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#### 97 SENIORS INDUCTED IN **NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY**

Some 97 seniors inducted into the Watchung Hills Regional High School chapter of the National Honor Society, on Thursday, Dec. 3, in the school's Performing Arts Center.

Family, friends and school officials gathered to witness the induction, and to hear words from the teacher that this year's newest chapter members selected as their Teacher of the Year: Social Studies Teacher Greg Biniukow. The Teacher of the Year is also inducted as an Honorary Member of the National Honor Society.

Biniukow is in his 11th year teaching at Watchung Hills, and has taught during that time Modern European History, U.S. History 1, and AP European History. He also acts as advisor to the Mock Trial student activity.

In thanking the students for selecting him, Biniukow said he was humbled, and added he had never before been selected for such an honor.

"Thank you for allowing me to celebrate this night with you," he said.

He said he felt privileged and grateful when he was hired "to work at such a great school district and community. Tonight, I fell privileged and grateful again."

Students Dana Bernhaut of Watchung, Palmer Ferrara of Warren Township, Jack Lane of Watchung and Shivam Patel of Green Brook Township spoke about Biniukow. They said he is approachable, easy to talk to, dedicated and a hard worker.

"His class was demanding," said Bernhaut. "Tests were very challenging, and his essays were very difficult as well. We were often assigned large homework notes packets that could take hours to complete. Mr. Biniukow's class put a lot on our plates, but for as much effort as we put into our studies, Mr. Biniukow exceeded in his commitment to helping us to succeed."

Despite being a demanding class, the students said, Mr. Biniukow's passion and interest in teaching made the class enjoyable.

Connell Rae has been selected president of the Watchung Hills 2015 chapter. Vice President is Jillian Carbone, Secretary is Alyssa Rosenblum, and Treasurer is Ajey Gangwani. Community Service Coordinators are Sylvia Baeyens and Lizann Sung, and Tutoring Coordinators are Indeevar Beeram and Ari Scherzer.

Chemistry Teacher Michelle Madigan is advisor to the National Honor Society. She said this was the 37th annual induction ceremony of National Honor Society members at Watchung Hills. The National Honor Society was founded in 1921. According to society history, the objectives of the



(above) Some 97 seniors inducted into the Watchung Hills Regional High School chapter of the National Honor Society, on Thursday, Dec. 3, in the school's Performing Arts Center. Among the guests and faculty are, from left, Chemistry Teacher and Faculty Advisor Michelle Madigan; students Community Service Coordinators Sylvia Baeyens of Stirling, Treasurer Ajey Gangwani of Green Brook Township; Vice president Jillian Carbone of Gillette, President Connell Rae of Millington, Secretary Alyssa Rosenblum of Millington, and Tutoring Coordinators Indeevar Beeram of Green Brook Township and Ari Scherzer of Warren Township; and Social Studies Teacher Greg Biniukow, who was selected by the new inductees as their Teacher of the Year.

National Honor Society have been "to create an enthusiasm for scholarship, to stimulate a desire to render service, to promote worthy leadership, and to encourage the development of character in the nation's secondary school students."

Inductee David Kalwicz led the Pledge of Allegiance. Superintendent Elizabeth Jewett welcomed parents and students to the ceremony, and Principal George Alexis gave congratulatory remarks. Chapter Student Vice President Carbone played piano as guests gathered in the Performing Arts Center.

Watchung Hills chapter inductees reviewed for the audience the National Honor Society's cardinal principles: Character, Scholarship, Leadership and Community Service. Discussing what character means was Natasha Hunter; what Scholarship means was Vivian Chen and Isis Zhang; what Leadership means was Lauren Stone and Giuliana Popolillo; and what Community Service means was Allison Bernstein and Parima Kadikar.

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## 11 STUDENTS AT WATCHUNG HILLS REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL SELECTED FOR CENTRAL JERSEY REGIONAL CHORUS

Eleven student singers at Watchung Hills Regional High School have earned appointment to the New Jersey School Music Association (NJSMA) Central Jersey Regional Chorus.

Choral music teacher Angela DiIorio Bird said it is significant to have so many students from one school selected for Regional Chorus.

"More than 500 students auditioned for these prestigious choruses," DiIorio Bird said. "This is a tremendous honor for the school. The choruses feature the top singers throughout all of Central New Jersey. The audition process is extensive. Students worked with me twice a week to prepare for their audition."

