to be eligible for publication. Students whose poems are chosen will then have their poems published in the *Creative Communications* poetry book. The following students are published authors: **Grade 5 - Kirsten Coyle, Stephanie Hetrick, Hannah Mills and Erin Rodgers; Grade 6 - Kayla Causer, Ryan Glover, Sara Jones, and Priscilla Merriman; Fall Contest, Grade 7 - April Yanko.**

Principal's Excellence Award

Margaret R. Atterbury, Rebecca I. Barron, Juliana F. Bukoski, Kaitlyn B. Dozier, Deanna J. Duncan, Ashley A. Irwin, Kyle C. Kunkle, Megan E. Mulrooney, Sara M. Rogerson, Nadin Suler, Megan L. Walker, Christine C. Weidner, Rachel E. Wozniak, and Michael J. Young.

St. Francis Spelling Bee

**Grade 8 - Nathan McHugh
 Grade 7 - Andrew Kilpatrick**

Continental Math League Award

Students in grades 5-8 compete in this math competition for five months per year from November through March. The two divisions that students are tested on are the Euclidean division and the Pythagorean division. Six fairly difficult questions are given as the tests for each of the five "meets." Students have 25 minutes to answer the paper and pencil questions. The students compete as individuals, but the top six scores for each division are used as the basis for a team score also. Certificates are given for those students who received an Honorable Mention due to their total scores for the five "meets" and those students receiving the highest first and second place scores receive medals in addition to their certificates.

Grade 5

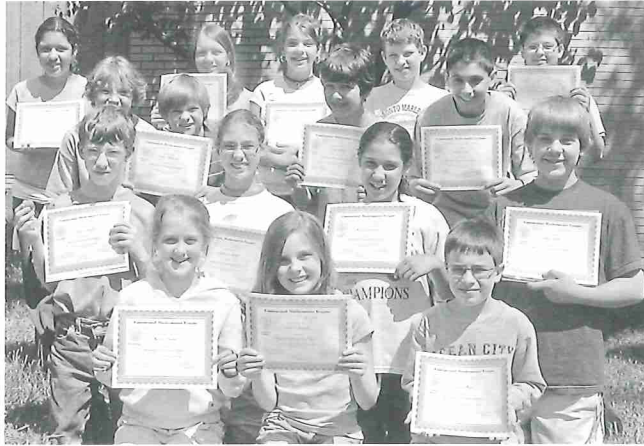
Honorable Mention: **Daniel Durham, James Kane, Ryan Koul, and Shannon Marko.** Second Place: **Daniel Durham.**

Grade 6

Honorable Mention: **Bradley Carney, Kelcy Harrison, Lida Thompson, Sarah Bunyea, William Crowe, Zakery Kindya, Marissa Miller, Niza Scuderi, and Tasha Yarris.** Second Place: **Kelsey Hoover.** First Place: **Celina Gutierrez.**

Grade 7 Euclidean Division

Honorable Mention: **Daniel Brennsteiner, Kim Carney, Aaron Miller, and Sarah Walko.** Second Place: **Noah Shorto.** First Place: **Sarah Godish.**



Continental Math 5th and 6th Graders: Row 1: Kelsey Hoover, Sarah Bunyea, James Kane. Row 2: Daniel Durham, Shannon Marko, Kelcy Harrison, William Crowe. Row 3: Bradley Carney, Forest Penn Whitlow III, Zakery Kindya, Ryan Koul. Row 4: Niza Scuderi, Celina Gutierrez, Marissa Miller, Zachary Aman, Jonathan Findish. Absent from photo: Lida Thompson, Tasha Yarris



Continental Math League 7th and 8th Graders: Row 1: Tanner Hough, Sarah Godish, Aaron Miller, Sarah Walko, Shawnee Yoder. Row 2: Anna Muchesko, Juliana Bukoski*##, Rachel Wozniak*, Anne Rummell, Christina Atterbury*. Row 3: Kim Carney, Kasey Azar, Francis Scarsella, Sara Rogerson, David Pepley*, Annie Fiffick. Row 4: Noah Shorto, Keegan Terek, Daniel Brennsteiner, Norman Sivi*##, Michael Rudnac, Adam Steinbring, Zachary Drennen. *Mathcounts Award. #American Mathematics Competition.

Grade 7 Pythagorean Division

Honorable Mention: **Kasey Azar, Zachary Drennen, Annie Fiffick, Tanner Hough, and David Pepley.** Second Place: **Christina Atterbury.** First Place: **Keegan Terek**

Grade 8 Euclidean Division

Honorable Mention: **Shawnee Yoder, Anna Muchesko, and Anne Rummell.** Second Place: **Francis Scarsella.** First Place: **Adam Steinbring.**

Grade 8 Pythagorean Division

Honorable Mention: **Juliana Bukoski and Michael Rudnac.** Second Place: **Sara Rogerson, and Norman Sivi.** First Place: **Rachel Wozniak.**

American Mathematics Competition (AMC 8)

On November 15, 2005, twenty-one students competed in the American Mathematics Competition sponsored by the Mathematics Association of America. Six students distinguished themselves through their performance and were awarded certificates as follows:

First Place: **Norman Sivi**

Second Place: **Juliana Bukoski**

Third Place: **Megan Mulrooney, Sara Rogerson, Michael Young, and Christina Atterbury.**

MathCounts Award

The 2006 MathCounts Team competed at the regional mathematics competition. Twenty-three teams competed in the region this year. Westmont Hilltop earned third place. We also had two students competing in the individual competition category.

MathCounts Team: **Juliana Bukoski, Norman Sivi, Michael Young, and Christina Atterbury.**

Individual Competitors: **Rachel Wozniak and David Pepley.**

Math Challenge 24 Award

Grade 5 - **David Carney**

Grade 6 - **Bradley Carney and Jonathan Findish**

Grade 7 - **Kim Carney**

Applicants Wanted

The Westmont Hilltop School District is seeking applications from district residents who are interested in participating in the following initiatives: **1. Strategic Planning Committee**
2. Act 1 Tax Study Commission

Please submit a letter of interest by September 8, 2006 to:

Dr. Susan Anderson, Superintendent
Westmont Hilltop School District
827 Diamond Boulevard
Johnstown, PA 15905

MIDDLE SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENT

President's Award for Educational Excellence



President's Awards for Educational Excellence: Row 1: Zachary Ryan, Casey Eckenrod, Aaron Stonecypher, Michael Young*, Luke Corona, Row 2: Megan Walker*, Leah Young, Gwendolyn Wolfe, Megan Mulrooney*, Juliana Bukoski*, Row 3: Julie Mercik, Andrea Ghezzi, Rachel Wozniak*, Kayla Vliet, Megan Lyons, Anne Rummell, Row 4: Christine Weidner*, Kaitlyn Dozier*, Nadin Suler*, Brittany Strelnik, Kyle Kunkle*, Row 5: Rebecca Barron*, Margaret Atterbury*, Sara Rogerson*, Ashley Irwin*, Deanna Duncan*, Giancarlo Scuderi. Absent from photo: Nicolette Petrusic, Michael Rudnac, Norman Sivi. *Also a Recipient of a Principal's Excellence Award

Perfect Attendance Award

At the middle school, students who were awarded the Perfect Attendance Award were *never* tardy coming to school. This is a noteworthy achievement, in addition to their outstanding attendance records.

Grade 5 - Michael Walsh

Grade 6 - Kelcy Harrison, Benjamin Holmes, Sarah Layton, Marissa Miller, Tanner Miller, Alexandra Petak, Adam Pozun, Rebecca Seigh, and Michael Young.

Grade 7 - Christina Cassone, Ian



Perfect Attendance Grades 5-8: Row 1: Alexandra Petak, Adam Pozun, Christina Cassone, Christopher Gnagey. Row 2: Ian Clark, Kelcy Harrison, Michael Walsh, Tanner Miller, Eric Stem, Marissa Miller. Row 3: Jonathan Esch, Sarah Layton, Cody Lohr.

