

# HILLTOPPER HIGHLIGHTS

2003-2004 Achievement and Excellence

## Hilltoppers Achieve Academic Excellence

The Westmont Hilltop School District is honored to recognize the accomplishments of our students in the form of the Hilltopper Highlights of 2004. This special edition of our newsletter is published each year in acknowledgement of the young citizens of our community who have honored their families and their school through outstanding achievement and community service. The educators of our district cherish the opportunity to influence and promote the educational development and contributions of our students.

**Justin Casella**  
**Erin Davis**  
**Ann Ellenberger**  
**Rebecca Giles**  
**Jennifer Kilpatrick**  
**Jason Livingston**  
**Rachel Mall**  
**Ajay Nune**  
**Anna Schneider**  
**Philip Wolfe**

Students who rank academically in the Top 10 of their graduating class are acknowledged with an individual plaque courtesy of the school district's teachers through the Westmont Hilltop Education Association. Their names will also be inscribed on a plaque on permanent display in the lobby. Each

### Class of 2004 Top Ten



Row 1 (L-R): Rebecca Giles, Jennifer Kilpatrick, Rachel Mall, Erin Davis, Anna Schneider  
Row 2 (L-R): Jason Livingston, Ajay Nune, Ann Ellenberger, Justin Casella, Philip Wolfe

student will also receive a Board of Education Treasurer's Award, a \$100 savings bond. This award was initiated by Mrs. Karen Azer, sup-

ported by Dr. Robert Zellers, and sustained by Dr. Daniel Meenan, present treasurer.

## Recognition of Seniors

These honors and awards for the 2003-2004 school year were announced at an assembly on June 1, 2004.

National Merit Scholarship Corporation  
Letter of Commendation

**Jennifer Kilpatrick**  
**Philip Wolfe**

Pennsylvania Governor's Schools of Excellence

**Tanya Koul - International Studies**  
**Carolyn Majcher - Arts**  
**Philip Wolfe - International Studies**

Westmont Hilltop Student Memorial  
Scholarship Awards

**Jill Nadorlik**  
**Philip Wolfe**

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*The 2004 Hilltopper Highlights Achievement and Excellence, now entering its fifth summer of publication, is a special summer edition of the Hilltop School News. The summer edition is 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, community service, competitions, sports, and the arts.*

# Academic Honors & Awards

## Pursuit of Excellence

### National Merit

Three students are in pursuit of next year's National Merit recognition and have made the first cut during the current school year. They are: **Francis Eanes, Priya Narahari, and Justin Orlosky**. Each year, some 55,000 high school students are honored in NMSC programs and more than 10,500 of the most outstanding participants receive scholarships worth a total of \$50 million for college undergraduate study.



Francis Eanes



Priya Narahari



Justin Orlosky

### Congress-Bundestag Scholarship

**Jaime Goldman** won a full Congress-Bundestag Scholarship Award. This prestigious award will provide outstanding educational opportunities for Jaime including the chance to study abroad for one year.



Jaime Goldman

### National Recognition for Current Events

The Grades 5 and 6 Current Events Team placed third NATIONALLY and 6th of 139 Teams for the year 2003-2004. The Grades 7 and 8 Current Events Team ranked 7th of 130 Teams Nationally in their very first Current Events Competition.

## Recognition of Seniors

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Westmont Peace Award

**Nathan Fetsko**

Westmont Hilltop Education Association Scholarship Award

**Amanda Lindberg**

Johnstown Rotary Club Scholarship

**Philip Wolfe**

American Association of University Women

**Rachel Mall**

Metz & Associates Scholarship

**Jason Livingston**

Class of 1947 Westmont/Upper Yoder Endowment Fund

**Bethany Freiwald**

Student Council/American Red Cross Scholarships

**Jamie Harris**

**Amanda Lindberg**

**Jill Nadorlik**

Home/School Association Awards

**Erin Davis**

**Jasen Peters**

Key Club Awards

**Alyssa Arcurio**

**Ann Ellenberger**

**Martin Vrabel, Jr.**

Unsung Hero Awards

**Zachary Ankney**

**Leah Warmkessel**

Catherine Hubbard Memorial Award

**Christie Genday**

West End Lions Club Scholastic Awards

**Jennifer Kilpatrick**

**Philip Wolfe**

Principal's Leadership Award

**Jill Nadorlik**

National School Choral Awards

**Jason Livingston**

**Erin Sheridan**

National School Orchestra Award

**Charles Gilbert**

# Academic Honors & Awards

## Academic 'Letter' Awards - Class of 2004

Seniors who have demonstrated a high level of academic excellence as indicated by a 3.0 average or better are awarded the academic letter.

Cheryl L. Albert  
Zachary J. Ankney  
Alyssa A. Arcurio  
Christopher S. Bell  
Emily M. Bodie  
Erik R. Bonini  
Krista L. Britcher  
Sara C. Buchan  
Nichole M. Carney  
Teri L. Carney  
Justin M. Carrick  
Justin M. Casella  
Jack Chen  
Jesse Chen  
Lauren M. Crisafulli  
Erin E. Davis  
Jodi L. DelSignore  
Ann M. Ellenberger  
Nathan B. Fetsko  
Bethany A. Freiwald  
Christie L. Genday  
Antonetta M. George

Natalie L. George  
Charles J. Gilbert  
Rebecca R. Giles  
Todd W. Glassman  
Christopher J. Gonzalez  
Jessica B. Goodwin  
Aaron Gorka  
Jamie L. Harris  
Ashly C. Hunt  
Nicholas A. Keklak  
Jonathan L. Kendig  
Jennifer L. Kilpatrick  
Kristi E. Kindya  
Kathryn A. Kirkpatrick  
Bradley S. Kohr  
Tanya M. Koul  
Heather K. Kramer  
Keith E. Krauland  
Alexander W. Kring  
Adrienne M. Legath  
Amanda M. Lindberg  
Shane J. Lint

Hannah M. Little  
Jason R. Livingston  
Carly A. Magyar  
Jonathan L. Mahler  
Carolyn E. Majcher  
Rachel M. Mall  
Michael P. Mayer  
Ryan W. McGhee  
Michael D. Melnik  
Lindsey M. Miller  
Arik F. Misler  
David A. Mock  
Jill A. Nadorlik  
Richard R. Nagy  
Ajay Nune  
Sarah M. Olson  
Christopher J. Overdorff  
Sarah A. Overdorff  
Amanda D. Paxton  
Jasen J. Peters  
Judah B. Plummer  
Stephanie L. Porter  
Erica A. Pristas  
Kaitlyn F. Prout  
Paul Rizzo, Jr.  
Jana C. Sargent  
Samantha R. Savit  
Anna R. Schneider  
Mena A. Shaker  
Erin G. Sheridan  
Laura M. Stefanik  
Rebekah M. Stonecypher  
Ryan A. Tabek  
Wesley L. Terek  
Katie L. Thomas  
Michael J. Thomas  
Stephanie A. Volkar  
Renee L. Voytas  
Jessica L. Vrabel  
Martin A Vrabel, Jr.  
Amanda E. Ward  
Leah K. Warmkessel  
Daniel S. Watson  
Emily R. Wilson  
Gregory R. Wilson  
Philip J. Wolfe  
Ashley A. Zajdel

