

Special Interest Newsletter

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Taylor Breslin Receives Honorable Mention In History Day Competition

On April 1 Taylor Breslin received an honorable mention at Messiah College for her historical documentary on The Democratic Republic of the Congo. The History Day Competition takes place in the spring of every year, and there are several categories students may enter such as historical paper, group and individual performance, group and individual exhibit, and group and individual documentary. Taylor created the documentary using "iMovie." The video, which is about ten minutes long, details the history of the Congo from its early roots as a tribal nation and its colonization by Belgium to its current struggle under its own leadership. When Taylor was asked what was the most interesting part of History Day for her she said, "I was very interested to see that the constitution was signed on February 28, 2006 during the time I was doing my project."



Taylor Breslin represented Cedar Cliff at Messiah College in the 2006 History Day competition

Maggie Phenicie Wins National Scholastic Silver Key



Congratulations to Maggie Phenicie for winning a 2006 Scholastic Writing Silver Key at the national level for her humorous writing titled "History Buffs." This honors Maggie as one of only 450 gold or silver key recipients out of a total of 50,000 entries. The Scholastic Writing competition takes place every year and accepts entries from schools all over the United States in many different categories. Some past National Scholastic winners include Truman Capote, Richard Avedon, and Robert Redford. There are awards ceremonies on June 30, 2006 in Washington D.C. and in New York City between June 7 and June 9.

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Junior Achievement Titan Business Challenge



The students that participated from left to right
Back Row: Mike Mumper, Steve Hyder, Tom Marcucci, Carson Rohrbaugh, Vinnie DePalma, DJ Rowe. Middle Row: Kelly Smith, Allison Kirkpatrick, Joe Fortenbaugh, Katie Savage, Tyler Richardson, Natalie Sabadish. Front Row: Charrissma Hester, Alex Rovnyansky, Paul Gibson, Ann Marie Hamlin.



Vinnie DePalma and DJ Rowe discussing strategy at the challenge. Tom Marcucci and Paul Gibson in the background.

On March 6th Cedar Cliff took part in the Junior Achievement Titan Business Challenge. The Titan Business Challenge is a computer based business simulation that tests a person's skill in production management, price, marketing, research and development, and capital investment. The teams are then scored based on a performance index that takes into account profit, supply and demand, productivity, market share, and growth. This event takes place every year at Central Penn College in Summerdale, PA. Steve Hyder and Mike Mumper scored sixth out of 32 teams and were first for Cedar Cliff. The business simulation is always available at the web site <http://titan.ja.org> where you can try your hand at playing against the computer. As the game is played, the students are given hints as to how they can improve their score. The teams this year had a great time trying to beat the game and their competitors. Steve Hyder said of the challenge, "The advantage of such a program is that you are free to experiment with operating a business without any actual repercussions if you should fail. Also several years of market activity are summed up in a matter of hours, making capitalism appear fun and exciting as opposed to arduous and boring." If you desire to take part in the fun next year you can sign up with Ms. Maxton.



Allison Kirkpatrick and Kelly Smith enjoying the game.



Mike Mumper and Steve Hyder carefully study their options and do some quick calculations.

Andrew Sweet Best Delegate at Model U.N.



From Left to Right: AnnMarie Hamlin, Jeff Wise, Amy Cheung, Dan Avetta, Susanna Bagdasarova, Colin Reynolds, Peter Lindhome, Steve Hyder, Nicole Minhas, Andrew Sweet, Tim Gahr, and Justin Keller

Congratulations to Andrew Sweet for winning second place representing the United States Operational Forces in Iraq in the Model United Nations Crisis Simulation held at Penn State York on April 6. One hundred forty-two students from area schools participated as six different groups in the simulation. Twelve Special Interest students participated and represented Hamas, Iran, the Mossad Task Force, Pakistan, Syria, and the United States.