Clark, Jonathan Esch, Christopher Gnagey, Cody Lohr, Aaron Seigh, Joseph Seigh, and Eric Stem.

Grade 8 - Christopher Arena, Kelsey Suppes, and Catherine Walsh.

President's Physical Fitness Awards

Grade 5

1st year: Elizabeth Atterbury, Tayler Boxler, Taylor Davis, Calvin Hetrick, Stephanie Hetrick, Nikolas Kindya, Ryan Koul, Sarah Marley, Leah Mercik, Maddison Morrell, Seth Ray, Erin Rodgers, Rachel Roper, Michael Vliet, Jonathan Wagner, and Melissa Walko.

Grade 6

2nd year: Jonah Cramer, Brittany Davis, Joseph Glennon, Marissa Miller, Tanner Patton, and Gina Rievel.

1st year: Brittany Carney, Jessica Coolbaugh, Parag Dharbhamulla, Bryson Eplett, John Follansbee IV, Kelcy Harrison, Allison Henry, Kelsey Hoover, Kara Kovach, Travis Kushner, Sarah Layton, Nicholas Masciotra, Noah McQuillan, Adam Pozun, Nicole Simmons, Britney Smith, Keylee Steed-Helling, Erin Suppes, Rocco Truscello, Talia Whitfield, Tasha Yarris, and Alexis Zipf.

Grade 7

5th year: Lauren Johns

3rd year: Christina Atterbury, Denae Dorian, Christopher Gnagey, Jenna Magistro, Joshua Polacek, and Erica Rodgers.

2nd year: Amanda Alianiello, Brianna Alianiello, Jamie Kessler, Marinanicole Miller, Rachel Rajter, Grace Roddy, and Alyssa Yewcic.

1st year: Gabriel Cassata, Luke Gindlesperger, Nicola Masciotra, Maggie McNamara, Adam Miller, Sarah Walko, and Raymond Ward.

Grade 8

4th year: Rosemary Clark, Kyle Kunkle, Daniel Lohr, Samantha Mikesic, Miranda Peacock, Kayla Vliet, and Leah Young.

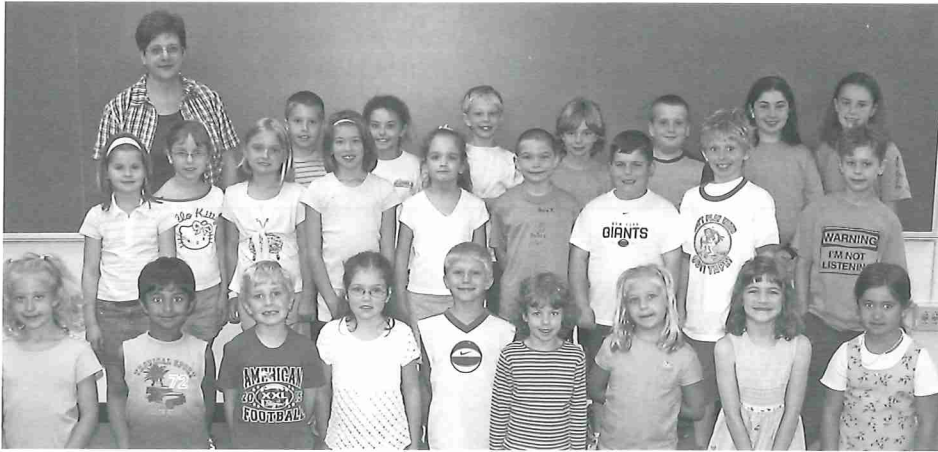
3rd year: Deanna Duncan, Trevor Kushner, Chaz Merriman, Alli Paratore, Daniel Price, Nadin Suler, and Christine Weidner.

2nd year: Katie Fetzko, Corinne Gailey, Marissa Ghanous, Nicole Kovach, and Kelsey Suppes.

1st year: Christopher Arena, Jason Dean, and Kelsey Mills.

2006: What a Year at the Elementary!

MS Read-A-Thon 2006



For the sixth year in a row, the elementary school students were given the opportunity to participate in the

National Multiple Sclerosis Society's Read-A-Thon project, which is designed to promote reading and raise funds

to find a cure for M.S. The twenty-five students who participated raised over \$1,600, earning the school third place honors for local fund raising! The students were recognized with certificates of participation, a variety of coupons from area businesses, plus several plaques and trophies. The elementary school also received a recognition plaque which will be proudly displayed in the school's main entrance. Congratulations to all these special readers! This year's participants are pictured here with recently retired teacher, Mrs. Susan Frear. Visit often, Mrs. Frear!

Perfect Attendance



When a student achieves perfect attendance for an entire school year, there is reason to celebrate. However, when a student attains perfect attendance from kindergarten through fourth grade, the entire school community needs to know! Such is the case with Taylor Somerville, who will be moving to the Middle School as a fifth grader in the fall. Taylor did not miss one day of school throughout her elementary school career. She received a special certificate along with a \$50.00 savings bond. Taylor is pictured with her fourth grade teacher, Miss Cheryl Wood, retiring this year. Thanks for everything, Miss Wood.

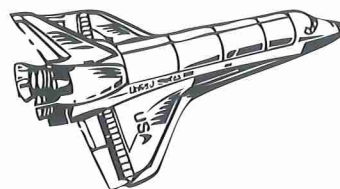
Signatures in Space

This year, our elementary students participated in the Student Signatures in Space® (S3) project. S3 is a centerpiece to the Space Day program, an annual event that takes place on the first Thursday of May. The ultimate goal of Space Day is to promote math, science, technology, and engineering education.

S3 gives elementary and middle school students the opportunity to send their personal signatures into space. Participating schools are sent giant posters for their students to sign on Space Day, along with supporting educational materials and program memorabilia. Participants return the posters to Lockheed Martin, and the signatures are digitally captured from the posters. NASA then includes the signatures in the manifest of a U.S. space shuttle mission. After the mission, the posters are returned to the schools for display, along with an



official NASA certification verifying that the signatures flew in space, as well as a photo of the crew that took the signatures up.



Science and Language Arts Olympiads

Students in grades 2, 3, and 4 once again participated in the Science and Language Arts Olympiads. Both of these contests are based on multiple-choice questions, which are administered to grade level groups. Each contest has a time limit

of 35 minutes. There is no limit to the number of students who may participate. Nearly 200 students participated in the Language Arts Olympiad and 170 in the Science Olympiad this year! The sum of the top ten scores for each competition

is the school's team score. Questions for the Language Arts Olympiad are based on the following topics: spelling, vocabulary, reading comprehension, analogies, and grammar. Science Olympiad questions are based on factual knowledge as well as students' understanding of scientific processes.

Language Arts Olympiad - Top Tens

Grade 2



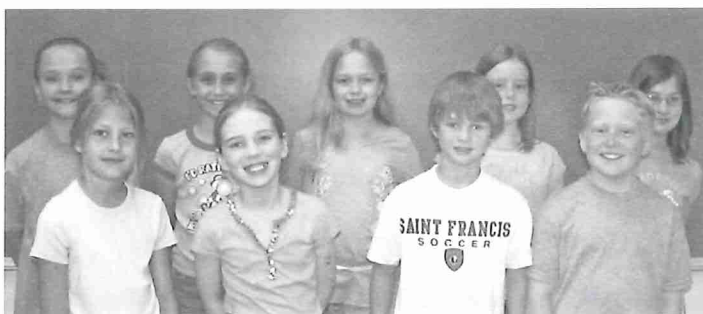
Front row: Leah Hockensmith, Christopher Nichols, Bryan Mock, Chase Davis, Sarah Minnick. Back row: Madison Hrin, Logan Dolby*, Mitchell Hochfeld, Bryce Kramer. Missing: David Williams. *Logan Dolby had a perfect score!

