Learning Notes

Students

Molly Kirwan, an English major at Hamline University in St. Paul, received the Thomas P. Beyer Prize during the university's Honors Day Awards ceremony. Kirwan is the daughter of David and Jean Kirwan of Duluth and a graduate of Duluth East High School.

Brian Linne and Kaitlin Boyce, both of Duluth, were cited as Phi Beta Kappa seniors during the Honors Day Convocation at St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minn.

Linda Hughes and Carl Pedersen of Willow River High School, H. Michael Casper from Silver Bay High School and Penny Juememann from Two Harbors High School all participated in the 2005 State Envirothon at Camp Onomia near Onamia, Minn.

The University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta initiated Sarah Bianchet of Duluth as treasurer.

Sigma Theta Tau International, Nursing Honor Society, Theta Xi Chapter at the College of St. Scholastica, inducted new members. Undergraduate nursing students were: Tiffany Carver, Katherine Cary, April Cook, Candace Dalpiaz, Kristin DeAruda, Shelly Demers, Stacey Eller, Andrea Filteau, Mickie Gocken, Sarah Junes, Katie Liebelt, Jennifer Lopez, Maurita McKay, Angela McKeown, Katherine Nielsen, Tracy Pulis, Sarah Sherlock, Amanda St. Aubin, Katie Stockler and Claire Taylor.

Graduate nursing students honored were: Peggy Frisch, Debra Johnson, Jennifer Kober, Katrine Karrie Sorum Lean, Joni Ohman and Lyn Palacheck. Joan Richwas honored with induction as a community nursing leader. Chapter officers installed were president Pamela James; vice president Laurel Ash; treasurer Christine Luoma; and counselors Joan Rich and Patricia Michals.

Hamlin Music Academy announces that the following awards were received for the MIM (Music Instructors of Minnesota) contest at Cloquet Presbyterian Church: Dylan Holck of Superior, first place and a second-place trophy for his performance on piano; Gaven Caywood of Esko, two first-place trophies for his accordion performance. Holck and Caywood are students at Hamlin Music Academy under the instruction of RaeAnn Hamlin.

Two Destination Imagination Teams from Cloquet High School are representing Minnesota at the Global Destination Imagination competition at the University of Tennessee. In the Sudden Serendipity Challenge Team, members include Gene Hall, Erin Hunt, Katie Mayer, Joe Olson, Renae Rowenhorst, Kaylin Strom, Amber Weber and student manager Sam Kelly.

In the Improving Along Challenge (this team also won a Renaissance Award) Team members include Rosie Alberio, Rylee Erickson, Jenna Kallestad, Angie Palmer, Shawna Tiander and Brie Watters.

Three teams from Cloquet placed third in the state tournament. In the Sudden Serendipity challenge was the team of Alexa Carlson, Kelsey Lund, Anna Nett, Linda Tierney, Amanda Vucich and Alyssa Wappes.

Also placing third and winning both the Renaissance Award and a DaVinci Award was the team of Lance Hovis, Jenna Johanson, Brittany Melin, Dani Melin, Laura Schelonka, Teresa Skaiko and Sara Wappes.

Placing third in the Dizzy Derby Challenge was the team of Sheri Fish, Matt Geiger, Chris Hammitt, Matt Hammitt, Amanda Joseph, Paul Mueller and Sarah Mueller.

The following students were inducted into the University of Minnesota Duluth Labovitz School of Business and Economics Chapter of Beta Gamma: Amy Adelmann, Ruwan Adikaram, Ashley Althoff, Daniel Bocchi, Julie Carlson, Shannon Dean, Brian Fuchs, Jamie Gardner, Clinton Hardy, Alex Harris-Jacoby, Rebecca Hart, Joelle Hero, Thomas Hoeff, Alex Husnik, Clayton Keim, Rachel King, Laura Kordonowy, Matthew Law, Ashley McNamara, Michael Olson, John Owen, Michael Puncochar, Christopher Rothstein, Khoo Vo, Alana Wilson, Jody Berger, Bhavini Charadva, Aaron Halda, Travis Koval, Ventseslav Lilov, Jessica Palumbo, Angela Paulucci, Nicholas Schroeder, Chris Strom, Kirina Trusty, Paul Bachman, Marianne Bohren, Brian Hanson and Rebecca Schmieding.

Omicon Delta Kappa at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire has awarded membership to Allison McClaichlan and Kaiser Edward, both of Duluth.

