

Dunmorean of the Month: Isabella Zeller, Miss Buck

By Steve Svetovich

Inspiring children and helping those in need are Dunmore senior Isabella Zeller's goals in representing her school in 2020-21 as Miss Buck.

Daughter of Aimee and Larry Zeller, Dunmore, the new Miss Buck of Dunmore High School was humble, but excited when she learned about her new role as a senior.

"I am so excited to be able to serve as a role model for younger children," she said. She is also following in the footsteps of her mother who served as Miss Buck during the 1994-95 season.

Isabella, 17, is an honor student with a 3.3 academic average at Dunmore. She is a member of the French Club, TACT and has been a basketball cheerleader for the past eight years, serving as co-captain this year. She is a three-year member of the Dunmore tennis team.

Isabella, modest in nature, said her best academic subject is English. She wants to study Elementary and Special Education at West Chester University after she graduates from Dunmore in 2021.

She talked about her goals as Miss Buck. "I want to inspire young children and be a good role model. I hope to inspire young children to be twirlers. I want to help those in need."

And her future goals? "I want to go to West Chester and become a special education teacher. I want to help young children with special needs."

Isabella said she loves twirling and learned to twirl under the direction of the prominent Sherry Rubino Nicolais, Dunmore. She has been a twirler for the past 10 years.

The Dunmore senior said her parents taught her well. "My parents always taught me to be kind to those in need."

Isabella's number one mentor in life is her grandpa, Thomas Carr, Dunmore. "My grandpa has always been a very hard worker," she said, "He teaches me to never give up on anything. I learned about the value of hard work from him. He is retired, but worked for Dunmore Roofing and drove for UPS. He worked hard for everything he has in life."

Isabella said she kept busy during the COVID-19 pandemic by practicing to become Miss Buck and preparing for the upcoming season.

She is proud to represent Dunmore High School as Miss Buck. "Dunmore High School has provided me with lifelong friends," she said. "The bond you make with your classmates here is so incredibly strong and unbreakable. Dunmore has made me the person I am today."

Isabella is an active participant in "Tomorrow's Leaders of Today." Her favorite musical artist is Harry Styles. "I like him because he treats people with kindness," she said.

"I am really looking forward to my senior year and beyond," she said. "I want to be a good role model for my school and set a good example for young children. I have great classmates and friends here at Dunmore. It is just a great experience."



Isabella Zeller has been selected as Miss Buck at Dunmore High School.

Dunmore man earns international award

Christopher Speicher, Ph.D., of Dunmore, associate professor and director of entrepreneurship in the School of Business and Global Innovation (SBGI) at Marywood University, has received the 2020 Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP) International Teaching Excellence Award.

The announcement was made during the ACBSP Annual Business Meeting that was held virtually on June 25.

As the Baccalaureate/Graduate Degree Teaching Excellence

Award Recipient for ACBSP Region 2, Dr. Speicher was honored with other regional recipients, each of whom received a crystal medallion and a monetary award.

From that group, two International Teaching Excellence Award recipients were announced, one from a baccalaureate/graduate degree-granting institution, and one from an associate degree-granting institution.

Dr. Speicher received the International Award, representing baccalaureate/graduate degree institutions, and was presented with

an additional crystal medallion and monetary award to recognize this achievement.

"The Teaching Excellence Award is always a highlight for the entire ACBSP membership," said Deborah Gaspard, Teaching Excellence Committee chair.

"From the innovators, to the experts, to those special leaders going above and beyond, the Teaching Excellence Award allows us to collectively recognize and honor those faculty members making a difference on

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Dr. Christopher Speicher wins excellence in teaching award

our campuses and in the lives of our students.”

Arthur Comstock, Ph.D., executive director and chairman of the SBGI at Marywood University, said, “Dr. Speicher’s particular area of professional success is entrepreneurship—to which his achievements are second to none. He regularly mentors and prepares students for our regional Business Plan Competition at which the 14 colleges and universities within Northeastern Pennsylvania participate. His success with students in this competition is unprecedented—having mentored three of the last six competition winners, including a recent first-place, second-place, and third-place finish, all in the same year.”



