

HILLTOPPER HIGHLIGHTS

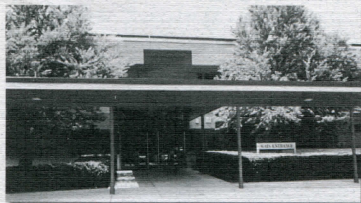
1999-2000 Achievement and Excellence



Elementary School



Middle School



High School

Notable Recognition for Outstanding Accomplishments

Governor's School for the Arts

Pierre Ahlstrom was selected to attend the Governor's School for the Arts in studio art. To be selected for this honor, he was required to submit an extensive portfolio of art work from various media. The PA Governor's School for the Arts, which is held at Mercyhurst College, is an extensive enrichment experience. Pierre attended the program during this past summer.

National Merit Scholarship Corporation Semi-finalist

Justin Overdorff was one of approximately 16000 semifinalists nationwide in the year 2000 competition for Merit Scholarship Awards. Fewer than 1% of the nation's high school seniors were designated semi-finalists on a state representational basis. Justin will be attending Washington and Lee University this fall.



Left to right: Pierre Ahlstrom, Justin Overdorff and Roshni Murali

APPLES

Roshni Murali was the overall prize winner in the French competition at the APPLES Foreign Language Festival held at UPJ in March. Roshni placed first in four categories during the competition. Her firsts came in Level 5 speaking proficiency, listening comprehension, reading comprehension, and comprehension. Roshni will be attending the University of Pittsburgh this fall.

The 1999-2000 Hilltopper Highlights Achievement and Excellence is published in recognition of the current outstanding achievements of the students of the Westmont Hilltop School District in both school and community interactions.

Academic Recognition

Scholastic Quiz Team Does It Again!



Left to right: Nathan Catanese, Zachary Pozun, Prabhu Narahari, Ron Maurer, Betsy Schroeder and Peter Schroeder

This year's Scholastic Quiz team played to the level of champions. The team garnered invitations to two national tournaments and achieved an unprecedented varsity championship in competition between the Central Western and Mt. Pleasant Area Scholastic Quiz leagues. Westmont Hilltop's team won the Central Western Quiz League championship by going undefeated for the second consecutive year and defeated Latrobe for championship honors at the "Big 20 Academic Quiz Challenge" tournament played at Mt. Pleasant. The team also won consolation honors at the "Battle of the Burgh" quiz tournament hosted by the University of Pittsburgh.

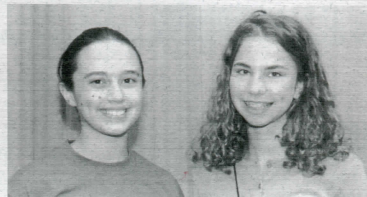
Scholastic Quiz contests follow the College Bowl format, which demands fast recall of knowledge within a broad range of content

areas. Team members were seniors **Betsy Schroeder**, a four-year team member and captain, and **Ron Maurer**, a first-year player; sophomore **Peter Schroeder**; and freshmen **Zachary Pozun**, **Nathan Catanese** and **Prabhu Narahari**.

Betsy was on track to be top individual scorer in the Central Western League, but was forced to miss a game because of a scheduling conflict with soccer league playoffs; both Betsy and Ron finished in the top dozen scorers at Pittsburgh among the more than one hundred players who participated.

In league play, the team competes regularly with thirteen other area schools in weekly competitions from September to November. League play is held at the Greater Johnstown Career and Technology Center.

Senatorial "Good Citizenship Awards"



Rachel Mall and Kaitlyn Prout

Senator John Wozniak presented the Senatorial "Good Citizenship Award" this year, giving special recognition to two students who meet the following criteria:

- 1) Superior academic achievement;
- 2) Leadership abilities;
- 3) Consistent work habits;
- 4) Good self image;
- 5) Ability to get along well with others.

Recipients of this award are: **Kaitlyn Prout** and **Rachel Mall**.

Top Scholars

Plaques on display in the high school auditorium lobby list the names of the top ranked students in Westmont Hilltop High School graduating classes since 1972. Upon verification of final grades, the following members of the Class of 2000 earned that distinction:

Douglas Ryan Bennett, Jennifer Louise Brant, Allison Marie Duray, Andrea Suzanne Duray, Ronald William Maurer, Justin Michael Overdorff, Julene Louise Peters, Joanna Teresa Prout, Betsy Anne Schroeder, Brandon Edward Vedock, Marlene Renee Worthington

The Westmont Hilltop Education Association sponsors the recognition of these top scholars. In addition to the wall plaque and individual plaques, the honored students receive United States Savings Bonds from a scholarship fund supported by the current and past treasurers of the board, who have donated their stipends to the fund.

