



DEVELOPING LEADERS

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THE POLITICAL PROCESS



On Monday, March 9 the *Community Leadership Program* Class of 2009 traveled to Harrisburg to tour the Capitol to gain a better knowledge of government, how public policy is made, and to provide knowledge of meeting management and the judicial system.

The group met early to begin the busy day in Harrisburg. The morning included a group photo on the Capitol Rotunda, then a brief meeting with Representative Matt Baker, who gave the group some history of the building, and some suggestions for the tour. He had some work to do before meeting with everyone again for lunch.

A tour of the Capitol building proved to be fascinating. In every area of every room of the building, in the floors, the walls, the ceilings, there is incredible artwork and craftsmanship dating back 100 years to when the Capitol was built. As well as the beauty, the Capitol holds a lot of American history, having been visited by Abraham Lincoln, and the “new” building having been dedicated by Theodore Roosevelt.

Lunch, compliments of Senator Joseph Scarnati, III, Representative Matthew Baker and Northern Tier Regional Planning & Development Commission, was provided in the Ryan building. Representative Baker joined the group for an informal lunch and chatted with the group and answered questions. It was quite an opportunity and a privilege to be able to spend this time with our State Representative.



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Throughout the day, the group was provided the opportunity to see firsthand where the Pennsylvania Senators and House Representatives meet and hold sessions, as well as Representative Baker and Senator Scarnati's offices. A highlight was to observe Governor Rendell presenting awards to servicewomen, and to see his speech at this moving ceremony in person.

Before the end of the day Senator Scarnati met and talked with the group, answering questions and discussing various issues before he had to get back to work.

After some time observing the representatives in session, the group made their way back to our beautiful Tioga County, having gained some understanding of the political process that keeps this State running.



CLP Class of 2009 Profile



The Session #6 **Community Leadership Program** spotlight shines on **Jane Palmer**. Jane resides in Wellsboro, PA with her husband Jim. She also has two children, Jamie and Jenny and has two grandchildren, Gunnar and Ryder. Jane is also involved with the Tioga County Partnership for Community Health and sits on one of their Committee's. Jane also enjoys the activities of flower gardening and arts/crafts.

Jane is employed by the Family Services Department of the Tioga County Human Services Agency in Wellsboro, PA where she has provided her expertise for the past 16 years. Jane's current position of Casework Supervisor, involves the supervision of the Drug and Alcohol Caseworker, Early Intervention Caseworker, and office support staff. Aside from her position at the Agency, Jane also holds a degree in Art Education from Mansfield University.

As all **Community Leadership Program** participants either live or work in Tioga County, each has their own special thoughts on the county. Jane enjoys the rural nature of the county and the natural resources it provides. She also enjoys camping and taking advantage of the walking trails around the county. Jane's favorite place to visit in Tioga County is the top of the mountain behind her house, where she can walk her dogs and enjoy a beautiful view of Wellsboro.

Jane is thankful for the opportunity to participate in this year's **Community Leadership Program**, she says, "I hope to learn more about Tioga County and the people and organizations that are behind the scenes in making things happen. I also hope to step out of my comfort zone and challenge myself to learn and grow." Each **Community Leadership Program** participant has their own idea of what Leadership means to them, according to Jane, Leadership is, "being confident in making decisions. It also means helping other people in the organization to learn and know their job and to do it effectively. It also includes, understanding the mission of the organization and helping others to understand it and work to ensure the mission is met."

YOUTH LEADERSHIP SPOTLIGHT



Miranda Kline

We are excited to introduce you to current *Youth Leadership Program* participant **Miranda Kline**. Miranda is a Junior at North Penn High School. She is the daughter of Randy and Brenda Kline and has two sisters named Marina and Meredith. Miranda is actively involved in cheerleading, basketball, softball, student council, and National Honor Society. Some of her hobbies and interests that she enjoys include basketball and spending time with family and friends.

Miranda feels that the Leadership Program has really helped her develop leadership skills and given her the opportunity to meet great people.

Her favorite part of the Leadership Program was participating in the Mock Trial. When asked she stated “it made me question what I want to do in life and think about how many possible branches of law I could go into.”

When asked about the most embarrassing moment in the program, Miranda replied “well that would definitely be when I fell doing an activity on orientation day.”

Miranda plans on attending college once she graduates to pursue a career as a Spanish teacher, an English teacher or a Lawyer. With Miranda’s positive attitude and commitment she will have no problem achieving her life goals. Good luck Miranda!