Christopher Speicher

ACBSP recognizes the significance of the classroom teacher to the mission of degree-granting institutions. It is for this reason that the Associate Degree Commission of ACBSP established the International Teaching Excellence Award in 1995 to recognize outstanding classroom teachers. In 2002, the Baccalaureate Degree Commission created a similar award to recognize excellence in teaching at the baccalaureate degree level. ACBSP is the only specialized accrediting body for business schools that presents an

award recognizing excellence in teaching.

Marywood University’s SBGI is committed to improving the world by enabling students to acquire and develop their leadership competencies to meet the dynamic challenges of a knowledge-based global society. Marywood’s SBGI nurtures values conducive to ethical and socially responsible behavior. The undergraduate and graduate business programs promote academic excellence and scholarship through applied, experiential learning that empha-

sizes entrepreneurial solutions to business problems. That education focus fosters strong leadership qualities of integrity, accountability, and disciplined work ethic in service to others. For additional information about Marywood University’s School of Business and Global Innovation, please visit www.marywood.edu/business, or call the Office of Admissions, at (570) 348-6234. For more information about the International Teaching Excellence Award, or ACBSP, please visit acbsp.org.

Cultural Center appoints Betsy McGrath Ardizoni as development director

The Board of Directors of the Scranton Cultural Center at the Masonic Temple (SCC) and its executive director, Deborah Moran Peterson, are pleased to announce Betsy McGrath Ardizoni as the organization’s Director of Development.

Betsy joined the Scranton Cultural Center at the Masonic Temple as its Development Director in January.

“As the organization embarks on capital projects to preserve and renovate aspects of the building, a capital improvement plan is paramount for long term projects.

“Betsy’s past experience in fundraising, event planning and corporate marketing will help us move strategically in the direction needed,” said Deborah Moran Peterson, SCC Executive Director “We are thrilled to have her as a member of the team at the SCC.”

Born and raised in Scranton, Betsy earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in Labor Studies and Employment Relations from The Pennsylvania State University, as well as an Executive Event Leadership Certificate from Temple University.

Prior to joining the Scranton Cultural Center, Betsy worked in



Betsy McGrath Ardizoni

the Marketing Communications Department at The Wright Center for Community Health, and with Governor Ed Rendell during his time as Chairman of the 2016 Democratic National Convention in Philadelphia.

Betsy is a graduate of the Leadership Lackawanna Core Program Class of 2020, and serves on the Board of Directors at the Greater Scranton YMCA. Betsy resides in Dunmore with her husband, Guy.

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Dunmore students receive recognition for volunteer work

and Dunmore High School. And they deserve to be honored for their volunteer work.

"However, we nominated these Dunmore students as Youth Ambassadors for 2020 for their service work in 2019.

"The Dunmore community responded so well at the basketball game when the event was held. The kids were so great to deal with. They were so enthusiastic. The teddy bears were thrown onto the basketball court for the children. And \$350 in donations were collected at the game. The Dunmore community really took part in this to help the Children's Advocacy Center."

The Children's Advocacy Center of NEPA, a non profit child abuse intervention center, began in 1998 through the work of Judge Michael Barrasso who decided children needed a different avenue to tell their stories of abuse and neglect.

Previously, abused children had to go through multiple professionals and the court system and face their

abuser after initiating allegations of abuse, said Bohenek.

Through the Children's Advocacy Center, a child can now tell his or her story of abuse to one initial contact, said Bohenek. It then goes through a National Data Base and Children and Youth Services and then to the Children's Advocacy Center, added Bohenek.

"The child's story is admissible in a court of law and the child never has to face the perpetrator.

"It makes it much easier and less threatening for a child to report abuse. It goes right through us and just one initial contact."

Bohenek said the six Dunmore seniors, Dunmore High School and Dunmore community should be commended for their efforts in helping the children of the Children's Advocacy Center of NEPA.

"They really did a fantastic job. They were great."

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teddy bears to the basketball game for the children of the Children's Advocacy Center of NEPA.

The event collected 450 teddy bears and \$350 in donations, said Rosemary Bohenek, fundraising and event coordinator for the Children's Advocacy Center of NEPA.

The Children's Advocacy Center of NEPA named the six Dunmore graduates, all who were senior class officers, as Youth Ambassadors of the Year for Cocktails by Moonlight.

The event to honor the six Dunmore seniors was supposed to be held this past April 5 at Fiorelli's, Peckville, but was cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic, said Bohenek.