Academic Recognition



WordMasters Awards at Elementary and Middle Schools

WordMasters is a national contest encouraging growth in vocabulary and verbal reasoning. It takes place three times during the year with two divisions at each grade level. The WordMasters Challenge concentrates on higher-level word comprehension and logical abilities. For the contest, children were required to complete analogies based on relationships among words they have learned. **Kristen Mosbrucker**, grade 5, received national recognition for her achievement. Kristen was one of the 23 out of 44,000 who received a perfect score on the WordMasters Test.

During the 1999-2000 school year fourth graders were given the opportunity to participate in the WordMasters Challenge. The children prepared for the contest by meeting weekly with the Elementary Learning Enrichment Teacher,

Mrs. Orlosky. During these practice meetings, the children were given lists of challenging vocabulary words to study. They were encouraged to master the meanings of the words and to think about relationships between them.

The contest itself consists of three 20-minute analogy-solving meets. This year the meets were held in December, February, and April. The following students were recognized for their participation in the WordMasters Challenge during a fourth grade awards ceremony which was held at the end of the school year: **Marianna Campagna, Katie Abele, Elizabeth Prociuk, Zak Antolik, Kara Hull, Katie Abele, David Shellhammer, Ben Majcher, Kelly Cernetich, Jaclyn Skelley, Utsav Bhat, Josh Vigna, Brock Rozich, Andrew Crichton, Tiffany Schilling, Haley Garman, David Griffin, Corbett Drummey, and Jacob Seigh.**

Middle School MATHCOUNTS Team Advanced to State Level



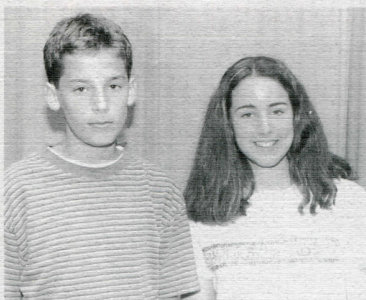
Left to right, top: **Arik Misler, Emily Wilson, Katie Thomas and Jennifer Kilpatrick.** Bottom: **Philip Wolfe and Ann Ellenberger.**

The Middle School MATHCOUNTS Team won the Regional Competition held at the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown on February 12, 2000, and advanced to state level competition. On March 17th and 18th, our MATHCOUNTS Team represented Westmont Hilltop in Harrisburg. Congratulations to **Jennifer Kilpatrick, Arik Misler, Emily Wilson, and Philip Wolfe** for outstanding representation! Philip placed first at the individual competition at regionals and Jennifer placed third. **Ann Ellenberger and Katie Thomas** were recognized for their contributions to the team at the June 5th awards assembly.

Principal's Awards

The "Principal's Award" was established to recognize seniors who have exemplified the highest standard of excellence and leadership, and eighth graders who have earned straight "A" averages throughout their fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth grade years at Westmont Hilltop Middle School. Congratulations to **Betsy Anne Schroeder**, senior, and eighth grader **Philip Wolfe** for this outstanding accomplishment.

Academic Recognition



Michael Mayer and Erin Davis

American Legion Awards

This award is presented by the American Legion Auxiliary to one 8th grade boy and one 8th grade girl who demonstrate the following:

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, as may be expressed in formal exercises, respect to the flag, knowledge of the National Anthem, the flag salute, adherence to the country's highest ideals, and worthy citizenship.

Leadership: Ability to do well the duties of leadership assigned to one as exemplified in holding of office, membership on committees, etc. and exhibition of good team play. **Courage:** Show moral courage to stand up for what is right; and physical courage in games and play.

Recipients of the The American Legion Award are: Michael Mayer and Erin Davis.

