

# Sciences student lauded

University of the Sciences in Philadelphia celebrated the 188th anniversary of its founding on Feb. 19, and presented Boothwyn resident **Safak Paker-Leggs** the Student Award of Merit.

The Student Award of Merit honors a student who represents the innovative and entrepreneurial spirit of the university's founders. First given in 2007, nominees should have engaged in research and scholarly pursuits that resulted in new developments or innovations. Paker-Leggs is pursuing research in pharmaceutical formulation and is a candidate in the Ph.D. program in pharmaceuticals.

Paker-Leggs' research in advancing new pellet formulation technology will improve the effectiveness of drug delivery systems, patient compliance, and therapeutic outcomes in clinical environments.

"My motivation lies in the belief that the research I conduct will eventually promote innovations in the treatment of patients, improving their quality of life," she said.

Paker-Leggs is a native of Izmir, Turkey.

## Temple University

**Justin M. Wusinich**, son of Marty and Denise Wusinich of Glen Mills, was selected as the first recipient of the "Delores W. DeShields Endowed Scholarship" at Temple University School of Tourism and Hospitality Management.

A Garnet Valley High School Class of 2007 graduate, Wusinich was selected by the DeShields family after reviewing his applica-

tion, and determining he exemplified Delores W. DeShields' "spirit and passion for travel and tourism."

Wusinich was honored May 1 at the sixth annual School of Tourism and Hospitality Management Alumni Association Awards Dinner at the Hyatt Regency at Penn's Landing.

## Widener University

**Tam Lieu** of Chester and **Lindsay Zambino** of Folsom were recognized as members of the Omega Chi Epsilon National Honor Society for Chemical Engineering during Widener University's 2009 Honors Week.

Omega Chi Epsilon promotes high scholarship, encourages original investigation in chemical engineering and recognizes character, integrity and leadership.

Lieu also received honors as a member of the Phi Lambda Upsilon Honor Society. Phi Lambda Upsilon promotes high scholarship and original investigation in all branches of pure and applied chemistry. Members are elected based on their academic achievement and promise.

## Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology

**Christopher Robert Unruh** was inducted into the Beta Nu Delta Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa at Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology on April 29. He is the son of Joan D. Unruh and Steven H. Unruh of Collingdale.

## The Johns Hopkins University

**Rachel Truitt** of Media

was named to the dean's list for the fall 2008 semester at The Johns Hopkins University. To be selected for this honor, a student must earn a grade of 3.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale while taking a minimum of 14 credit hours.

The daughter of Theodore and Elizabeth Truitt, she attended Penncrest High School. Truitt, who is majoring in chemical and biomolecular engineering, is expected to graduate in May 2010.

## Bloomsburg University

**Deja Hill** of Darby, a senior sociology major, and **Christopher Meehan** of Upper Darby, a junior sociology major, were among the 18 Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania students recently inducted in the B.U. chapter of Alpha Kappa Delta International Sociological Honor Society.

The organization was founded in 1920 to support scholarship and the scientific study of sociology through the promotion of student and faculty interaction. It now includes more than 80,000 scholars and more than 490 chapters.

## Gwynedd-Mercy College

**Alexandra Gurko** of the Folsom section of Ridley Township was among six writing contest winners, representing different majors, honored at Gwynedd-Mercy College April 22. Gurko, a nursing major, was awarded third place in the "short" written category.

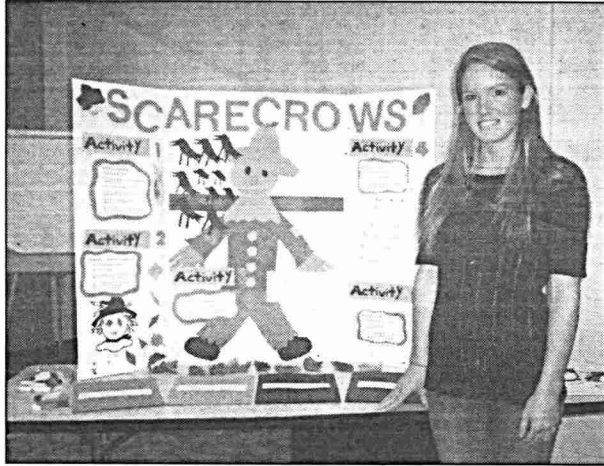
## Shippensburg University

**Jacqueline Kluka**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Murray Kluka of Aston, is



the recipient of a Board of Governors' Scholarship for academic achievement.

Kluka will graduate from Sun Valley High School this spring and plans to major in clinical nutrition and exercise medicine.



Samantha Hunter of Wallingford was among Penn State Brandywine's future teachers who won awards for creativity at the annual Student Pennsylvania State Education Association (SPSEA) Chapter conference held at the Penn State Conference Center Hotel in State College. Hunter won third place in the Learning Center Competition at the conference for her learning center titled 'Scarecrows.'