Community Leadership Program Alumni

The **Alumni Focus** this month is on **Tatiana (Tiny) Finch**. Tiny was in *CLP* Class of 2008, which was the 6th class. She resides in Wellsboro with her husband Joseph. They don't have children of their own, but do occasionally host foreign exchange students. A cat and a dog are their "real" children and they spoil them rotten. Tiny is a Medical Technologist. She is Supervisor of Blood Bank and Hematology at Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hospital and has worked there for 30 years. (Tiny gave us a very informative tour of the lab during our Healthy Communities session earlier this year.) Tiny and her husband are renovating their Victorian house, which takes up most of her time, but when she does have spare time, she likes to cook, knit, crochet, sew and just about any other crafty item, especially if it is for decorating her house. She just recently started making jewelry. She likes to swim, rollerblade, and work in the garden. She also keeps healthy by taking walks year round.



Renovating her 100 year old Victorian home and keeping it as close to original as possible is her greatest pride and joy. Tiny feels the best part of every project, once completed, is to be able to stand back and admire the beautiful work that she and her husband have done. She has discovered artistic and creative abilities that she never realized she had and says it is so satisfying to be able to take what seems like an almost impossible task and be able to complete it with satisfaction.

Tiny's fondest memory from the *Community Leadership Program* was the mixer party that her group coordinated for presenting the Leadership Program to future class members. She put together the power point presentation for the program and said that it felt good to be able to use skills that she learned in the program to confidently speak in front of everyone.

The *Community Leadership Program* gave Tiny the knowledge that a good leader needs to be self assured. It provided her with the ability to find and use the resources that are available to do any job that she sets her mind to. Tiny believes that anyone can do whatever they want if they set their mind to it and try. She believes that there is no harm in trying; you may discover that you have more talent than you think.

Tiny feels the *CLP* program taught her skills that helped to build confidence and character, and she believes when you have confidence in yourself then you find the confidence to lead others.

When asked why Tiny would encourage others to participate in the *CLP* she responded "the Leadership Program is an intense and fun way to learn the skills needed for good leadership and allows you to practice these skills. Without realizing it, you are put into a leadership role by doing the assignments and presenting them to the class. What better way is there to practice what you learn? Mostly you don't even realize what you have learned until the end."

BUFFALO CHICKEN AND POTATOES

1 $\frac{1}{4}$ lbs. Boneless skinless chicken breast, cut into 1 inch strips

1/3 Cup Buffalo Wing Sauce

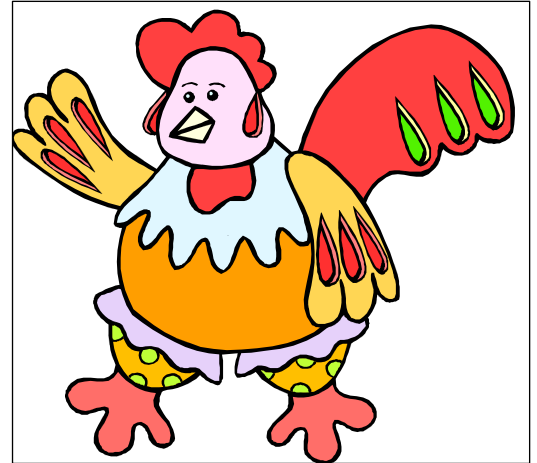
6 Cups Frozen Southern Style hash brown potatoes (thawed)

1 Cup Salad dressing (ranch or blue cheese)

$\frac{1}{2}$ Cup Shredded cheddar cheese

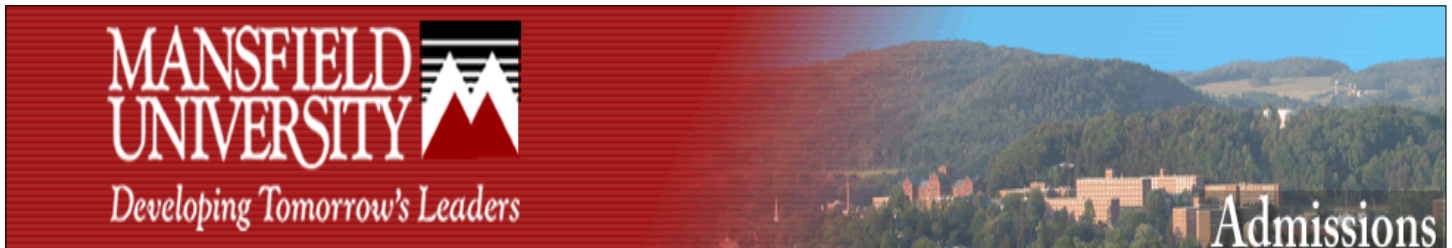
1 (10 ounce) Can condensed cream of celery soup

$\frac{1}{2}$ Cup Corn Flakes, crushed into crumbs



Heat oven to 350 degrees. Spray 9x13 in. baking dish with cooking spray.