President's Awards for Educational Excellence

The President's Award recognizes students for substantial academic success. 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 this award at the middle school are:

Zachary Ankney	Nicholas Keklak	Arik Misler	Wesley Terek
Erik Bonini	Jennifer Kilpatrick	David Mock	Katie Thomas
Nicole Carney	Tanya Koul	Amanda Paxton	Stephanie Volkar
Justin Casella	Alexander Kring	Kaitlyn Prout	Martin Vrabel
Erin Davis	Carolyn Majcher	John Raymond	Daniel Watson
Ann Ellenberger	Rachel Mall	Paul Rizzo	Emily Wilson
Tristan Evans	Michael Mayer	Samantha Savit	Philip Wolfe
Matthew Georg	Ryan McGhee	Stephen Smieszek	
Mackenzie Hough	Michael Melnik	Laura Stefanik	

Recipients of this award at the high school are:

Nicole Raylene Adams	Diana Leigh Garguilo	Andrea Jennett Porter
Scott David Albert	Lindsay Marie Kepple	Joanna Teresa Prout
Douglas Ryan Bennett	Kevin John Krauland	Peter James Ridella
Jennifer Louise Brant	Michael James LaCount	John David Ringler
Michael Ray Brinker	Ronald William Maurer	Anthony Robert Ross
Emily Ann Burnheimer	Laine Renee Mendelson	David Frederick Rugh
Zie-Jun Chen	Allan James Mosbrucker	Todd James Russell
Kelly Jo Dalton	Roshni Murali	Elizabeth Ann Rutledge
Allison Marie Duray	Christine Marie Naugle	Carrie Lee Schoming
Andrea Suzanne Duray	Justin Michael Overdorff	Betsy Ann Schroeder
Morgan Faye Gable	Julene Louise Peters	Brandon Edward Vedock
Marlene Renee Worthington		

Academic Recognition



Left to right, front: Danielle Pozun and Adam Watson.
Back: Philip Wolfe and Micah Bluming.

Math Challenge 24 Competition

Math 24 is more than just a game. Play requires mental challenge, to say the least, although students have fun participating to the point that they begged to play Math 24 on the very last day of school of the year 2000.

Adam Watson, grade five, received a silver medal for placing in the semi-finals, a gold medal for reaching the finals, and a trophy for

placing first. He ranked number one in the South Central region of PA.

Philip Wolfe, grade eight, placed third in the Platinum Masters division, received a gold medal, and became a state qualifier. We are proud of our young mathematicians.

Micah Bluming, grade six, and Danielle Pozun, grade seven, earned distinction for the district as silver medal semi-finalists.

Johns Hopkins Sponsors Talent Search

Students selected for this distinction must demonstrate outstanding abilities with school performance on achievement or aptitude.

Young Students Talent Search (Grades 5 & 6)

The following students earned distinction as a result of their outstanding test scores and were invited to a State Celebration of Talent: Katherine Drummey, Kali Antolik, Yuri Sapolich, Rebecca Hirsch, Kieran Layton, and Christopher Lee. Christopher and

Rebecca won the state award for math and verbal top scoring.

John Hopkins Talent Search (Grades 7 & 8)

Tristan Evans, Jennifer Kilpatrick, Arik Misler, and Richard Nagy earned distinction as a result of their outstanding test scores. Jennifer and Arik were invited to a State Celebration of Talent. Jennifer received a one-course scholarship to UPJ to be used within the next two years.

Authors and Poets Among Us

Eighth grade students Michael Hammond, Alexander Kring, Amanda Lindberg, Jonathan Mahler, Amanda Paxton, and Laura Stefanik wrote poems selected to be published in the National Poetry Publication.

Creative Communications Poetry Awards winners were Katie Peltzer and Mandy Dick, grade 7, and Ashley Acosta, grade 6.

Fifth grade students Lydia McClain and Chelsea Meenan submitted poems that were selected for publication by Creative Communications in *A Celebration of Young Poets: Pennsylvania - Fall 1999*. We are proud of the accomplishments of these young authors.

Olympiads

The National Science Olympiad questions were based on factual knowledge and tested students' understanding of scientific processes. Recipients of the award were Katherine Drummey and Kieran Layton, top scorers, grade 6; and Nicole Bennett, top scorer, grade 5.

Justin Orlosky was the top scorer in the Geography division, winning the National Geography Olympiad.

Receiving the Olympiad award for social studies were Katherine Drummey and Daniel Gore, top scorers, grade 6; and Christopher Lee, top scorer, grade 5.

The Language Arts Olympiad focused on reading comprehension, vocabulary, spelling, grammar and analogies. Recipients were Kieran Layton, top scorer, grade 6; and Rebecca Hirsch, top scorer, grade 5.

