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Class of 2017 reminisce about, celebrate past four years

History teacher James Wallimann encourages seniors to remember what is truly important

By Abigail Fitzgibbon
INDEPENDENT EDITOR

Starting a new tradition this year by wearing black robes, 109 members of the Class of 2017 made their first strides as high school graduates after receiving their diplomas during the traditional ceremony at Hyland Field on Friday June 2.

The class voted to opt out of the traditional green and white robes defined by gender, replacing them with black robes with a white sash and green cord for all graduates.

Senior Class President Avery Shaw gave the opening speech, recalling fond memories of middle school half-days when the students would all parade downtown while enjoying their new sense of freedom.



Seniors throw hats in the air at the end of graduation ceremony. Senior class president Avery Shaw and salutatorian Will Heslop speak about their time at the school. Class officers Fritz Spofford, Zoe Brown, Jillian Furber, and Avery Shaw wait for graduation to begin.

"If a group of struggling middle schoolers have the ability to take advantage of the bare minimum and make a really fun

day out of it, then we are all capable of taking whatever our circumstances may be and making the best out of them no ma-



MARY BUCKLEY-HARMON PHOTOS

ter what," she said in her speech. Before beginning his speech following Shaw's, salutatorian Will Heslop took a selfie on the

podium with his fellow graduates in the background. Adding humorous asides about how he just **GRADUATION, page 3**

2084 Robots by the C takes fifth in world championship

By Heather Holley
INDEPENDENT EDITOR

After competing for the first time in the world championship for the FRC, FIRST Robotics Competition starting on April 25

in St. Louis, Mo, the high school's robotics team, 2084 Robots by the C placed fifth in the world.

Senior Ledyard McFadden, one of the three captains of the team, explained the competition.

"There are 3,200 active teams around the world.

Robots are about 120 pounds, and you have six weeks to build them once the game is revealed," he said.

Each team could choose from three goals for its robot to achieve;

the robot could pick up and deliver large yellow gears, shoot balls into a goal, and/or climb ropes.

"Our robot focused on the gears and climbing," McFadden said.

According to McFadden, this was the first year in the team's 11-year history that they qualified for the championship after winning their division called Tesla and "compet[ing] on the Einstein championship field."

Another team captain, senior Nick Curcuru, explained his favorite part about the competition.

"The incredible part about the competitions, especially the higher end ones, is the amount of attention and the general buzz of how everything works," he said.

Everything was live streamed online and "once we made it to the Einstein Rounds, there were at least 10,000 people watching at the time," Curcuru said.

The team's adviser, Joseph McDonough, said, "Overall, the kids did an amazing job **ROBOTICS, page 3**

'Overall, the kids did an amazing job, and I am very impressed with how they performed under fire.'

-JOSEPH MCDONOUGH

Journalism staff wins first place All-New England Award, reflects on success, growth over past year

By Abigail Fitzgibbon
INDEPENDENT EDITOR

After 14 years of competing in the New England Scholastic Press Association (NESPA) competition, the staff of The Independent won the first place All-New England Award.

The award was announced on May 5 at the NESPA conference at Boston University, but, ironically, the staff of The Independent was not present because they had to catch a train, said Mary Buckley-Harmon, adviser of The Independent.

To be eligible for this award, a publication must first receive a rating of "Highest Achievement" and then compete for All-New England. The Independent has consistently received a "Highest Achievement" rating since 2004, Buckley-Harmon said.

From across New England, 49 schools entered this year, according to Helen Smith, executive director of NESPA.

The Independent competed against at least 10 other entries in



MARY BUCKLEY-HARMON PHOTO

Members of The Independent staff attended NESPA conference at Boston University, where they received the All-New England Award, competing against at least 10 other entries for this honor.

Class III, which includes schools with student enrollment of 400-699, Smith wrote in an email.

Editor in chief and senior Amber Paré said this first-place win is a great morale-booster for the staff.

"This year we experienced a lot

of growth in the paper with our new staff members and people taking on different leadership roles," she said.

Editor in chief and senior Maura McCormick said the win was due to the staff's diligence

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Graduating seniors will pursue collegiate sports

Eight students will continue to compete at the college level

By Holly Fossa
INDEPENDENT EDITOR

Some graduating seniors who have excelled in sports throughout high school will go on to continue playing these sports at a more advanced, collegiate level of competition.

These graduating seniors will play field hockey, football, soccer, cross country, track and field, basketball, tennis and sailing.

A majority of the athletes who have chosen to compete in college have said that creating friendships with new teammates is what they are most excited about.

Jenny Beardsley, Liddy DeConto and Cici Lyne will all continue on to play field hockey next year. DeConto and Lyne will both be competing as Division I athletes, DeConto at Saint Lawrence Uni-

versity and Lyne at Union college.

