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COLIN STEVENSON AND KELSEY COGAN AWARDED THE 2016 WATTS FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

By: Edir Coronado

Colin Stevenson and Kelsey Cogan were both awarded the 2016 Watts Foundation Scholarship. The scholarship is awarded based on academic excellence, community service and merit.

Stevenson graduated this year with a 3.9 average from Governor Livingston High School and has an extraordinary academic career to date. He is a member of the Athletic honor society and the Mu Alpha Theta, the Math Honor Society, showing his success athletically and scholastically.

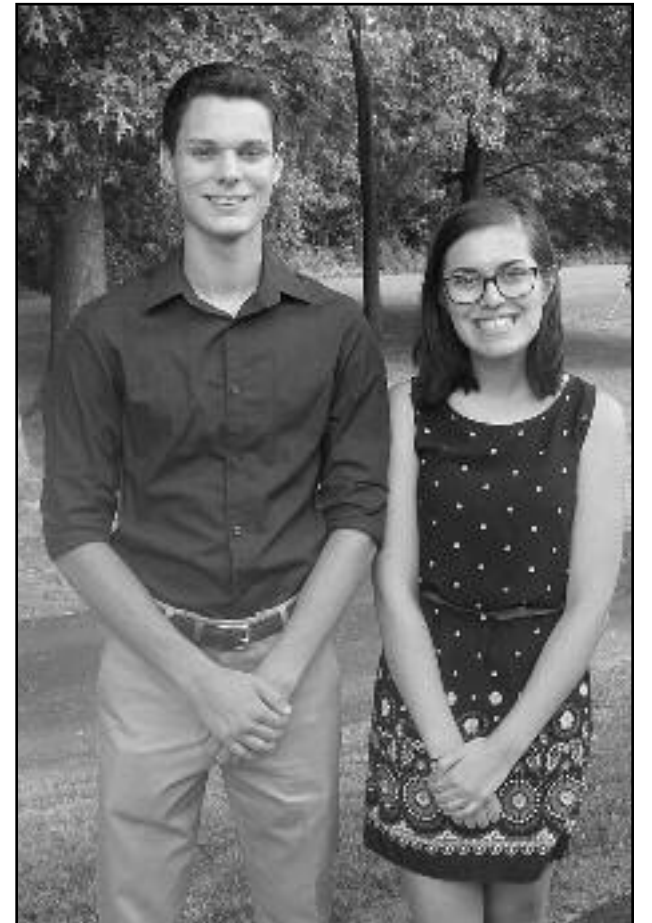
Saying Stevenson has an interest in fitness is in an understatement. In addition to the Athletic Honor Society, he has also volunteered his time in equipment set up at the USA Gymnastics Federation Competition, as well as in the Joint Motion Physical Therapy, in Scotch Plains. Stevenson plans to pursue more knowledge in fitness and health in Quinnipiac University, where he will study physical therapy.

"This award has had an amazing impact on me and my family," stated Stevenson. He believes that although he is honored to have been awarded this scholarship, the bigger picture is the financial burden that was relieved of his parent's shoulders. With three kids attending college at the same time in the fall of 2016, Stevenson is aware of the benefits of earning this scholarship from a financial standpoint.

"This award gives me the opportunity and freedom to pursue my dream job at the school of my choosing, and I am extremely grateful for that," expressed Stevenson.

Stevenson's equally impressive counterpart Kelsey Cogan recently graduated from the Academy of Allied Health Sciences in Scotch Plains and throughout her high school career she has been able to maintain superior grades and be a part of the honor roll. Cogan is in tune with the community and has made community service a major part of her life. She volunteers at Overlook Hospital and for three years has been a camp counselor at Sister Pat's Kid's Camp, a camp, which runs one week every summer for kids with cancer, sickle cell anemia, and other blood disorders.