Academic Recognition

Academic "Best" Awards

The Academic "Best" Awards were presented at the June 5 Awards Assembly at the middle school. This award is presented to 8th grade students who are chosen to represent the academic "best" in several categories. Selection is always difficult, since so many students represent their own high standards of academic best. A \$100 Savings Bond was awarded to the "Best" in each of the following categories:

Science: 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.

Civics: The student must demonstrate scholastic high achievement; citizenship as demonstrated in school and community service; and must show initiative through class participation.

Math: The student must participate in the PACE program; consideration is given to both aptitude and achievement test scores; classroom performance will be evaluated; outcomes of any appropriate contests will be considered.

Art: The selected student must display good citizenship and class participation; have a positive effect on peers; exhibit high level of creativity, and demonstrate a significant level of improvement/achievement.

Foreign Language: The student selected as the academic best in this category must achieve at a 95% level in each of three quarters, demon-



Left to right, front: Philip Wolfe, Ryan McGee and David Mock. Middle: Antonetta George, Rachel Mall and Jennifer Kilpatrick. Back: Carolyn Majcher, Rebekah Stonecypher and Erin Davis.

strate excellent class participation and a positive classroom attitude, and demonstrate classroom leadership and reliability.

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.

English: The student representing the academic "best" in this category must demonstrate scholarship, leadership, a positive attitude, class participation, responsibility, accountability, dependability, and initiative.

Physical Education: The student selected in this category must display a positive attitude toward

physical education; participate to the best of 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.

Academic Growth: The student selected in this category has demonstrated outstanding commitment and growth.

Recipients of this award are:
English, Rachel Mall — Math,
Jennifer Kilpatrick — Science,
Ryan McGee — Civics, Erin Davis
— Foreign Language, Philip Wolfe
— Art, Carolyn Majcher — Music,
Rebekah Stonecypher — Physical
Education, Dave Mock — Aca-
demic Growth, Antonetta George.

Interscholastic Reading Team Recognition

The Reading Competition teams ended a wonderful season on March 23rd. This is the second year that Westmont Hilltop Middle School has entered the Scholastic Reading Competition, which was hosted this year by Windber High School. The teams were comprised of forty-nine students in grades 6-8. Collectively, our students read a total of forty-two books during the last five months. We are proud to announce that all four of our teams placed and returned with three third place finishes, and one second place, from a field of fifty-five other teams. Read on, Westmont Hilltop Middle School students!

Carnegie Mellon Institute for Talented Students (C-Mites)

The C-Mites program is geared for academically talented third through sixth graders from the state of Pennsylvania. Students across PA took the EXPLORE test to qualify for membership in C-Mites. Recipients of this award at the middle school are: Ashley Acosta, Nicole Bennett, Cayla Cramer, and Ian Miscoe.

National Current Events League Award

Congratulations to the top scorers of the National Current Events League. Grade 7: **Megan Baxter** and **Cara Pozun** and Grade 5: **Christopher Lee**. Students prepared weekly for this event, designed to promote reading comprehension and to increase interest in current events.

Grade 6		Grade 7	Grade 8
Green Team	Blue Team	Red Team	Purple Team
Elizabeth Povich	Kourtne McQuillan	Cara Pozun	Rachel Mall
Renee Parseghian	Katie Drummey	Brittany Duncan	Annie Ellenberger
Caitlyn Motley	Kara Dreikorn	Elyse Mendelson	Rich Nagy
Stacie Frank	Dan Gore	Kritina Nagy	John Mahler
Anja Hunt	Micah Bluming	Aubrey Erdley	Rebekah Stonecypher
Kerry Glassman	Allison Virus	Danielle Pozun	Amanda Paxton
Brandy Kenner	Kieran Layton	April Bukoski	Philip Wolfe
Amanda Stamplis	Breanne Slocum	Megan Baxter	Tanya Koul
Attie Horner	Abby Schmidt	Kathy Boettcher	Jennifer Kilpatrick
Kara Kohler	Ashley Acosta	Jaime Goldman	Michael Mayer
Kali Antolik		Lara Null	Stephen Screen
		Jad Foley	
		Arik Misler	
		Ann Kmetz	
		Hanah Portser	
		Heather Ryan	

Stock Market Award

Students in grades six through eight competed in the Stock Market Game during their math classes. This ten-week simulation of investment and financial decision-making involved starting each team with an imaginary \$100,000 which they

would then invest in the American, New York and NASDAQ markets. The competition was held across the Internet against approximately 5,000 teams across the state of PA. Receiving the Stock Market Award for top performances are: **Erin Davis, Brian Koch, and Lindsey Miller**.