Beardsley will be competing as a Division II athlete at Assumption College in the fall.

In addition to new friendships with teammates, Beardsley is also looking forward to becoming a better field hockey player. "I am excited for a new level of playing and really upping my game," she said.

Seniors continuing to play other sports are Sarah Robinson, Evelyn Lantz, Marco Kaper, Dewey Komishane and Gillian Winn.

Lantz will be running cross country in the fall and track and field in the winter and spring as a Division III athlete at Dickinson College.

She said she is very lucky to be running in college and is excited for the benefits it will bring her. "It gives me the chance to do something I love, but at the same time it will provide structure and help me socially," Lantz said.

Robinson will be playing Division III basketball at the University of New England. Though she said she is nervous,



COURTESY PHOTO

Senior Sarah Robinson, who led the Hornets in scoring, will play at the University of New England.

Robinson is looking forward to better training and competition at the collegiate level.

"I'm really looking forward to playing with one of the best coaches in New England and being able to learn from my teammates," Robinson said.

Winn will be sailing as a Di-

vision III athlete at Hobart and William Smith College. She said she is excited to be sailing on a lake, rather than an ocean. "Overall, I'm super excited to be a part of their team," she said.

Kaper will play Division III soccer at Middlebury College, and Dewey Komishane

will be playing Division III tennis at Connecticut College.

Both boys said they are excited to continue doing what they love even though it will come with difficulty. "[Playing Division III soccer] will really test my skills, and I look forward to that challenge," Kaper said.

Members of Class of 2017 give college advice to future applicants



Jenny Beardsley
ASSUMPTION COLLEGE

"Don't wait until the last minute. Get everything done over the summer to make your fall as easy and stress-free as possible."



Liddy DeConto
SAINT LAWRENCE UNIVERSITY

"Something that really helped me was the college boot camp that the school holds. I did my whole Common Application there, and it was really helpful."



Matt Kenney
DARTMOUTH COLLEGE

"While all aspects of an application are important, the essays that you write are going to be what gives your application a unique voice. The essay is a place to illustrate your identity, like your sense of humor and your quirks."



Ethan Ketchum
CLEMSON UNIVERSITY

"It is important to remember that thousands of other applicants are applying with similar credentials, so everyone won't get into their top choices. Wherever you end up going will be a great place and where you ought to be."



Bridgett Kiernan
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, LA

"I don't recommend applying Early Decision unless you absolutely love the school. It is scary to be locked into a school, so you have to really love everything it offers. I ended up actually regretting the place I applied early to, so I was thankful I didn't get in."

Seniors decide to take alternate paths after high school

By Heather Holley
INDEPENDENT EDITOR

While the majority of seniors are planning to attend college next year, a few have chosen different paths.

Seniors Andrew Thomas, Julia Potter, and Aisea Richardson Collens are among those students who will be joining the military or workforce.

Thomas has decided to enroll in

the military for the Marine Corps.

"I've wanted to do it since fifth grade. It's always been kind of a dream of mine," he said.

Thomas has had a number of family and friends in the military and said that because of that, joining the military is "a pretty big deal to [him]."

Thomas explained the process in which he will go through for joining.

He spoke with a recruiter to "get a feel for what each particular branch in the military is all about," he said.

Then, he was tested to see what MOS's, Military Occupational Specialty, he qualifies for. Thomas explained that he is "in line to become a combat engineer, a demolition and construction specialist on the battle field."

After going through a medical

screening called MEPS, a two-day process where the military screens him to make sure nothing he has done in the past will affect his ability to participate in the military, he will begin basic training for 13 weeks at Paris Island, S.C.

When Thomas completes a semester school, where he will learn about and train to be an engineer, in Colorado, he will have an eight-year contract, which will be "five years of combat duty, and three years of inactive duty," he said.

Potter will be going to the

University of New Hampshire on a "four-year army, ROTC (Reserve Officers Training Corps), scholarship," she said.

"I have always admired those who serve our country and want to do the same," Potter said.

The program begins in late August, a few days before classes begin, and she will choose a class called Military Science at orientation as she explains that ROTC is "a combination of physical, classroom, and field training."

After graduation, Potter will be a Second Lieutenant and com-

mitted to eight years in the army.

Taking a much different route after high school, Richardson Collens will be working in Spain starting on June 9.

"I'm going to be working with my grandfather in his shoe company, Diesel. I don't exactly know what I will be doing there, but for now he is going to show me how the company works and everything like that," Richardson Collens said.

He explained that he wants to take a gap year because he is hoping to go into business in the future; therefore, this would be an opportunity to see "how his [grandfather's] business works up close."

Richardson Collens said that he is mostly excited to be working with a family member as well as being able to have his own car while he is in Spain.

Seniors Andrew Thomas, Julia Potter, and Aisea Richardson Collens are among those students who will be joining the military or workforce.