## Awards and Honors



Row 1 (L-R): Governor's School Candidates: Jaime Goldman, Justin Orlosky, Erin Adams.  
Row 2 (L-R): National Choral Awards: Erin Sheridan, Jason Livingston.  
Row 3 (L-R): AAUW Scholarship: Rachel Mall; National School Orchestra Award: Charles Gilbert; Summer Scientific Seminar USAFA: Danielle Pozun



Row 1 (L-R): Kiwanis Club Scholarships: Ann Ellenberger, Marty Vrabel, Alyssa Arcurio.  
Row 2 (L-R): Home School Association Awards: Jasen Peters, Erin Davis.  
Row 3 (L-R): National Merit Recognitions: Philip Wolfe, Jennifer Kilpatrick; WHEA Scholarship: Amanda Lindberg



# Academic Honors and Awards

## 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 for 2003-2004 are:

<b>Katherine Abele</b>	<b>Natalie Kupchella</b>	<b>Sean McGhee</b>	<b>Stephen Shadid</b>
<b>Zachary Antolik</b>	<b>Eric Lee</b>	<b>Joshua Miller</b>	<b>Brittany Shawley</b>
<b>Utsav Bhat</b>	<b>Jessica Lindberg</b>	<b>Thomas Polacek</b>	<b>David Shelhammer</b>
<b>Michael Brant</b>	<b>Sarah Lingafelt</b>	<b>Richard Povich</b>	<b>Joshua Vigna</b>
<b>Hannah Clemenson</b>	<b>Katherine MacDowell</b>	<b>Elizabeth Prociuk</b>	<b>Daniel Vliet</b>
<b>Corbett Drummey</b>	<b>Benjamin Majcher</b>	<b>Tiffany Schilling</b>	<b>Erica Walker</b>
<b>Martin Erdley</b>	<b>Seth Matthews</b>	<b>Jacob Seigh</b>	<b>Katee Wilson</b>

President's Award recipients at the high school in 2003-2004 are:

<b>Justin Casella</b>	<b>Tanya Koul</b>	<b>Ajay Nune</b>	<b>Laura Stefanik</b>
<b>Jack Chen</b>	<b>Jason Livingston</b>	<b>Kaitlyn Prout</b>	<b>Wesley Terek</b>
<b>Erin Davis</b>	<b>Carolyn Majcher</b>	<b>Samantha Savit</b>	<b>Katie Thomas</b>
<b>Ann Ellenberger</b>	<b>Rachel Mall</b>	<b>Anna Schneider</b>	<b>Martin Vrabel, Jr.</b>
<b>Jennifer Kilpatrick</b>	<b>Arik Misler</b>	<b>Mena Shaker</b>	<b>Philip Wolfe</b>

## Middle School Students Earn Mathematics Honors



L-R: Dan Thompson, Ben Majcher, Sean McGhee and Utsav Bhat

The Middle School MATH-COUNTS Team made the district proud with a First Place finish. Middle school student **Utsav Bhat** earned an individual First Place Finish at the UPJ MATHCOUNTS competition. Math counts for Utsav! **Sean McGhee** is recognized for his third place finish at the UPJ competition.

## Principal's Excellence Award

The "Principal's Excellence Award" was established to recognize eighth grade students who have exemplified the highest standard of excellence and who have earned straight "A" averages throughout their fifth, sixth, seventh, and eighth grade years at Westmont Hilltop Middle School. Congratulations to the following eighth graders who were honored at the middle school awards assembly for this accomplishment:

**Zachary Antolik**  
**Utsav Bhat**  
**Corbett Drummey**  
**Katherine MacDowell**  
**Brandon Makuchan**  
**Benjamin Majcher**  
**Sean McGhee**  
**Joshua Miller**  
**Thomas Polacek**  
**Tiffany Schilling**  
**Stephen Shadid**  
**R. Max Smeal**

## Awards and Honors



Row 1 (L-R): Red Cross/Student Council Scholarship: Amanda Lindberg; Westmont Memorial Scholarship/Principal's Leadership Award/Red Cross/Student Council Scholarship: Jill Nadorlik; Red Cross/Student Council Scholarship: Jamie Harris.  
Row 2 (L-R): Westmont Memorial Scholarship: Philip Wolfe; Metz and Associates Scholarship: Jason Livingston.  
Row 3 (L-R): Community Arts Center/Allied Artists Scholarships: Ashly Hunt, Carolyn Majcher



Row 1 (L-R): Rachel Carson Award: Jaime Goldman; Catherine Hubbard Memorial Award: Christie Genday; Community Foundation of the Alleghenies Scholarship: Bethany Freiwald; Westmont Peace Award: Nathan Fetsko.  
Row 2 (L-R): "Unsung Hero" Scholarships: Zachary Ankney, Leah Warmkessel; West End Lions Club Award: Jennifer Kilpatrick, Philip Wolfe

# Academic Honors & Awards

## Academic “Best” Awards

The Academic “Best” Awards were presented at the June 3 Awards Assembly at the middle school. These awards are presented to 8th grade students who are chosen to represent the academic “best” in particular subject areas. 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 several curricular categories.

Recipients of the awards for 2003-2004 are: English – **Wennie Tabib**; Math – **Utsav Bhat**; Science – **David Shelhammer**; Civics – **Sean McGhee**; Art – **Christine Novelli**; Foreign Language – **Joshua Miller** and **Stephen Shadid**; Music – **Amanda Rok**; Physical Education – **Michael Keiser**.

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

**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.

**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;



Front Row (l-r) Michael Keiser, Stephen Shadid and David Shelhammer.  
Back Row (l-r) Sean McGhee, Wennie Tabib, Christine Novelli, Amanda Rok and Utsav Bhat.

citizenship as demonstrated through school and community service; and must show initiative through class participation.

**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/achievement.

**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.

**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.

**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 Honors & Awards

## Scholastic Quiz

The Scholastic Quiz Team, presumably in a “rebuilding year,” initiated their rebuilding year with a Perfect 7-0 record and a Central-Western Scholastic Quiz Team Championship. They advanced to a Top Ten Finish in the Pennsylvania State Championship Academic Competition. Team members were **Habib Awan, Jennifer Kilpatrick, Ajay Nune, Michael Sargent, Jillian Schroeder,** and Team Captain **Philip Wolfe**. Philip was the top individual scorer at the Tartan Invitational Tournament at Carnegie Mellon University.