"I love working with the other volunteers and children; I find that they have altered my outlook on life," explains Cogan. She is amazed and inspired by the positive outlook these young kids have, despite their obstacles. This experience has impacted Cogan's life so much it has motivated her to study public health at The College of New Jersey. Her ambitions are high as she hopes to work for the World Health Organization



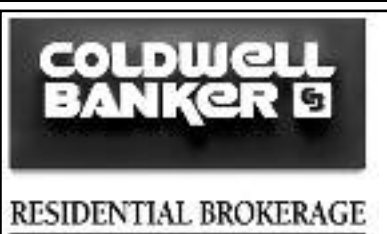
(above) Colin Stevenson and Kelsey Cogan
winners of the 2016 Watts Foundation
Scholarship.

and directly affect global health, which she feels is an incredibly important issue.

"I am so beyond grateful to the Watts Foundation for this scholarship. This is an amazing opportunity and I am very thankful that I can use this money towards my future career goals," expressed Cogan.

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Al Leiter, former MLB Pitcher and current studio analyst for MLB Network and a color commentator for the YES Network and Fox Sports Florida, delivered meals to older adults in Summit and Mountainside on Friday, June 10 to help celebrate SAGE Meals on Wheels 50th

Anniversary. On a daily basis, SAGE volunteers deliver meals and check in on approximately 120 older residents in parts of Union, Essex, and Morris Counties. For more information on the program, call 908.273.5554 or visit www.sageeldercare.org.



(above) Al Leiter visits 100-year old Margarent Beauman, avid Yankees Fan and Mountainside resident.

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The team kept their composure during the game and were more anxious than nervous. They were confident they could secure a win, but the possibility the game could be rained out worried them. Fortunately the clouds parted and the two teams faced off.

The team's coach reminded them what a remarkable accomplishment this was, but because of lack of experience, the notion never sank in, it was their first year playing "real" organized baseball.

At 8 years old the biggest hurdle for the kids was keeping their composure. Their biggest weakness was their lack of baseball knowledge, but they overcame this with amazing talent with their pitching and hitting. This was proven against their toughest opponent, Scotch Plains. They were able to defeat Scotch Plains with superior pitching.

Family support played a pivotal role in the team's success. The group yearned to perform well in front of their parents, siblings, and family members. The team battled all spring and put together a perfect season and now look to continue their run into the summer by playing in the New Providence Gold "A" league.



(above l-r) Bottom Row: Loic Nasreddine, Thomas DiNorscio, Reid Bazydlo, Lance Alexander, Michael Basile, Michael Healy, Liam McLaughlin. Middle Row: Tyler Motz, Ryan D'Orsi, Ryan Hilongos, Michael Klimas, Dominic Labisi, Vinnie Ferraro. Top Row: Coach Jim Alexander, Coach Jeremy Bazydlo, Manager Mike Labisi, Coach Bob Hilongos

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4TH ANNUAL BIKERS FOR BROOKE

By: Edir Coronado

On June 12, 2016 hundreds of bikers gathered at the New Providence Community Pool parking lot, to register and cruise through town and the surrounding communities. These biker enthusiasts revved up their engines and toured through each town, escorted by the Blue Knights NJ VIII Honor Guard for the Bikers for Brooke Ride. This annual event was founded four years ago by the Brooke Healey foundation in memory of Brooke Healey, who was diagnosed with Diffuse Intrinsic Pontine Glioma(DIPG).

The bike ride lasted just over 2 hours and ended at the Mount Carmel Hall in Berkeley Heights, NJ, where catered BBQ, live Music, and games were available. The BBQ acts as a fundraising tool. According to staff at the Brooke Healey Foundation, the annual event would not be possible without the Mount Carmel Society.

According to the Brooke Healey foundation "DIPG is an inoperable, very aggressive tumor in the middle of the brain stem." Brooke sadly passed away on January 14, 2013, from DIPG.

Part of the Brooke Healey Foundation's mission is to raise awareness, and this event accomplished its goal and in addition, raised much needed funds for research and assistance to families in need, dealing with DIPG. Since its conception The Brooke Healey Foundation has raised over \$600,000 and as a member of the DIPG collaborative, "a collection of foundations with the common interest of inspiring research into the cure of DIPG with the belief that through a cure for DIPG, significant advances in other cancer research will be made," according to the DIPG.org, The Brooke Healey Foundation has influence where the money is allocated in terms

of research.