Foreign Language Achievement

Student Award Winners at APPLES Foreign Language Festival

High school and middle school students participated in the Eleventh Annual APPLES Foreign Language Festival at UPJ in March. Students who received honors of distinction are as follows:

Spanish

Student	Place	Category
Bob Sabo and Travis Saracena	2nd	Senior High Web Page
Katie Macy	2nd	Level 2 Literary Recitation
Sarah Bell	3rd	Level 4 Composition
	2nd(tie)	Level 4 Speaking Proficiency
Lee Ann Sell	2nd (tie)	Level 4 Speaking Proficiency
Jen Saluzzo	1st	Level 3 Speaking Proficiency
Amy Youngberg	1st	Level 3 Literary Recitation
Avi Maharajh	3rd	Level 4 Speaking Proficiency
Brandon Vedock	1st	Level 5 Reading Comprehension
	1st (tie)	Level 5 Listening Comprehension
	1st	Level 5 Composition
Ron Maurer	2nd	Level 5 Reading Comprehension
	1st (tie)	Level 5 Listening Comprehension
	2nd	Level 5 Composition
	3rd	Level 5 Speaking Proficiency
Allison Duray	1st	Level 4 Literary Recitation
Carolyn Majcher	1st place in the original art competition for an acrylic painting composed in the style of Spanish artist Salvador Dali.	



Left to right, front: Jen Brant, Roshni Murali, Victoria Gorzelsky, Saskia Valencia, and Amy Youngberg. Back: Bob Sabo, Travis Saracena, Katie Macy, Avi Maharajh, and Amanda Caddy.

French

Student	Place	Category
Adamina Pellow	1st	Senior High Original Art
Amanda Caddy	3rd	Senior High Original Art
Jen Brant	3rd	Senior High Instrumental Music
Luke Gyure	2nd	Senior High Vocal Music
	2nd	French 3 Speaking Proficiency
Zach Pozun	1st	Level 1 Listening Comprehension
	3rd	Level 1 Reading Comprehension
Saskia Valencia	1st	Level 2 Listening Comprehension
	1st	Level 2 Reading Comprehension
Victoria Gorzelsky	3rd	Level 2 Reading Comprehension
Amanda Lusk	3rd	Level 2 Speaking Proficiency
Roshni Murali	1st	Level 5 Speaking Proficiency
	1st	Level 5 Listening Comprehension
	1st	Level 5 Reading Comprehension
	1st	Level 5 Composition
		Overall prize winner for French
Amanda Lindberg	3rd	T-shirt design
Philip Wolfe	3rd	French I composition

Musical Championships

Omega Percussion Ensemble— Atlantic Coast Champions

The Chapter XI Middle School Percussion Champions and the Atlantic Coast Middle School Percussion Champions for the year 2000 are: John Skelley, James Garguillo, Jeremy Stonecypher, Bryan Rose, Brandon Locher, Teri Carney, Nicole Carney, Alex Camut, Jim Curry, Ann Ellenberger, Michael Hammond, and Shawn Russell.

Alpha Indoor Guard Atlantic Coast Championships 3rd Place

The middle school students who made us proud for their third place

win in the Atlantic Coast Championships were Jenny Broach, Ashley Zajdel, Ashley Hughs, Anna East, Katherine Boettcher, Trista Post, Nicole Schultz, Tiffany Senner, Susan Binger, Emily Zawalish and Jessica Miller.



Use Your Imagination A Big Hit!

For the second year in a row, the fourth grade end-of-the-year program provided the students with many opportunities and different ways to demonstrate their unique talents. The musical play, *Use Your Imagination* contained a prologue, six scenes, and an epilogue. All



fourth graders participated in the chorus and presented the eight different songs that were sprinkled throughout the performance. However, a great deal of work occurred behind the scenes before the actual performance on May 4.

Several months before the performance, the students became

directly involved with the creation of the props, scenery and costumes. A committee of 23 students and art teacher Mrs. Green created scenery that was both versatile and beautiful. Eight students assisted with costumes and props. These children stayed after school several days to complete their part of the performance. Sixty-seven other students volunteered for speaking parts and spent many hours after school practicing their lines and learning the required staging involved in this venture. Rounding out the participants were twelve students assigned to the stage crew and one that handled special effects.