## Carnegie Mellon Institute for Talented Students (C-Mites)

The C-Mites program is provided 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 for 2003-2004 at the middle school are:

**Zachary Drennen  
Annabeth Faucher  
Nathan McHugh  
Julie Mercik  
Madelyn Miller  
Kyle Molchany  
David Pepley  
Francis Scarsella  
Giancarlo Scuderi  
Aaron Seigh  
Joseph Seigh  
Sarah Walko  
Daniel Wolfe**

## Middle School Reading Teams Compete

The Reading Competition teams traveled to Roosevelt Junior High School in Altoona to compete with nearly 60 other middle school teams on March 23rd. Our four teams - one sixth grade, two seventh grade, and one eighth grade - read from a list of over 40 books to prepare for the competition. Each team competed in three rounds against three different teams from

other schools, trying to correctly answer questions about the books they had read. The teams did a wonderful job and all had final scores which placed them in the top three spots at each grade level: the eighth grade team earned a second place ribbon, the seventh grade teams earned first and third place ribbons, and sixth grade earned a first place ribbon. Read on, WHMS!

Grade 6 1st Place	Grade 7 (Spring Green) 1st Place	Grade 7 (Forest Green) 3rd Place	Grade 8 2nd Place
Margaret Atterbury	Andrew Forman	Marissa Agypt	Ustav Bhat
Juliana Bukoski	Amanda Good	Kaitlyn Garbarino	Austin Brownlee
Michael Gorzelsky	Shauna Hetrick	Ashley Gilbert	Allison Eanes
Ashley Irwin	Abigail Hoover	Jordan Hudson	Grace Holbink
Kelsey Layton	Lauren Kyger	Brynne Machella	Samantha Johns
Nathan McHugh	Kristi Mitchell	Mary Mulhollen	Brittany Karsaba
Julie Mercek	Andrew Molchany	Lauren Simmons	Sahra Khan
Matthew Ponzurick	Brittany Moore	Savanna Stack	Sarah Kushnir
Michael Rudnac	Rebecca Morbito	Daniel Thompson	Adam Lasky
Giancarlo Scuderi	Abigail Motley		Katie MacDowell
Aaron Stonecypher			Sean McGhee
Christine Weidner			Patrick Moon-Rhoades
			Richard Povich
			Tiffany Schilling
			David Shelhammer
			Tracey Sojak
			Wennie Tabib

## Forensics

The Forensics Team finished in second place at District Level Competition. Team members accomplished the following:

**Kieran Layton:** District Champion in Declamation

**Nathan Fetsko:** District Champion in Prose

**Katelyn Polantz and Stephanie Volkar:** First place finish in Duo Drama

**Philip Wolfe:** Second Place in Humorous Drama

**Jeffrey Howanek:** Second place in Persuasive Category

**Ashley Acosta:** Fourth place in Poetry

**Jillian Schroeder:** Fourth Place in Commentary

**Taryn Kimel:** Fifth Place in Serious Drama

**Elyse Mendelson:** Sixth Place in Prose



## Middle School WordMasters Challenge

A student representing Westmont Hilltop recently won highest honors in this year's WordMasters Challenge—a national language arts competition entered by over 240,000 students annually, which consists of three separate meets held at intervals throughout the school year. The WordMasters challenge has been administered for the past 17 years and is dedicated to inspiring high achievement in American schools. The process involves exercises in critical thinking with the goal to develop vocabulary and higher level thinking simultaneously. Whereas most vocabulary and analogy-solving activities have been created for high school students, the WordMasters Challenge is designed for students in grades three through eight. Our students consistently rise to the challenges of learning new words and solving logical puzzles.

Our Grade 7 Team won highest honors and a 4th Place NATIONAL finish. Seventh grader **Dan Thompson** placed among the top eleven highest ranking seventh graders in the COUNTRY in the year-end cumulative standings. In addition, one of our school's students won recognition for outstanding achievement in the year's final meet. Eighth grader **Thomas Polacek** earned a PERFECT score in this meet, a feat accomplished by only 169 eighth graders nationwide.



Christina Atterbury

Fifth grader **Christina Atterbury** earned a Wordmasters medal and also a 2nd Place Certificate in Continental Math League, an unusual accomplishment.



L-R: Christine Novelli, Hannah Long, Max Smeal, Corbett Drummey, Sean McGhee, Utsav Bhat and T. J. Polacek



L-R: Shanna Hetrick, Dan Thompson, Nicholas DePriest, Lauren Kyger, Chris Kessler, Calvin Yahn

Students from the middle school who participated in this year's WordMasters Challenge are listed below.

### Grade 5 Medalists

**Christina Atterbury**  
**Zachary Drennan**

### Grade 5 Certificate Winners

**Kasey Azar**  
**Benjamin Bukoski**  
**Andrew Kilpatrick**  
**Kyle Molchany**  
**Summer Reitter**  
**Noah Shorto**  
**Keegan Terek**  
**Riley Timbs**  
**Sarah Walko**

### Grade 6 Medalists

**Sara Rogerson**  
**Aaron Stonecypher**

### Grade 6 Certificate Winners

**Juliana Bukoski**  
**Julie Mercik**  
**Zachary Ryan**  
**Francis Scarsella**  
**Giancarlo Scuderi**  
**Norman Sivi**  
**Kayla Vliet**

**Christine Weidner**  
**Rachel Yahn**

### Grade 7 Medalist

**Daniel Thompson**

### Grade 7 Certificate Winners

**Nicholas DePriest**  
**Shauna Hetrick**  
**Christopher Kessler**  
**Lauren Kyger**  
**Calvin Yahn**

### Grade 8 Medalists

**Corbett Drummey**  
**Benjamin Majcher**

### Grade 8 Certificate Winners

**Utsav Bhat**  
**Kelly Cernetich**  
**Hannah Long**  
**Sean McGhee**  
**Christine Novelli**  
**Thomas Polacek**  
**David Shelhammer**  
**Max Smeal**  
**Wennie Tabib**

# Academic Honors & Awards

## Continental Math League Awards

### Grade 8

National Winner - Medal & Certificate

**Utsav Bhat**

1st Place - Medals & Certificates

**Martin Erdley**

**Jacob Seigh**

**Daniel Vliet**

2nd Place - Medal & Certificate

**Sean McGhee**

With Distinction - Certificates

**Brendan Boyle**

**Vincent Cassone**

**Kelly Cernetich**

**Ben Majcher**

**Katee Wilson**



Front Row, L-R: Dan Vliet, Kelly Cernetich, Brenden Boyle, Utsav Bhat and Vince Cassone  
Back Row, L-R: Katee Wilson, Jacob Seigh, Sean McGhee and Martin Erdley

### Grade 7

1st Place - Medals & Certificates

**Christopher Kessler**

**Kristi Mitchell**

**Lindsey Pavlikowski**

**Joshua Swick**

**Tracy Tabib**

**Daniel Thompson**

2nd Place - Medal & Certificate

**Alexa Eplett**

With Distinction - Certificates

**Jason Concannon**

**Abigail Motley**

**Ryan Rovida**



Front Row, L-R: Tracy Tabib, Ryan Rovida, Jason Concannon, Chris Kessler and Alexa Eplett  
Back Row, L-R: Dan Thompson, Abigail Motley, Lindsey Pavlikowski and Josh Swick

## Thirty-Five Middle School Students Participate In Johns Hopkins Talent Search

Thirty-five middle school students participated in this year's Johns Hopkins Talent Search. From these students the following received an invitation to be honored for their exceptionally high math and/or verbal scores at the 2004 Johns Hopkins Center for Talented Youth ceremony held at Duquesne University on Saturday, June 12, 2004.