Grade 3



Front row: Drake Dorian, Lauren Fregley, McKenzie Krupa, Aidan Winterscheidt. Back row: Maura Milligan, Bridget Moyer, Nicholas Mical, Maura Alexandra Nash. Missing: Sadie Thompson, John Williams

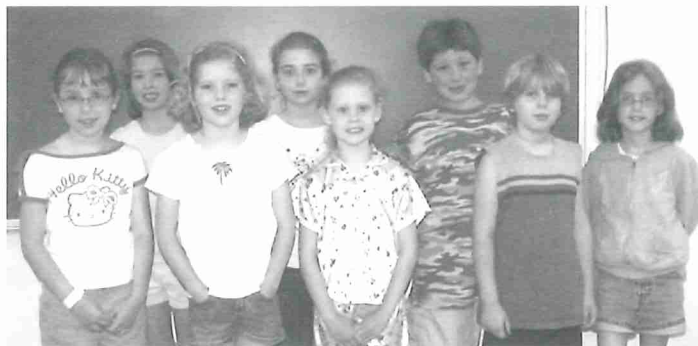
Grade 4



Front row: Nicole Barnhart, Christianna Faucher, Sam Whitlow, Alex Hockensmith. Back row: Alyssa Miller, Ashlyn Bulas, Katie Saylor, Rachel Pulliam, Carli Huber (top score)

Science Olympiad Top Ten

Grade 2



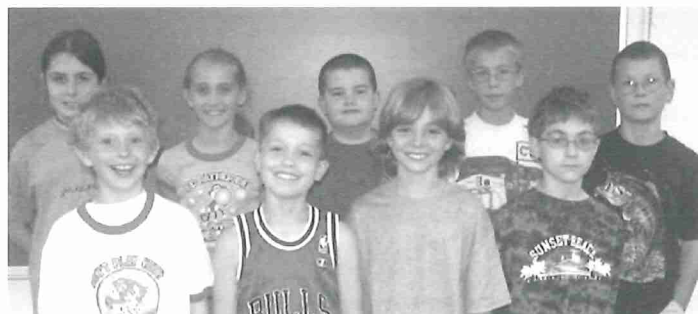
Front row: Madison Hrin, Sarah Minnick, Leah Hockensmith, Broderick Murray, Jenna Toth. Back row: Sarah Tyger, Lindsey Aman, and Mitchell Hochfeld. Missing: Erik Wehner (top score)

Grade 3



Front row: Brandon Lavash, Aidan Winterscheidt, Tejit Potjuraju, Derek Blackner. Back row: Cameron Nulton (top score), Peter Carnevali, Bridget Moyer, Tyler Azar, Ben Wiesenbach. Missing: John Williams

Grade 4



Front row: Ben Katz, Lewis Buchkovich, Aaron Marko, Sean Robb. Back row: Mattison Evans, Ashlyn Bulas, Brandon Hunsinger, Andy Miller, Aaron Marko. Missing: Matthew Wehner (top score)

Bayou Bash Acknowledgement

During the 2005-2006 school year, the elementary school 'adopted' Bayou Woods Elementary School in Slidell, Louisiana. The children participated in many fundraising efforts to raise money for the families affected by Hurricane Katrina. The teachers and children in this photograph represent many of the families that offered their assistance during one of the events, the Bayou Bash.



Front row: Ben Katz, Abby Stern, Lily Whorl, Ruby Whorl, Gabby Fiffick, Helen Stern, Kyle Devich. Back Row: Mrs. Thomas, Sam Whitlow, Ryan Wolfhope, Shane Kring, Matt Arena, Grant Bernstein, Madison Milligan, Maura Milligan, and Mrs. Skelley.

Proud Artists Display their Work!

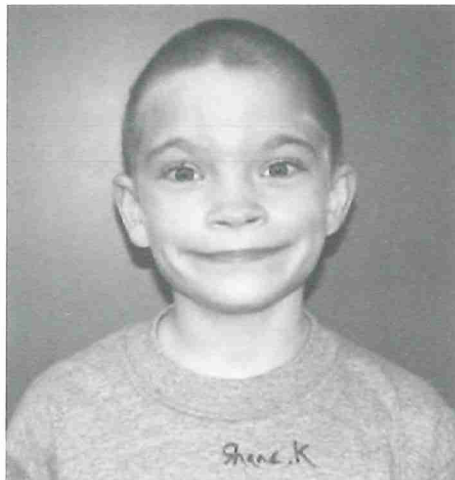
Each year, the Elementary School's PTO funds a special program which enables art work from selected students to be framed and displayed at the school's main entrance. When the students leave the elementary school, they are presented with their framed art work as a fond memory of their elementary school years.



Juliah Fulton, Alexis Speranza, Rachel Johns, Lindsay Shay, Katie Saylor, Miranda Shriver, and Brandon Hunsinger

Fourth Grade Competitions

This year's fourth graders participated in two nationally sponsored events—WordMasters and Current Events. The Current Events program encourages the students to use a variety of media to learn what is making news around the world. The National Current Events League consists of four meets, or contests, held at each participating school during the school year. Each meet consists of 30 multiple-choice questions and is based on current events from a specified time frame. General news, arts and entertainment, science and health, business and finance, and sports questions are all part of each meet. The students are given 35 minutes to complete the 30 questions each time. The Top Ten participants included **Chelsea Balon, Nicole Barnhart, Ashlyn Bulas, Rex Cosgrove, Ben Katz, Andy Miller, Rachel Mural, Matt Wehner, and Sam Whitlow.**



Pictured above is **Devon Gilbert** whose high score earned him a recognition medal.

The WordMasters competition is designed to increase the students' vocabulary by studying a different list of words and their meanings



weekly. The Top Ten participants included **Nicole Barnhart, Rex Cosgrove, Christiana Faucher, Alex Hockensmith, Isaac Joseph, Ben Katz, Abby Stern, Matt Wehner, and Ruby Whorl.** Pictured above is **Madison Milligan**, who earned a recognition medal for her high score.

CITIZENSHIP & COMMUNITY RECOGNITION

Students value their community and their community values the contributions that they are able to perform annually.

Westmont Peace Award

The Peace Award is dedicated to a senior who has exemplified the reasoned, compassionate life of a peacemaker. This person must exhibit fairness and compassion while actively promoting justice and harmony in the school. The 2006 Peace Award was earned by **Christopher William Shadid**.