While the Brooke Healey Foundation started locally and is based out of New Providence it now has, through the DIPG Collaborative, a national reach.z

The foundation holds 3 major fundraising events annually. Their next event is a golf outing to be held at New Jersey National Golf Club on August 22nd, 2016.

While the Brooke Healey Foundation has gained major grounds raising funds and awareness for DIPG research, they believe their work will not be completed until they've accomplish their ultimate goal, a cure for DIPG.



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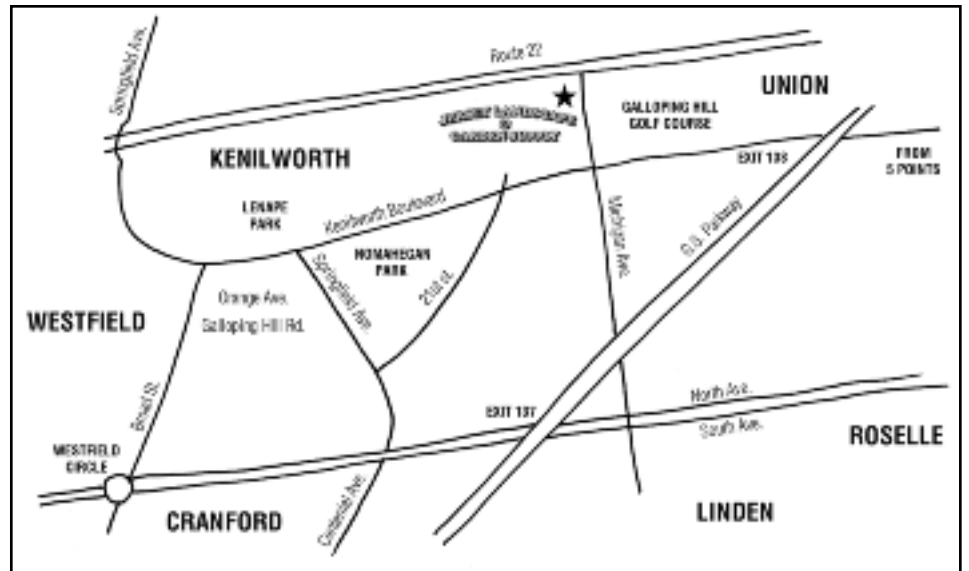
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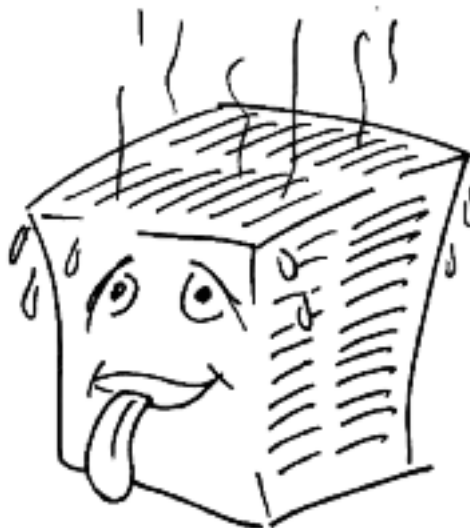
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1. July 26:

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2. July 6 through July 27

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3. Thursday, July 7 through July 28:

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Mondays in July (July 11, 18, 25 and August 1)
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d. "Essential Oils"

Thursday, July 21 at 7:00 PM.

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FILMS

Showtime start 6:30 pm:

Big Stone Gap (2014)

July 12.

Ashley Judd stars as a town's self-proclaimed spinster who works in her family's pharmacy and directs the town's annual outdoor drama. She leads a quiet life until she learns of a long-buried family secret that changes the course of her life (PG-13).

Suffragette (2015)

July 19.

Meryl Streep headlines a cast of a powerful drama about women who were willing to lose everything in their fight for equality in early 20th century Britain. The story centers on Maud, played by Carey Mulligan, a working wife and mother, whose life is forever changed when she is secretly recruited to join the U. K.s growing suffragette movement (PG-13).