### Grades 7 and 8

**Utsav Bhat**

**Benjamin Majcher**

**Sean McGhee**

**Daniel Thompson**

### Grades 5 and 6

**Christina Atterbury**

**Margaret Atterbury**

**David Pepley**

**Noah Shorto**

**Sarah Walko**

**Rachel Wozniak**

## Celebration of Young Poets!

Congratulations to **Kirsten Janssen** for the publication of her poem *A Simple Question?* in *The Anthology of Poetry by Young Americans*.

Congratulations to the following students whose poems were accepted for Spring 2004 publication by Creative Communications.

### Grade 9

**Sadia Rharbite**

### Grade 8

**Kara Hull**

**Tracey Sojak**

**Wennie Tabib**

### Grade 7

**Lydia Bruce**

**Sauna Hetrick**

### Grade 5

**Annie Fiffick**

**Jamie Kessler**

**Aaron Seigh**

**Daniel Wolfe**

Entries are judged for their merit by educators and published poets.



## Academic Scholarships

Many WHHS seniors have received scholarships from their intended colleges and universities and some other organizations. Listed below are the scholarships that were announced at the Academic Assembly in June.

**Emily Bodie** – AFL-CIO Johnstown Regional Labor Council Scholarship

**Erik Bonini** – Provost's Scholarship - Indiana University of Pennsylvania

**Krista Britcher** – Athletic Scholarship – University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown

**J.D. Bruer** – Leadership Grant – St. Vincent College

**Justin Carrick** – Liberty Scholarship from Liberty University

**Nathan Fetsko** – Ben Shadin Scholarship – University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown

**Shane Gavin** – CCACC Scholarship

**Christie Genday** – Academic Scholarship – Duquesne University

**Charles Gilbert** – ROTC Scholarship – Lock Haven University

**Rebecca Giles** – Miller Scholarship – Westminster College

**Todd Glassman** – ROTC Scholarship – University of Pittsburgh

**Christopher Gonzalez** – Academic Scholarship – Susquehanna University

**Ashly Hunt** – Dean's Award from the Columbus College of Art & Design

**Jennifer Kilpatrick** – John Dickinson Scholarship at Dickinson College

**Katie Kirkpatrick** – Athletic Scholarship – Robert Morris University

**Tanya Koul** – Presidential Scholarship – University of Southern California

**Amanda Lindberg** – \$4000 Glen Francis Brown Scholarship from UPI

**Carolyn Majcher** – Full Scholarship from the Maryland Institute of Art

**Rachel Mall** – Global Citizens' Award from Goucher College and a Scholarship from Beth Shalom Congregation

**Arik Misler** – Pitt Scholar from the University of Pittsburgh

**David Mock** – Scholarship from the College of William and Mary

**Richard Nagy** – Presidential Scholarship from Duquesne University

**Ajay Nune** – Assisi Scholarship from St. Francis University

**Rebecca Stonecypher** – Athletic Scholarship – Lock Haven University

**Jessica Vrabel** – Athletic Scholarship from Slippery Rock University

**Philip Wolfe** – Johnstown Rotary Club Scholarship

**Ashley Zajdel** – Carlow Achievement Scholarship from Carlow College

## Where is the Class of 2004?

The Class of 2004 will attend the following colleges and universities:

Allegany College of Maryland  
Allegheny Highlands  
Community College  
Carlow College  
Carnegie Mellon University  
Case Western Reserve University  
Clarion University of Pennsylvania  
College of William and Mary  
Columbus College of Art  
and Design  
Conemaugh School of Nursing  
DePaul University  
Dickinson College  
Duke University  
Duquesne University  
Edinboro University of  
Pennsylvania  
Florida International University  
George Mason University  
Goucher College  
Indiana University of Pennsylvania  
James Madison University  
Liberty University  
Lock Haven University of  
Pennsylvania  
Maryland Institute College of Art  
Mercyhurst College

Mount Aloysius College  
New York University  
Penn College of Technology  
Pennsylvania State University  
Robert Morris University  
St. Francis University  
St. Vincent College  
Shippensburg University of  
Pennsylvania  
Slippery Rock University of  
Pennsylvania  
Susquehanna University  
Temple University  
Thiel College  
University of Delaware  
University of Pittsburgh  
University of Pittsburgh  
at Johnstown  
University of Southern California  
Villanova University  
Virginia Polytechnic Institute  
and State University  
West Virginia University  
Westminster College  
Westmoreland County  
Community College  
Youngstown State University

# Foreign Languages

## Foreign Language Achievement at the High School

Philip Wolfe won the overall French prize at this year's APPLES (Appalachian Language Educators' Society) Foreign Language Festival. To be eligible for the prize, a student must compete in the listening, reading, composition, and speaking proficiency events.

The following students participated in this year's APPLES Foreign Language Festival at UPJ, competing against over 400 students from more than a dozen area school districts:

FRENCH/Academic		
Student	Place	Category
French 1 <b>Allison Virus</b>	3	Reading Proficiency
French 2 <b>Sadia Rharbite</b>	2	Literary Recitation
French 4 <b>Taryn Kimmel</b>	2 (tie) 2 2	Reading Proficiency Listening Proficiency Speaking Proficiency
<b>Erin Adams</b>	1 3 1 (tie)	Speaking Proficiency Reading Proficiency Listening Proficiency
<b>Cara Pozun</b>	3	Speaking Proficiency
French 5 <b>Philip Wolfe</b>	2 1 1 2	Listening Proficiency Composition Reading Proficiency Speaking Proficiency
<b>Jill Nadorlik</b>	1 2 2	Speaking Proficiency Composition Reading Proficiency
<b>Rachel Mall</b>	3 1	Reading Proficiency Listening Proficiency
<b>Brad Strack</b>	3 3	Listening Proficiency Speaking Proficiency
SPANISH/Academic		
Student	Place	Category
Spanish 1 <b>Sadia Rharbite</b>	1	Composition
Spanish 2 <b>Rebecca Hirsch</b>	2 (tie) 1	Reading Proficiency Literary Recitation
<b>Jill Schroeder</b>	3 3	Reading Proficiency Speaking Proficiency
<b>Robert Leary</b>	1	Listening Proficiency