The Duluth Public Schools Work Experience Advisory Committee
presented Amber Williams and Tara Goodreau

Outstanding Student of the Year awards. Williams and Goodreau are students at Duluth Public Schools’ Secondary Technical Center and were honored for their outstanding attitude and for completing exemplary work as Secondary Vocational Education participants.

Grants

Joseph R. Prohaska, professor in the department of biochemistry and molecular biology at the University of Minnesota Duluth Medical School, has received a five-year competitive renewal grant from the National Institutes of Health to continue his research on "Nutritional Copper Status and the Nervous System."

Sigma Theta Tau International, Nursing Honor Society, Theta Xi Chapter at the College of St. Scholastica, has awarded scholarships to undergraduate students Stacey Eller and Maurita McKay and graduate student Mary McDermott.

Kate Bassing, a senior at Virginia Secondary School, and Emily Cromwell, a senior at Hibbing High School, have been named recipients of the 2005 Skilling Scholarships. Bassing received a $1,000 scholarship for her essay, "Building a Nation: The Iron Mines of Minnesota." Cromwell received a $500 scholarship for her essay, "Red Dirt -- Green Money."

Scholarships available

The Duluth Branch of the American Association of University Women has a scholarship available to women in post-baccalaureate study. Scholarships range from $500 to $1,000 and are open to all women with a permanent address in Duluth or the surrounding area including Cloquet, Hermantown, Proctor and Two Harbors. For an application, contact AAUW Scholarship Committee, 4305 Norwood Street, Duluth, MN 55804. Deadline is June 3. Graduations

Anna Person, daughter of Peter and Carol Person of Duluth, has received a medical degree from George Washington University School of Medicine. Person is a 1996 graduate of Duluth East High School and a 2000 graduate of Macalester College. She will begin a three-year internal medicine residency program at Duke University in July.

Diane Ruse, daughter of Charles and Linda Lundin of Duluth, has graduated summa cum laude with a bachelor's degree in justice studies from Northeastern Illinois University in Chicago. Ruse also was part of a group of university students who went to Durban, South Africa, in April to study at the University of Kwa-Zulu Natal.

Tina Johnson of Duluth has graduated with honors with a certificate in medical assisting from Duluth Business University. Johnson also was her class valedictorian.

Lindsay Rowell, daughter of Byron and Luann Rowell of Grand Rapids, graduated summa cum laude with a bachelor's degree in communication arts and literature from St. Cloud State University.

The following students have been named to the Dean's list. Michigan Technological University: Lindsay Williams of Aurora; Mark Pederson of Bemidji; Adam Manty of Carlton; Matthew Prusak and Randi Woodward, both of Cloquet; Amanda Smith of Cromwell; Brigham Erickson, Christopher Harwood, Michael Ness and Brian Primozich, all of Duluth; Rick Marquard of Ely; Christopher Beyer and Bridget Zimny, both of Esko; Anthony Hegg of Grand Marais; Benjamin Shaner of Grand Rapids; Stephen Kelley of Hermantown; Kyle Hinkkanen, Kevin Lee and Nicholas Takkonen, all of Hibbing; Andrew Kunze of Mahtowa; Benjamin Bittner of Saginaw; Ryan VanDenHeuvel of Two Harbors; and Eric Krause and Andrew Rogers, both of Virginia.

Reunions

Cloquet High School Class of 1965 Reunion is planned for July 22-23. The reunion committee needs help locating some classmates. Call Kay at 879-5374 or Renee at 879-9085.

Send education achievement news to Tina Larson at Duluth News Tribune, 424 W. First St., Duluth, MN 55802, e-mail learn@duluthnews.com
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Estelle receives veterinary school award

Leslie Estelle, a graduate of the University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Veterinary Medicine, received the Gengler Veterinary Dental Award during the school’s recent Awards Celebration. The award is given for exceptional enthusiasm and performance in the veterinary dental curriculum.

Estelle, a 1998 graduate of Lincoln High School, earned a bachelor’s degree from UW-Stevens Point. She is a daughter of Floyd and Karla Estelle of Wisconsin Rapids.

Leiser named member of honor society

Mollie Leiser of Wisconsin Rapids was initiated into the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta on April 23, during the annual scholastic Honors Week.

To be eligible for membership in Alpha Lambda Delta, a student must be pursuing a bachelor’s degree and have earned a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.5. The purpose of this honorary scholastic fraternity is to encourage and recognize superior scholastic achievement among students in their freshman year at UW-Eau Claire.

