

Kendall applied for and accepted a position as teacher assistant at the Academy360 Lower School from physical education teacher Robert Lisciandrello.

Academy360 Students 'Hired' as Teacher Assistants

In a new initiative, three students at the Academy360 Lower School have successfully applied to become physical education teacher assistants, also known as peer tutors. Academy360 is part of Spectrum360, which serves children, adolescents, young adults and adults on the autism spectrum and with behavioral and related disabilities.

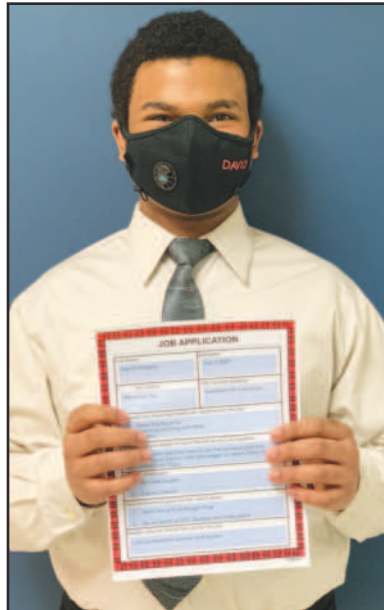
As physical education teacher assistants, the teens help lead class warm-ups, teach dance moves, and motivate classmates during virtual work-outs.

Two of the new student assistants, Hayden and Kendall, will attend the

Upper School in Livingston this fall, and David is planning to join them the following September.

"It's great practice for job training. We usually do things as a transition to the Upper School, going to a pizzeria or other places where they can practice skills. Obviously that's not an option right now, so in terms of social skills and interview skills, this is excellent," said physical education teacher Robert Lisciandrello, who came up with idea.

Due to COVID-19 safety protocols, the PE classes are currently held remotely. Lisciandrello teaches from the gym, while students par-



David, professionally attired for a job interview, shows the application he completed to be a physical education teacher assistant in his school.

ticipate via computer either in their classrooms or at home.

David, Hayden, and Kendall were invited to apply after Lisciandrello noticed their exceptional skills. "These students actively participate in every class, don't need to be encouraged to take part in activities and are always on task," he said.

Rather than simply appoint the students as assistants, he suggested taking it a step farther and making the roles actual job opportunities. Principal Gina Catania agreed, and the boys' classroom teacher, Rachael Zeigler, set the students to work creating resumes and filling out applications. They discussed how being a teaching assistant would impact future jobs and that they can add it to future resumes, and practiced answering questions to prepare for their interviews with Lisciandrello.

Then they dressed for the interviews, sent follow-up emails, and waited for a decision. They were hired.

The positions align with the schools' work study program, to prepare them for a real world job, and allows them to put the experience on future job applications, said Catania.

The assistants are tasked with demonstrating and leading class exercises. Lisciandrello goes over the exercises with the boys prior to class, practicing the steps and how to describe them to classmates. Then in class, they announce the exercises, demonstrate them, decide how many the class should do, and count off as everyone joins in.

"They've learned how to work together, how to organize their mics, and how to problem solve," said Lisciandrello. "It's a fantastic experience."

"They took it very seriously – which can be hard when working with peers – applied themselves, and have shown a lot of professionalism since starting," Zeigler added.

The teens are looking ahead to their post-school goals. Kendall will be applying to Burger King when the pandemic is done. In the future, he would like to work in the music profession. David would like a career in performing arts, and Hayden would like to work with animals.



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Mayor Klein Participates In Anti-Semitism Summit

Livingston mayor Shawn Klein participated in the inaugural 2021 Mayors' Summit Against Anti-Semitism, which was livestreamed on Tuesday, March 16, on Zoom, YouTube, and Facebook.

The event was hosted by the German city of Frankfurt to give municipal and local leaders around the world the opportunity to discuss how to eradicate prejudice and hatred from our cities.

"Too often, policy solutions to anti-Semitism are enacted at the national or international level. In reality, anti-Semitism is a local problem that must be solved through mayoral initiatives in the areas of education, law-enforcement, and community cohesion," noted organizers.

Klein took part in Panel 1, "Prevention – Education and IHRA Adoption" as part of a "city story" segment.