Mrs. Linda Orlosky and Mr. Shawn Miller co-sponsored this event. They were greatly assisted by many parent volunteers as well as the fourth grade teachers. The end product was a high-spirited and entertaining performance.

Greater Johnstown Young Artist's Exhibition

In May, several of our middle school students participated in the Greater Johnstown Young Artist's Exhibition at the Community Arts Center.

Young Artists Are:

Allison Virus

Achievement Award-Tempera

Arik Misler

Kara Bumbernick

Samantha Savit

Amanda Ponzurick

Merit Award-Stamp Print

Todd Glassman

Lindsay Kunkle

Jessica Goodwin

Daniel Anderson

Amanda Knapp

Achievement Award-Relief Print

Lauren Borsa

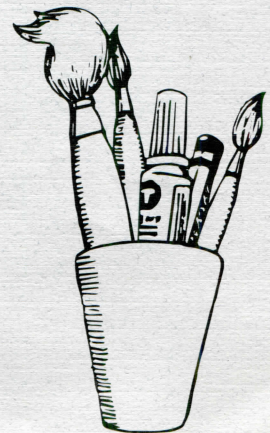
Carolyn Majcher

Britni Rajter

Achievement Award-Relief Print

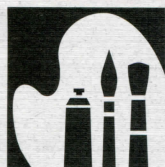
Morgan Lewis

Aubrey Erdley



Performances and the Arts

Arts in Education



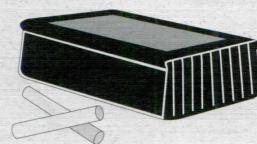
A variety of elementary student artwork was on display during the Senior High School's annual Arts Day

and Night, which was held this past spring. Funding from the elementary school's Parent Teacher Organization has made it possible for selected work from this event to be matted, framed, and displayed at

the elementary school during the school year. Art work from the following students will be featured during the 2000-2001 school year: Elizabeth Bingler, Michael Dorian, Kaitlyn Garbarino, Julianne Legath, Julie Mercik, Joseph Nagy, Lori Neiderhut, and Penn Whitlow IV. The framed pieces and weaving will be displayed in the foyer near the main office for all visitors to enjoy.

Individual Accomplishments

Philip Wolfe participated in the musical *The Music Man* at UPJ and had the largest speaking role for a person under 16. Philip's talents are versatile. He was also a fourth round finalist in this year's Spelling Bee at St. Francis College.



Student Government

Middle School Student Government Food Drive



Kaitlyn Prout and Susan Bingler

The middle school Student Government concluded a very successful food drive this year. The Student Government collected seven hundred eighty-six items for Saint Vincent De Paul. Student Government President this year was **Kaitlyn Prout**, who passed the gavel to the new president, **Susan Bingler**, at the June 5, 2000 Awards Assembly.

Student Council

Student Council raised almost \$2,800 for Habitat for Humanity through sponsoring Penny Wars. The Council also raised an additional \$500 for Habitat from the dance they sponsored in March. Members of the Channel 6 News Team Marty Radovanic, Jennifer Kallin, and Jay Patrick along with Senator John Wozniak helped the cause by appearing as "Mystery Guests."

The Student Council assisted the Red Cross with its Bloodmobile at the high school. The Council also assumed a new venture by initiating a literacy project for young readers. Nearly 3,000 children's books were collected.

Students Serve Senior Citizens

Again this year, our school district hosted the Senior Citizen Appreciation Luncheon in November. High school students helped to serve a dinner for nearly 230 senior



citizens and entertained guests with vocal selections. Students from the elementary and middle schools also provided entertainment for those attending. The middle school string section performed. The elementary students designed the place mats that were used and contributed skits and songs. The luncheon is just one of the ways our students may become involved in service to our community.

Westy's Angels Formed Community Connections

The members of the Westy's Angel's Community Service Elective provided tireless service to the community this year through involvement with the Women's Help Center, the Salvation Army, and the Red Cross. Students learned to engage in collaborative partnerships with other service organizations in our community and experienced the gratification of volunteerism in the process. The first food drive brought in over 1700 non-perishable items.



