



# PRESS RELEASE

## Central Bucks School District

### **Central Bucks Education Association Recognizes 3 Local High School Students representing CB East, CB South and CB West pursuing Education Degrees**

Three high school students were recently awarded \$2,500 scholarships by the Central Bucks Education Association (CBEA) in recognition of their outstanding academic achievement and passion for becoming educators and making a difference in the lives of others. The three students, chosen by a committee of current CBEA members, were recognized at their high schools' senior award ceremonies.

**Sarah Goetz**, a graduate of Central Bucks East High School, will be pursuing a degree in Elementary Education and Mathematics from University of Delaware. Sarah was a varsity soccer player at CB East, as well as a member of the CB East Choir and the National Honor Society. Outside of school, Sarah volunteered for Christ Home for Children, the Ted Lindeman Outreach Foundation, Cat Tales, Inc. and several other community organizations. Sarah stated that she was inspired to become a teacher because "Having younger siblings and many younger cousins, I've spent so much time with children that I can't imagine a better career choice. I look forward to the challenges I'll face during college because I want to eventually become the kind of teacher that can be a role model for anyone; the type of teacher that students can trust and learn a lot from..."

**Melanie Greenwood**, the honoree from Central Bucks South High School, will be attending West Chester University of Pennsylvania where she will pursue a degree in Elementary Education and obtain her Teacher Certification. Throughout her high school career at CB South, Melanie was a member of the National Honor Society, the Spanish National Honor Society, Student Council, CB South's Cheerleading Team and Competition Squad, and the CB South Symphonic Chorale. Melanie was also an active member of Key Club, serving as secretary her junior and senior years. As a member of Key Club, Melanie was given the opportunity to bring her passion for service to a number of community events and facilities. Melanie stated that "my desire to become an elementary school teacher stems from my love for young children and from the enjoyment I receive while being with them, and helping them to learn and grow." Melanie sees teaching as a great way to serve some of the most precious and vulnerable members of society.

**Kaitlin Szemanek**, a graduate of Central Bucks West High School, will be pursuing her Education degree at Penn State University in University Park, PA. During her years at CB West, Kaitlin was involved in National Honor Society, Spanish National Honor Society, Key Club, SGO, Track and Field, and Field Hockey. Outside of school Kaitlin was a coach for DAA Field Hockey, an usher at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, a babysitter and an amateur photographer. When asked why she wants to be a teacher, Kaitlin responded, "As a teacher, I see myself making a difference in the lives of my students, as well as them having a positive impact on me. There have been many teachers throughout my schooling, especially during my high school career, that have had a significant influence on my life. Similarly, my mom has truly inspired my dreams of teaching. I've seen first-hand how she works with her students and I've observed how teaching is both rewarding and challenging. While coaching, I've experienced teaching new skills to players, learned to vary my instruction, and watched players' faces light up when they reach that "ah-ha" moment. I cherish all of these little moments. They inspire me to achieve my dream and make a difference!"

The Central Bucks Education Association (CBEA) is an organization representing the 1300+ teachers of the Central Bucks School District. The association proudly serves the communities of Buckingham, Chalfont, Doylestown, New Britain, Plumstead, Warrington and Warwick. Each year the CBEA funds and awards a \$2500 scholarship to a deserving student at each of the three high schools in Central Bucks School District. The scholarship is a memorial scholarship, given to aspiring teachers in memory of those CBEA members who have passed on. It was with a heavy heart that this past school year, the CBEA added Allison Fawcett, a Groveland Elementary School teacher to the list of those honored by this award.