Ashbeck awarded three scholarships

Kody Ashbeck recently was recognized at the 2005-06 University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Education Honors Banquet. He is the recipient of three scholarships including a $3,000 Ruth Alice Howell and Miriam Howell Jones Scholarship, a $3,000 Frank O. and Grace R. Holt Memorial Scholarship and a $250 University of Wisconsin Chapter of Pi Lambda Theta Award.

Ashbeck, a junior at UW-Madison, is the son of Ron and Julie Ashbeck of Vesper. He is pursuing a degree in secondary mathematics in the School of Education, and he is assigned to Jefferson Middle School in Madison to complete his Practicum.

Miller chosen for Who’s Who listing

Rachel Miller was chosen to represent Carroll College in the Who’s Who in American Universities and Colleges during the Carroll Pioneer Convocation on April 8. Miller, a 2002 graduate of Northland Lutheran High School, is the daughter of Dr. Kevin and Betsy Miller of Wisconsin Rapids. She is pursuing a degree in psychology.

Local students honored at St. Olaf

Laura Conger and John Egge, both of Wisconsin Rapids, were recognized for academic achievement at St. Olaf College (Northfield, Minn). Honors Day on May 6. The event recognizes St. Olaf students who have achieved a grade-point average of 3.3 or higher. Conger is a senior and Egge is a sophomore at St. Olaf.

Winker inducted into honor society

Jill Winker of Wisconsin Rapids recently was inducted into the Eta Pi Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society. She is a nursing student at the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh.

Sigma Theta Tau is dedicated to nursing excellence through scholarship, leadership and research.

Herrmann named to dean's list

Catherine Herrmann of Wisconsin Rapids was named to the spring 2005 dean’s list at Michigan Technological University in Houghton, Mich. She earned a straight "A" average. Herrmann is a senior pursuing a degree in clinical laboratory science.

Benitz completes degree requirements
Leslie Benitz of Wisconsin Rapids graduated from Silver Lake College in Manitowoc on May 15. She earned a master's degree in teacher leadership.

Johnson receives degree from Lakeland

Virginia Johnson of Bancroft graduated summa cum laude from Lakeland College in Sheboygan on May 1 with a bachelor's degree in business administration.

Johnson is a 1981 graduate of Lincoln High School in Wisconsin Rapids and a 1983 graduate of Mid-State Technical College in Wisconsin Rapids with an associate's degree in secretarial science. She is employed at Domtar Industries Inc. in Port Edwards as a communications assistant in the Communications and Government Relations Department. She is the daughter of the late Andrew and Virginia Arnold. Estelle receives veterinary school award.
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Perry High School

Lindsey Burtraw
* Parents: Lydia and Michael Burtraw of Laingsburg
* Honors/activities: National Honor Society, Student Council, Business Professionals of America, volleyball, softball, homecoming queen
* Future plans: Lindsey plans to attend Northern Michigan University and study pediatric medicine.

Alicia Howard
* Parents: Marilyn and Dale Howard of Perry
* Honors/activities: National Honor Society, top scholar, church youth group, tutor, AWANA club
* Future plans: Alicia plans to attend college and study secondary education.

Kimberly Landick
* Parents: Tiller and Gregg Landick of Perry
* Honors/activities: National Honor Society, band, basketball, soccer, Academic All League
* Future plans: Kimberly plans to attend Michigan Technological University or Kalamazoo College and study engineering.

Sarah Lloyd
* Parents: Margaret and Frank Lloyd of Perry
* Honors/activities: National Honor Society, band, drama
* Future plans: Sarah plans to attend Michigan State University and study veterinary medicine.

Shelby Love
* Parents: Elaine Love of Perry and Russell Love of Mont.
* Honors/activities: National Honor Society, Student Council, band, drama, choir, church youth group
* Future plans: Shelby plans to attend Spring Arbor University and study secondary education.

Helen Lum
* Parents: Susan and Kai Lum of Perry
* Honors/activities: National Honor Society, Student Council, class president, volleyball, softball
* Future plans: Helen plans to attend the University of Michigan and study business.

Stephanie Pavlica
* Parents: Chris and Pete Pavlica of Perry
* Honors/activities: National Honor Society, band, SADD
* Future plans: Stephanie plans to attend Michigan State University and study zoology and writing.

