

take place this summer. Students in this program represent the upper one-percent of those in the United States who took the PSAT exam.

Science and technology is extremely important for the economic growth of this country, and we need to encourage young scholars to pursue careers of excellence and leadership in the field. These two young men and the others involved in this program are the future leaders of this country and deserve our recognition. These students are competitively selected to attend and, subsequently, are provided with assistance for the eight to ten years of their undergraduate and graduate studies.

So often we hear of failures of the U.S. educational system; however, students chosen for RSI are proof that good things are happening in our schools. Kentucky is doing its job to nurture some of the county's finest talent. I join my fellow Kentuckians to congratulate Stephan Kathman and David Sheets on their achievements and wish them luck this summer at the Research Science Institute.●

WVEMS

● Mr. LIEBERMAN. Mr. President, I am pleased to extend my congratulations and gratitude to the Westport Volunteer Emergency Medical Service, WVEMS, of Westport, CT, which is celebrating a quarter century of unparalleled dedication to public safety and public service.

Volunteerism is part of the American way, and the volunteer emergency personnel of WVEMS take on a particularly demanding and challenging form of community service. These men and women take time out of their busy lives and careers, or from well-earned retirement, to provide life-saving services 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. They work in close cooperation with police and fire departments, using state-of-the-art skills, in pre-hospital situations. WVEMS volunteers also perform other important community services, including teaching first aid and CPR classes.

The men and women of WVEMS have established a remarkable legacy. During their 25 years of service, they have logged over half a million volunteer hours and cared for over 45,000 ill or injured men, women, and children.

Fifteen of the original founders still serve with a selfless commitment to their cause, and each has been designated an American Red Cross *Unsung Hero*. These exceptional men and women are Edward and Elizabeth Audley, Patricia Audley, Sharon Barnett, Russel M. Blair, Susan DeWitt, Michael Feigin, Richard Frazier, Neil Harding, Thomas M. Keenan, Kathleen Todd, Alan Yoder, Isabel Blair, Alan Stolz, Nettie Skinner, and Pasquale Salvo. I would also like to commend Jay Paretzky and April Anne Yoder, who have also been with the WVEMS for a quarter century.

All of the other active members of the WVEMS certainly deserve our recognition, as well: William Puterbaugh, Norman Coltin, Sandra McPherson, Jeffrey T. Lea, Andrew Dinitz, Loretta S. Harsche, Marge Costa, Christine A. Evans, Todd M. Smith, Mark A. Blake, Anthony F. Santo, Donald E. Smith III, Thomas F. Burrows, Martha M. McGorry, Elizabeth Slattery, Chris VanDeusen, Diane Salvo, Benjamin Frimmer, Barbara F. Wood, Barbara Babash, Arlene M. Healy, Amy Smith, Linda Canterbury, Albert Bassett, Mary Jane Cross, KC Duffy, Linda Green, Carole Grob, Dorothy Harris, Gordon Joseloff, Chris Sanders, Whitney Cusa, James Flint, Nicole Donovan, Toni Cribari, Mary Minard, Terrence Blake, Michele Brewster, Michael Falbo, Cheryl Jones, Michael Quan, Rico Tiberio, Sylvia Lempit, Susannah Kehl, AnnaLiisa Joseloff, James Hinckley, Nanci Jenkins, David Heinmiller, Rainy Broomfield, Ronald Carkner, Donna Patchen, Robert Redman, Olivia Weeks, Courtenay Quinn, Joseph Devermann, Linda Gale, Jean Marie Wiesen, Nancy Strong, Gregory Coghlan, Paul Resnick, Barbara Utting, Adam Sappern, Nancy Fusaro, Wendy Hill, Megan Watson, Kristin Ancona, Kathryn Min, William Min, Susan Parks, Jamie Talbot, Michael Rickard, Marc Hartog, Michael Engelskirger, Craig Kupson, Elizabeth Jennings, Glenn Eisen, Angela Chichila, Anna Dowdle, Ashley Hawley, Andrea Hoboken, Dustin Schur, Jackie Tenison, Carol Boas, Yannick Passemart, Kerry Volmar, Michael Wilmot, Danielle Faul, David Bodach, Christin Giordano, Zack Klomberg, Jordan Kunkes, Alma Loya, Whitney Riggio, Kimber Roberts, Alicia Wong, Karen Bizzak, Margaret Russell, Richard Arriaga, Carol Dixon, Gabrielle O'Halloran, Daniel Rappaport, Dora Sweet, Lois Benfield, Adele Donohue, Susan Shewchuk, Nancy Toll, Pamela Newnham, Matthew Rees, Richard Celotto, John Sommers, Caroline Andrew, James Gray, Stephanie Howson, Rebecca Kamins, Kaitlyn Mello, Elizabeth Parks, Christian Renne, Rob Stewart, Emma Trucks, Christina Voonasis, Maryanne Boyle, Robert Dowling, Yashasvi Jhangiani, Maribeth Nixon and Steve Brothers.

To the men and women of WVEMS, thank you for going above and beyond the call of duty to serve those in need. Well done.●

JUNE IS DAIRY MONTH

● Mr. FEINGOLD. Mr. President, June is National Dairy Month, the country's oldest and largest celebration of dairy products and the people who have made the industry the success it is today. During June, Wisconsinites will hold nearly 100 dairy celebrations across our State, including dairy breakfasts, ice cream socials, cooking demonstrations, festivals and other events.

Every State in the Union has dairy farms, which together produce over 170

billion pounds of milk annually. In my home State of Wisconsin, dairy farmers produce approximately 22 billion pounds of milk and 25 percent of the country's butter a year. Some of the world's finest cheeses are produced within Wisconsin's borders, in addition to a variety of other outstanding dairy products for people to enjoy.

The nutritional benefits of milk, yogurt, cottage cheese, and other dairy products are important to keeping Americans healthy and strong. Strong scientific evidence published in the *Journal of the American Medical Association* and *JAMA* indicates that dairy foods may play a role in reducing the risk of nine common diseases and conditions: obesity, hypertension, type 2 diabetes, coronary artery disease, stroke, kidney stones, osteoporosis, colorectal cancer, and pregnancy-related complications. Research continues to demonstrate the health benefits of consuming dairy products, particularly for children.

Throughout my time in the Senate, I have worked to keep my State's dairy industry healthy and strong. I have fought attempts to create and perpetuate regional disparities in dairy pricing. I have acted on the concerns of many Wisconsinites about the impact of milk protein concentrates on the Wisconsin dairy industry. I have advocated on behalf of the Wisconsin dairy industry to trade negotiators. I will continue to work to keep Wisconsin a leader in the dairy industry.

So here's to good health, a strong agricultural economy, and the pride of America's dairyland as we enjoy Wisconsin dairy products during the National Dairy Month and throughout the rest of the year.●

TRIBUTE TO CHUCK VEST

● Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. President, this month marks the end of a distinguished 14-year tenure for Chuck Vest as president of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He has been an excellent leader for this outstanding institution in our State. He has attracted and retained a world class faculty, including Nobel Prize winners. He's maintained an impressive balance between consistency and change to meet the changing needs of the university in the modern high-tech world, and he has developed the research capacity of the institution far beyond its abilities when he took the helm.

His commitment to diversity has also been impressive. In 1990, the undergraduate student body was 34 percent women and 14 percent underrepresented minorities; today the student body is 42 percent women and 20 percent underrepresented minorities—the result of a conscientious effort by President Vest and the community he cared about so much.

His leadership was marked by many innovative reforms. He decided to publish all course material online so that it is freely available to anyone in the