



CLASS OFFICERS — Sacred Heart Academy has elected the Freshwomen class officers for this year (from left to right) Treasurer Leah Biddle of Orchard Park, Executive Board Member Emalie Herberger of Clarence, President Stephanie Lash of Lockport, Vice President Kelsey McArthur of Amherst, and Secretary Jennifer Cannon of the Town of Tonawanda. Officers plan and participate in student counsel sponsored events, act as ambassadors for the school, and appear on in-school morning TV announcements.

Former Amherst student takes part in World Model UN

In March, approximately 1,500 students from around the globe will gather in Geneva, Switzerland, for the largest student Model United Nations Conference, the Harvard World Model UN.

Included is Elizabeth Rivard, 23, a 2001 graduate of Amherst High School.

"I am excited to participate in WorldMUN, as I have always been interested in international relations and it will be a great way to learn more about UN policy making and the workings of multinational organizations," she said. "I am particularly looking forward to meeting other students from around the world and discussing various cultural and political perspectives on international issues."

Among the participants will be a team of students from Warsaw University, the first team from a Polish university to participate in such an event.

Model UN conferences provide students with the opportunity to simulate the activities of the UN General Assembly, the UN Security Council and other multinational decision-making institutions. Interestingly, although the first Harvard Model UN conference was held in Miedzyzdroje, Poland, in 1991, no Polish delegations have participated since.

This year, a team of eight students studying international relations, diplomacy, law, economics and philosophy will be participating.

The team will represent Singapore and St. Kitts and Nevis in UN committees, such as the World Trade Organization, World Health Organization and the International Labor Organization. In order to prepare for the conference, students research the issues relevant to the UN committee they will be participating in and familiarize themselves with the affairs of the country they will represent. Not only is it an opportunity to experience the UN decision-making process first-hand, but it is also a chance to meet young people with similar interests from across the globe.

Rivard graduated from Canisius College in 2005 after majoring in marketing and international business. She has studied in Poland, Spain and South Africa.

The team is currently looking for donations or sponsors in order to help offset the costs of attending the event, particularly as some of the students may not be able to participate otherwise. For more information on this project and how to donate, contact Rivard at erivard83@gmail.com.

St. Leo the Great School names honor rolls

St. Leo the Great School in Amherst announces the following students who obtained honor roll and merit awards for the second marking period:

Fourth Grade

First Honors: Caterina Fiorotto, Cheyenne Freely. **Second Honors:** Peter Evancho, Alexandra Kamieniarz, Kenneth Meshlovitz, Emma Ruggiero, Robert Siegler, Kaitlyn Sotka. **Merit Roll:** Johnathan Block, Saabira Curry.

Fifth Grade

First Honors: Kaitlyn Alcazaren, Hani Al-Jabi Lopez, Alex Goldbach, Joseph Segelhurst. **Second Honors:** Megan Abramo, Ryan Ruggiero, Benjamin Barrick, Chelsea Smith, Cameron Fryer, Shawn Stuber, Peter Knox, Alexander Walfrand. **Merit Roll:** Marissa McCabe, Jeremy Ruggiero

Sixth Grade

First Honors: Hadi Al-Jabi Lopez, Mitchell Os-

trowski, Vincent DiRienzo, Tyler Re, Myranda Empric, Christian Veress, Kristen Knoll, Rebekah White, Sarah Knox. **Second Honors:** Lauren Ackerman, Kaitlyn Cavanaugh, Robert Janish. **Merit Roll:** Paul Broxup

Seventh Grade

First Honors: Channing McCabe. **Second Honors:** Robert Cerasa, Nicholas Mambretti, Jessica Fenter, Christopher Serio, Katherine Ferreri, Richard Wiorowski, Victoria Hector. **Merit Roll:** Claire Lepovich.

Eighth Grade

First Honors: Mary Kate Benzinger, Megan Kelly, Catherine Maier. **Second Honors:** Joseph Adinolfi, Shauna Murphy, Sarah Broxup, Michael Segelhurst, Zachary Derrico, Isusan Brar. **Merit Roll:** Lea Anderson, Eric Knox, Matthew Kondziela, Elise Siegler.

Walk the Villages steps into third year

Sen. Mary Lou Rath's Walk the Villages program is gearing up for year number three in June.

Clarence, Akron, Kenmore, and Williamsville have participated for two years, with last year's program expanding to include Batavia and LeRoy in Genesee County.

"We were so impressed with the number of people who walked last year," said general coordinator Dick Rich. "Roughly 82 percent of those who walked in Williamsville were visitors to the community, providing new customers for local businesses.

He said this year's Walk the Villages wants to give that opportunity to more communities in Western New York.

"We are hopeful that they will

realize not only the health but the economic benefits that the Walk the Villages program can provide," Rich said.

The Walk the Villages Committee, which includes representatives from all six communities involved, is looking to expand the program once again, this time across Western New York.