"Due to COVID, the event did not happen," said Bohenek. "We have been unable to honor them



Dunmore High School senior class officers are shown making a donation to the Children's Advocacy Center of NEPA, Silent Night 2019, raised by asking DHS students to bring teddy bears to a basketball game for the children of the CAC/NEPA. Shown from left are: Nick Stanco, Mia Chiaro, Mary Ann LaPorta representing Children's Advocacy Center of NEPA; Madilyn Cianci and Charles Valvano. Not shown are Katie Hilson and Bell Pendon. The event collected 450 teddy bears for the project.

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Erica Brown

Erica Brown has served as editor-in-chief of the Crimson Courier at Dunmore High School, where she has also been active as vice president of the Book Club, a member of Chorus and Show Choir, and attended PMEA District 9 Chorus.

Erica, who has had a passion for singing from a young age, also sang in the elementary school chorus and acted with a local theater company. At DHS, she was been a part of the Crimson Company for five years and has worked on publicity, props, audio and lights.

Erica plans to attend Penn State University with the intended major of graphic design. Erica would like to thank her mom, dad, and sister for their continual support. She is also grateful for the second home that the Crimson Company has provided her throughout her middle and high school career.

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Marywood Class of 2019 nearly 100 percent employed

Marywood University's Class of 2019 is nearly 100 percent employed or in pursuit of advanced degrees. Of the 99.7 percent of graduates who are pursuing graduate school or are employed, 92.2 percent of those employed have jobs related to their major.

Marywood's Class of 2019 includes 52.1 percent who are continuing their academic careers in graduate school, with 88.3 percent of those advanced degree seekers choosing to continue their graduate studies at their alma mater, Marywood University.

Marywood offers more than 30 graduate degree programs and 10 five-year bachelor's to master's degrees. The values-based, practical, flexible, and personalized education at Marywood University is taught by experienced, inspiring, and supportive faculty. The campus features top-quality facilities that are enhanced by resources for research, and, additionally, Marywood's long-standing faculty and alumni offer vital networks for career opportunities.

Christina Brundage, Ph.D., career engagement specialist of the Career Development Center said,

"These numbers truly reflect not only the success of our students but also show that Marywood Pacers are in demand. This is a result of all of the services and efforts put forth by a dedicated coalition of supporters throughout Marywood's campus, including the Career Development Center, the faculty, and staff, but, most importantly, the students who worked hard to achieve their career aspirations. I am proud to have been a part of helping the class of 2019 attain their professional goals and look forward to celebrating the success of the class of 2020 and beyond."

Marywood University's Career Development Center supports both enrollment services and student success, as well as the University's academic mission of educating men and women of all ages in undergraduate, graduate, and continuing education programs. The Career Development Center collaborates with academic departments to foster the self-development of students through career planning, as well as assisting students and alumni in decision making, the transition to the work world, and the pursuit of further education.

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Camp Healing Hearts provides grief education, arts for children

Camp Healing Hearts is a five-day camp experience sponsored by Hospice of the Sacred Heart to provide grief education and arts to children ages 8 to 14 who have experienced the death of a loved one. The camp will be held Aug. 10-14 from 10 to 11:30 a.m.

Children work with trained bereavement counselors and members of the regional arts community to help them progress towards acceptance of the loss and use the arts as a means of self-expression. Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the 2020 Camp Healing Hearts will be conducted safely via Zoom Video Conferencing.

This year's five-day camp is made up of two back-to-back 45-minute instructional sessions each day to provide a sense of routine, consistency and ultimately closure for the entire process. Each session utilizes a different theme explored through the arts. Bereavement counselors will be available throughout the week if any campers or family members require individual support.

Community volunteers lend their time and talents to campers with artistic projects culminating this year in a video retrospect, which will be presented before the feature film at the Circle Drive-In, 1911 Scranton Carbondale Highway, Dickson City, on a date to be determined in late August.