SPANISH/Academic		
Student	Place	Category
Spanish 3 <b>Ross Wilson</b>	3 (tie)	Literary Recitation
<b>Matthew Wilson</b>	3 (tie)	Literary Recitation
<b>Frank Eanes</b>	1 3	Speaking Proficiency Listening Proficiency
Spanish 4 <b>Sander Frank</b>	3 (tie) 2	Listening Proficiency Reading Proficiency
<b>Justin Orlosky</b>	3 (tie) 2	Listening Proficiency Speaking Proficiency
Spanish 5 <b>Jen Kilpatrick</b>	1 1 2	Literary Recitation Reading Proficiency Speaking Proficiency
<b>Tanya Koul</b>	2 1 2 (tie)	Listening Proficiency Speaking Proficiency Reading Proficiency
<b>Amanda Paxton</b>	3 3	Listening Proficiency Reading Proficiency
<b>Giselle Martinetti</b>	2 (tie) 3	Reading Proficiency Speaking Proficiency
<b>Nicole Carney</b>	1	Literary Recitation
Non-Academic: Junior Level		
<b>Michael Volkar</b>	2	Art: Original
<b>Kristen Mosbrucker &amp; Amanda Miller</b>	1	Art: Reproduction
Non-Academic: Senior Level		
<b>Jordan Long</b>	2 (tie)	Art: Reproduction
<b>Allison Virus</b>	2 (tie)	T-Shirt Design

# Elementary School Achievement

## 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. The following students earned a PERFECT score in this year's Language Arts Olympiad Test: **Ashlyn Bulas, Parag Dharbhamulla, Leah Mercik, Matthew Wehner, and Sam Whitlow.**

### Science Olympiad

#### Top Tens Grade 2



Front: Robert Elston, Rex Cosgrove, Alex Hockensmith, Briauna DeMarco. Back: Matthew Wehner, James Miller, Aaron Marko, Andy Miller

#### Grade 3



Front: Angela Sutt, Meghan Mock, Steven Zipf, Dante Horvath, Shannon Marko. Back: Jacob McLoota, Mariel Kramer, Ryan Koul, Seth Ray, Daniel Durham

#### Grade 4



Front: Rocky Truscello, Penn Whitlow, Nate Nelson, Zachary Aman, Kenny Gibson. Back: Stephen Lugar, Jonathan Findish, Ed Dreikorn, Ben Legath, Blake Bernstein

### Language Arts Olympiad Top Tens

#### Grade 2



Front: Sydney Ruis, Tierra Harris, Alex Hockensmith, Sam Whitlow, Stephen Kupchella. Back: Holly Miller, Rachelmae Pulliam, Ashlyn Bulas, Eric Thomas, Matthew Wehner

#### Grade 3



Front: Kirsten Coyle, Angela Sutt, Dante Horvath, Daniel Durham. Back: Libby Atterbury, Mariel Kramer, Ryan Koul, Seth Ray, Leah Mercik, Michael Vliet (absent when picture was taken)

#### Grade 4



Front: Kelcy Harrison, Sarah Bunyea, Penn Whitlow, Joseph Glennon, Parag Dharbhamulla. Back: Niza Scuderi, Mustafa Hammudi, Jonathan Findish, William Crowe, Zachary Aman



# Elementary School Achievement

## MS Read-A-Thon 2004

For the fourth 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 fourteen students who participated raised over \$1,500, earning the school third place

honors for fund raising! The students were recognized with certificates of participation, a variety of coupons from area businesses, plus several plaques and trophies. Congratulations to all these special readers! This year's participants included: **Victoria Albert, Chelsea Balon, Victoria Bertovich, Lewis Bechkovich, Corrin Claycomb,**

**Erica Claycomb, Rex Cosgrove, Kirsten Coyle, Stacey Glass, Kelcy Harrison, Stephanie Hetrick, David Hunt, Benjamin Katz, Sarah Layton, Brennan Love, Sarah Marley, Noah Marley, Bradley Rastall, Donald Shovestull, Nicholas Sturniolo, Angela Sutt, and Michael Young.**

## Fourth Grade Competitions

This year's fourth graders participated in two nationally sponsored events—WordMasters and Current Events. Parag Dharbhamulla earned a perfect score in the WordMasters Challenge as one of only 218 Grade 4 students in the nation to achieve this level.

The WordMasters competition is designed to increase the students' vocabulary by studying a different list of words and their meanings weekly. This year's WordMasters Challenge Top Ten participants included the students pictured below.

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 & Entertainment, Science & Health, Business & Finance, and Sports questions are all part of each meet. The students are given 35 minutes to complete the 30 questions each time.



### WordMasters Top Ten

Front: Brittany Young, Lida Thompson, Kelcy Harrison, Parag Dharbhamulla, Kenny Gibson. Back: Penn Whitlow, DeAnnah Dick, Jonathan Findish, Zachary Aman, Blake Bernstein

### Current Events Top Ten

Front: Nicole Simmons, Parag Dharbhamulla, Penn Whitlow, Jack Follansbee, Joseph Glennon. Back: Britney Smith, Lida Thompson, Zachary Aman, Matthew Masiello, Stephen Lugar



# Elementary School Achievement

## St. Jude Math-A-Thon Results

This year, nearly 50 students in first through fourth grades participated in the St. Jude Hospital's Math-a-Thon program. Children complete a booklet of math problems and ask for pledges based on the number of problems solved. These students earned a total \$2,517.02. A variety of certificates, t-shirts, and other prizes were awarded. The school also received an engraved plaque in recognition of participation in this year's event. The participants included the following students:

**Victoria Albert**  
**Libby Atterbury**  
**Leah Balsan**  
**Tierza Catalfamo**

**Lawrence Cernansky**  
**Kirsten Coyle**  
**Taylor Davis**  
**Parag Dharbhamulla**  
**Stephen DeMarco**  
**Drake Dorian**  
**Daniel Durham**  
**Christi Faucher**  
**Celina Gutierrez**  
**Stephanie Hetrick**  
**Tree Hilliard**  
**Benjamin Katz**  
**Aaron Marko**  
**Shannon Marko**  
**Maiya Mastovich**  
**Seneca Mastovich**  
**Noah McQuillan**  
**Frank Nies**  
**C.J. Peacock**  
**Donald Shovestull**  
**Britney Smith**  
**Kyleigh Smith**  
**Hayden Spangler**  
**Emily Strandquest**

**Elijah Straw**  
**Erin Suppes**  
**Jacob Suppes**  
**Emma Thomson**  
**Molly Thomson**  
**Sara Trio**  
**Andrew Varchol**  
**Penn Whitlow**  
**Sam Whitlow**  
**Ryan Wolfhope**  
**Michael Young**  
**Zachary Yonko**

Second grader **Zachary Yonko** was the top fund raiser earning \$251. The money raised helps support cancer research and the programs offered at St. Jude Children's Hospital.

