



**High school:** Manasquan

**Class rank:** 1/268

**Bio:** 17, daughter of Dr. Colette Hayes, Spring Lake Heights, and Dr. Francesco Labruto, Point Pleasant

**Top achievements and activities:**

Toyota Community Scholar (1 of 100 in U.S. of 8,000 applicants); Dwight D. Eisenhower Leadership Award; Monmouth County School Boards Association Student Achiever; named one of 12 World Class Students by the Business Coalition for Educational Excellence/NJ Chamber of Commerce; Presidential Classroom Leadership Summit 2006 — chaired World Peace Committee; Bloustein Scholar; National Honor Society, president; Manasquan High School Student of the Month; fifth place in the High School Girls Golf Tournament at Rutgers University in New Brunswick; Irish Way 2005 (monthlong study of Irish culture in Ireland)

**On her agenda:** Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn., for geology and engineering; plans for a career as an environmental engineer

**In her own words:** "High School, for me, was a time of transformation, leaving confident, strong and ready to take on my future."

**About Leslie:** "Her sense of humor, a kind and giving heart, a strong sense of family, morals and values have helped earn for Leslie the highest admiration."

— Dina Elms  
school counselor