Veteran actions inspire juniors' Memorial Day fundraiser

By Holly Fossa
INDEPENDENT EDITOR

Freedom Flowers, a fundraiser started by junior Faith Palermo, raised money to buy red, white and blue carnations that were placed on veteran graves after the Memorial Day parade.

Palermo began the project herself and was joined by fellow junior friends Kristen Harding and McKayla Collins.

Palermo said she was inspired to create the project after watching a news story about a veteran who noticed fellow veterans' graves were messy; he began to clean them up and decorate them with flowers.

"I thought that it would be nice if we could do something like that in Manchester for all veterans," Palermo said.

Flags have been the only indication of veterans in graveyards, and Palermo believed that the flowers will help bring color, respect and recognition to the veterans.

"[The flowers] will show the veterans who are still living that we recognize and are grateful for their service and that the community still respects the sacrifices that they've made for our protection," Palermo said.

Every person who donated sponsored a veteran, and the flowers that were placed on his or her grave.

Palermo said they made progress with their donations; however, they were slower than expected. Donation tins were located at multiple different restaurant locations around town.

Other ways the girls collected money were through bake sales and by reaching out to people, asking them if they'd like to sponsor a veteran.

Palermo, Harding and Collins, along with others, placed the flowers on graves on Memorial Day.

Palermo also believed that it was a successful fundraiser and said the flowers looked "great."

"Everyone from the community was



COURTESY OF FAITH PALERMO

Faith Palermo sits outside of a local supermarket to raise funds for the Freedom Flowers fundraiser that Palermo started, which cleaned up veteran graves in Manchester and Essex and decorated them with flowers for Memorial Day.

so supportive of the fundraiser," Palermo said.

They covered all of the graveyards

in Manchester and hope to expand the project to various graveyards in Essex next year.

Student helps hometown, hired as on-call firefighter in training

Senior gives back to his community through involvement with local town fire departments

By James Riordan
INDEPENDENT EDITOR

Senior Tim Grimes will be leaving for college next year, but he said he has tried his best to make an impact on the local community before his departure through his extensive involvement with the fire departments.

For the last two years, Grimes has participated in the Manchester-Essex Fire Explorer Program, which he describes as a head start for potentially pursuing a career in firefighting. He referred to it as "the Boy Scouts of firefighting," with lots of training and community activities involved.

"I found out about this program three years ago around November through this guy... He told us he was starting this explorers group to get young people, like I was at

the time, more involved in the community and start thinking about joining and maybe becoming a firefighter," Grimes said.

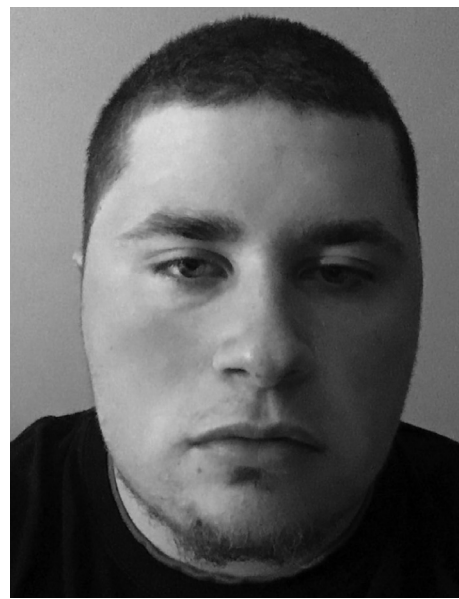
He said what inspired him to get involved was his passion for helping people and being involved in the community he grew up in. He said, "I like helping people

out a lot, and what isn't cool about going full speed to a fire call in a fire engine? I also like the brotherhood it has. I guess I'm just a natural first responder."

Senior Melanie Carter, who worked alongside Tim in the same program, said he was always very dedicated when he was working in the

program.

"It's really easy to work with Tim because even when he may not know exactly



COURTESY OF TIM GRIMES

Senior Tim Grimes, pictured above, has pursued his passion for helping people and being involved in the community by becoming an on-call firefighter in training for the Essex Fire Department.

what he's doing, he'll try his best to do it the right way," she said.

After his extended participation in the program, Grimes has now become

a call firefighter in training at the Essex fire department. He admitted that when he first started at the program, it was not really a goal of his, but as time went on he got a clearer idea of where he wanted the program to take him.

Through the experience, Grimes said he gained new insight into himself.

"I've learned that I really am a hands-on learner, and I've learned that mechanics and fixing things and problem-solving is a big factor in my life. Firefighting really ties into that," he said.

This spring, he began his SCORE project with the Gloucester Fire Department. He later transferred to the Essex Fire Department due to bureaucratic complications, but he said he is quite pleased with the outcome.