## 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 to move on to the middle school, their framed art work accompanies them. Pictured below are the fourth grade artists displaying their framed pieces.



Front Row (left to right) Alyson Forman, Penn Whitlow, Libby Sherrier, Ali Petak. Back Row (left to right) Dan Trapanotto, Gina Rievel, Maggie Green, Marissa Miller

## Perfect Attendance



Sarah Layton and Marissa Miller both had five years of perfect attendance

It's an outstanding feat when a student earns an annual perfect attendance certificate. However, two elementary students took the notion of perfect attendance to another level during the 2003-2004 school year. Fourth graders **Sarah Layton** and **Marissa Miller** were both recognized during the Fourth Grade Awards ceremony for having perfect attendance...for five years! From kindergarten through fourth grade, Sarah and Marissa never missed a day of school. For their extraordinary commitment to learning, the girls received a special certificate and a \$50 savings bond.

# Citizenship & Community Recognition

## American Legion Awards

This award is presented by the American Legion Auxiliary to one 8th grade boy and one 8th grade girl. Recipients of the American Legion Awards for the 2003-2004 school year are **Katelyn Ann Rossi** and **Daniel Robert Vliet**. The criteria used to select the recipients are listed and defined below.

**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.



Daniel Vliet and Katelyn Rossi

**Service:** Kindness, unselfishness, willingness to lend a helping hand, protection to the weak, and prefer-

ment 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 perform the duties of leadership assigned to one as exemplified in holding of office, committees, etc., and exhibition of good team play.

**Courage:** Moral courage to stand up for what is right, and physical courage in games and play.

## 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.



Left to Right: Matthew Heider, Christine Weidner, Jamie Kessler and Rebecca Barron

Recipients of the award for 2003-2004 are:

Grade 5	Grade 6	Grade 7	Grade 8
<b>Matthew Heider</b>	<b>Rebecca Barron</b>	<b>Brett Hegadus</b>	<b>Mariam Shaker</b>
<b>Jamie Kessler</b>	<b>Christine Weidner</b>	<b>Lauren Simmons</b>	<b>Wennie Tabib</b>
			<b>Derek Yates</b>



# Citizenship and Community Recognition

## Senatorial "Good Citizenship Award"



Stephen Shadid

Senator John Wozniak presented the Senatorial "Good Citizenship Award" this year, giving special recognition to the student who best met the following criteria:

- **Superior academic achievement**
- **Leadership abilities**
- **Consistent work habits**
- **Good self image**
- **Ability to get along well with others**

Recipient of this award for the 2003-2004 school year was **Stephen Donald Shadid**.

## Ray A. Kroc Youth Achievement Award



Jill DeSignore

The Ray A. Kroc Youth Achievement Award for 2003-2004 at the middle school was awarded to **Jill DeSignore**. The award, presented by McDonald's, is given to an eighth grader who demonstrates the following positive attributes: citizenship, leadership, scholarship, and sportsmanship.

## Community Service

Dance/Homecoming Committee Chairpersons **Amanda Lindberg** and **Marty Vrabel** and their committee earned almost \$1,000 for the National Children's Cancer Society with a charity video dance April 2, 2004.

Community Service Chairpersons **Jamie Harris** and **Katelyn Polantz** and their committee held a second blood drive collecting 66 pints of blood on April 23, 2004. Combined with the November total of 83 pints Westmont Hilltop donated 149 pints earning a \$500 scholarship for students at our school.

**Jill Nadorlik** was instrumental in organizing an Anti-apathy month through an Interclub Council that was organized earlier in the year by her and other Student Council officers. Various clubs held activities that raised money for the National Children's Cancer Society. Her leadership in Student Council this year was outstanding, leading to many accomplishments and activities.

## Special Acknowledgements

**Daniel Vliet** led the Student Government at the middle school in Operation Westmont Cares, a program through which students were able to contribute toward support of our troops in Iraq. The middle school had a special assembly in the spring during which our student government was recognized by our servicemen for their support.

The Johnstown Exchange Club recognized senior **Philip Wolfe** as the student of the month.

**Kristen Wilson** was selected as the recipient of the Achievement Award at the Young Artists' exhibit.

Second grader **James Miller** provided community service

through the Morley's Dog Fundraising project. His efforts will help to fund the renewal of the statue in the downtown park.

We acknowledge **Paul Rizzo's** contribution to the new design and creative look of our website. Paul generously shared his talent with the community through his dedication of time and effort.

**Aaron Gorka** and **Nicholas Keklak** contributed to the preparation for the Cambria County Bicentennial Celebration through the creation of a banner in honor of the event.

# Performing Arts

## District Instrumental, Vocal, and Drama Performers Shine

Westmont Hilltop students continued a long tradition of excellence in Performing Arts Competitions throughout the 2003-2004 school year. Among the most notable accomplishments are the following:

### Instrumental Performance

Both the Middle School and High School Percussion Ensembles won Gold Medals and the High School Indoor Guard won a Silver Medal at the Atlantic Coast Indoor Competition in Atlantic City in May. **Rebekah Stonecypher** earned First Chair at PMEA District Band Pre-Auditions. **Kali Antolik**, **Charles Gilbert**, and **Elizabeth Povich** qualified for Regional Orchestra.

### Vocal Performance

**Erik Bonini**, **Lauren Fisher**, **Jason Livingston**, **Carolyn Majcher**, **Elyse Mendelson**, **Christopher Shadid**, **Erin Sheridan**, **Karlee Smith**, and **Philip Wolfe** repre-

sented Westmont Hilltop in Regional Chorus.

### Drama Performance

Theatre Club Finished in Fourth Place at the State Drama Championship. **Stephanie Volkar** was named to the All-State Cast at the State Drama Championship.

### Band

We are particularly proud of and grateful to the group of patriotic

band members who agreed to provide representation for the Westmont Hilltop School District at the Memorial Day service that began at the Middle School and concluded at Grandview. Our students played *God Bless America* and the National Anthem in the pouring rain with no less decorum, enthusiasm, and talent than usual. Special thanks are extended to **Charles Gilbert** for his motivational and organizational contributions.



Left to right: Leah Young, Luke Young, Matthew Wagner and Jason Dailey

## Special Events

### Stock Market Game

The Stock Market Game has become an annual event for seventh and eighth grade students at Westmont Hilltop Middle School. Students from math classes taught by Mr. Mitchell, Mrs. Stiles, and Ms. Reilly competed this spring. Students were given \$100,000 of fake capital to begin the game. Teams then decide whether they should use this "capital" to buy, short sell, short cover, or sell stocks of their

choosing. The team is permitted to borrow as much money as needed, but the loan must be repaid. Teams have the opportunity to buy as many stocks as often as possible. Each team is given ten weeks to meet, make buy/sell/borrow decisions, and watch their investments grow. At the end of the ten-week period, the teams' total profits are counted and the team with the highest money value is the winner.