Honored by Johnstown Rotary Club Scholarship

Jillian Marie Schroeder

Selected for Community Arts Center of Cambria County Scholarships

Leah Beth Bambino

Abe, Janet & Blanche Beerman Award

Devon Irene Dill

Shirley Gaynor Award

Jordan Paige Long

John F. Stewart Award

Allied Artists Scholarship

Jordan Paige Long

Eleonore Pascaline Valencia

Metz & Associates Scholarship

Suzanne Elizabeth Wild

American Red Cross Scholarship

William Thomas Frank Lusk

Christopher William Shadid

Class of 1947 Westmont/Upper Yoder Endowment Fund

Amanda Leigh Ponzurick

Key Club Award

Lindsay Kunkle

The Challenge Program Award for Best Overall GPA

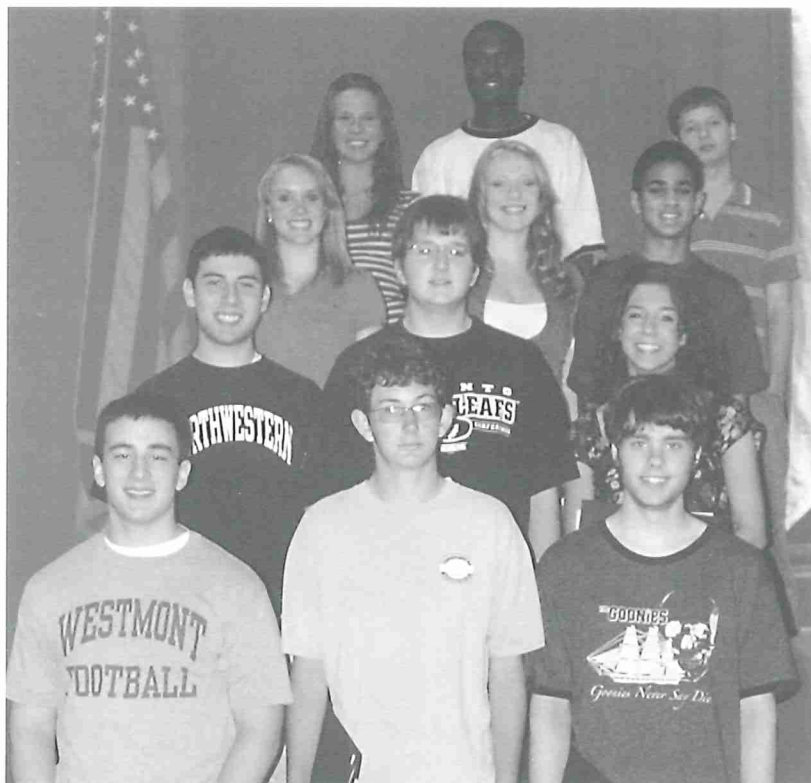
Jillian Marie Schroeder

The Challenge Program Award for Community Service

Daniel Eugene Gore

Jillian Marie Schroeder

Challenge Program Awards



Row 1: Perfect Attendance: Joshua Vigna, Nicholas Krupa, Jared Tabek. Row 2: Community Service: Jason Catanese, Patrick Moon-Rhoades, Allison Virus. Row 3: Best Overall QPA: Jillian Schroeder, Chelsea Meenan, Utsav Bhat. Row 4: Most Improved Grades: Alyssa Helsel, Jamal Alexander, Michael Saade

Junior/Senior Citizenship Awards



Row 1: Amanda Miller, Kevin Fleck, Kelsey Landis. Row 2: Sarah Sahlaney, Amy Hartland, Matthew Wilson, William Lusk. Absent from Picture: Rebecca Deist

The Challenge Program Award for Most Improved in Grade

Jamal Wesley Alexander

West End Lions Club Scholastic Awards

Daniel Eugene Gore
Jillian Marie Schroeder

Principal's Leadership Award

Allison Marie Virus

School Citizenship Awards

Grade 12

Amy Lynn Hartland
William Thomas Frank Lusk
Sarah Leigh Sahlaney
Matthew David Wilson

Grade 11

Rebecca Deist
Kevin Fleck
Kelsey Landis
Amanda Miller

Grade 10

Sean McGhee
Katelyn Rossi
Kaitlyn Shultz
Derek Yates

Grade 9

Shauna Hetrick
Alexander Policicchio
Andrew Pozun
Bradley Schroeder

The Challenge Program Award for Community Service

Allison Marie Virus

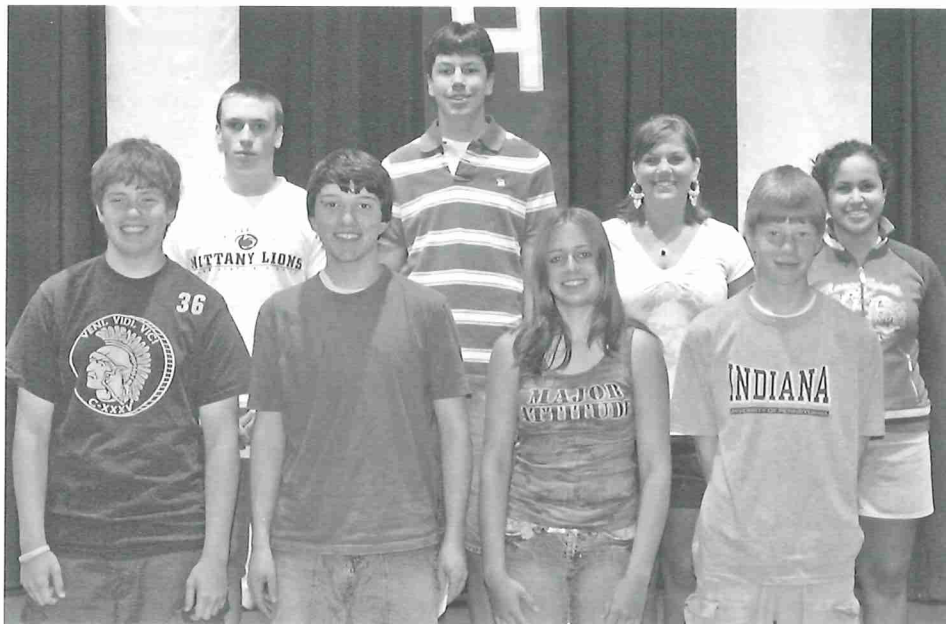
The Challenge Program Award for Attendance

Jared Michael Tabek

Unsung Hero Awards

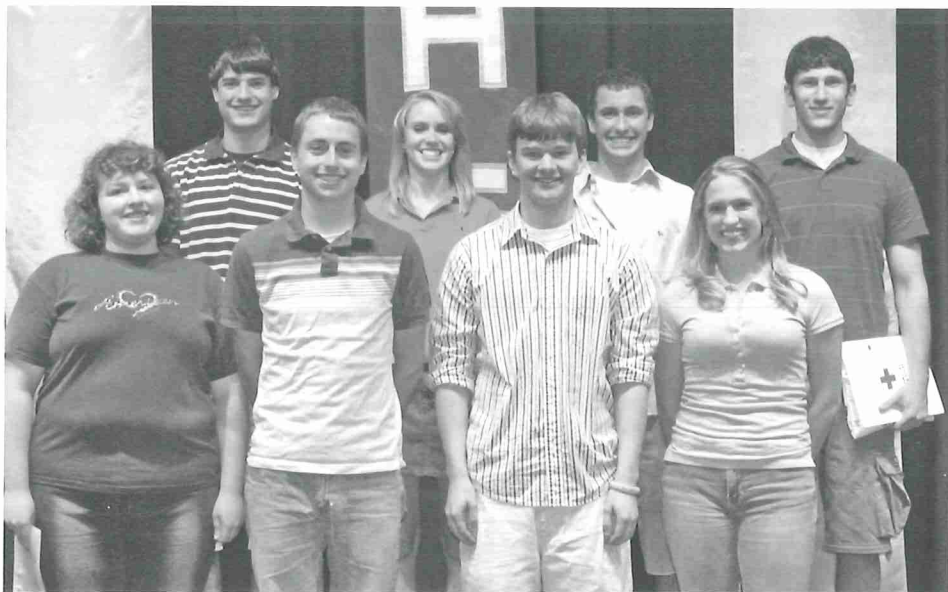
Annalise Leira Policicchio and Lucas Michael Staib were the recipients of the Unsung Hero Award for students who contribute without thought of personal recognition or reward.

Freshman/Sophomore Citizenship Awards



Row 1: Bradley Schroeder, Alexander Policicchio, Shauna Hetrick, Andrew Pozun. Row 2: Derrick Yates, Sean McGhee, Katelyn Rossi, Kaitlyn Shultz.

Other Awards



Row 1: Unsung Hero Awards: Annalise Policicchio, Lucas Staib; Michael J. Rudnac Leadership Award: Jeffrey Howanek; Catherine Hubbard Memorial Scholarship: Allison Ziance. Row 2: West End Lions Club and Hilltopper Awards: Daniel Gore, Jillian Schroeder; Red Cross Scholarship: William Lusk; Red Cross Scholarship and Westmont Peace Award: Christopher Shadid.