Erika Ross
* Parents: Shelie and John Ross of Perry
* Honors/activities: National Honor Society, SADD, band, church youth group
* Future plans: Erika plans to attend Michigan State University and study natural sciences.

Amanda Seger
* Parents: Monica and Kent Seger of Owosso
* Honors/activities: National Honor Society, recycling program
* Future plans: Amanda plans to attend Baker College and study medical reception.

Kelli Whelan
* Parents: Karen and Gary Whelan
* Honors/activities: National Honor Society, band, cross country, track, St. Mary's Parish youth group, all conference runner
* Future plans: Kelli plans to attend Michigan Technological University and study chemistry.

GRAPHIC: Burtraw; Howard; Landick; Lloyd; Love; Lum; Pavlica; Ross; Seger; Whelan
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Local student completes degree requirements

Aaron Scherwinski, Wisconsin Rapids, graduated magna cum laude from Michigan Technological University, Houghton, Mich., on April 30. He received a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering during the spring commencement ceremony.

Students initiated into Eau Claire Mortar Board

Bobbi Sue Frischman, Vesper, was initiated into the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire Chapter of Mortar Board on April 24, during Honors Week at UW-Eau Claire. Mortar Board is a national honor society that recognizes seniors for achievement in scholarship, leadership and service.

Area students awarded deputyscholarships

Benjamin Riley, Wisconsin Rapids, is the recipient of two awards - the $200 Halsey Rinehart Memorial Scholarship and $150 Richland County Deputy Sheriff's Association Scholarship, to continue his education at the University of Wisconsin-Richland.
Ovid-Elsie High School

Ashley A. Bernath
* Parents: Sid and Garry Bernath of Elsie
* Honors/activities: Valedictorian, National Honor Society, Student Council, basketball, track, volleyball, coach youth basketball, Elsie Food Bank volunteer
* Future plans: Ashley plans to attend Michigan State University and study advertising.

Holly Clock
* Parents: Kathie and Brook Clock of St. (c) Johns
* Honors/activities: National Honor Society, Honor Ten, Renaissance, soccer, youth coach
* Future plans: Holly plans to attend Michigan State University and study architecture.

Sarah A. Ferden
* Parents: Ann and Francis Ferden of Ovid
* Honors/activities: Salutatorian, National Honor Society, Girls State, DAR Good Citizen Award, band, choir, marching band drum major, Quiz Bowl
* Future plans: Sarah plans to attend Baker College and study business administration.

Matthew Horsley
* Parents: Marian and Keith Horsley of Ovid
* Honors/activities: National Honor Society, Honor Ten, Renaissance, football, Elsie Dairy Festival, tutor, youth football camp, hunting, fishing
* Future plans: Matthew plans to attend Lansing Community College and Michigan State University and study fisheries and wildlife.

Caleb Miller
* Parents: Becky and Mark Miller of Elsie
* Honors/activities: Honor Ten, Renaissance, hunting, fishing, travel, archery, snowmobiling, trap shooting
* Future plans: Caleb plans to attend Northwood University and study accounting or banking/finance.

Heather Rose Platte
* Parents: Mae Platte of Ovid and Terry Platte of Portland
* Honors/activities: National Honor Society, Renaissance, Honor Ten, volleyball, tennis, PALS, tutor migrant families, Spanish language and travel
* Future plans: Heather plans to attend Saginaw Valley State University and study education and Spanish.

Adam C. Smith
* Parents: Lynette and Christopher Smith of St. Johns
* Honors/activities: Honor Ten, Renaissance, cross country, track, Duplain Church of Christ youth group, running
* Future plans: Adam plans to attend Lansing Community College.

Megan Smith
* Parents: Stephanie and Everett Smith of Ovid
* Honors/activities: National Honor Society, Student Council, basketball, swimming, soccer, yearbook, student challenge, church youth group, children’s church helper
* Future plans: Megan plans to attend Michigan Technological University and study engineering or teaching/coaching.

Melissa K. Strapec
* Parents: Lucy and Jeff Strapec of Elsie
* Honors/activities: National Honor Society, band, cheerleading, softball, pep band, student challenge, language arts team, youth tumbling
* Future plans: Melissa plans to attend Central Michigan
University and study communications.

Kevin Witte

* Parents: Amy and Kevin Witte of Elsie

* Honors/activities: Salutatorian, National Honor Society, video production, community bible education, Elsie Dairy Festival, snowboarding

* Future plans: Kevin plans to attend Lansing Community College and study multimedia technology.
College Notes

DEAN’S LIST: Area students were named to dean's or other honors lists.