To participate in the Model United Nations competition, Cedar Cliff students had to first research their country or organization's interests and then try out for the Model UN team. On the day of the competition, the simulation started with an announcement that President Bush had been assassinated in Pakistan. The various teams then communicated with other countries and responded to ongoing events. Each group represented had its own room where students could communicate with the other rooms through a computer. The groups could also send out ambassadors to communicate with other countries. A central crisis center distributed information about the ever-changing situation to which teams had to respond. Political science students from Penn State York served as moderators for each of the groups. The high school students were then judged based on their knowledge of their group's viewpoint and how well they persuaded the other organizations. When Dan Avetta was asked what he thought the most interesting part of Model U.N. was, he said, "The deception that went on between the different nations." He thought the way the countries used false information was interesting during the competition. If students want to learn about different countries and crisis management they should try their hand at delegation skills at the competition next year.



AnnMarie responds to a change in events.



Knowledge Master Open Competition

On April 24 a team of Cedar Cliff students was hard at work answering academic trivia questions in the Cedar Cliff Library while other students were in their classes. This was part of the Biannual Knowledge Master Open Competition that tests students' knowledge in a competition against other schools across the country and around the world. Cedar Cliff High School's Knowledge Master Open team scored a respectable eighth out of 79 in the state and 106 out of 774 overall. The team scored 100% on the first try on the multiple choice questions in the World History, Government, Economics and Law, and Useless Trivia categories. The team was led by the captain Robert Kosarowich and assistant captain Colin Reynolds. When asked what he thought of the competition freshman Tom Marcucci said, "The Knowledge Master Open is a great competition. It allows students to be with others who enjoy trivia and show off our knowledge in different categories."



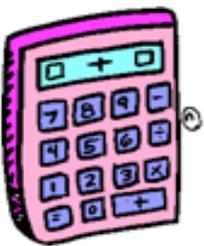
Students involved in the Knowledge Master Open Competition
 From L to R: Back: Tim Gahr, Michael Wagman, Joe Gribb, Tyler Richardson, Robbie Matthews, Christina duBreuil, Taylor Breslin, Luke Stone Middle: Jon Cohen, Colin Reynolds (Assistant Captain), Stephanie Murray, Amy Cheung, Susanna Bagdasarova, Leann Hyatt, Robert Kosarowich (Captain)
 Front: Tom Marcucci

PA Math League

PA Math League is a competition set up to test a student's mathematic ability based on six questions. These short tests are 30 minutes long, and the students receive a zero through six based on how many questions they answer correctly. The scores listed below are the highest for Cedar Cliff on the respective test dates.

PA Math High Scores

February 14	
Mike Mumper	6 out of 6
Andrew Murray	6 out of 6
March 14	
Mike Mumper	5 out of 6
April 11	
Robert Kosarowich	6 out of 6



Sample Math League Problem

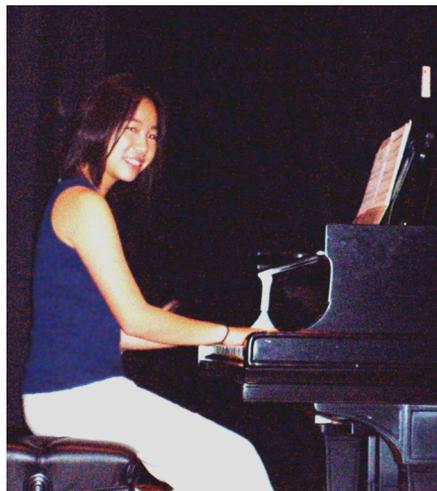
The average of five different integers is 20. What is the greatest value that one of these integers could have?

Answer on page 6.

Women In Math and Science

The Women in Math and Science conference took place on April 4 at Millersville University. Four Special Interest students attended the event this year: Eileen Barno, Amy Cheung, Leann Hyatt, and Ellen Abbott. Area high school students saw a preview of what their lives may be if they pursue math & science careers. The day consisted of an orientation followed by small group presentations by women in various scientific and mathematic fields. Some of these fields included biology, engineering, computer science, and oceanography. Dr. Mary Beth Rosson, a professor at Penn State University, served as the keynote speaker and talked about people's interactions with computer software. The students could visit four sessions throughout the day. This way they could cover a wide range of careers in which they had interest. When asked what she thought of the event, Ellen Abbott commented, "The day was very inspiring to me."

