

# Kindergarten registration to be conducted

The Pine Plains Central School District will conduct kindergarten registration for students 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 3 p.m. March 3-5 at Cold Spring Elementary School, located at 358 Homan Road in Stan-fordville. To enter kinder-garten for the coming year, a child must, by law, be 5 years old on or before Dec. 1.

At the time of registra-tion, bring the completed forms with you, along with your child's birth certificate, Social Security number, immunization records, a copy of your child's most recent physical examination and proof of residency.

Immunization records must present evidence of immunizations against mumps, measles, rubella (German measles), diphthe-ria, poliomyelitis, varicella and hepatitis B. Provide all custody paperwork, if appli-cable. If you have not received the registration packet in the mail, call Cold Spring Elementary School at 845-868-7451.

All parents are urged to do their best to make these registration dates. If it is impossible for you to regis-ter your child at these times, or if you have any questions, call the school for an alter-nate date.

## GREENPORT

### Spring open house planned

The admissions office at Columbia-Greene Commu-nity College will conduct its annual open house for prospective students, par-ents and the community from 10 a.m. to noon March 27 at the Greenport campus in the Student Ser-vices Court, which is locat-ed in the main building. Activities will include door prizes.

Presentations will be given on most of the 46 degree and certificate pro-gram opportunities avail-able at C-GCC. Participants can also attend sessions on financial aid, academic support services and stu-dent life, including infor-mation about clubs and ath-letics.

"The day will be filled with useful information for anyone interested in attend-ing college," said Joseph Watson, vice president and dean of students and enroll-ment management. "The sessions are modular, so

people can move easily from one presentation to another. It's an excellent opportunity to visit our beautiful campus and speak with experts in a wide range of fields."

Participants can learn more about such programs as massage therapy, com-puter science, automotive technology, fine arts, teacher education, business, criminal justice and com-puter security and foren-sics, among others.

Attendance to the open house is free; refreshments will be available. For more information, call the admis-sions office at 518-828-4181, ext. 5513, e-mail info@mycommunitycol-lege.com or visit the col-lege's Web site at www.mycommunitycol-lege.com.

The college is located on Route 23 in Greenport, one mile east of the Rip Van Winkle Bridge.



Contributed photo  
Kim Christman, right, a RPI doctoral student, shows Tech Valley High School freshmen Lian Henderson of Guilderland, left, and Rokeya Sultana of Hudson how a solar car could work.

## Links with partners key to education

Tech Valley High School was creat-ed in part to provide students an edu-cation that prepares them for the world beyond high school — whether it is at a university or in a workforce. There is perhaps no better way to ensure stu-dents are prepared for those challenges than involving business leaders, researchers and college officials in their education.

During the past two weeks at TVHS, representatives of several Cap-ital Region institutions have visited TVHS or hosted TVHS students, including RPI, Kinentia, Global Foundries, members of the Albany-Colonie and Schenectady chambers of commerce and Empire Solar Store. Additionally, Vietnam Veteran Randy Kautto spoke to students on two occa-sions.

"Collaboration with businesses is an integral part of the education at Tech Valley High because it allows us to share with the students why it is

important to learn what we are teach-ing and how they will use the new skills they are learning," said Principal Dan Liebert. "This is truly an unprece-dented partnership we have formed."

While the Kinentia officials showed TVHS sophomores recently how the company is working on developing compounds that may cure leukemia and psoriasis, representatives of all TVHS grades showcased for the cham-bers of commerce what they are learn-ing at TVHS, how it is different from traditional schools and how it will pre-prepare them to address the future demands of the region's employers.

The chamber representatives were at TVHS taking part in a forum on future teehnology related jobs in the region that was hosted jointly by the Universi-ty at Albany East Campus and Tech Valley High School.

Meanwhile, Rodney Wiltshire, owner of the Empire Solar Store in Troy, spoke to freshmen about the need

to switch to renewable supplies of energy and RPI doctoral students spent a part of the day conducting hands-on workshops for the freshmen on fuel cells, showing students how to create hydrogen and solar fuel cells and how they work.

Kautto recounted tales of Vietnam and the struggles he had re-adjusting to civilian life after the war for juniors who are conducting research into the impact of war on veterans, while Glob-al Foundries executives spent part of a day learning about TVHS and how the school may provide future Global Foundries workers from students and school leaders.

The flurry of activity at TVHS fol-lowed a January in which every student spent at least part of the month intern-ing at area businesses and institutions, from St. Peter's Hospital to IBM and the Einhorn Yaffee Prescott Architec-ture & Engineering firm.

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