An added bonus was added to this year's game. The top two teams were treated to a meal at Hoss's Steak and Seafood Restaurant.

This year's winning team of **Jonathan Heider**, **Vincent Hutzell**, **Patrick Moon-Rhoades**, and **Calvin Yahn** finished the game with \$111,437.93. The second-place team of **Ashley Heslop**, **Bradley Jasper**, and **Michael Johns** ended with \$107,821.95.

## 5th Grade Continues Ridgeville Tradition

On May 19th, the 5th grade class marched on the Ridge in Upper Yoder Township for its annual Civil War Day. After marching to the Ridge, the students participated in stations that enhanced their classroom learning of the Civil War. These stations included a Civil War hospital, Civil War games, sewing, and a re-enactors' campground.

Students were then treated to a Civil War lunch consisting of chicken, cornbread, and cobbler, much like a soldier of the period would have eaten.

After lunch, guest speakers presented on topics such as Civil

War nutrition and the role of women in the Civil War.

The "Battle of Ridgeville" awed spectators who had assembled to watch as the North triumphed over the South once again. Fifth grader **Andrew Kilpatrick** completed the day as he became Abraham Lincoln and presented information on his life, followed by the Gettysburg Address.

Students from Mr. Yonko's High School U.S. Cultures I classes assisted the 5th grade teachers in this year's event, along with 27 parent volunteers.

## Civil War Demonstration at High School

Carpenter's Battery was invited to present a Living History program at Westmont Hilltop High School on Friday, May 7. Students were given the opportunity to actually see a Civil War cannon replica fire "dummy" rounds on the athletic fields. The members of Carpenter's Battery were in full battle uniforms with authentic equipment used by the North and South during the Civil War. Mr. Mark Yonko, the 9th Grade U.S. Cultures I teacher at the high school, coordinated the event.

Thanks to Corporal Debra Woods and Privates David Hoffer, Bobbie Hoffer, and Jim Monticue for their help in making this program such a success. Eight classes of high school students were involved in the 3 demonstrations that were presented.

The demonstration was covered by television stations WJAC and WWCP in Johnstown. Both stations had very favorable comments about the program and had some excellent video.

Thanks again to Mr. Yonko, the other teachers involved, and our crew for making history come to life for our students.

## Students Build Civil War Era Telegraphs

Students in Mr. Callihan's 5th grade science classes built telegraphs to coincide with the Civil War Day at Ridgeville. Students constructed the telegraph "machines" out of materials that included nails, wood blocks, sheet metal, and wire. Assistance from Mr. Testa's industrial technology shop was used as the students were responsible for the total construction of the telegraphs from raw materials. The students used previous knowledge gained from experiments with circuits, and the use of magnets to complete the project.

The original telegraph system, set up by Samuel Morse back in 1837, used electromagnets and switches in a series circuit to instantly send a signal via a system of "dots" and "dashes" over a great distance. Our students built their own electromagnets and completed the circuit to send messages to classmates. The final step was to combine two units together to send messages back and forth. Fifth grader **Corbin Nulton** commented, "It was fun, but hard work. We learned a lot about electricity and magnets." The project emphasized that communication during the Civil War was often difficult.

### In Honor Of...

You can submit a donation to the **Westmont Hilltop School District Endowment Fund** in honor of student accomplishment or in support of a particular event or educational activity that you wish to sustain in perpetuity. To do so, call the Community Foundation for the Alleghenies at 536-7741 or log onto their web site at <http://www.cfalleghenies.org>, and request to make a contribution to the Westmont Hilltop School District Endowment Fund. The establishment of this permanent endowment has given the school district a new way to support the needs of students and the school community. Donations can be made in recognition of the accomplishments and needs that donors identify as important to them and to our community. The endowment provides an opportunity to contribute something of great value to our school.



# Sports Achievement

## 2003-2004 Individual Excellence Award

### Outstanding Male Athlete David Mock

David Mock was awarded the Outstanding Male Athlete Award at the Athletic Awards Assembly. Dave earned eleven varsity letters during his career at Westmont Hilltop – three in hockey and four each in cross country and track. During his senior season, Dave won the PIAA AA State Championship in cross country during the fall season and in the 3200 meter race in track this spring. He was also the state runner-up in the 1600 meter race. In four years of competition, Dave lost only one dual meet in cross country – to last year's Outstanding Male Athlete Steve Gonzalez. In track, he holds the course records at all Laurel Highlands Athletic Conference schools. Dave also holds school records in the 800, 1600, and 3200 meter runs, as well as anchoring this year's school record-setting 3200 meter relay team. During his senior season, Dave was the Laurel Highlands Athletic Conference and District 6 AA champion in both the 1600 and 3200 meter runs. Dave is a member of the National Honor Society and will continue his education while competing in athletics at William and Mary in the fall.

### Outstanding Female Athlete Krista Britcher

Krista Britcher was awarded the Outstanding Female Athlete Award at the Athletic Awards Assembly. Krista earned ten varsity letters as a student-athlete at Westmont Hilltop – four in track and three each in volleyball and basketball. She led the Lady Hilltoppers in scoring both her sophomore and junior years in basketball. During her junior year in



Krista Britcher and David Mock

track, Krista broke a fifteen-year-old school record in shotput competition. Krista sustained an injury during the summer prior to her senior year which prevented her from fully participating in sports during her senior year. Despite her limited playing time in basketball as a senior, she was invited to play in both the Summit Quest and Big John Riley All-Star basketball games. Krista will attend the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown in the fall to continue her education and athletic careers.

## Undefeated Boys' Tennis Team Captured Championship Again!

### Ankney and Nune Reach Milestones

The Boys' Tennis Team finished the season with an undefeated (14-0) record this spring. The team has now won the Laurel Highlands Conference Team Championship 15 of the past 21 years. The Hilltoppers were led by seniors **Zachary Ankney** and **Ajay Nune**. Ajay achieved membership in the "Century Club" with his 100th win in the final match of the year. Zachary was undefeated in singles and doubles this year and achieved 50 career wins for the district.

**Luke Miller** (19-1) and **Rich Nagy** (17-0) played Nune and Ankney, as our two top doubles teams met in the finals of District 6 play, contributing to Westmont Hilltop tennis history. Nune and Ankney won a close 6-4, 6-2 match.

Our other doubles team of **Nick Rys** and **Brad Strack** also made significant contributions to our undefeated season as they helped seal many of our victories. **Sander Frank** and **Bill Lusk** played aggressively, and our newcomers to the team, **Dan Gore** and **Nick Kirkstadt**, were undefeated as well.

