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## FISHER CANTONE NAMES OVERLOOK'S NEWEST ROBOT

Fisher Cantone, 11, brainstormed with friends at Jefferson School on what to name the newest robot at Overlook Medical Center. "We knew the names of the other two robots" and says he decided to stick with that theme.

His suggestion, "WALL-E," from the Pixar film of the same name, beat 76 other entries in the Name the Robot contest run by Overlook's Department of Community Health. WALL-E joins the hospital's first robot, Rosie the Robot, which was named after a robot in the TV show "The Jetsons," and R2D2, of "Star Wars" fame. They are the latest step in the hospital's efforts to prevent hospital acquired infections.

Community Health Manager Raul Cadavid says the contest was "an opportunity to engage with the community .... Robots appeal to children" and it was a "nice way to end the school year." Fourth and fifth grade students from Jefferson, Washington, Lincoln Hubbard and Brayton schools took part in the contest.

A committee of five judges chose 10 names and left the final choice to Alan Lieber, President of Overlook Medical Center. The top 10 names were: Einstein; Wall-E; Bender; Robo Cleaner; Germ Terminator; Sweetie; Clanke; Mr. Robotto; Zapper and Ollie.

The three "Xenex Germ Zapping Robots" use Pulse Xenon Ultraviolet light (UV-C). "The UV-C light, when it touches bacteria, viruses or spores disrupts the DNA, RNA and proteins within any living micro-organism, rendering it harmless," says Iris Verdi, manager of Environmental Services at Overlook.

The robots are used in "the OR, ER, ICU, treatment rooms and units that have an upgraded risk of exposure," says Verdi. "Some spores (such as C-diff) can live on a surface for 30 to 45 days, if it is not properly cleaned," Verdi says. When a patient is discharged, or moved from a room, they



(above l-r) Fisher Canton, Alan Lieber, and Wall-E. Photo by William Green

"clean the room with bleach and then terminally clean the room with the robot," she says. It takes an extra 15 minutes to clean the room. The new protocol has led to a decrease in hospital acquired infections, says Verdi.

When he received the award on the halls of Overlook's Goryeb Children's Center, "Fisher felt like a mini-celebrity," says his mother Patricia. "They showed us how the robot works." Among the prizes were Atlantic Health System gear, including an orange and white hat and blue beach towel, as well as sunglasses and movie passes to AMC Theaters and, from Xenex, a \$50 mastercard gift certificate, a pair of socks and other items.

Fisher was diagnosed with ulcerative colitis when he was five and is on an immunosuppressant. He says, "I get an infusion every six weeks, which takes about two hours," at Goryeb Children's Hospital at Morristown Medical Center. The treatment "makes me feel like I don't have the condition. If I didn't take it, I would feel very ill," he says.

"Whenever he gets sick, one of the first things he is tested for is C-diff. Luckily, it has been negative every time," says his mom.

## AUDITIONS ANNOUNCED FOR JAMES AND THE GIANT PEACH

Open auditions for a musical version of James and the Giant Peach will be held at CDC Theatre, 78 Winans Ave. in Cranford on Monday, August 29 and Thursday, September 1. Children will be seen from 7- 8pm and adults from 8-10pm. Call backs will be by invitation only on Wednesday,

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The Summit Fire Department Honor Guard is a highly trained unit comprised of four members: Honor Guard team leader and firefighter Chris Esposito, and firefighters Matthew Lemons, Thomas Penn and Brian Tavis. All members have received honor guard training as recruits in the Fire Academy. Honoring traditions and following protocol is a top priority for the group including proper display of the US and New Jersey State flags in a dignified and appropriate manner according to national and state protocols.

"An honor guard is a deeply-rooted tradition in the fire service," explains Summit Fire Chief Eric Evers. "Our goal is to start and build it now to create a meaningful tradition that grows over time. Someday I hope it will include additional firefighters and perhaps instruments like bagpipes and drums."

Evers continued, "The mission of the SFD Honor Guard is to provide honor, dignity and respect for our fallen brothers and sisters of the fire service and their families. We represent the flags and the department with pride and integrity, while maintaining a commitment to the traditions of the fire service."

For more information on the Summit Fire Department and its Honor Guard, please visit [cityofsummit.org/fire](http://cityofsummit.org/fire).