The camp schedule for the week follows: Monday, Aug. 10, Photography with Julie Jordan and Yoga with Hilary Steinberg; Tuesday, Aug. 11, Pizza Making with Brenda Bistocchi and Cupcake Decorating with Sara Grande; Wednesday, Aug. 12, Singing and Dancing with Joanne Arduino and Michele Conaboy McGrath and Writing with Lisa Bath; Thursday, Aug. 13, Singing and Dancing with Joanne Arduino and Michele Conaboy McGrath and Painting with Katharine Schkloven; Friday, Aug. 14, Singing and Dancing with Joanne Arduino and Michele Conaboy McGrath and Photography with Julie Jordan.

Camp Healing Hearts is presented by New York Life and receives generous in-kind support from Simrell Media, Mansour's Market Café and Lamar Advertising.



Holy Cross High School senior Madelyn Klassner was chosen as the 2020 recipient of the VFW Post 5937 scholarship for \$2,000.. Madelyn is the daughter of Steven and Tonya Klassner and the granddaughter of Lorraine and the late Frank Klassner. She will be attending La Salle University in Philadelphia, to pursue a degree in nursing. Pictured from left: Joseph Pehanick, Quartermaster VFW Post 5937, Madelyn Klassner, and Richard Capwell, Commander VFW Post 5937



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August Artist of the Month: Mary K. White

By Mary K. White



August Artist of the Month Mary K. White is shown with her painting *Fox vs Hawk*, which evolved from a simple picture of a fox into something more complex.

You never know when something will touch you and inspire you to put it on canvas. The *Fox vs Hawk* started out very differently.

It was going to be a simple picture of a fox, but I found myself thinking of a family member who was fighting a severe illness and had a ferocious determination to never give up, to get well, and recover completely.

As I thought more and more about this person, a simple painting of a fox turned into a battle between a fox and a hawk.

I started coming to the Activity Hub about 10 years ago to take an oil painting class. It was a wonderful class taught by Jill Swersie.

Jill started everyone with the basics. She suggested brushes that are best for oils, but inexpensive. She recommended several oil colors I would need for a basic oil pallet and she told me to start with a canvas no smaller than 16 x 20 inches.

Everyone in her class is working on their own painting, so Jill during a class sits with each student helping them and recommending ways the painting can be improved.

The Dunmore Activity Hub offers more than art classes. Alison Boga, the director, has scheduled classes that members have requested and enjoy.

I have taken knitting classes (taught by Bonnie Strohl), meditation classes, and Tai Chi, among others. While the center is closed during this pandemic, Alison has scheduled many online classes through Zoom, which I have also participated in. At the Dunmore Hub, there is a little something for everyone.



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New, fresh ideas for using broccoli

Covid or not, it's time for the Farmer's Market. Yes, I socially distance and always wear a mask..

It's such a treat walking through the market looking at all the freshly grown produce, homemade baked goods, preserved fruits and vegetables, and fresh meats.

My thoughts are always racing as to what new dishes I can make with the fresh items. This month I'm focusing on broccoli. My family has always loved broccoli and all other members of the cabbage family. So here are some new, fresh ideas :

GREEN GODDESS BROCCOLI SALAD

1 large bunch broccoli (use only the florets)

1 pint cherry tomatoes, halved
4 green onions, chopped
1/2 lb. bacon, fried and crumbled

Dressing:
1 bottle Green Goddess Dressing
Juice of half a lemon
Garlic powder to taste.

Mix all salad ingredients together. Combine dressing with lemon and garlic powder. Pour over salad and toss. Serves 4-6.

BEACH SALAD

3 broccoli crowns
1/2 cup mayonnaise
3 Tbsp. sugar
2 Tbsp. cider vinegar
1/2 cup onion, chopped
4 strips crisp bacon, crumbled

1/4 cup raisins
1/4 cup pecans, roughly chopped

Soak broccoli crowns in cold water 5 minutes. Drain well. Chop broccoli crowns and some of the stems. Set aside. In large bowl, mix mayonnaise, sugar, and vinegar. Add broccoli, onion, bacon and raisins. Toss gently to mix. Place in serving dish and sprinkle with pecans. Serves 6.