Rehearsals are held in January. The concert will be held on Saturday, Jan. 30, at Monroe Township High School."

The students selected include:

For the Women's Choir: Kyra Anthony, freshman, Soprano II; Angelina Carrano, freshman, Soprano II; Anchal Dhir, freshman, Soprano II; Allison Horvath, junior, Soprano I; Hannah Melillo, junior, Alto I; and Veronica Mu, junior, Alto II.

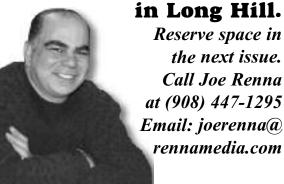
For Mixed Choir: Eric Bautista, senior, Tenor I; Nikhil Bhat, junior, Tenor II; Angela Celeste, senior, Soprano II; David Kalwicz, senior, Bass I; and Kira Leinwand, junior, Soprano II.



(above) Eleven student singers at Watchung Hills Regional High School have earned appointment to the New Jersey School Music Association (NJSMA) Central Jersey Regional Chorus. Gathered after participating in the Winter Choral Concert Friday, Dec. 18, at Watchung Hills Regional High School, are Choral Music Teacher Angela DiIorio Bird, front row left, and Central Jersey Regional Chorus members, front row, from left, Kira Leinwand, Angela Celeste, Kyra Anthony, Allison Horvath and Veronica Mu; and back row, from left, Angie Carrano, Anchal Dhir, Eric Bautista, David Kalwicz, Nikhil Bhat, and Hannah Melillo.



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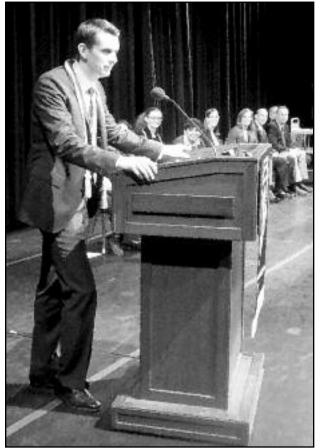












(above) The new members of the 2015
Watchung Hills chapter of the National Honor
Society Teacher of the Year, Greg Biniukow,
thanked the students for selecting him, and
recalled happy memories as their social studies
teacher. Among the other people on stage who
can be recognized in the background are, from
left: Students Alyssa Rosenblum of Millington
and Ajey Gangwani of Breen Brook Township;
faculty advisor and Chemistry Teacher
Michelle Madigan; Superintendent Elizabeth
Jewett; Principal George Alexis, and Vice
Principals Steven Searfoss and, partially
blocked, Terry MacConnell.

(right) Eight friends inducted into the National Honor Society gather in the school's atrium after the ceremony. They are, from left: Jenna Charko, Lori Engler, Kayla Purcell and Teresa Nguyen, all of Warren Township; Tiffany Lin of Stirling; Lizzie Buckley of Warren Township, Sylvia Baeyens of Stirling and Natasha Hunter of Warren Township.

### NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY (continued)

The National Honor Society Pledge is: "I pledge to uphold the high purpose of the National Honor Society to which I have been selected. I will be true to the principles for which it stands: to maintain my high scholastic standing, to hold as fundamental and worthy an untarnished character, to endeavor intelligently and courageously to be a leader, and to give myself freely in service to others."

Inductees received certificates and gold honor cords from Vice Principals Steven Searfoss and Terry MacConnell, Principal Alexis and Superintendent. Honor cords are worn at graduation. Student inductee Rohan Shah presented closing remarks.

This year's National Honor Society Inductees are: Brooke Aldrich, Hannah Ambinder, Sylvia Baeyens, Rosemarie Baratta, Claire Barrameda, Matthew Battipaglia, Indeevar Beeram, Dana Bernhaut, Allison Bernstein, Kevin Bhattacharyya, Elizabeth Buckley, Jillian Carbone, Timothy Cardona, Jenna Charko, Stephanie Chavanne, Claire Chen, Vivian Chen, Kristin Chin, Olivia Ciraulo, Matthew Corbin, and Lauren Cunningham; and