Community Service



The Kids for Katrina fundraising project for the families of Bayou Woods Elementary School in Slidell, Louisiana, raised over \$16,000 in contributions, including boxes filled with clothing, bedding, books, and toys. The fundraising efforts final event, the Bayou Bash, raised over \$4,000 on March 9th. The following students deserve special recognition for their efforts: **Ashley Acosta, Ashley Alt, Matthew Arena, Zachary Bennett,**

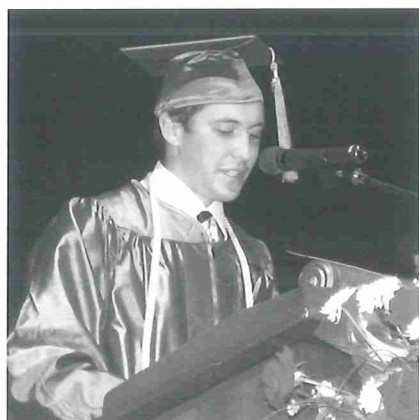
Nicole Bennett, Grant Bernstein, Laura St. Clair, Jill DelSignore, Kyle Devich, Martin Erdley, Annie Fiffick, Gabby Fiffick, Samantha Jones, Benjamin Katz, Shane Kring, Jesse

Lindberg, Sarah Lingafelt, Jocelyn Meehan, Chelsea Meenan, Amanda Miller, Samantha Miller, Madison Milligan, Maura Milligan, Kristen Mosbrucker, Christine Novelli, T.J. Polacek, Dan Thompson, Brittany Shawley, Jaclyn Skelley, Abby Stern, Helen Stern, Lauren Swain, Matthew Wehner, Sam Whitlow, Ruby Whorl, Lily Whirl, and Ryan Wolfhope. Students "Grew a Steeler Gator" for Bayou Woods.

A group of Westmont Hilltop students organized a Hurricane Katrina fundraiser at last year's Folkfest with approximately 48 hours notice and raised over \$4,000.



Middle School students received a framed flag from the U.S. Army for their contributions to schools in Kosovo. Students donated school supplies that were mailed to Kosovo and distributed. The frame includes a plaque which indicates that the flag was flown over Kosovo.



William Lusk, National Honor Society President (excerpt from Commencement 2006 speech): "Collectively as a class, I think that we have incredible potential. In this group of students, we could have the first woman president. We could discover a cure for cancer. We could create international peace. We could have the next Tony Dorsett or Mike Ditka. We could have a General in the Military. We could star on Broadway. . . Westmont Hilltop has provided us with a firm spot to stand upon. No one can tell us what we can not do, because we do have the potential to achieve all of the triumphs I just mentioned."

St. Jude Math-A-Thon

Twenty-six fifth grade students participated in the St. Jude Math-A-Thon. The Math-A-Thon raises money for St. Jude's Children's Research

Hospital. A total of \$1,622.68 was collected by twenty-six participating students. The top three fundraisers were **Victoria Albert, Daniel Durham,** and **Katarina Chou-Lindt.**



Westy's Angels — The Year in Review

The Westy's Angels represented Westmont Hilltop proudly throughout the year both in the community and within our middle school. With the support of the faculty, staff, and parents, the middle school's eighth grade service group has had another rewarding year.

In addition to being able to help the victims of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, in November the Westy Angels went shopping for less fortunate children. Each team of girls received money from the sale of spirit beads, boogers, and faculty dress down days. To this amount, the teams added their own money and went on a shopping spree to purchase gifts from each child's wish list. The girls were so excited to make a less fortunate child's holiday a little 'more merry.' The spirit of giving resonated throughout our group!

Westy's Angels also sponsored their 3rd annual Cereal Drive. This year's drive "It's Crunch Time" benefited the Salvation Army and The Family Center. Over 500 boxes of cereal were collected. The Angels also sponsored the "Souper Bowl" soup drive. The Salvation Army and local food banks appreciated the 900+ cans the middle school students collected. The Angels also participated in the Cancer Society's Daffodil Days and had one of the largest teams walking in the MS Walk for a Cure.

Band



Once again, we acknowledge our band for community service on Memorial Day. For the past three years, members of our band and their director, Mr. Pierce Sanute, have donated their time to the Memorial Day Service at Grandview. We thank them for their patriotism and service to our community.

To earn money for future projects, the girls acted as hostesses at McDonald's and the Westmont Subway. These events encouraged school unity as the Angels received a portion of the evening's proceeds and encouraged school and community members to have a family meal "out" to help support the Angels and their program.

The Angels have many memories from this year, some of which include being asked to package Salvation Army gifts and having a Multiple Sclerosis representative tell someone, "I just love that team! It gets bigger and better each year!" Last, but not least, a favorite memory of this year was definitely watching the "Angel Huggers" encouraging the Life Skills students to do their best on Track and Field Day. It really meant a lot to the Life Skills students, but meant even more to our Angels as they were able to help put a grin on a face and a smile in a deserving heart. This really helped capture the essence of what our Angels are really about — the good feeling you get inside from giving of yourself!



Jillian Schroeder, highest cumulative average (excerpt from Commencement 2006 speech): "Father John Jenkins, President of the University of Notre Dame, posed this question: 'If we are afraid to be different from the world, how can we make a difference in the world?' This evening, I leave you with two options. We, the members of the Westmont Hilltop Class of 2006, can opt toward fun by being safe and idle, or we can do the right thing by blazing new trails which will truly impact our world. When deciding, I say to you, "Fine, YOU do what YOU think is best."

Sharing Knowledge Grade Level to Grade Level



Mustafa Hamudi, a sixth grade student, is pictured giving a presentation on rocks and minerals to a fifth grade science class. Students in Mr. Callihan's fifth grade science class studied the solid Earth and appreciated the close up view of Mustafa's collection of quartz, obsidian, fossils, ammonite, and a copralite.

Performers Receive Accolades and Recognition

The High School Musical, *How to Succeed in Business without Really Trying*, demonstrated once again the outstanding talent and character of the student participants. It was another fabulous success!

The cast and crew of *How to Succeed in Business without Really Trying* won four of the six Isaac Awards for Excellence in High School Music Theater. This was the first year for the Isaac Awards, established by the Altoona Community Theatre to recognize student achievement in school musicals in Cambria and Blair Counties. The event was patterned after the Oscar and Tony awards and was named, "The Isaacs" after Isaac Mishler, who built Altoona's historic Mishler Theatre.

All high schools in Blair and Cambria Counties were invited to participate, and ten accepted. Five judges with significant experience in musical theatre attended each production. The nominations spanned six categories.

Westmont Hilltop was the ONLY school to be nominated in every category. The high school musical was nominated a total of eight times in the six categories! The nominations follow with asterisks indicating the award winners.

*Best Overall Musical Production - **Westmont Hilltop Production, Cast & Crew**

*Best Musical Number - **Coffee Break**

*Best Actor - **Jeff Howanek (tie) as J. Pierrepont Finch**

*Best Lead Actress - **Sarah Sahlaney as Rosemary**

Best Supporting Actress - **Kate Drummey as Smitty**

Best Supporting Actress - **Kourtne McQuillen as Hedy LaRue**

Best Supporting Actor - **Kieran Layton as J. B. Biggley**

Best Supporting Actor - **Matthew Wilson as Bud Frump**



Row 1: Art Scholarships: Jordan Long, Leah Bambino, Devon Dill; Fleet Reserve Essay: Annalise Policicchio. Row 2: Class of 1947 Scholarship: Amanda Ponzurick; Rachel Carson Award: Kristen Mosbrucker; National School Choral Award: Jeffrey Howanek; Band Awards: John Skelley, Logan Weigle.