(above) Summit Fire Department Ceremonial Honor Guard

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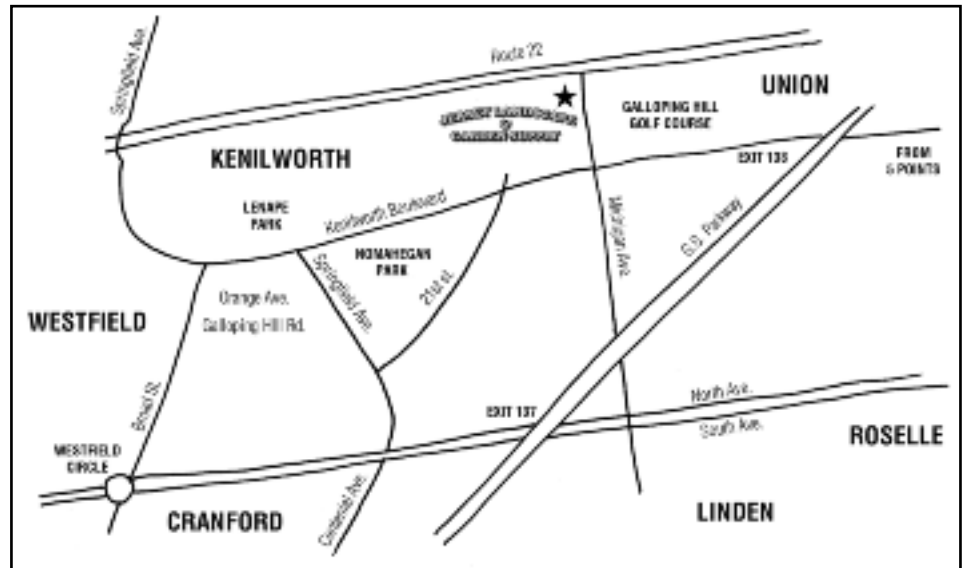
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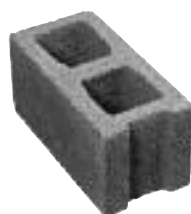
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This industry report shows clearly how the traditional ways of selling homes have become increasingly less and less effective in today's market. The fact of the matter is that fully three quarters of homesellers don't get what they want for their homes and become disillusioned and - worse - financially disadvantaged when they put their homes on the market.

As this report uncovers, most homesellers make 7 deadly mistakes that cost them literally thousands of dollars. The good news is that each and every one of these mistakes is entirely preventable. In answer to this issue, industry insiders have prepared a free special report entitled "The 9 Step System to Get Your Home Sold Fast and For Top Dollar".

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## SAMANTHA GARGIULO PRESENTED WITH BRIDGES FOUNDERS' AWARD

Samantha Gargiulo was one of nine high school students honored with the 2016 Bridges Founders' Award. The award is given to high school juniors or seniors who have faithfully supported Bridges' work and who have proven themselves to be friends to the homeless.

"Samantha is a wonderful, motivated person and it was a pleasure working with her on Teens Tackle Homelessness events and Bridges runs. Her dedication and hard work helped continue our mission of serving individuals living on the streets with food, clothing, and compassion," said Dan RosenHanst, Director of Operations/Volunteers for Bridges.

Samantha was introduced to the organization through her youth group at First Congregational Church of Westfield and was nominated for the award by Reverend Joy Mounts of FCC. Through Bridges, church members of all ages participate in making and delivering food and water to the homeless throughout the year. Samantha has been a Bridges volunteer since the 7th grade and has been an active part of six mission trips with FCC. Samantha is a graduate of Westfield High School and will be attending Ohio State in the Fall.

Bridges connects the housed and homeless to establish relationships that lead to greater acceptance and understanding, social and economic growth, and wellbeing. For more information, please visit their website at [bridgesoutreach.org](http://bridgesoutreach.org)

First Congregational Church, a member of the United Church of Christ, provides an active program of education, service, and fellowship for children and teens. For additional information, please contact the church office at 908-233-2494 or visit their website at [fccofwestfield.org](http://fccofwestfield.org). First Congregational Church is located at 125 Elmer St., Westfield, New Jersey.



(above from l-r) Samantha Gargiulo, recipient of Bridges Founders' Award, Dan RosenHanst, Director of Operations/Volunteers for Bridges, and Reverend Joy Mounts of FCC.

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This year's winners are: Brendan Kaelin, Catherine Menning, Margaret Burd, Emily Donohue, and Alexandra Pohl.

Alexandra Pohl was also a recipient of the New Jersey State EMS Council Cadet Scholarship which benefits high school seniors who serve as EMS volunteers. Alex completed her training and state certification as an Emergency Medical Technician last summer and plans to continue to serve as an EMS volunteer at the Drexel Campus First Aid Squad.

The all-volunteer First Aid Squad is always looking for new members to join its ranks. All needed training, uniforms and equipment is provided. For information, please call 908-277-9479, or visit their web site at: [www.summitems.org](http://www.summitems.org).



