

# Bristol Glen benefits from student volunteer efforts



Nursing student Lisa Fischer, right, got to know Bristol Glen resident Cora Heiser.



Students from Centenary College were among the many who volunteered time at Bristol Glen, a senior facility in Newton.

Sussex County Community College and Bristol Glen Continuing Care Retirement Community, both in Newton, share a relationship that partners students and seniors.

Community Ties is a service learning program co-chaired by SCCC Professors Melanie Arpaio and Maryann Rubino. SCCC students, as part of their course requirements, volunteer in community programs.

Arpaio said students in her Psychology of Aging class are

required to commit 15 hours in one semester to volunteering at Bristol Glen, which includes getting to know a senior resident.

As part of the program, SCCC students Susanna Lee and Ray Van Horn spent many hours interviewing Bristol Glen residents, who provided interesting stories about their lives.

**Vic Campbell, SCCC professor of media and Vietnam veteran, is the facilitator of the local Veteran History Project, sponsored by the Library of Congress. He videotaped five of the interviews with Bristol Glen residents.**

Arpaio and her students also hosted a holiday party at SCCC for the residents. A question-

and-answer game was played that sparked some very interesting responses to questions such as —“Tell about your first kiss.” “Have you ever met anyone famous?” “What time in history would you like to live in?”

Nursing students from the Sussex County campus of the Passaic County Community College Nurse Education Program have been involved in a semester-long project at Bristol Glen.

Linda Siegrist, MSN, RN, CEN is the course coordinator for Nursing IV, the last clinical course before students graduate. The students are required to make weekly visits to a client

assigned to them by Bristol Glen nursing staff. They develop a plan of care as well as a teaching plan.

Students are also required to provide an educational session for allied health personnel employed by Bristol Glen. The students research a geriatric-related topic, develop a program and present it to the allied health staff.

The college program provides a visitor for many of the isolated elders at Bristol Glen and nursing students gain knowledge and skill while working with the elderly population.

Thirteen students from Centenary College in Hackettstown

also visited with Bristol Glen Harris Healthcare Unit seniors.

Local high schools, such as Blair Academy, Newton, High Point, Sussex County Technical, Pope John, Kittatinny and Sparta High Schools also support Bristol Glen's volunteer program by encouraging students to volunteer.

Some of these schools have a mandatory requirement of 10 to 20 hours of community service as part of their curriculum.

Students offer their time and skills in the areas of computer training, reading, music, activities, hospitality, crafts, games and conversation.



High Point student Kristen Lapinski stands with resident Vena Smith.

Videos are at [me3tv.org](http://me3tv.org) when posted

## IN THE COLLEGES

### Graduates

**Rebekah Rueck**, of Wantage, recently was awarded her bachelor of arts in English from Indiana Wesleyan University, Marion, Ind.

**Alexis D. Labance**, of Franklin, graduated on Saturday from Centenary College with a bachelor of arts in psychology with a certification in elementary education.

### Dean's list

**Rebecca J. Ellis**, of Landing, attained the president's list appointment by maintaining the maximum 4.0 grade point average at Francis Marion University, Florence, S.C. She is a psychology major.

**Alex Agnor**, of Franklin, a graduate of Wallkill Valley Regional High School, was named to the dean's list for the fall 2007 semester at Moravian College in Bethlehem, Pa.

**Mackenzie Cassidy** of Newton, and **Paul Fetzer** of Augusta, were named to the fall dean's list at Misericordia University in Dallas, Pa.

**Roseanne Freykar** of Wantage, a 2006 graduate of High Point Regional High School, has been named to the dean's list at King's College, Wilkes-Barre, Pa., for the fall semester. She is majoring in elementary education.

**Kimberly Keefer**, a biology major from Montague, and **Stephanie Ly**, a business-finance/biology major from Stanhope, were named to the

dean's list at Lycoming College, Williamsport, Pa.

**Catheryn Howey**, daughter of Donald and Georgette Howey of Newton, has been named to the dean's list for the fall semester. She is attending Morrisville State College of Science and Technology, majoring in nursing.



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**Edward Koellhoffer** of Byram, a junior at Boston College, has been named to the dean's list for the fall semester. A biochemistry major, Koellhoffer was selected as the 2007/2008 Beckman Scholar for research at Boston College. In addition, he is also a member of the varsity men's crew team. A 2005 graduate of Lenape Valley Regional High School, he is the son of William and Denise Koellhoffer of Byram.

**Cadet Christopher Robert Seabold** of Montague, achieved dean's list status at The Citadel, Charlestown, S.C. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Emrick Seabold.

**Shane M. Zappa** was named to the dean's list for the fall semester at the New Jersey Institute of Technology, where he is majoring in Information Systems. He is the son of Kevin and Elaine Zappa of Newton and a 2007 graduate of Newton High School.

### Achievements

**Michael J. Holdt**, of Andover, has been elected a member in the Honor Society of Nursing, Sigma Theta Tau International through Eta Eta Chapter at York College, York, Pa.



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**Andrew Szanyi**, of Newton, is a student at Lyndon State College, Lyndonville, Vt., where the student government association voted to donate to the St. Johnsbury Santa Fund in the name of all the students. This year's donation was \$1,000.

**Brie Pepe**, of Lafayette, recently became a member of Lycoming College's Criminal Justice Society.

## IN THE MILITARY



Air Force Senior Airman Diandra Wood, of Newton, has been deployed to Afghanistan until June. Wood, a surgical service journeyman, was selected to assist with orthopedic surgeries and is scheduled to test early for the next rank of staff sergeant. She is the daughter of Sally and Robert Wood III and a 2004 graduate of Kittatinny Regional High School.

Army Pfc. **Marissa A. Pavlak** has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C. She is the daughter of Susan Pavlak of Butler. Pavlak is a 2007 graduate of the Academy for Visual and Performing Arts, Denville.

Coast Guard Seaman **Mark A. Earley**, son of Irene C. and Morgan A. Earley of Newton, recently graduated from the U.S. Coast Guard Recruit Training Center in Cape May. Earley is a 2006 graduate of Newton High School.

### Scholarship applicants sought

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