Iris(documentary) (2015)

July 26

Iris pairs legendary documentarian Albert Maysles with Iris Apfel, the 93 year old flamboyantly dressed maven who has had an outsized presence on the New York fashion scene for decades. She is portrayed as a singular woman whose enthusiasm for fashion, art, and people is life's sustenance and reminds us that dressing, and indeed life, is nothing but an experiment (PG-13).

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MOUNTAINSIDE HISTORIC COMMITTEE PRESENTS A TOUR OF MOUNTAINSIDE GARDENS

By: Edir Coronado

This year's Tour of Mountainside Gardens featured 6 well-manicured gardens scattered across Mountainside, with the intent to benefit the restoration and maintenance of the Hetfield and Levi Cory Houses. The gardens were breathtaking, the owners inviting, and the ambience was peaceful. The Tour of Mountainside Garden was a sight to see, full of inspiring ideas and calming moments. Although it may have escaped you this year, there's always next, so make sure plan ahead and make time to view the magnificent gardens of Mountainside.



(above) Last, but not least is the "This and That Garden", the most diverse garden for sure. Maintained by its owner and professional gardener, it features a plethora foliage. This garden while meticulously maintained has an organic feel. You will find in the front portion of the garden; basil, parsley, and rosemary, while in the back you'll see large leafed Japanese Petasites and Ostrich Ferns. All of this mingling with insects, bees, or woodpeckers.

(right) Secret Garden. The "Secret Garden" was the next stop on the list and with every turn there is a gorgeous surprise of lushness. Just when you think the garden has no more to offer, the shrubbery opens up and surprises you with a lovely pool. Perfect for poolside parties and lolling on lounge chairs.



(above) Dinner from the Garden. The first stop on the tour was "Dinner from the garden." This quaint garden has been maintained for two generations of gardeners and the new addition to the garden are perennials and vegetables. An elegant table for six, with a large umbrella for shade, is set up in the back, perfect for enjoying a nice summer meal full of veggies with friends.





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(above) Tropical Oasis Garden. The next stop on the tour was the “Tropical Oasis Garden”, which brings the feel of Hawaii to New Jersey. This garden is complete with two palm trees, colorfully decorated furniture, serene music, and a small pineapple tree. There is no need to fly across the country for a tropical vacation, when it’s right in your backyard.



(above) Butterfly Garden. Down the road is the “Butterfly Garden” owned by a former New Yorker, whose passion for gardening runs so deep, she transported her garden from Staten Island to Mountainside before the house was even bought. It’s no wonder, with this dedication, that the Butterfly Garden is flawlessly shaped. Visitors can enjoy this garden on the sunniest day and relax on the swinging bench surrounded by large, plush, trees.



(left) Fairy Garden. Right next door we have the “Fairy Garden”, a massive estate, with Greek inspired artwork. What captures most visitors is the serene brook that splits the garden. One could watch the water flow over the small wooden bridge or take a seat by the small manmade pond and enjoy the scenery.

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“The small business failure rate is staggering,” warns Erich Peter, UCEDC's Director of Training. “But you'll be more likely to succeed if you consider every challenge ahead of you and make sure you have what it takes to meet them.”

Participants will be guided through a real-world assessment of their business idea and market feasibility as well as their own ability to handle the demands of business ownership. The steps to opening a business in New Jersey, choosing a legal structure, developing a business plan and establishing cost, revenue and cash flow projections will be addressed in a variety of interactive exercises.

“Being a business owner is hard work and this workshop is equally demanding,” says Peter. “But we're going to work with you both in and outside of the classroom to make sure that the class material is relevant to your specific needs. And, we stick with our graduates for 12 months, providing free mentoring and counseling services.”

Entrepreneurship 101 is a component of UCEDC's Entrepreneurial Training Initiative, an ongoing small business training effort, offered in partnership with the New Jersey Economic Development Authority.

UCEDC is dedicated to helping small business throughout New Jersey to start, grow and thrive by making loans, training and mentoring business owners, helping businesses obtain government contracts, and providing accurate and relevant business information.