(above l-r) 2016 Alice Nichols Memorial Scholarship winners Emily Donohue, Maggie Burd, Cate Menning, and Alex Pohl. Missing from photo is Brendan Kaelin.

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(above) Members of the Friends of the Summit Free Public Library sort through jewelry donations at the home of former Mayor Ellen Dickson for their upcoming sale. Sheila Bonnell (far right) and Ellen Dickson are Co-Chairs for the sale.

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## ROJAS A. LOPEZ RECEIVES PICOZZI FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

Over fifty family, friends and guests attended the ninth annual Picozzi Family Foundation Scholarship Luncheon held in June. In attendance were new and old scholarship recipients, family and school administrators. The luncheon started at noon with hors d'oeuvres served to allow everyone to reconnect and discuss their past year activities.

Approximately an hour later, the luncheon started. An invocation was provided by Father Bob Sandoz of Christ the King Prep, who welcomed everyone to the luncheon and thanked Gabriel "Jim" Picozzi and his family for creating the Foundation to "help and encourage young people to achieve their educational goals." Nicholas Cannone, the Foundation's Treasurer, then briefly spoke adding that part of the legacy of the Foundation is to "give back to the community" in recognition of the many benefits the Picozzi family has received.

The Picozzi Family Foundation was founded by Jim and his late brother Victor in an effort to give back to the community and honor their family name and legacy. Jim's parents both came to America from Italy with little more than a shirt on their backs and the purpose of the scholarships, as Jim explained, is to give a hand up to others. The Foundation provides scholarships to grammar school, high school and college bound students and consists of four officers: Jim as President, Robert Picozzi as Vice President, Nicholas Cannone as Treasurer, and Hugh Blair as Secretary. The scholarships are awarded to students on the basis of academic ability. In addition, the Foundation is considering adding an additional scholarship to a communications major at Seton Hall University in honor of Robert Picozzi, who was recently honored by the school for his national broadcasting excellence.

Present at this year's luncheon were representatives from Summit High School, Madison High School, Our Lady of Guadalupe Academy, St. Teresa of Avila Parish, the Benedictine Academy, The Scholarship Fund for

Inner City Children, Christ the King Prep and the Seton Hall University.

This year's college scholarship recipients were Rojas A. Lopez from Summit High School who plans to study engineering at St. Peter's University, Julie Gargulio from Madison High School who plans to attend Rowan College as a business major and Samantha Hanley from St. Teresa's parish who will be attending the University of Indiana, also as a business major. The non-college recipients are Isaiah Martinez

who will be attending Christ the King Prep in Newark, Karen T. Cuadrado who plans to attend Our Lady of Guadalupe Academy in Elizabeth, Ameliyah Grant who plans to attend Benedictine Academy in Elizabeth and Sadia DeCastro who plans to attend Mother Seton High School in Clark.

At the end of the luncheon, Jim wished the recipients the best for the coming year and to forge ahead and obtain their goals with confidence in their future.



(above l-r) College scholarship recipients: Chris Zanelli, Samantha Hanley, Julie Gargulio, Robert Picozzi, Gabriel James Picozzi, Rojas Lopez, Ranisha Frejuste,

## ANIMAL RESCUE GROUP HAS MANY WONDERFUL CATS & KITTENS SEARCHING FOR LOVING HOMES

Summit Animal Rescue Association announces the organization's consistent scheduled Adoption Events held at Pet Valu Gillette and Pet Valu Garwood. The purpose of these events are to generate awareness about Summit Animal Rescue Association and to help many homeless animals find loving and caring homes. As well as to raise funds for the animals in order to continue our mission.

Our scheduled adoptions are: Gillette, each Saturday from 12 pm to 5pm and Garwood Saturdays from 10 am to 2pm and Sundays 11 am to 3 pm. We also make appointments to meet at Pet Supply Plus in Berkeley Heights by calling 908-464-1203.

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## FORTNIGHTLY CLUB SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

Terry Andrews, President of The Fortnightly Club of Summit, announced the recipients of The Fortnightly Club Award for 2016 are Emani Miles, Karen Arias, and Stephanie Chavis.

Emani Miles was awarded The Sherry Rawson Scholarship recipient in memory of Sherry Rawson a beloved Fortnightly Club member who served on the scholarship board for many years. Emani is the daughter of Shanayah, has a sister (Ebony a 2014 scholarship recipient), brother, and loving grandmother, Lori Miles. She is an Award winner of the Rising Scholarship, 12th grade liaison for student council, the President of the Poetry Club, President of the Black Student Union, and varsity captain of the women's Volleyball team. She plans on attending Seton Hall University where she will be majoring in Political Science. She would like to then attend law school and aspires to become a judge.

