

Wartburg celebrates first anniversary of a unique new facility



During a recent breakfast celebration for 70 doctors, social workers, discharge nurses, and trustees, Wartburg executives proudly celebrated the one-year anniversary of the opening of their free-standing, sub-acute rehabilitation facility – the only such facility in Westchester with all private rooms.

“Our rehabilitation center has consistently exceeded national and regional averages on key patient care standards in the past year,” said David Gentner, president and CEO of Wartburg. “That’s cause to celebrate, and we wanted to share our accomplishments with the health care and patient communities in Westchester.”

Wartburg, an award-winning senior services provider, is above national and regional averages for the hours of therapy patients receive per day, has a lower length of stay than its peers (21.7 days vs. 27 days regionally), has a greater percentage of patients released to their homes (78 percent vs. 70.8 percent nationally), and has a smaller re-hospitalization percent (14.8 percent vs. 22 percent regionally).

“Now that we have a new state-of-the-art building we have taken our well established rehab program to that next level and are achieving outcomes that even surpass our own high expectations,” said Paula Ress, administrator of the new center.

Mae Carpenter, commissioner of Westchester County Department of

Senior Programs and Services, was the featured speaker at the event and spoke about the county’s TIPS Program (Telehealth Intervention Programs for Seniors) for which Wartburg is a pilot site. TIPS is part of a larger campaign launched this summer by Westchester County called Successful Aging: It’s Everybody’s Business.

“TIPS helps seniors age successfully in their homes and involves families, community groups, and organizations devoted to seniors. Wartburg is a pioneer in integrating its services with TIPS and adopting this new program,” said commissioner Carpenter, who is also a member of Wartburg’s Board of Directors. “Getting out ahead of illness for seniors is paramount to aging successfully,” she said.

TIPS combines monitoring vital signs such as blood pressure with a complete social check-up, and hands-on support from a network of volunteers including student technicians and nurses from Pace University.

For more information on Wartburg’s Rehabilitation and Adult Day Services Center of Excellence, or to tour the new facility, please contact Angela Ciminello, director of Development, at 914-513-5179, or aciminello@wartburg.org.

The Model UN/UN Club at MVHS has another great fall semester start



Students at the Model UN High School Conference held at Fairfield University

On November 14th, Fairfield University held its annual Model UN High School Conference. A total of 14 High Schools participated in this conference from the tri-state area. As part of Mr. Mihailidis’ Model UN/UN Club, twelve students were selected and given the opportunity to compete at this meeting. This marks the 10th consecutive year that students from Mount Vernon High School have been invited to participate in this program.

The purpose of the conference is to allow high school students to discuss and debate relevant global issues. The college students act as the chairpersons for each committee, while the high school students take the role of the delegate. This format allows the students to broaden their horizons on an international level. In addition, it enables our students to work with college students and have exposure to the university way of life. As stated by Ms. Anya Patterson, “The day was an astounding success - just meeting all these

students and being able to discuss present day issues and trying to find solutions.” Also, Mr. Mihailidis commented, “It is great to see the interaction of all the students networking and forming friendships - the main goal of the United Nations.”

The Committees, Topics and the Delegate Students were as follows:

- 1) Child Trafficking in India - Crystal Luna, Orianna Osorio, and Sophia Ruiz
- 2) Conflict in Egypt - Zanaib Floyd, Kimberly Frater, and David Nunez
- 3) Crisis in the Ukraine - Nia Alexandria, Leela Beech, and Taliba Stevenson
- 4) UNEP: Crisis Committee on Climate Change - Melany Davila, Anya Patterson, and Angilee Sewkarran

A special thanks to Fairfield University for hosting the event, to the Mount Vernon Youth Bureau, and the Westchester Chapter of the Links Program for sponsoring the event and giving Mount Vernon students the opportunity to participate in this program.



Mount Vernon students pictured at Fairfield University

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