## Sports Highlights

### Tennis

Both the Girls' and Boys' Tennis Teams delivered undefeated seasons and won Laurel Highlands Athletic Conference Championships.

Zachary Ankney and Ajay Nune won the PIAA District 6 Doubles Tennis Championship and advanced to State Level competition.

Priya Narahari won the District 6 Tennis Championship and earned a Fourth Place finish in the PIAA State Tennis Tournament.

Meghan Machella and Samantha Savit advanced to the finals in District 6 Girls' Tennis.

### Track

The Boys' Track Team won the West Central Coaches' Track and Field Meet.

The Boys' 3200 Relay Team placed first and broke a 31-year school record at the West Central Coaches' Track and Field meet.

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## Athletic Awards Day Award Recipients

David Coulson Award - Outstanding Football Player: **Aaron Gorka**

Herdman-Dailey Award - Outstanding Girls' Track: **Kaitlyn Urban**

Herdman-Dailey Award - Outstanding Boys' Track: **Brad Kanuch/Dave Mock**

Lori Blackburn Memorial Award - Track Team Dedication: **Darin Brownlee/Heather Ryan**

Dr. Michael Sewak Award - Outstanding Girls' Basketball Player: **Sara Buchan**

Skip Pristow Award - Outstanding Boys' Basketball Player: **Jon Mahler/Jasen Peters**

William Askey Award - Outstanding Volleyball Player: **Katie Thomas**

Ellwood Ailes Award - Outstanding Baseball Player: **Chris Hartland**

John P. Horthy Award - Outstanding Softball Players: **Jessica Vrabel/Nicki Waligora**

Claycomb Coach's Award - Outstanding Wrestler: **Derek Krouse**

Ken Null Memorial Award - Most Falls: **Derek Krouse**

Jerry Griffith Award - Most Dedicated: **Kyle Patton/Luke Patton/Andy Slobozien**

J.P. Conway Award - Most Improved Wrestler: **Mike Bair**

Milt Lantz Scholarship Award: **Derek Krouse**

David J. Murphy Award - Outstanding Hockey Player: **Pat Krumenacker**

James Cardiff Award - Unsung Hero: **Kyle Harnish**

Clayton C. Dovey III - Player's Player: **Patrick Krumenacker**

Outstanding Offensive Hockey Player: **Kevin Gleason**

Outstanding Defensive Hockey Player: **Anthony DeMarco**

Most Improved Hockey Player: **Ashleigh Kowtoniuk**

Outstanding Boys' Cross Country Runner: **David Mock**

Outstanding Girls' Cross Country Runner: **Danielle Pozun**

Corona & Grady Coaches' Award - Outstanding Boys' Soccer Players: **Justin Casella**

John Saracena Coach's Award - Outstanding Girls' Soccer Player: **Katie Kirkpatrick**

Outstanding Girls' Swimmer: **Becky Giles/Jen Price**

Dr. William J. Hargreaves Award - Outstanding Male Golfer: **Ben Wolfe**

Outstanding Female Golfer: **Madeleine Lovette**

Robert A. Gleason Award - Outstanding Boys' Tennis Players: **Ajay Nune/Zach Ankney**

Adele Dovey Award - Outstanding Girls' Tennis Player: **Priya Narahari**

## Sports Highlights Continued from page 18

David Mock set a new meet record in the Two Mile Run at the Igloo Invitational, set new school records in the 1600 and 3200 Meter Runs, and was the PIAA STATE CHAMPION in the 3200 Meter Race at the state track meet.

Bradley Kanuch set a new school record in the Triple Jump and finished in first place in the 100 Meter Dash, Long Jump, and Triple Jump at the West Central Coaches' meet. He finished in first place in the 100 and 200 meter dashes and triple jump at the Igloo Invitational.

The Girls' 1600 Relay Team and the Girls' 3200 Relay Team set new school records.

Danielle Pozun placed third in the 3200 Meter Run at the Igloo Invitational and set a new school record in the 3200 Meter Run.

Kaitlin Urban won First Place in the 800 Meter Run at the West Central Coaches' Track and Field meet and placed third in the 800 Meter Run at the Igloo Invitational.

Alex Kring set a new school record in the 110 hurdles.

### Wrestling

The Varsity Wrestling Team earned first place honors in both the Conemaugh Township and Bucktail Tournaments, and finished second in the Boneyard Bash Tournament.

The Junior High Wrestling Team won the LHAC Conference Championship with an undefeated season.

Michael Bair and Kyle Patton advanced to Regional Wrestling Competition.

Dan Golias and Brandon Curtis won first place

honors; Kyle Patton, second place; Bryan Dumire, third; and Michael Bair placed fourth in the Boneyard Bash Tournament.

### Basketball

The Boys' and Girls' Varsity Basketball Teams won District 6 Championships this year.

The Girls' Varsity Basketball Team won the LHAC and District 6 Championship.

Both teams also captured championships in the season-opening Hilltopper Classic with Jason Peters earning MVP in the boys' tournament. Kaitlin Urban was named to the All-Tournament Team in the girls' tournament.

Boys' Junior High Basketball Team won the LHAC Championship.

The Girls' Basketball Team won First Place in the Bellwood Holiday Tournament.

The Boys' Basketball Team captured first place in the UPJ Tournament.

### Cross Country

The Boys' Cross Country Team were the undefeated LHAC Champions.

The Girls' Cross Country Team finished in second place in the LHAC.

David Mock won the Steel City Cross Country Invitational and set a new course record. He became the LHAC Meet Champion, the District 6 Champion, and the PIAA STATE CHAMPION in cross country.

Frank Eanes delivered a fifth place finish in the PIAA State Cross Country Competition.

Travis Dean, Danielle Pozun, and Kaitlin Urban advanced to state level competition in cross

country.

### Swimming

The Girls' Swimming Team won the Central Western Alleghenies Aqua Conference Championship and placed second in regional competition.

Rebecca Giles, Kristina Nagy, Caitlin Motley, Jennifer Price, Sarah Sahlaney, and Laura Stefanik advanced to PIAA State Level Competition.

Rebecca Giles set school records in the 100 Meter Butterfly and 100 Meter Breaststroke.

Jennifer Price set new school records in the 50/200/500 Freestyle Competitions and set a pool record in Altoona as well.

### Soccer

The Girls' Soccer Team won the LHAC and District 6 Championships.

The Boys' Soccer Team won the LHAC Championship.

### Golf

Madeleine Lovett won the District 6 Girls' Championship and went on to capture the PIAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP in golf.

Our Golf Team won the Laurel Highlands Athletic Conference Championship.

Benjamin Wolfe was Medalist in the Bolton Memorial Tournament in State College.

### Football

Aaron Gorka was a starting lineman in the Ken Lantzy Game. He was named as MVP for Football for the 2003 season.

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