Karen Arias is the daughter of Sandra Carvajal. Karen has been involved in Kids Helping Kids, a Peer Leader Tutor, Cheerleading (captain) and Winter & Spring Track and Field as pole vaulter (Captain of Winter Track team). She will be attending Franklin and Marshall in Lancaster, PA where she will be majoring in Psychology in the fall.

Stephanie Chavis is the daughter of Leidy and Misael Chaves. Stephanie achieved Magna Cum Laude all four years of high school. She served on student government and was elected class secretary for senior year. She was involved in Union Hispana, Peer Leader Tutor, and Wrestling and Lacrosse Statistician. Stephanie will attend University of Delaware where she will major in both Business and Spanish in the fall.

Emani Miles, Karen Arias, and Stephanie Chavis were chosen from 36 applications by the club's scholarship committee, consisting of Eileen Rath, Laura Sullivan and Emma Hale. The Fortnightly Club hosts an annual luncheon to fund the scholarship, which was held on June 2nd, 2016 at Canoe Brook Country Club. This year there was a fashion show showcasing Bloomingdale's designer Gerard Darel's must-have Summer 2016 styles.

The Fortnightly Club of Summit is a women's group dedicated to volunteerism, fundraising, community service and outreach. Monthly meetings are open to the general public and are held at Twin Maples, 214 Springfield Avenue, Summit, New Jersey.



(above l-r) Eileen Rath and Terry Andrews of the Fortnightly Club with 2016 scholarship award winners Emani Miles, Karen Arias and Stephanie Chavis.

## REV. NOELLE KIRCHNER JOINS CENTRAL CHURCH



Reverend Noelle Kirchner is thrilled to be the new Parish Associate at Central Presbyterian Church in Summit after serving as Associate Pastor at the First Presbyterian Church at Caldwell and most recently as Parish Associate at the Presbyterian Church at

New Providence. Being a Parish Associate allows Noelle to join Central as a minister and exercise her gifts in the congregation. Her interests include worship leadership and family ministry, and she will support the existing pastoral staff as needed. Noelle is a graduate of Northwestern University (BA in World Religion) and Princeton Seminary. Currently blogging about faith and parenting at [www.noellekirchner.com](http://www.noellekirchner.com), she has published extensively online for sites such as the Huffington Post, the TODAY Show Parenting Team, Mamapedia, (In)courage, and Crosswalk.com. You can also find Noelle on Twitter (@NoelleKirchner) and Facebook ([www.facebook.com/officialnoellekirchner](http://www.facebook.com/officialnoellekirchner)). Central Presbyterian Church is located at 70 Maple Street in Summit, NJ. Learn more about the church and its missions at [www.centralpres.org](http://www.centralpres.org).

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Each year, the Department of Community Programs recognizes an individual or members of an organization that have made a significant contribution to the Summit community by inviting them to gather on the main stage and set off the fireworks display. SEF is being honored for its outstanding contributions to the Summit Public School System over the past three decades.

SEF is a non-profit organization dedicated to enhancing the quality of education in Summit public schools and has awarded over \$5.4 million in innovative teacher and district grants during its 30-year history. In 2015, SEF granted \$360,000, the largest single grant in the organization’s history, to the Summit High School (SHS) Chromebook Initiative. To learn more about SEF and its ongoing initiatives, visit [sefnj.org](http://sefnj.org).

## A LETTER FROM SUMMIT POLICE CHIEF ROBERT K. WECK

A letter from Summit Police Chief Robert K. Weck was sent to the Interfaith Council and Mayor and Common Council on July 13, 2016.

I wanted to touch base with the members of the Interfaith Council and Council Members with regard to the senseless violence we have seen take place over the past week, be it the 60 plus shootings in Chicago this past weekend or the numerous deadly encounters between civilians and police officers. All are tragic events and leave me speechless as to why this lack of compassion and value of life continues.

All of us have worked hard and together throughout the past four years (and before that) to further strengthen the relationships between the congregations, the citizens and the officers of our police department. I say “our” police department, because I truly believe that we all are one team and have the same mission; to make the City of Summit the safest and most intertwined cohesive community we can, and we have, but there is always more work that can be done.

I want you all to know that my door is always open and if you and or members of your congregation need or want to discuss anything that can continue to bring us together as one, please do not hesitate to contact me at any time. There may be some tough discussions, but as long as we are communicating, we are already ahead of the curve.

The fallen, their families, loved ones and members of all the communities are in my thoughts and prayers.

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