Flagler College, St. Augustine, Fla.: Holli Strompolis, Neenah.

Oregon State University, Corvallis: Jacob Brucker, Appleton.

Washington and Lee University, Lexington, Va.: Andrew Ackell, Appleton.

HONORS, AWARDS: Area students received scholarships and other honors.

Bellin College of Nursing, Green Bay: Jennifer McCann, New London, was named to Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing.

Blackhawk Technical College, Janesville: Kelly Punzel, Appleton, received a special recognition award in dental hygiene and was named to Who's Who in American Junior Colleges. Laurie Jessup, Appleton, was named the outstanding student in manufacturing, construction and aviation and received a special recognition award in airframe and powerplant.

Carroll College, Waukesha: Amy Hubert, Appleton, received the student alumni ambassador award. Katie Kiekhaefer, Neenah, was named to Delta Sigma Nu honor society and received Mary Robertson Williams awards for first place in poetry and third place in prose. Cassandra Stratton, Hortonville, was named to Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges.

Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter, Minn.: Madeline Prahl, Appleton, was named to Phi Beta Kappa honor society.

Illinois Institute of Technology, Chicago: Appleton native Zachary White received a Schill Foundation Fellowship award for critical architectural writing.

Marian College, Fond du Lac: Crystal Eisch of Kimberly received a trustee scholarship for the fall semester of 2005. Stephanie Daun, a sophomore from New Holstein, received a merit scholarship in math and natural science.

Michigan Technological University, Houghton: Jonathan Boulos, Appleton, was inducted into Beta Gamma Sigma business honor society. Aaron Tice, Clintonville, was inducted into Phi Kappa Phi honor society.

Olivet Nazarene University, Bourbonnais, Ill.: Alissa Woods, Neenah, received an achievement award to attend the school.

St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minn.: Several area students were recognized for academic achievement at the Honors Day convocation. They include Ryan Baxter, Nicole Callies, Meghan Cieslik, Daniel Cooley, Emily Egbert, Erica Gruner, Lindsey Myers and Anna Stadler, all Appleton, and Lauren Benson, Kristen Buchta and Julia Molony, all Neenah.

University of Minnesota, Minneapolis: Susan Maves, Appleton, received a dean's scholar award, and Michael Groh, Menasha, received a Minnesota gold scholarship and an undergraduate research opportunities program scholarship to attend the school.

University of Wisconsin-Green Bay: Area graduating seniors who received chancellor's medals for academic excellence and leadership include Deanna Kratke, Appleton; Jayme Kadatz, Hortonville, and Kimberly Biedermann, Neenah.

University of Wisconsin-La Crosse: Anna Roth, Neenah, was recognized as one of the top students in the psychology department.

University of Wisconsin-Madison: Anne Reybrock, Little Chute, received the Kathryn S. Riddle and Lydia Z. Shafer scholarships from the Department of Kinesiology. Shreya Patel, Appleton, received the Rauwald-Regan memorial award and the Kermit Groothuis scholarship award from the School of Veterinary Medicine.

University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh: Area nursing students named to Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society include Angelique Boye, Little Chute; Calena Branch, Chilton; Cara Dowsett, Scandinavia; Amy Fink, Black Creek; Carrie Gerhartz, Kimberly; Cynthia Johnson, Menasha; Jill Kaddatz, Appleton, and Nikole Krueger, Winneconne.

University of Wisconsin-Whitewater: Sara Mertz, Hilbert, received the outstanding junior award for academic achievement, leadership and volunteerism.
Wisconsin Lutheran College, Milwaukee: Amanda Armitage, Neenah, received an academic scholarship, and Jessica Stege, Appleton, received a presidential scholarship to attend the school.

EDGEOUD: Claire Ann Martin, Neenah, received a doctor's degree in educational leadership from Edgewood College, Madison.

KANSAS STATE: Kelly Thacker, Neenah, received a master of science degree from Kansas State University, Manhattan.

MICHIGAN TECH: Area students received bachelor's degrees from Michigan Technological University, Houghton.

Appleton: Gavin Earl, mechanical engineering; Laura Merkel, mechanical engineering (magna cum laude); Chad Scherwinski, civil engineering, and David Slater, mathematics (summa cum laude).

Kimberly: Randy Pynenberg, electrical engineering.

FYTC: Area students were named to the dean's list at Fox Valley Technical College.