**Women's
Help Center, Inc.**



SADD Strengthens Parent & Community Networks

Members of SADD proposed a resolution to our Board of Education intended to strengthen parent and community networks to promote a drug and alcohol free environment. Students visited local businesses and offices during Red Ribbon Week to distribute ribbons and to secure their endorsements of the resolution.

Disaster Relief Service



Seth Price earned the distinction of having collected the most money for the Red Cross Swim-A-Thon in February. He raised approximately \$700.00, which will benefit the Red Cross Disaster Relief Services.

Special Service Projects



Students in the high school's Leadership course coordinated a food drive that benefited a local food pantry with over 2,000 donated food items.

Key Club members helped the Red Cross to raise funds by selling tickets to their maze project.

WE CARE, a high school group that has provided education and action with concern for our environment, recycled newspapers as one of its activities this year.

Special Appreciation

Peace Award

The Westmont Church of the Brethren announced the establishment of the Westmont Peace Award for the 1999-2000 school year. The annual award will be presented to a graduating senior who has exemplified the reasoned compassionate life of a peacemaker. The award winner should exhibit fairness and compassion and actively promote justice and harmony in the life of the high school.

The winner of the first Westmont Peace Award was **Mark Dachille**. Mark was nominated by Colleen Goerlich, high school art teacher. He was presented a \$1000 cash award at the June 2, 2000 Academic Awards Assembly.



Colleen Goerlich and Mark Dachille

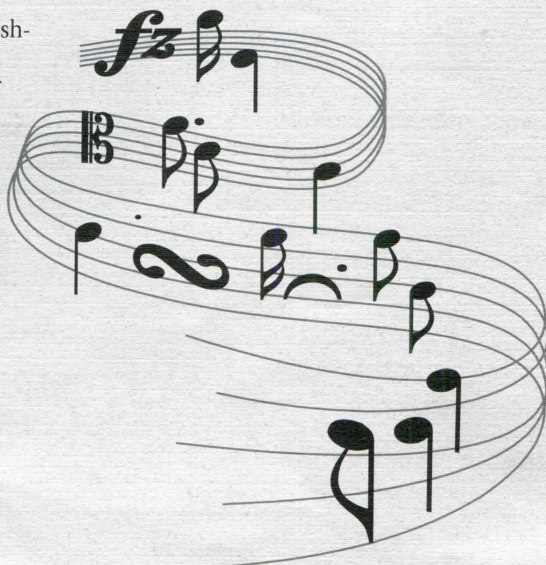
2000 Summer Institute for the Gifted



Rachel Mall

Congratulations to **Rachel Mall**, who was chosen to attend the 2000 Summer Institute for the Gifted, a three-week academic summer camp for gifted and talented students in grades 4-11. During this residential experience, Rachel will attend Drew University, where she will experience challenging academic courses designed to promote intellectual, social, and emotional growth for students across the country and around the world. The program also

offers cultural, recreational, and social activities to its participants. Among numerous academic accomplishments, Rachel received five superior ratings and one trophy in the Pennsylvania Chapter of the National Federation of Music Leagues.



Science Fair

The 1999-2000 school year provided the Elementary School's students with the opportunity to submit a project for a Science Fair. This event was well organized and well received by the students, staff, and parent community. Several months before the Science Fair actually took place the children gained insights into the world of science through Scientists in the Schools Week during the month of March. Nearly thirty presenters, highlighted by an exciting performance by Dr. David Wiley, instructor of physics at the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown, shared their knowledge about the marvels of physics and many other areas of science including horticulture, biology, photography, and medicine.

Many parents and students attended the March Parent Teacher Organization meeting, during which Mr. Steve Lindberg presented a workshop on how to set up a science fair project. A parent/teacher committee was also formed and developed a guidebook for all interested children. Additionally, a committee of judges reviewed each project and provided feedback about it to each student. Nearly seventy students submitted a project. After attending a brief ceremony on the evening of May 18, the students presented their projects to parents and guests. Each participant received a certificate of participation plus coupons that were donated by many local businesses.



Left to right: First grader Ariel Tepper, third grader Emily Null, and second grader Cory Hetrick were all very proud of their science fair projects!

Meritorious Attitude and Effort

Each year Meritorious Attitude and Effort Awards are given to several students in all middle school grades. This award is given to

students who demonstrate a positive attitude and give continuous effort in their educational endeavors, thereby demonstrating outstanding study skills and persistence.