"By percentage, Livingston is literally one of the most Jewish municipalities in the world outside of Israel," Klein said. "For any decent person, standing up against anti-Semitism is a must. But as mayor of Livingston and a Jew, it takes on even more urgency. Our township works hard to welcome all peoples with open arms, and we shall continue to advocate for that tolerance and love here and everywhere. When I was approached by my friend at Jewish Federation of Greater MetroWest, Linda Scherzer, I knew I had to participate."

On Emerson Dean's List

Jacob Wasserman, a native of Livingston, has been named to the dean's list at Emerson College in Boston, Massachusetts, for academic achievement during the fall 2020 semester.

Wasserman is majoring in media arts production and is a member of the Class of 2023.

The requirement to earn dean's list status is a grade point average of 3.7 or higher, on a 4.0 scale.

Patrols Added To Five New Streets

The Livingston Police Department is continuing its increased patrols on five different streets this week, according to Chief Gary Marshuetz.

In the upcoming week, the police will perform radar enforcement and address other traffic safety concerns on Falcon Road, East McClellan Avenue, North Hillside Avenue, West Hobart Gap Road, and Hillside Terrace.

The enforcement will begin Friday, March 19, and run through next Friday, March 26, at which time the added patrols will move on to new areas of the township.

"The goal is to get people to be conscious of how they're driving, to get people to drive in a safe manner," Chief Marshuetz said. "We want everyone to arrive at their destinations safely."

Enforcement on Laurel Avenue, Burnet Street, Beaufort Avenue, Hillside Avenue, and Winchester Road will continue through Friday, March 19.

Check next week's issue of the *Tribune* for the latest list of streets.

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Displaying their new lap blankets hand-made by the National Council of Jewish Women Essex County knitting group, long-time LPI friend Robert, left, who has previously appeared in the *Tribune*, is shown with a new LPI friend in their usual positions on Route 21 (McCarter Highway) in Newark. "LPI is currently reaching out for new footwear to provide for hundreds just like them living out on the hard city streets," said the charity's director, Jeff Friedman.

"It's All About the Feet..."

LPI Reaches Out to Footwear Industry

This week, Livingston Philanthropies, Inc. (LPI) founder and director Jeff Friedman has announced that the Livingston-based charity is in need of new footwear for the homeless.

Friedman said, "You have to take care of your feet when you're out on the street," the homeless gentleman told me. "If your feet go, you're done." That's why Livingston Philanthropies, Inc. acquired and donated almost 10,000 pairs of Bombas socks to homeless and profoundly poor recipients in Newark.

"It's also why LPI is reaching out for relationships with footwear wholesalers, manufacturers, jobbers, discontinued footwear sellers, department stores and other related entities to purchase men's sneakers and family footwear to 'provide for the homeless, profoundly poor and disenfranchised.'"

He continued, "Do you have new, unused shoes still in the box to donate? Know someone in the business? While outright donations are always welcome, LPI finally has a budget to purchase wholesale lots of discontinued or overstocked footwear, focusing on men's sneakers. Perhaps a kind Livingston resident can hook us up?"

An immediate footwear need exists across the board, particularly during the pandemic, with thousands out of work, Friedman explains. LPI's distribution partners are, because of COVID-19 guidelines, requesting new footwear only for distribution to individuals living below the poverty line or on the streets.

"All I need are the contacts... or the shoes themselves," said Friedman. "Please call me at 973-533-9336 (home office) or send an email to njhomeless@aol.com with leads, suggestions or counsel. Our website can be visited at njhomeless.org. Bottom line... it's intervention time."

In closing, he offered this quote from Mexican artist Frida Kahlo: "There is so much wealth and so much misery at the same time, that it seems incredible that people can endure such class difference and accept such a form of hunger while on the other hand, the millionaires

throw away millions on stupidities." Although Kahlo was writing about New York City in the 1930s, her words still ring true today," said Friedman. "It's a reminder that we need to help each other. We're all in this together."

Resident Collects Items For Villages in Ghana

Livingston resident Robin Glaser will once again be collecting items this spring for impoverished villagers in Ghana.