Amy Cheung To Attend Governor's School



Amy Cheung practices her music in preparation for her time at Governor's School.

Congratulations to Amy Cheung who will be attending Governor's School for the Arts this summer. Amy is one of only nine pianists selected from the state to attend. When asked what she was most excited about she said, "The most amazing thing about attending the Pennsylvania Governor's School for the Arts lies in the fact that everyone there has a passion. Whether for dance, drama, or music; the passion itself doesn't matter, but the energy, vitality, and raw enthusiasm, that is what makes this opportunity so wonderful."

Governor's School for the Arts is a five-week program funded by the state and held each summer at Mercyhurst College. Two hundred students will be attending for acting, dancing, writing, art, and music. At the Governor's School, Amy and the other students will be instructed by Professors at the College. Congratulations on this outstanding achievement.

Arts not your thing? Well then you could attend one of the several other Governor's Schools. They include Agricultural Sciences, Global Entrepreneurship, Health Care, Information Society and Technology, International Studies, the Sciences, and Teaching. The Governor's School programs are open to sophomores and juniors and are held at various colleges in Pennsylvania. Visit the links section of Ms. Maxton's web page for more information <http://wssd.k12.pa.us/webpages/AMaxton>.

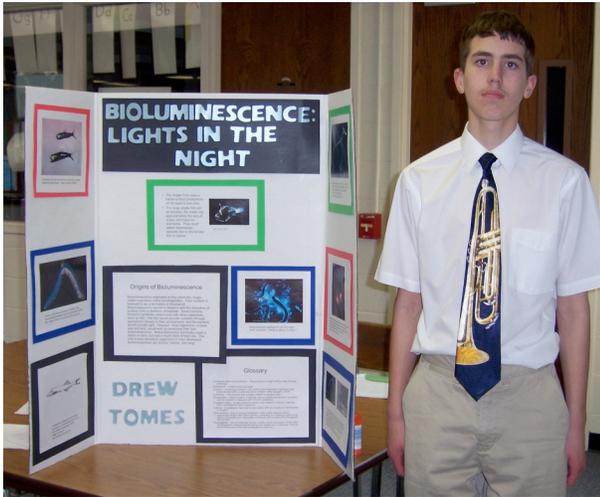
Oncology Careers Day at Hershey Medical Center

On May 1 a group of seven students attended an annual information day at Hershey Medical Center on cancer research and medical professions. The students first attended an informative session called "What is Cancer?" in which they learned about cancer and its causes. Afterwards the students attended an interest group of their choice in which they had a small group information session with a healthcare professional. In this session the healthcare professional talked about his or her career and the education involved. Some of the professionals on hand included Lab Tech, Nurse, Physical Therapist, Physician Assistant, Radiology Tech, Medical Social Worker, and Oncology Physician. Later, professionals presented an informative speech. The students were free to ask questions they might have about that profession. The students were then given information on the latest cancer research. The last event of the day was a second interest group. There the students learn about a second health care career.



From L to R: Joe Gribb, Ben Leach, Karolyn Shambaugh, Nikita Santiago, Kelly Smith, Allison Kirkpatrick, Dinetra Jones

CAIU Computer Fair



Drew Tomes stands next to his CAIU Computer Fair entry "Bioluminescence: Lights in the Night."