PICANTE BROCCOLI CHICKEN SALAD

1/2 cup mayonnaise
1/4 cup Picante sauce
1 garlic clove, minced
1/2-1 tsp. chili powder
2 cups cubed cooked chicken (I

Cheryl's Cuisine



By Cheryl Radkiewicz

use leftover rotisserie chicken breast)

2 cups broccoli florets
1 cup diced fresh tomato
1/2 cup shredded cheddar cheese
1/2 cup chopped onion
1/4 cup chopped green pepper
1/4 cup sweet red pepper
Flour tortillas, warmed

In a large bowl, combine mayonnaise, Picante, garlic and chili powder. Add chicken, broccoli, tomato, cheese, onion and peppers; toss to coat. Refrigerate for at least 30 minutes before serving. Serve with tortillas. Makes 6-8 servings.

BROCCOLI PIE

1 large onion, chopped
3 Tbsp. vegetable oil
4 eggs, lightly beaten
4 cups chopped fresh broccoli, cooked (I steam mine)
2 cups (8 oz.) shredded part-skim mozzarella cheese
1 carton (16 oz.) ricotta cheese
1/3 cup grated Parmesan cheese
1/4 tsp. salt
Dash nutmeg
1 unbaked pie pastry (9") I use refrigerated crust

In skillet, saute' onion in oil until tender, about 5 minutes. Transfer to bowl. Add eggs, broccoli, cheeses, salt and nutmeg. Pour into pie shell.

Bake at 350 degrees for 50-55 minutes or until knife inserted near center comes out clean. Let stand a few minutes before serving. Serves 6-8.

These next two recipes are great served with grilled meats, especially steaks!

BROCCOLI PUFF

1-10 oz. pkg. broccoli cuts or fresh broccoli, cooked
1-10 1/2 oz. can cream of mushroom soup
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1/4 cup mayonnaise

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Cheryl's Cuisine

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1 egg, beaten
 1 cup bread crumbs
 4 Tbsp. melted butter

Cook broccoli and drain well. Put in baking dish. Mix together soup, cheese, milk, mayonnaise and egg; pour over broccoli. Brown bread crumbs in butter. Sprinkle on top. Bake at 350 degrees for 45 minutes. Serves 4-6.

BROCCOLI AND BLEU CHEESE CASSEROLE

2-10 oz. pkgs. frozen broccoli, chopped, or fresh broccoli, steamed
 2 Tbsp. butter

2 Tbsp. all-purpose flour
 1-3 oz. pkg. cream cheese, softened
 2-3 Tbsp. bleu cheese, crumbled
 1 cup milk
 1/2 cup rich, round crackers, crushed (I use Town House)
 2 Tbsp. butter, melted

Cook broccoli and drain well. In saucepan melt 2 tablespoons of butter; stir in flour, cream cheese and bleu cheese. Add milk; cook and stir until bubbly. Stir in broccoli and pour into 1-quart casserole.

Crush crackers and toss with 2 tablespoons melted butter. Place on top of broccoli. Bake, covered, at 350 degrees for 45 minutes. Uncover and bake 5-10 minutes more. Serves 6.

Furniture sale

During this health crisis, SS. Cyril and Methodius Ukrainian Catholic Church, Olyphant, will sponsor its furniture sale on Friday, Aug. 7, and Saturday, Aug. 8, outside, in the driveway of St. Cyril's Church and Rectory from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. both days.

Everyone must wear a face mask and follow social distancing. Customers can enter from 135 River Street (between the school and the rectory) or West Grant Street, Olyphant. All the furniture and home decor have been donated by estates, moving or downsizing homes. Food and raffles will be available. The musical entertainment will be provided by Paul Dudrich and Patrick Marcinko, parishioners of St. Cyril's Church. For more information, call St. Cyril's Rectory at 570-291-4451 or go online to <http://www.stcyrils.weconnect.com>

Lebanese Food Fest

The 10th annual Lebanese-American Mini Food Fest will be held Aug. 7-9 at St. Joseph Melkite Greek Catholic Church, 130 N. St. Frances Cabrini Ave., off lower Jackson Street. There will be take-out and pick-up of Middle Eastern food and pastries and local picnic food favorites. Times will be Friday and Saturday from 4 to 9 p.m. and Sunday from 1 to 7 p.m. Please follow current mask and distancing guidelines. Prepaid orders are being taken by calling 570-343-6092. For menu or information, visit www.melkite.scranton.org or

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Golf tournament

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Dunmore High School officers for the Class of 2020 included, from left: Katie Hilson, Mia Chiaro, Charles Valvano, Bell Pendon and Madilyn Cianci. Not pictured is Nick Stanco. As seniors, they spearheaded donations for the Children's Advocacy Council of NEPA. -- See related story and photo on Page. 4.



