



Preparing for the 35th Academic Achievement Awards program of the Greater Hazleton Chamber of Commerce are, from left: seated, Tom Houd, president, MMI Preparatory School; Frank Victor, superintendent, Weatherly Area School District; attorney Elizabeth Maguschak, program chairwoman, Greater Hazleton Chamber of Commerce, and Sue Gerhard, director of development, Marian Catholic High School. Standing, Joe Yannuzzi, committee member, and Robert Skulsky, executive director, Greater Hazleton Area Civic Partnership. Not present for the photo were Clarence John, principal, Hazleton Area High School, and Kelly Knowlden, principal, Immanuel Christian School.

Academic Achievement Awards Dinner set for Genetti Best Western Inn & Suites

The top academic students from five schools will be honored June 11 as the Greater Hazleton Chamber of Commerce conducts its 35th annual Academic Achievement Awards Dinner.

The event will take place at Best Western Genetti Inn & Suites beginning at 6:30 p.m.

The event, made possible through contributions from scores of area businesses, is the only program of its kind in Greater Hazleton.

"The chamber is proud to be able to recognize the students who have excelled in school and have risen to the top of their class. These students serve as the primary examples of the quali-

ty of education available locally," said attorney Elizabeth Maguschak, chairman of the chamber's Academic Awards Committee.

Honored at the dinner will be the students selected by their schools as outstanding academic students.

The participants are from Hazleton Area High School, Immanuel Christian School, Marian Catholic High School, MMI Preparatory School and Weatherly Area High School.

Representatives from each of the schools will be on hand to make the presentations to the students from their respective schools.

Each graduate being recognized will receive a

framed certificate in recognition of their scholastic achievement from the chamber and congratulatory certificates from both Sen. Raphael Musto and state Rep. Todd Bachus.

Since its inception in 1975, the academic achievement program has honored more than 1,500 high school students.

Also to be recognized at the dinner will be the recipient of the Greater Hazleton Area Civic Partnership's Scholastic Award.

The Academic Achievement Awards dinner is open to the public, and tickets are available by contacting the chamber at 405-1509 or by e-mail Linda Mantush at lmantush@hazletonchamber.org.