Westmont Hilltop's **Chamber Singers** finished with Second Place Honors in Madrigal Singing Competition at the Pennsylvania Renaissance Faire.

Jason Dailey, Thomas Dailey, Martin Erdley, Michael Gorzelsky, Rebecca Hirsch, Lauren Kesslak, and Anne Rummel auditioned into the Cambria County All-County Honors Band.

Katherine Drummey, Jeffrey Howanek, and Laura Muchesko qualified to attend the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association's District 6 Jazz Festival.

Rebecca Hirsch auditioned into the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association's District 6 Honors Band.

Thomas Getty produced *The Movies* on DVD and demonstrated his creative excellence to a large crowd in the high school auditorium.

Nicholas Kirkstadt and **Matthew Varchol** qualified for the ACDA Honor Choir in New York City. The two were selected by a recorded audition from a pool of 997 applicants, and were directed by internationally acclaimed chorus conductor Dr. Anton

Armstrong. The performance was held in Carnegie Hall.

The following students qualified for Regional Chorus at the PMEA District 6 Chorus Festival: **Jason Catanese, Katherine Drummey, Lauren Fisher, Stephanie Keklak, Nicholas Kirkstadt, Robert Leary, Elizabeth Povich, Christopher Shadid, and Jade Stager.**

Jeffrey Howanek and **Sarah Sahlaney** were selected by audition to participate in the PMEA All-State Vocal Jazz Ensemble. The two were selected for this 22-voice ensemble from a pool of 60 applicants from across the state.

Lauren Fisher and **Jade Stager** qualified to attend All-State Chorus, held in Valley Forge in March. Both ranked 2nd in their respective sections.

Rebecca Hirsch, Logan Weigle, and Michael Wozniak qualified for County and Regional Band.

The **High School Color Guard** finished in 8th Place at the Atlantic Coast Indoor Championships, competing against 53 other teams.

The **High School Percussion Ensemble** won 4th Place Honors at the Atlantic Coast Indoor Championships.

The **Prelude Elementary Guard** took first place in Wildwood, the **High School Guard** took 7th, and the High School Percussion took 4th. The **Elementary Guard** received a Superior Rating and Gold Medals at the same competition.

Lucas Staib was the winner of the Tournament Indoor Association Scholarship during the Atlantic Coast Indoor Championships in March.

National School Orchestra Award

Elizabeth Claire Povich

Tournament of Bands Indoor Scholarship

Lucas Michael Staib

Samuel Hillard Award

Thomas James Dailey III

Jennifer Marie Sarosi

Director's Award for Band

Thomas James Dailey III

Yuri Mikhail Goff Sapolich

Ken Null Memorial Award

John Patrick Skelley

John Phillip Sousa Award

Logan Dwight Weigle

National School Choral Awards

Lauren Marie Fisher

Jeffrey Barr Howanek

Ms. Good Presented the Choral Awards as follows:

"The National School Choral Award is given each year to up to two seniors who best exemplify excellence in choral arts. The recipients must have demonstrated qualities of leadership, motivation, initiative, and outstanding achievement both in the choral programs of their own schools and in festivals and honors choirs.

Jeff Howanek is a multi-instrumentalist, singer, actor, and organizer who has been involved in choral groups since his arrival at Westy in his freshman year. He has represented us at PMEA District and Regional Chorus in 2005 and this year represented us in the District 6 and the All-State Vocal Jazz ensembles. In his role as a musician and songwriter with *Racecar Backwards* Jeff has shown a commitment to giving a voice to his creative spirit. Jeff has encouraged many others to express themselves through music and performing by organizing and acting as Master of Ceremonies for the annual Westy Coffeehouse. In performances in our musicals, most memorably as The Baker in last year's *Into the Woods*, and of course, his performance as J. Pierrepont Finch in this year's *How to Succeed in Business Without Really*

Trying, for which Jeff earned this year's Isaac Award for Best Actor in a high school musical in Cambria and Blair counties. Jeff has shown a dedication to excellence which has inspired not only his peers, but also the production staff. Jeff, thank you for the high expectations you have set for yourself, for your achievements, and for your encouragement of others to develop their own special talents.

Lauren Fisher established herself as one of the hardest-working singers as soon as she entered the high school. The level of preparation of music and dedication to excellence in performance that Lauren has shown has been truly outstanding. In rehearsals for District and Regional Choruses here at Westy, Lauren came to rehearsals prepared at a professional level that challenged all of us to do our very best. In last year's role as Rapunzel in *Into the Woods* and this year's memorable role as Miss Jones in *How To Succeed in Business*, she developed her characters to their fullest. This year, Lauren accomplished her goal of qualifying for and participating in the PMEA All-State Chorus, scoring first chair in the 8 counties of Region 3 of PMEA."

Middle School Performing Arts

Pennsylvania Music Educators Association District 6 Elementary Band Fest Certificates were awarded to:

Daniel Dailey

Parag Dharbhamulla

Zachary Georgevich

Forest Penn Whitlow III

County Orchestra

Christina Atterbury

Margaret Atterbury

Kasey Azar

Rosemary Clark

Jason Dailey

Casey Eckenrod

Andrea Ghezzi

Michael Gorzelsky

Jamie Hudson

Leah Marko

Lauren Matevish

Julie Mercik

Anne Rummell

Brittany Strelnek

Keegan Terek

Leah Young

Luke Young

Cambria All-County Band Certificates were awarded to:

Jason Dailey

Michael Gorzelsky

Anne Rummell

Luke Young

Young Artists Exhibition Award

Grade 6

Zachary Aman

Chastain Burns

Mark Nathaniel

Lida Thompson

Grade 7

Amanda Alianiello

Nathaniel Bennett

Kim Carney

Christina Cassone

Luke Gindlesperger

Raymond Burke Gleason

Tanner Hough

Riley Timbs

Grade 8

Casey Eckenrod

Michelle Raneri

Permanent Art Collection

Chastain Burns

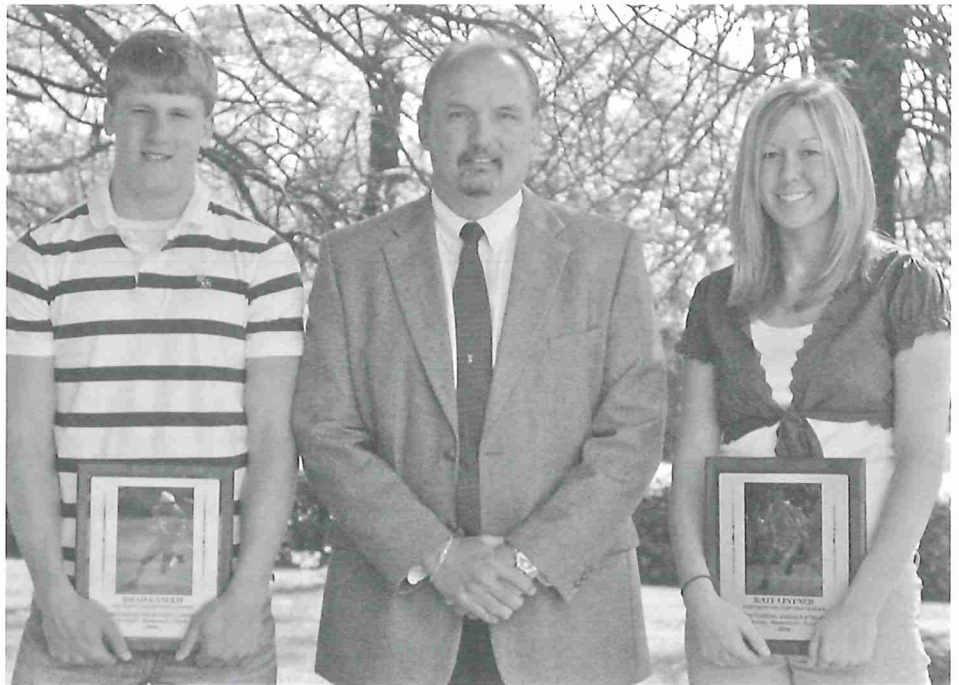
Christina Cassone

Tanner Hough

2005-2006 Individual Excellency Award

Outstanding Male Athlete Bradley Kanuch

Bradley Kanuch was awarded the Outstanding Male Athlete Award for the 2005-2006 school year at the Athletic Awards Assembly. Brad earned nine varsity letters during his athletic career at Westmont Hilltop – four years in track, three years in football, and two years in basketball. During his football career, Brad set Westmont Hilltop career rushing and scoring records, rushing for 1000+ yards during his junior and senior seasons. A team captain his senior year, Brad was named to the Ken Lantzy Finest 40 team, PrepStar All-American team, the Platinum 33 team, and the Laurel Highlands Athletic Conference All-Conference Team. Brad was named the Southern Alleghenies Football Association's MVP for all three seasons of varsity competition. The *Johnstown Tribune-Democrat* named Brad to its first team as a running back following both his junior and senior seasons; he earned second team honors as a defensive back following his sophomore season. During his track career at Westmont Hilltop, Brad was an eleven-time state medalist. He was the PIAA State Champion in the 200 meter dash and the triple jump and earned a silver medal in both the 100 meter dash and long jump during his junior season, when he was named to the All-State Track and Field Team. He earned a silver medal in the triple jump his senior season, along with bronze medals in 100 and 200 meter dashes. Brad holds meet records in the Laurel Highlands Athletic Conference, the West Central Coaches Meet, the Igloo Meet, and in District 6 competition. Brad, who was a member of Westmont Hilltop's National Honor Society, earned a full athletic scholarship to the University of Connecticut where he will continue his academic and football career.



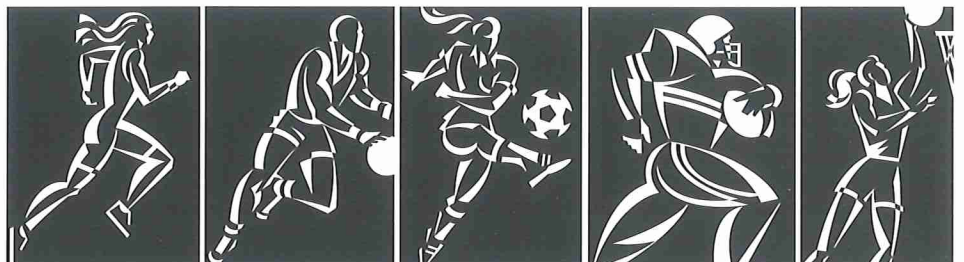
Outstanding Male Athlete: Bradley Kanuch; Board Chairman of Student Activities: Mr. Thomas Kirby;
Outstanding Female Athlete: Kate Lintner

Outstanding Female Athlete Kate Lintner

Kate Lintner was awarded the Outstanding Female Athlete Award for the 2005-2006 school year at the Athletic Awards Assembly. Kate earned nine varsity letters as a student-athlete at Westmont Hilltop – four in basketball, three in soccer, and two in track.

As a four-year letter winner, three-year starter and senior captain in basketball, Kate led the Lady Hilltoppers to four Laurel Highlands Athletic Conference Championships, two District 6 titles and trips to the PIAA State Finals in Hershey each

of her last two seasons. Kate scored over 1,000 career points and became Westmont Hilltop's 4th all-time leading scorer. In her senior season, Kate averaged 16 points and 8.1 rebounds per game and was named second team All-State. She was also named to the Great Chevy Shoot Out All-Tournament team and the Sports Fever Challenge Player of the Game. Kate was a member of Westmont Hilltop's National Honor Society and will continue her education at Seton Hill University where she was awarded an athletic scholarship to play basketball.



2006 Athletic Awards Day Award Recipients

David Coulson Award - Outstanding Football Player

Nicholas McKolosky

David J. Murphy Award - Outstanding Hockey Player

Nicholas McKolosky

James Cardiff Award - Unsung Hero

Sarah Bruce
Kendra Krumenacker
Alicia Miller

Clayton C. Dovey III - Player's Player

Nicholas McKolosky

John Stewart Memorial Awards:

Outstanding Offensive Hockey Player

Brendan Boyle

Outstanding Defensive Hockey Player

Ian O'Brien

Most Improved Hockey Player

Trey Marsh

Cheerleading Award

Sara Rizzo

Outstanding Volleyball Player

Kali Antolik

Skip Pristow Award - Outstanding Boys' Basketball Player

Mark Rossi
Michael Thompson

Herdman-Dailey Award - Outstanding Girls' Track

Kelly Britcher
Karlee McQuillen

Herdman-Dailey Award - Outstanding Boys' Track

Travis Dean
Bradley Kanuch

Lori Blackburn Memorial Award - Track Team Dedication

Girls' Recipients

Allison Eanes
Whitney Hough

Boys' Recipient

Michael Brant

Robert A. Gleason Award - Outstanding Boys' Tennis Player

Utsav Bhat
Nicholas Kirkstadt

Adele Dovey Award - Outstanding Girls' Tennis Player

Nikhita Dharbhamulla
Julia Livingston

John P. Horthy Award - Outstanding Softball Player

Katherine Lohr

Ellwood Ailes Award - Outstanding Baseball Player

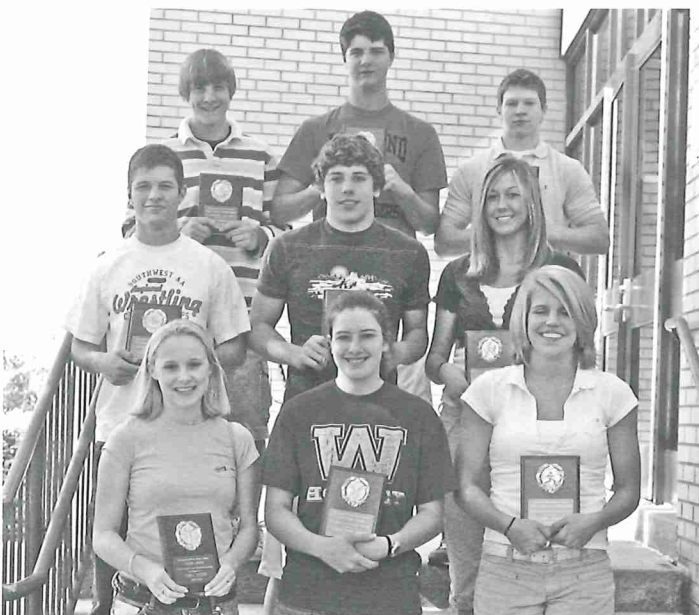
Nicholas McKolosky
Paul Vrabel

Claycomb Coach's Award - Outstanding Wrestler

Zachary Bennett
Kyle Patton

Ken Null Memorial Award - Most Falls

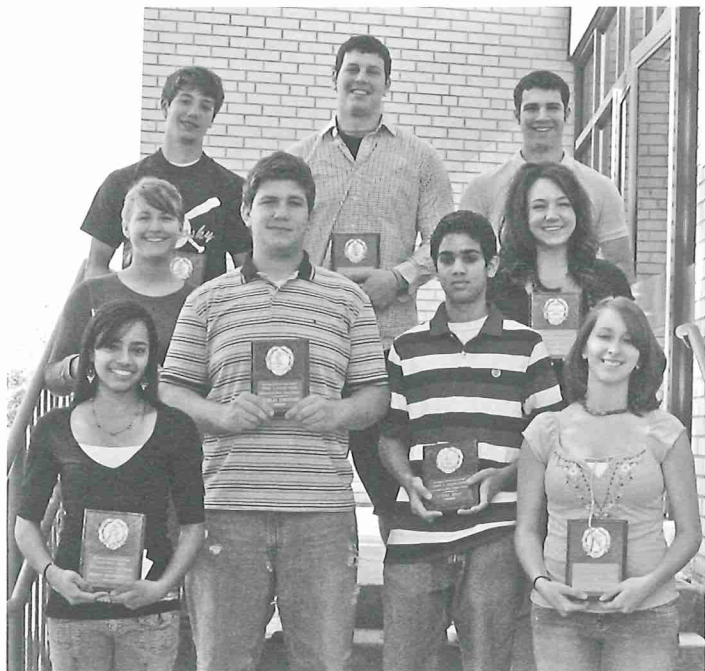
Zachary Bennett



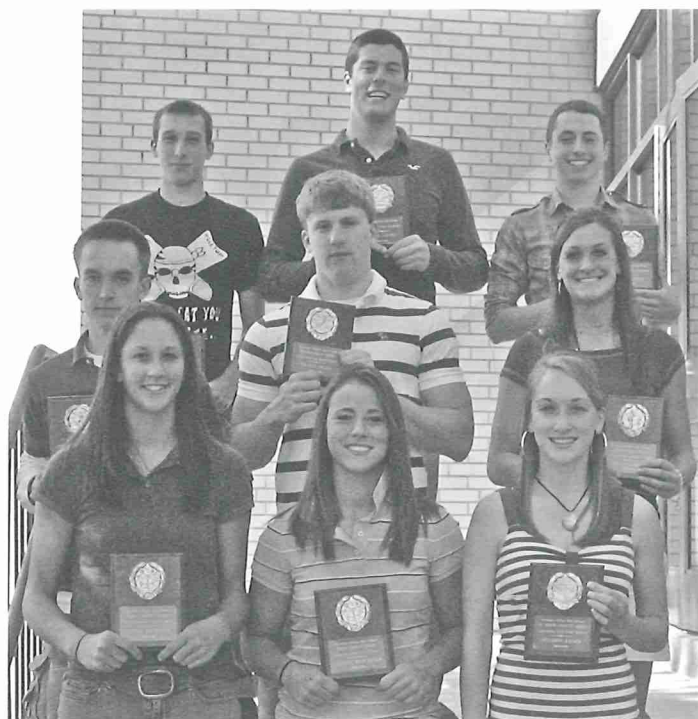
Row 1: Cheerleader: Sara Rizzo; Softball: Katherine Lohr; Girls' Soccer: Natalie Sheehan
Row 2: Wrestlers: Kyle Patton; Zachary Bennett; Girls' Basketball: Kate Lintner
Row 3: Boys' Soccer: Kevin Merchant; Baseball: Paul Vrabel, Nicholas McKolosky



Row 1: NOCTI: Mason Melendez; WHEA Scholarship: Breanne Slocum; Metz Scholarship: Suzanne Wild; Big 33 Scholarship: Brandy Kenner.
Row 2: Westmont Memorial Scholarship: Julia Livingston, William Lusk; Kiwanis/Key Club Scholarship: Lindsay Kunkle; Principal's Leadership Award: Allison Virus.



Row 1: Girls' Tennis: Nikhita Dharbhamulla, Julia Livingston
 Row 2: Boys' Tennis: Nicholas Kirkstadt, Utsav Bhat
 Row 3: Girls' Swimming: Caitlin Motley, Kara Kohler
 Row 4: Boys' Basketball: Michael Thompson, Mark Rossi; Boys' Golf: Benjamin Kamnikar
 Absent from Picture: Girls' Golf: Kristen Mosbrucker



Row 1: Girls' Track: Kelly Britcher, Karlee McQuillen; Girls' Cross Country: Allison Eanes
 Row 2: Boys' Track: Travis Dean, Bradley Kanuch; Volleyball: Kali Antolik
 Row 3: Boys' Swimming: David Mancinelli, Kieran Layton, Lucas Staib

Jerry Griffith Award - Most Dedicated

Michael Brant
 Quinton Cameron
 Devin Dorian
 Patrick Dumire
 Nicholas Formica
 T.J. Keklak
 Kyle Patton

Milt Lantz Award - Most Crucial Points

Michael Brant
 T.J. Keklak

J.P. Conway Award - Most Improved Wrestler

Devin Dorian
 Drew Golias

Outstanding Boys' Cross Country Runner

Travis Dean

Outstanding Girls' Cross Country Runner

Allison Eanes

Herdman Scholarship - Outstanding Runner

Jared Tabek

Corona & Grady Coaches' Award - Outstanding Boys' Soccer Player

Kevin Merchant

John Saracena Coach's Award - Outstanding Girls' Soccer Player

Natalie Sheehan

Outstanding Boys' Swimmer

Kieran Layton
 David Mancinelli
 Lucas Staib

Outstanding Girls' Swimmer

Kara Kohler
 Caitlin Motley

Dr. William J. Hargreaves Award - Outstanding Male Golfer

Benjamin Kamnikar

Outstanding Female Golfer

Kristen Mosbrucker

Robert A. Gleason Award - Outstanding Boys' Tennis Players

Utsav Bhat
 Luke Miller

William A. Askey \$250 Scholarship

Alison Battaglia

East Coast Volleyball Championships

Kali Antolik, Renee Parseghian, and Amber Swearingner are members of the Somerset Highlands Junior Olympic Volleyball Team. Their team was undefeated (20-0) and won first place in the 18's gold bracket at the East Coast Volleyball Championships over Memorial Day weekend in State College. There were sixty-four teams in their age bracket and 612 total teams at the tournament.

You Are Invited

What is it?

The establishment of a permanent endowment fund will give the school district a new way to support the students and the school community. This endowment fund will target the needs that our students and faculty, and especially the donors to the Endowment Fund, identify as important to them.

How an Endowment Fund Works

An endowment is funded by tax deductible donations that are invested to earn interest. Only the growth of the investment is used; the initial donation is held permanently.

Who decides where my contribution goes?

Typically, people who donate to the endowment funds have the option of directing what special programs they would like to support or leaving that to the discretion of the Endowment advisors.

Where did the donations to start the fund originate?

The initial gift to the endowment fund constitutes contributions made by school board members and the leadership team in honor of our former superintendent, Dr. Carol Strange, who retired after twenty-six years of service to the district. Dr. Strange recognized that an endowment fund would be much more useful to the school district than any other token of appreciation we might provide in honor of her retirement. The Endowment Fund is administered through the Community Foundation for the Alleghenies and may be placed online at <http://www.cfalleghenies.org>. For more information, call the administrative office at 255-6751.

Second Annual Westmont Hilltop School District Endowment Event

Date: Saturday, October 7, 2006 **Place:** Sunnehanna Country Club

Time: 6:30-7:30 Cocktail hour, cash bar, musical entertainment and start of silent auction

Dinner: London Broil and Smithfield Chicken

7:30-10:00 Celebration of friendship, musical entertainment, silent auction

10:00 Announcement of silent auction winners

Reservations: \$75 each

Proceeds go to the Westmont Hilltop School District Endowment at the Community Foundation and gifts are tax deductible.

RSVP: by September 23: Send your check along with the completed registration form below to:

Endowment Event

827 Diamond Boulevard

Johnstown, PA 15905

Questions: Call the Administrative Office at 255-6751

Second Annual Westmont Hilltop School District Endowment Event Reservations

Name(s) of Attendee(s) _____ Phone Number _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Westmont Hilltop Alumni? No _____ Yes _____ If Yes, Class of _____

Please make checks (\$75 per person) payable to WHSD Endowment Fund

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Mission Statement

The mission of the WHSD, in partnership with our community, is to prepare each student to be an informed, ethical, responsible adult in a changing and competitive global society through high expectations and a challenging educational program offering knowledge and skills within a safe, nurturing environment.

Civil Rights Statement

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