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tributed in take-out containers on the Vine Street side of the building.

Beginning Tuesday, July 28, Saint Francis of Assisi Kitchen has resumed its evening meals three nights a week. The evening meals will be served on Tuesday,

Wednesday and Thursday from 5 until 6 p.m. The evening meals will also be distributed in take-out containers on the Vine Street side of the building.

“Saint Francis of Assisi Kitchen
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Shown during a presentation of a donation by the Luzerne County Sports Hall of Fame to Hospice of the Sacred Heart during the Covid 19 crisis are, front row, from left: Dr. Patrick Kilduff, Medical Director, Hospice of the Sacred Heart, and Jim Martin, Chapter President, Luzerne County Sports Hall of Fame. Back row, same order: Karel Zubris, Chapter Historian, Luzerne County Sports Hall of Fame, and and Diane Baldi, CEO, Hospice of the Sacred Heart



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The Saint Francis Food Pantry remains open on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. Food bags are distributed at the door.

While the Saint Francis of Assisi Free Clothing Store remains closed at this time, needs of the community are still being met on an individual basis. At this time, the facility is not currently in a position to receive clothing donations.

Due to the ongoing health crisis, Saint Francis of Assisi Kitchen is not currently accepting food or clothing donations from individuals at the door until further notice.

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Sports

THE DUNMOREAN'S ATHLETES OF THE MONTH



Lauren Grippi heading to PSU

By Steve Svetovich

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Lauren Grippi had to wait until mid-July to graduate, and saw her graduating senior activities cancelled, but the humble, polite scholar-athlete took it all in stride.

"I felt like we missed out on a lot of fun senior activities like awards and class night," she said. "but everyone was in the same predicament. We were all in the same boat, so how can you complain?"

Lauren said she worked out, did school work and prepared for the college application process during her time off due to the pandemic. She will most likely study psychology while attending Penn State in the fall.

Daughter of Shannon and Rich Grippi, Lauren had an impressive 3.6 academic average at Dunmore High School. She was a member of the National Honor Society and MVP and co-captain of the tennis team.

She was Spanish Club recording secretary and a member of show choir, drama club and chorus. She was president of SADD, wrote for the school newspaper and was a football cheerleader for four years. Her favorite academic subject is English.

Lauren, in her courteous nature, said she was honored to receive the team MVP award for tennis. "I felt honored and very happy when I heard about it," she said. "Tennis takes a lot of determination and you can't give up. You have to practice very hard."

The talented and always busy Dunmore graduate said her parents taught her to work hard to achieve goals in life. "My parents taught me about a good work ethic and to always try my best at anything



I do.

"My parents are always there for me. They also taught me to treat people right."

Lauren said her Dunmore tennis coaches, Jenny Ondeck and Jenna Urban, taught her similar values. "Try my best and never give up. Work hard all the time. Keep your head up."

Lauren comes from a very talented and hard working family. Her dad is a retired Pennsylvania State Policeman. Her mom is a local dental hygienist.

Her late grandfather Doug Miele was a veteran and Scranton Tribune newspaper editor.

Her late great-grandfather Tony Miele played baseball, spent numerous years as a volunteer baseball coach and is a member of the Northeastern Chapter of the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame.

Her brother Richie Grippi, 21, was an all-star baseball shortstop at Dunmore and is a junior at Penn State.

Lauren said her goals in the immediate future are to pursue a psychology degree at Penn State, graduate, get a good job and eventually pursue an advanced degree and become a counselor.

"I like to help people and listen when someone has a problem," she said. "I like to help out with a person's problem. That's why I think counseling would be a good field for me."

The soft-spoken tennis stalwart said she enjoys listening to country music in her spare time. Luke Combs is her favorite country artist.

Lauren said she enjoys being involved in a lot of school activities, (Please turn to Page 18)



Tennis MVP Lauren Grippi, center, is shown with her coaches Jenny Ondeck and Jenna Urban.

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Ruggiero Comeback Athlete of Year

By Steve Svetovich

Frank Ruggiero, a Dunmore senior this coming year, earned Comeback Athlete of Year honors through the Lehigh Valley Health Network.