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FEAST DAY - JULY 16

**8:00 am - Processional parade
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The members of the Mt. Carmel Society convene at Little Flower Church, on Plainfield Avenue in Berkeley Heights dressed in their "marching attire" and sashes designating their membership. The Virgin Mary is decorated with beautiful flowers and white ribbons as she's carefully prepared to travel her journey through town. A band providing Italian/American music leads the traditional route through designated areas. Along the way, the band and members stop in the streets to allow those to pay tribute. To honor the Blessed Mother, many will pin money on the white ribbons she adorns. The funds collected during the parade are later removed and donated to the Little Flower Church. In keeping with tradition, each donor is provided with a Mt. Carmel scapular. The travel route is followed each year with designated stops at the homes of previous members. This is done to respect the family, remember loved ones and to honor the tradition. All are welcome to join in the procession and are asked to meet at Little Flower Church on July 16 at 8am est. After the procession, a mass is held at Little Flower Church. After church, for those who participated in the parade, a free picnic lunch for all is held at Peppertown Park on Plainfield

**11:00 pm - Fireworks Extravaganza
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Online ticket sales end 9pm on 7/16.

All payments are made through paypal.

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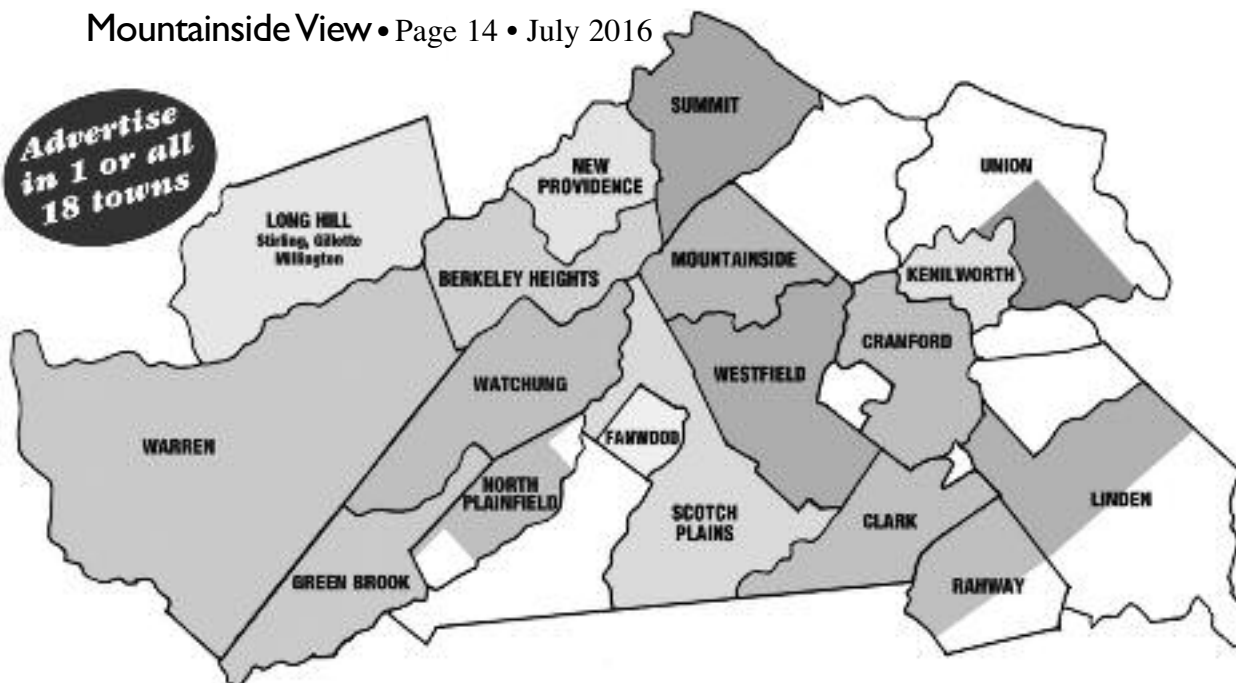
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