In medium bowl, stir together chicken strips and buffalo wing sauce. In large bowl, stir together potatoes, dressing, cheese, and soup. Spoon into baking dish. Place chicken strips evenly over potato mixture. In small bowl, stir together corn flake crumbs and butter. Sprinkle over chicken. Sprinkle green onions on top. Cover with foil. Bake 30 minutes; uncover and bake 20-25 minutes longer until potatoes are tender and chicken juices run clear.



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Mansfield University traces its heritage back to 1857, when the Mansfield Classical Seminary opened. In 1862, Mansfield became a state normal school. In 1927, it became Mansfield State Teachers College, and in 1960, it broadened its degree offerings and became Mansfield State College. In 1983, it became Mansfield University. As a member of the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education, Mansfield combines the best qualities of a small liberal arts college with the resources of a comprehensive university.

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2009 Youth Leadership Program

Youth Leadership Program Studies Local, State & Federal Government



Photo Caption: left to right are (back row): Sarah Whiting, New Covenant Academy; Chris Heitzenrater, Elkland High School; Cheri Ostrom, Liberty High School and Sam Grinnell, Wellsboro High School. (front row): Commissioner Mark Hamilton, Commissioner Erick Coolidge & Commissioner Sue Vogler.

The *Tioga County Development Corporation's Youth Leadership Program Class of 2009* studied the government at all levels on March 10, 2009 while participating in Session 6 **Local, State & Federal Government**. The Session was sponsored by United States Congressman Glenn "GT" Thompson, Senator Joseph B. Scarnati III and State Representative Matthew E. Baker. It was held at the Tioga County Court House in Wellsboro. As part of the Session, the *Youth Leadership Program Class of 2009* Participants attended the Tioga County Commissioners meeting held on that same day. During the meeting, members of **The Captains** presented a Resolution to the Commissioners.

Session 7 **Quality of Life** is scheduled to be held at Ives Run State Park on April 7, 2009 & **The Class of 2009 Graduation Ceremony** will be held at 3:00 PM on April 26, 2009 at the W. M. Tokishi Training Center in Wellsboro, Pennsylvania.

YOUTH LEADERSHIP SPOTLIGHT



Amanda Tanner

We are excited to introduce you to current **Youth Leadership Program** participant **Amanda Tanner**. Amanda is a Junior at Williamson High School. She is the daughter of Gail and Michael Tanner and has an older brother named Michael. Amanda is actively involved in student council, FBLA, chorus and select choir. She is also the treasurer of her class and serves on prom committee. Some of her hobbies and interests that she enjoys include listening and singing to music, hunting, fishing and spending time outdoors. Amanda values her family and friends and said "They are my everything, I love them more than life itself."

Amanda feels that the Leadership Program is really preparing her for life and showing her what careers are available.

Her favorite part of the Leadership Program is meeting new people from the area. Amanda really enjoyed learning about the medical aspects of the community since she wants to pursue a career in the medical field after graduation.

Amanda plans on attending college to become a doctor once she graduates. Another interesting fact about Amanda is that she writes poetry and has had five pieces published. Amanda is an ambitious person that will do well in life. Good luck Amanda!

CLP Class of 2009 Profile



The session #6 **Community Leadership Program** spotlight shines on **Lisa Banik**. Lisa resides in Wellsboro, PA with her husband and daughter. Lisa also has four step-children. Lisa is also heavily involved with the local 4H club, where she currently serves as a Leader and has held previous positions of Secretary, Treasurer, and served on the 4H Leaders Advisory Committee. Aside from her involvement with 4H, Lisa is involved with Relay for Life and serves as a member of the PTA at the Wellsboro Area High School.

Lisa is a graduate of the University of Pittsburgh where she graduated with a Bachelors Degree in Germanic Language and Literature. She also holds a Bachelors Degree from Mansfield University in Business Administration and Accounting. Lisa's vast education background serves her well in her position at First Citizens National Bank in Mansfield, PA where she has been employed for the past seven years. Currently, Lisa holds the position of Senior Customer Service Representative where she completes customer transactions and serves as back-up for New Account employees. Aside from her regular duties listed above, she also supervises the Tellers within the branch.

Lisa has other interests and hobbies including crafts, gardening, walking, and spending time with her daughter. Living in Tioga County enables Lisa to spend time enjoying her interests and hobbies. When asked what she likes most about Tioga County, she states, "I enjoy the small town culture. Everyone knows everyone and it's a great place to raise a family." Lisa also enjoys visiting the federal, state, and city parks around the county where she can spend time with her daughter and take nature walks.

Lisa is very much enjoying the opportunity to participate in this year's edition of the **Community Leadership Program**. When asked what she hopes to learn from the program, Lisa states, "I hope to further my Leadership and public speaking skills." All participants have their own idea of what Leadership means to them, according to Lisa, Leadership is, "Being able to help others accomplish their goals and knowing when to step in and help but not having to be in control. Leadership also means always listening to those around you, and that's what makes a good leader – great."