Son of Vito and Chrissy Ruggiero, Dunmore, the three-sport athlete suffered injuries in a quad and motor vehicle accident March 30, 2019. A quad the teen was driving was hit by a truck in the mishap.

A sophomore at the time, Frank was and still is a member of the Dunmore baseball, basketball and golf teams.

He underwent many weeks of intensive rehab following the accident in which he suffered multiple injuries and needed a bowel reconstruction.

"But I always moved forward," he said. "There was never a doubt in my mind I would be playing all three sports again at Dunmore."

"I suffered a brain bleed and concussion, but I was back on the baseball field for two games that very same year. I had a few hits my first game back and it felt good to be back playing second base and shortstop."

Frank is a guard on the Dunmore basketball team and came back as a junior to average over nine points a game and play a key role as a starter.

He was looking forward to playing baseball as a junior and then the COVID-19 pandemic struck. "It was tough not being able to play baseball this year," he said. "We were all looking forward to it. I wanted to play with my senior friends one last time. We wanted to win for the seniors."

The talented, hard working soon to be senior came back strong in golf too. He was a first-team all-star and lost only one match.

He felt honored, but not too surprised receiving the Comeback Athlete of Year award. "It felt great, but I knew I was coming back because I love sports. There was no doubt in my mind. It was

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Dunmore High School guard Frank Ruggiero is shown on court with his brother Nico.



With his brother Nico behind him in centerfield, Frank Ruggiero plays shortstop and second base for the Dunmore Bucks.

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With Steve Svetovich



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West Scranton graduate **Cole Stetzar** getting looked at as pitcher by MLB scouts during Baseball U PA Collegiate Summer League action...Former Green Ridge athlete **Mike Harrington** still playing competitive baseball at 62 in Wyoming Valley Summer Baseball League...Remember **Tim Hart** throwing 3-hitter, striking out 12 and hitting homer 10 years ago in North Scranton's 5-3 win over Jefferson Township in District 32 Little League baseball all-star game?...

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New York Yankees outfielder **Aaron Judge** on power barrage with six homers in last five games at press time...Congratulations to recent Dunmore graduate **Lauren Grippi** who was MVP and captain of tennis team, member of National Honor Society with 3.6 grade point average and will attend Penn State in fall...Her brother **Richie Grippi**, former Dunmore all-star shortstop, is junior at Penn State...Grippi siblings late grandfather **Doug Miele** was former editor at Scranton Tribune...Late great grandfather **Tony Miele** is member of Northeastern Chapter of PA Sports Hall of Fame...

Former Dunmore councilman **Paul Nardozi** is picking Yankees-Dodgers World Series with

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Congratulations to Dunmore junior three-sport standout **Frank Ruggiero** named Comeback Athlete of Year by Lehigh Valley Health Network...Condolences to family of former Dunmore Fire Department Captain **Van Edward Chiavacci, Jr.**, who died last month at 51...Condolences to family of Dunmore's **Gerard "Pudge" Perry**, owner of G. Perry Builders, Inc., Dunmore, who died last month at 64...

MLB commissioner **Rob Manfred** getting blasted in media for numerous cancellation of games due to COVID-19 outbreaks and constant changing of baseball rules and playoff system...Lack of preparedness and poorly devised alternate solutions for season on the brink due to COVID-19 issues is major criticism of Manfred...Manfred also criticized for suspending LA Dodgers relief pitcher **Joe Kelly** eight games for intentionally throwing at, but not hitting Houston shortstop **Carlos Correa** who was part of Astros 2018 cheating scandal...

NBA commissioner **Adam Silver** drawing raves and having very little issues with teams playing in Orlando bubble...Remember former MLB first baseman **Mike Hargrove**, known as "The Human Rain Delay"?...Congratulations to Dunmore graduating seniors **Nick Stanco**, **Mia Chiaro**, **Charles Valvano**, **Bell Pendon**, **Madilyn Ciani** and **Katie Hilson**, all Student Council members, named by Children's Advocacy Center of NEPA as Youth Ambassadors of Year for Cocktails by Moonlight for their volunteer work at basketball fundraiser last December...Congratulations to soon to be

