

## BASD honors achievements

Christina Huth may not have stood as physically tall as some of the youngsters honored recently by the Bethlehem Area School District, but the 1st grader seemed just as pleased with her scholastic achievement.

Christina, a daughter of Robert and Barbara Huth, was recognized for reading 182 books in a "Reading Through the Roof" project in the Fountain Hill School. While such academic heavyweights as the Merit Scholarship finalists deservedly get their share of publicity during the school year, she is typical of many students — and sometimes a staff member — who often go unnoticed.

Bruce E. Hoppe, a Freedom High senior, achieved fame this year as the district's first-ever Presidential Scholar. But he also had the chance to bring one of his teachers, Jody R. Miller, into the spotlight with him. Presidential Scholars are allowed to name a "Distinguished Teacher," someone who was most influential in the student's accomplishments.

Hoppe, a son of Mr. and Mrs. William Hoppe, chose Miller to accompany him to Washington, D.C., this month to receive laurels. Bruce's mother, Patricia, wrote, "Without excellence in teaching, we would not have excellent students. I would like to see Mr. Jody Miller recognized for his contribution to education in the Lehigh Valley."

Among the many students singled out by the Bethlehem district in its annual awards ceremony were mathematics team members: Kevin Burns, Thomas Foster, Randy Freeman, Mary Beth Guro, William Lee, Charrissa Lin, Brooke Unger and Hoppe, all of Freedom High; Michael Angelo, David Bader, Debra Bader, Dean Batten, William Brewster, Stephen Fahringer, Neil Szanyi and Parke Wilde, all of Liberty.

Winner of a six-week summer residence at the Governor's School for the Arts (Music) was Janice Horn, a Freedom cellist. Going to the Governor's School for Science are Charrissa Lin of Freedom and William Brewster of Liberty. Instrumentalists who achieved "State Orchestra" status were Laura Harada of Freedom and Colin Bennett, Audrey Buss, Gina Galassi and Sandra Shaffer, all of Liberty.

Foreign Language Day at Moravian College produced these Freedom High honorees: Olinda Emery, Anne H. Goldstein, Anisha Sheth and Amy Shigo, all for Spanish; Karen Barsness, Beth Doluisio, Michael Hare, Eric Herrenkohl, Lynn Hetzel, Leslie Robertson, Brooke Unger, Nicholas Zankos, and Hoppe, all French. Those honored from Liberty were Jeffrey Kaiser, Jennifer Kaiser, and Harry Rawdon, all for German.

High achievers at National History Day at Muhlenberg College were: Lisa Aschenbach, Susan Frable, Randy Freeman, Spencer Haber, Darby Hutchinson, Kathryn

McDermott, Rebecca Mitchell, Jeannine Mongeon, Susan Steinberger and Susan Joy Williamson, all of Freedom; William Brewster, Erika Flesher, Karen Kopecek, Elaine Popp, Jason Reed, Sarah Spillman and Michael Surabian, all of Liberty.

Distinguishing themselves in local competition for the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) were: Tami Burritt, Marci Gensleiter, Deborah Herbein, Sheri Shosh and Tracey Tulio, all of Freedom. Melinda Elinis of Freedom placed first in typing and mathematics in the Badman School of Business Office Olympics.

Honored through the Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science were Andrew Coleman and Parke Wilde, both of Liberty. Receiving certificates for stage band participation were Henry Jonkman and Richard McCorkell.

Distributive education honors went to Laura Clement, Dean Crago, Michelle Delmore, Vesta Dillman, Su-Nam Heo, Roger Herstich, Jodi Holzinger, Brett Miller, Martha Pavkovic, Christopher Straw, Susan Walters, Dean Wilson and Kristen Yocum.

Recognized for their participation in the International Winter Special Olympics were Tammy Kleckner of Freedom, with a 5th place in figure skating, and Kathryn Lindgren of Liberty, a 4th place in cross country skiing.

The "Young Writer" awards at Liberty

included Tracy Beck, Eric DeJesus and Kari Young, all for the literature contest; Jennifer Matla, Chris Portner, and Kerry Smith, all for art, plus individual award winners Erika Rohrbach and Douglas Von Nessen.

Among the four middle schools, these students were recognized: at Broughal — Jessie Gaughran and David Girardot, both for National History Day. At East Hills — Gregory Ackerman, Jenifer Kaufmann, Heather Shiels and Gladys Wong, all for the Mathcounts competition; Lori Hearn and Connie Kim, both for National History Day; Julie Curtis, 8th grade first-place winner in the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) Essay contest. At Nitschmann — Christopher Gasda and Jeffrey Holland, both National History Day.

At Northeast — Michelle Bennett, Tara Conrad, Nathan Ensmenger, Todd Freyman, Ethan Funk, David Kasandra, David LaBar, Megan Phillips, Kerry Richardson, Stephanie Snyder, Nancy Trinh, Emily Whitcomb and Michael Wissner, all for the Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science; Raphael Chell, Nathan Ensmenger, Amy Jones, Kristopher Kunkig, Mary Long, Deborah Messicks and Hope Rothrock, all mathematics team; Rhonda Adams, Cassandra Cornwell and Michelle Mulrooney, all "Write On" magazine; Jennifer Stinson, National History Day.

From the Bethlehem Area Vocational-Technical School, Mark Locher was a winner in the President's Committee to Hire the Handicapped National Poster Contest.



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