Items being collected – new or gently used – include toys; stuffed animals; spring, summer, and fall clothing (adult, child, baby, maternity, etc., but *no* winter clothes); shoes; electronics, including house phones, cellphones, tablets, laptops, and walkie talkies, (outdated electronics are fine); gaming systems/games (outdated systems are fine); and baby items, including bottles, bibs, portable cribs, and strollers.

Also being accepted are bedding, towels, toiletries, pillows, and throws; small house items; school supplies; bags, backpacks, duffles, and lunch bags; kitchen items; sports equipment; medical/pharmaceutical supplies; eye glasses/contact lenses; bicycles (children's and adults'); and general books, for children and adults. Glaser is no longer able to accept reference books, encyclopedias, or textbooks.

Glaser asks that donated items be placed in sturdy boxes or bags.

Items are being accepted one day only, Sunday, April 18, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., at Glaser's home at 31 Aspen Drive.

"No early birds, please," she notes.

Glaser outlined the process for donation: "Due to the present circumstances, I am asking for only *one* car at a time to pull up into the driveway and drop items on the lawn. Please wear a mask. My friend Emmanuel will be there with his truck, but he will *not* be able to help you unload your car.

"Thank you for your understanding, as we are trying to do this as safely as possible."

Marilyn R. Welsch

On Thursday, March 11, 2021, Marilyn Rose Welsch, grandmother, wife, and mother, died peacefully at her home in Livingston, New Jersey, from cardiopulmonary arrest. She was 80 years old.

Born on July 3, 1940, in New York City to Gertrude and Harry Rudman, Marilyn grew up in Allentown, Pennsylvania with her older sister, Ellin. Summers were spent traveling and attending Camp Kenwood in Connecticut. An ever-aspiring writer, Marilyn graduated from Allentown High School in 1958 and attended Boston University. She returned to Camp Kenwood and worked as a counselor during the summers. She graduated summa cum laude with a bachelor's degree from BU's School of Public Relations in 1962.

After working for a couple of years in the publishing industry in New York City, Marilyn married David Welsch on May 3, 1964, and moved to West Orange, New Jersey to start a family. In 1965, Marilyn gave birth to her son, Adam. In 1968, Marilyn and her family moved to Livingston, where she raised her son, and took care of her husband, in the same house in which she would live for the rest of her life.

After 1983, when her son left home to attend college, Marilyn looked to start a new chapter of her life. She became increasingly interested in the intimate apparel business. In 1990, she formally joined David at Cupid Foundations, Inc. and, by the mid '90s, had become Secretary/Treasurer, as well as a member of the Board of Directors, Executive Committee, and Senior Management Committee. Over the next three decades, Marilyn devoted herself to the success of the business. And, as importantly, she came to think of Cupid's employees as members of her extended family, and she cherished the friendships she developed with those in her adopted industry.

One of Marilyn's greatest wishes came true when she became a grandmother, first with her welcoming of Anna in 2003, and then with the births of Alexander in 2006 and Teagan in 2008. She loved spending time playing with them, and watching them grow and mature.



Marilyn loved to read romance novels, watch detective and crime dramas on TV, attend plays, and see movies. She believed strongly in contributing to charitable causes.

She was also an avid tennis player and autograph hunter, and loved to travel and dine out. Few things made Marilyn happier than an order of ribs, a nice glass of wine, and some extra bread for the table.

Marilyn and David were married for nearly 57 years. In the last 31, they spent virtually all of their time together at work, at home, and on vacation. For those who know them, it's no cliché to say that Marilyn and David were perfect for each other.

Marilyn is survived by her husband, David; son, Adam; daughter-in-law, Claire; step-granddaughter, Anna Torrez; grandson, Alexander; granddaughter, Teagan; brother-in-law, Lenny Dwares; niece, Rachel Shanfeldt; nephew, David Dwares; sister-in-law, Susan Marcellus Welsch; brother-in-law, Bob Marcellus; nephew, Craig Margolies; and decades-long friends, Geri Cohn, Susan Gordon, Penny Merriam, Vivian Olshen, Phyllis Stier, Eileen and Dick Stuart, and Joan Wright.

She will be laid to rest at the New Montefiore Cemetery in West Babylon, New York.

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