Luke Stone stands next to his third place winning Summary of *Julius Caesar* by Shakespeare

On March 23 two Cedar Cliff students, Drew Tomes and Luke Stone, attended the CAIU Computer Fair in Summerdale, Pennsylvania. This is an annual event that accepts and judges projects in various computer based categories. These categories include animation, computer fair logo, curriculum-based web page design, digital movie, graphic design, information-based web page design, multimedia presentations, and text-based desktop publishing. Drew Tomes submitted a multimedia project on Bioluminescence, while Luke Stone submitted an animation project based on the Shakespearean play *Julius Caesar*. Luke's project won him a third place award at the regional competition. When Luke was asked what he thought of the competition he said, "Overall I enjoyed the CAIU competition. It was interesting seeing all the different web page designs, animations, and various other projects." For more information you can visit the computer fair's web site at <http://pacomputerfair.org/>

Special Interest Independent Study

Students may take the Special Interest Independent Study course for a grade and credit. This is a listing of what some students have been accomplishing during their time.

Travis Dirl- worked on SAT writing unit, completed a ham radio licensing unit, and researched the history of magic.
Cameron Blackburn- wrote a resume, completed a Spanish language unit, completed the Flash animation computer program tutorial, created an original animation, completed Latin study.
Stephanie Murray- wrote a resume, completed a Russian language unit.
Tom Marcucci- wrote a resume, researched the physics of golf, completed a keynote computer presentation focusing on the physics of golf, completed a Design Center 3-D tutorial, and designed a home using the Design Center software.
Tyler Richardson- wrote a resume, completed PHP programming tutorials, completed Fireworks tutorials, completed Photoshop tutorials.
AnnMarie Hamlin- completed Photoshop tutorials, completed Japanese language and culture unit, completed a film unit.
Greg Potteiger- Worked on the reading and writing sections of the SAT, worked on photoshop, worked on learning the Arabic language, and completed the newsletter you are reading.

Some students tested out of Test Taking Strategies and attended Special Interest during that time. Here are some of the activities they completed.

Susanna Bagdasarova - completed a Russian translation unit
Taylor Breslin- produced the History Day video
Amy Cheung- prepared for the SAT test
Jon Cohen- produced music compositions using the Sibelius and Garage Band computer programs.
Christina duBreuil- produced a band recruitment video
Michael Wagman- researched careers and colleges

PA Math League Answer

The answer to this question is 90.
The five numbers must equal 100
so subtract one, two, three, four
from 100 and you get 90.

Summer Program Options

Are you looking for a challenge this summer and would like to earn some college credits? Well, the summer programs at California University of Pennsylvania and Elizabethtown College might just have something for you. From July 8th to July 29th the California University of Pennsylvania will be offering a Science and Technology Leadership Academy for interested high school students who will graduate in 2007. The course will enable a student to earn six college credits and will allow students to have some first hand experience in college life. In order to apply, a student must provide the university with an official transcript and a typed essay stating why you would like to participate, how you would benefit from such an experience, what you feel you can contribute if selected, and your educational goals. You must also provide a current list of extracurricular activities and two recommendation forms filled out by a counselor or teacher who can attest to your qualifications.

Science not your thing? Well then you may participate in a creative writing course at Elizabethtown College from June 26-30. Course activities include a daily reflective journal, a 100 ideas list, three descriptive snapshots, ten poems, one short story, one essay, and one dramatic scene. Upon completion of the course students will receive three college credits. The cost for the course is \$1257.00 which does not include the textbook or lunch. For more information call 361-1411 or 1-800-877-2694.

West Shore Expo Entries

The West Shore Audio Video Expo is an annual showing of student talent in various computer based works. This year it was held at the Administration Building on May 2. Across the district 500 students entered projects of which approximately 200 were selected for display. The following Special Interest students' projects were selected.

Luke Stone- *Julius Caesar* Animation
Jon Cohen- Music Garage Band
Tyler Richardson- Web Page Design
Joe Gribb- Sibelius Music Composition
Drew Tomes- Keynote Presentation
Josh Frisch- Video



In addition to being selected, Josh Frisch and Jon Cohen both won awards for their projects. Congratulations to both of them.



Congratulations to all the members of the 2006 senior class. Best of luck in all that you do and make Cedar Cliff proud.





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