"The past two years have gone so well, that many people from outside of my district have asked how Walk the Villages could run in their towns, so we knew we had to provide them with the opportunity to participate," said Rath, whose state Senate district includes Clarence and Amherst.

"Adding areas outside of my district will allow people to experience all of Western New York, not just

their own communities," she said.

As chairman of the Senate Committee on Tourism, Recreation and Sports Development, Rath said she is hopeful that the proposed expansion will increase tourism to all of the "villages" that participate.

"I want to encourage people to continue walking for health and wellness as well as to take time to appreciate what our home and neighboring communities have to offer," she said.

Last year's program ran from June until October, drawing even more walkers than the first year. Local merchants in each community also participated by donating prizes as incentives to not only walk but stop into various stores and businesses along the way.

Tax preparation services available at UB North

Students in the University at Buffalo's School of Management who belong to Beta Alpha Psi, the national honor society for accounting and finance students, will offer free tax preparation services to the Western New York community this tax season.

The free service will be available to individuals and families with an annual income of less than \$39,000. Tax preparation services will be offered from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 24 and 25 and April 7, 8, 14 and 15 in 143 Park Hall on UB's North Amherst Campus.

To participate, candidates must bring proof of identification; Social Security card; date of birth for self, spouse and dependents; wage and earning statements (forms W-2 and 1099) from all employers; interest and dividend statements

from banks (form 1099); a copy of last year's federal and state tax returns, if available; and bank routing numbers and account numbers for direct deposit.

Tax preparation for nonresident aliens requires special processing that is beyond the scope of the services provided by Beta Alpha Psi. UB international students on a nonimmigrant visa should visit UB's International Student and Scholar Services at <http://wings.buffalo.edu/intlservices/workdesc.html#tax> for more information.

Questions about this service at the Park Hall site can be sent to Tim Hilker, Beta Alpha Psi president, at tmhilker@buffalo.edu, or Cynthia Shore, assistant dean for corporate and community relations, at cshore@buffalo.edu.

Tops helps prevent poisonings in the home

Approximately 85,000 children are hospitalized each year due to unintentional poisoning. More than 90 percent of these poisonings occur in the home, and most result from the ingestion of common household products, according to the Poison Prevention Week Council and the U. S. Consumer Product Safety Commission.

In recognition of National Poison Prevention Week, March 18-24, Tops Markets and Martin's Super Food Stores want to emphasize the responsibility of parents, grandparents and other caregivers in preventing poisonings at home.

Free children's poison prevention activity books will be available at all Tops/Martin's pharmacies and include information to help educate children about the dangers of poisons.

Parents need to be watchful when household chemicals or drugs are being used, because many poisoning incidents occur when adults are using a product, but are distracted for a few minutes. In addition, the stores will be distributing stickers to go on or near telephones with the Poison Control Hotline phone number, 1-800-222-1222.

Tops/Martin's is partnering with Women and Children's Hospital of Buffalo to hold general information sessions throughout National Poison Prevention Week for customers to ask questions about poison prevention.

In Amherst, the session will be held from 9 a.m. to noon Wednesday, March 21, at 2351 Maple Road.

For more information on National Poison Prevention Week, visit www.poisonprevention.org.

Christian Central Academy names students to honor, merit rolls

The following Amherst students at Christian Central Academy have been named to the high honor, honor or merit rolls for the second marking period school year:

High Honor Roll

Grade six — Kayla Burt; grade 10 — Nathan Kindred and Sarah Caputi; grade 11 — Meredith McLaughlin and Andrew Moser

Honor Roll

Grade five — Hailey Rose Gattuso, Shawn Marie Cammarano, Daila Miller, Caroline Ranallo; grade six — Oluwagbemisola Abiola, Rose Albert, Sara Kim, Brandon Mohr; grade seven — Nathan Holmes, Nathaniel Jacobs, Olurotimi Owolabi, Shade Douglas, Jennifer Ebert; grade eight

Merit Roll

Grade five — Zoe Bowman, Carlee Cockrell, Sabrina Senior, Lauren Torrisi; grade six — Nikki Baker, Brianna Drozda, Elliot Smith, Heather Hale, Jessica Rubino, Janelle Wolanyk; grade seven — Rachel Cook, Madison Jezioro, Danielle Miller; grade eight — Haley Hale, Kristen McLaughlin; grade nine — Faye-Lyne Noel, Angela Roan, Jason Wolanyk; grade 10 — Megan Salzman, Elizabeth McCluskey; grade 11 — Lisa Marie Heath, Kristen Ganze

Grade nine — Gabriel Chen, Andrew Mohr; grade nine — Adebukola Abiola, Emily Faracca, Rebekah Moser, Amy Albert, Megan McCluskey; grade 10 — Rachel Caputi, Nicole Faracca; grade 11 — Akanimo Akpan; grade 12 — Jessica Ganze, Jordan Chen, David Jeff, Aaron Van Schoonhoven