Recipients of this award are:

Grade 5	Grade 6	Grade 7	Grade 8
Jason Catanese	Christopher Shadid	Lauren Borsa	Zachary Ankney
Ashley Hippler	Allison Virus	James Camut	Antonetta George
Christopher Lee		Jonathan DeSantis	Charles Gilbert
Alex Pozun			Amanda Lindberg
Michael Wozniak			Ryan McGhee
			Christopher Overdorff

Sports Teams And Individual Athletes Are Recognized For Achievements

Westmont Hilltop athletic teams once again excelled in interscholastic sports throughout the school year. The overall regular season winning percentage for all varsity sports combined (boys and girls) stood at 73.3% for the 1999-2000 school year. With Hilltopper teams competing in 19 varsity sports (boys and girls combined), this winning percentage is outstanding and placed the high school one win shy of the Laurel Highlands Athletic Conference All Sports Trophy.

Team Accomplishments:

Girls' Soccer - District 6 AA Championship; Semi-Final Participant in State Playoffs

Boys' Soccer - Laurel Highlands and District 6 AA Championships; Quarter-Final Participant in State Playoffs

Boys' Swimming - 200 and 400 meter freestyle relay teams finished 1st at Regionals

Girls' Swimming - Undefeated Season; CWACC Champions

Boys' Basketball - District 6 AA Championship

Boys' Track - District 6 AA Championship

Girls' Cross Country - Undefeated Season; Laurel Highlands Championship

Boys' Junior High Football - Laurel Highlands Co-Champions

Boys' Junior High Basketball - Laurel Highlands Championship

Girls' Junior High Volleyball - Laurel Highlands Championship

Individual Benchmarks:

Boys' Swimming - Jordan Grados placed 1st in 50 and 100 freestyle at Regionals

Boys' Basketball - Ryan Gleason broke the single season record for assists

Wrestling - Matt Metzgar placed 5th in PIAA State Wrestling Tournament

Boys' Track - Jim Kanuch won District 6 Track and Field 1st place honors in the 100 meter and 200 meter events

1999-2000 Outstanding Male Athlete - Ryan Gleason

Ryan Gleason was awarded the Outstanding Male Athlete Award at the Athletic Awards Assembly on June 5, 2000. Ryan was a key ingredient in three varsity sports - cross-country, basketball, and track, earning seven varsity letters during his career at Westmont Hilltop. In cross-country, Ryan was selected for the Laurel Highlands All Conference Team in both 1998 and 1999. His 33rd place finish (273 participants) in the State Championship helped

him earn the honor of Western Runner of the Year for 1999. In both his junior and senior seasons as starting point guard on the boys' varsity basketball team, he led the team to District 6 AA Championships. In the 1999-2000 season, he broke the school single season record for assists. In track and field, Ryan was named MVP as he broke school records in both the 1600 and 3200 meter events.

1999-2000 Outstanding Female Athlete - Karyn McCready

Karyn McCready was awarded the Outstanding Female Athlete Award at the Athletic Awards Assembly on June 5, 2000. Karyn earned fourteen varsity letters during her career at Westmont Hilltop while competing in soccer, basketball, softball, and track. She earned co-

MVP honors in basketball during her senior season. In spring sports, she excelled in both softball and track and field. She holds the school record for the javelin and placed 3rd in the PIAA State Track and Field Meets in both 1999 and 2000.

Where Is The Class of 2000?

Our graduates have been accepted to continue studies by these institutions for advanced education.

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Carlow
Carnegie Mellon
CCACC
Cambria Rowe
Chatham
Clarion
Columbus College of
Art and Design
Drexel
Duquesne
Franklin and Marshall
Indiana University of
Pennsylvania
Lehigh

Liberty
Lock Haven
Mount Aloysius
Ohio
Penn Culinary Arts
Penn State
Point Park
Santa Monica
Shippensburg
Slippery Rock
St. Francis
Susquehanna
Temple
Thiel
Tyler School of Art

University of Arizona
University of Notre
Dame
University of Pittsburgh
University of Pittsburgh
at Johnstown
University of South
Carolina
Virginia Tech
Washington and Lee
Waynesburg
West Chester
WCCC
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The mission of the Westmont Hilltop School District, in partnership with our community, is to prepare each student through a challenging educational program to be an informed, ethical, responsible adult in a changing and competitive global society by providing opportunities to acquire knowledge and skills through high expectations within a safe, nurturing environment.

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