Also, Brian Dempsey, Lori Engler, Palmer

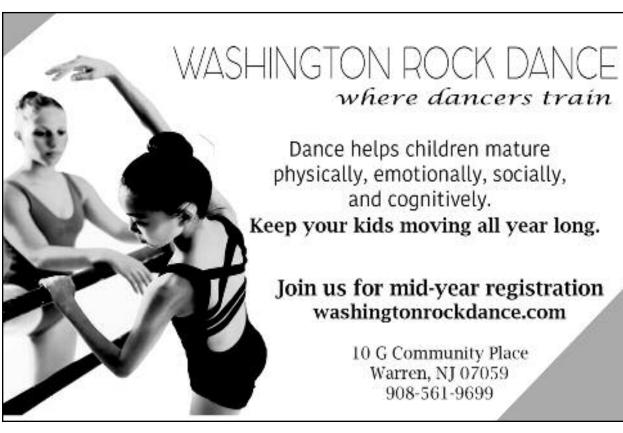
Ferrara, James Finnegan, Joshua Gallic, Ajey Gangwani, Molly Garyantes, Ryan Goldberg, Adam Goldstein, Michelle Guo, Ross Heilberg, Alexandra Hentschel, Rachel Hertzberg, Amanda Hopeck, Timothy Hsueh, Jeffrey Huang, Shailaja Humane, Natasha Hunter and Abigail Ingber; and

Also Parima Kadikar, David Kalwicz, Sohil Kapadia, Christina Karsos, Jake Karossy, Jack Lane, Devon Lauderdale, Tiffany Lin, Kevin Liu, Natalia Livcha, Lauren Loesberg, Brianna Martins, Paula Moszczynski, Teresa Nguyen, Kelly Novak, Rachel Oberman, Justin Panzarino, Nicole Parisi, Kunwoo Park, Anjali Patel, Pooja Patel, Shivam Patel, William Patterson, Giuliana Popolillo, and Kayla Purcell; and

Also, Connell Rae, Anthony Raphael, Alyssa Rosenblum, Anirudh Sagi, Alisha Sahay, Kaitlyn Santucci, Ari Scherzer, Benjamin Scherzer, Kayla Schinik, Greg Scott, Rohan Shah, Christopher Shao, Abigail Shieh, Molly Shulan, Christopher Silva, Hana Spavan, Demetrios Speros, Lauren Stone, Michelle Sucre, Annalise Suitovsky, Lizann Sung, Emily Tang, Matthew Tong, Tinpei Tung, Juhee Vaidya, Timothy Voorhees, Kiera Vrindten, Kristina Woo, Simon Yang, Isis Zhang, Eric Zhu, and Henry Zhu.









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### **8TH GRADE GIRLS - TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONS**

team won the Sixth Annual Scott W. Andersen Tournament held in Warren. The team trailed for most of the first half in their semifinal game against

Warren but utilized a strong defensive effort in the second half to gain the victory by a score of 46-36. They then went on to defeat Clark 49-39 in a very exciting championship game. Long Hill had a 10 point lead early in the second half but Clark scored 9 straight points to cut the lead to

The Long Hill 8th grade girls travel basketball just one. Long Hill answered with an 8-0 run and then held that lead for the remainder of the game. Alexa Santo, Scarlett Glasser-Nehls and Caitlin Bonnesen were the high scorers in the championship game with 13, 11 and 8 points, respectively. Alexa Santo was named the MVP. Pictured from the left are Coach Joe Santo, Laura Baeyens, Catherine Dolan, Katie Roche, Scarlett Glasser-Nehls, Caitlin Bonnesen, Sophia Cicchetti, Elspeth Allen, Reese Christopher, Alexa Santo and Coach Christian Bonnesen.



### **7TH GRADE GIRLS – TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONS**

The annual Scott W. Andersen Tournament was held in Warren over the Nov. 28 & 29th weekend.

Two travel teams from the Long Hill Travel Program escorted Champion trophies home to the trophy case.



(above) Bottom left to right: Sara Davies, Leah Lavender, Meghan Hobbs, Martina Lavender, Emma Baeyens Top left to right: Gianna Peralta (MVP), Lauren McAvoy, Madeleine Johnson, Rachel Garno, Kathleen Vreeland Adults left to right: Coach Steve Davies, Coach Craig Garno, Team Parent Llora McAvoy

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(above l-r) Zachary Anderson, Ava Long, Sophia Ehlert, Emily Aroneo, George Yermak and Marco Pincay.



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