Dunmore senior **Isabella Zeller**-named Miss Buck for 2020-21...Her mom **Aimee** was Miss Buck in 1994-95...Isabella studied twirling under direction of **Sherry Rubino Nicolais**, Dunmore, for 10 years...Dunmore Crime Watch head **Gary Duncan** is big fan of Canadian born Hall of Fame

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College opening plans

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Marywood's HyBridge Education Model is the key to the University's plan, designed to provide students with options and choices. This blended model of learning incorporates remote, interactive instruction, and in-person experiences that enhance student learning. For additional information about Marywood University's **Ready. Set. Forward! Plan**, please visit marywood.edu/forward. For additional information about the University's HyBridge Education Model, visit www.marywood.edu/article/2020-HyBridge-Education-Model.

LACKAWANNA COLLEGE

Lackawanna College announced its reopening plan for the fall semester, which begins Monday, Aug. 31, at all locations. The plan includes implementing new safety protocols and adjusting some course formats with the safety of students, faculty and staff in mind.

The College will welcome students back to campus, but students will be given the option to choose all online classes for the semester. Students who elect to take in-person classes will receive hybrid courses—with most on-ground classes meeting in person once per week.

Select classes requiring hands-on instruction such as the Division of Health Sciences and the Police Academy will continue with in-person instruction. Campus offices will open with minimal staff, with many employees continuing to work remotely. To access the Lackawanna College Academic reopening plan, visit Lackawanna.edu/coronavirus.

Grippi named tennis MVP

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but still kept her grades in the mid 90s. "I always got my school work done before practice," she said. "I set time aside to study." Kind, considerate and hard-working, Lauren will now chase her star at Penn State, but she will never forget Dunmore High School. "I felt a part of a family at Dunmore," she said. "I was welcomed by teachers and classmates throughout all my years at Dunmore. It is really a very close knit community. It will always be a part of me."

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Three sport athlete makes comeback (From Page 17)

an honor, but I knew I would be coming back.

"Coming back is the big thing. Getting the award is just a bonus."

Frank is an honors student with a 90 academic average at Dunmore. His best academic subject is math.

Due to his great love and pursuit of athletics, Frank said he does not have a lot of time for music but does like Travis Scott.

He gets a lot of his work ethic from his parents.

"They teach me to always move forward and work hard. Hard work earns you success. They also teach me about respect. Be respectful of others."

He worked extremely hard during his rehab trying to get back on the baseball field. "I had no choice, but to work hard. I could not wait to come back."

"I knew I would never stop playing."

Frank said he can't wait for his senior year. "I want to take in every moment. I feel great over a year after the accident. I want to go as far as I can. I will never stop. I am going to savor the moments. Everything will be that much sweeter."



A three-sport athlete at Dunmore High School, Frank Ruggerio also plays on the golf team.

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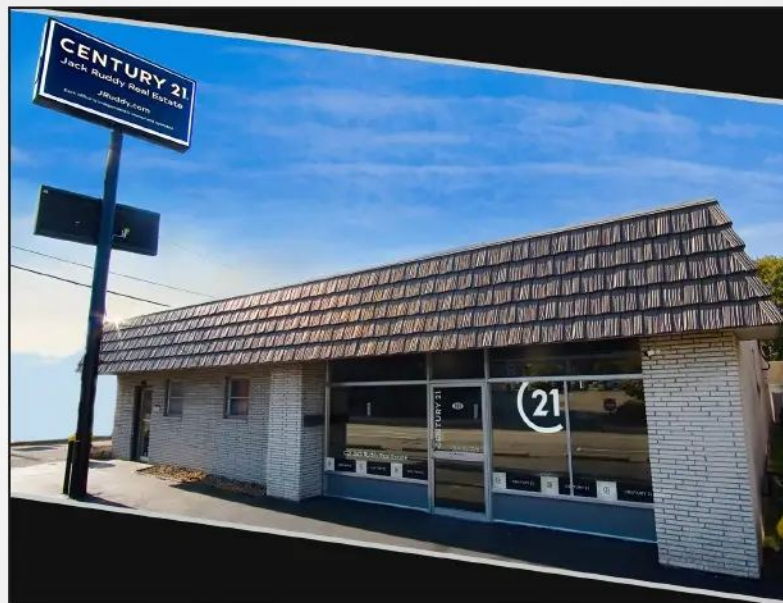
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