"It worked out really well because I basically just do what I normally do there. I am very happy about the way it turned out just because everybody already knows who I am, and I am helping out the town I grew up in."

Grimes will be attending Lincoln Technical Institute in Connecticut in the fall and said he hopes to continue his involvement with the local fire departments in the future.

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began his speech the night before, Heslop looked back on his years of close friendships and lasting memories.

"As we all head towards out post-secondary plans... I think it is increasingly important that we all remember never to take ourselves too seriously. Don't be afraid to laugh, especially at yourself. Life is too short to be hard on yourself. Love to laugh and find joy in every part of life," he said.

In her speech following Heslop's, valedictorian Jillian Furber focused on thanking teachers and reflecting on how high school has shaped the Class of 2017.

"It's safe to say that the class of 2017 has left its mark upon Manchester and Essex, and our absence will be noticed," she said.

Principal Patricia Puglisi used inspiration from the yearbook to guide her speech, focusing on the class's involvement a wide array of sports and activities.

"The most striking thing I found when

looking through your yearbook was you – Class of 2017 – in each picture you are happy. There is a genuine feeling that you truly love each other," she said.

The senior class chose history teacher James Wallimann to give the commencement address in which he combined tongue-in-cheek humor with sincere advice about finding what truly matters in life.

"So as you leave today, I would say to find that 95 percent of things in all of our lives that we care way too much about and care less about them, and then in turn, I would challenge you to find the 5 percent that really matter, and care your hearts out about them," he said.

After the presentation of diplomas from Puglisi, Assistant Principal Paul Murphy, director of guidance Beverly Low, and School Committee chair Annie Cameron, seniors threw their caps in the air as their class song, "September" by Earth Wind & Fire played across the field.

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and I am very impressed with how they performed under fire."

McDonough explained that even though it could have turned out to be a very stressful situation for the team, they took it in stride and did not let the stress get to them.

After a successful year, junior Connor Coale, the last of the three captains, explained his goals for the future of the team.

"I am definitely hoping to increase the size of the team [and] to increase the fundraising and business aspect of it, so kids from DECA or who have interests in organizing fundraisers would be good," he said.

Curcu also wants to improve the promotion of the team as well as to begin teams for the elementary school.

Continuing his passion for robotics, Curcu is hoping to participate in an internship at Endeavor Robotics during his freshman or sophomore year at the University of Massachusetts in Lowell, he said.

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and creativity.

"I think our strengths this year were the creative ideas people had and everyone's hard work. The fact that every person took a page to edit really show how ambitious everyone is," she said.

Buckley-Harmon agreed with McCormick that this year's success is based off of the staff's effort to incorporate more creativity with their already strong writing.

"I feel like we have really made conscious changes in terms of how we do layout and how we divvy out responsibilities, and that's obviously reaping rewards," she said.



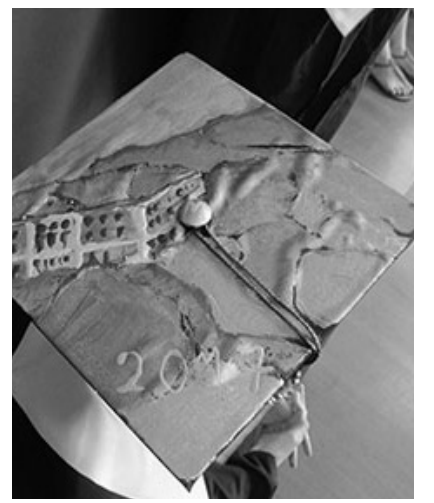
Seniors Jacob Callahan, Jake Brugger, Aisea Richardson Collens, Charlie Otterbein, and Ethan Ketchum.



Seniors Abby Bahlman, Charlie Baker, Sasha Ball, Jake Brugger, and Lilly Calandra listen to speeches.



Senior valedictorian Jillian Furber gives her speech.



Many seniors chose to decorate their caps for graduation. Hannah Soucy, for example, chose to decorate her cap by painting a landscape on it.



Superintendent Pamela Beaudoin speaks before the class of 2017.



Seniors Will Heslop and Antonio Gillespie pose for a photo in the Manchester Memorial School gym before the class procession onto Hyland Field.



Faculty members lead the procession to Hyland Field for graduation.



Senior Evan Williams walks at the graduation ceremony.



DECA seniors gather for a group photo before the graduation procession in the gym.



Sheila Carter holds up a sign with her daughter senior Melanie Carter's face on it as she walks at the ceremony.



Junior marshals Summer Burroughs and Christopher Brosch pose for a photo before leading the senior class procession onto the field.



Before the ceremony, seniors Jenny Duff, Julia Potter, and Amber Pare pose for a photo.



Graduate Becca Hille walks into the ceremony.



Seniors Redmond Pulver, Christian Arntsen, and Wolf Hahn pose for a photo before the class procession onto the high school field.



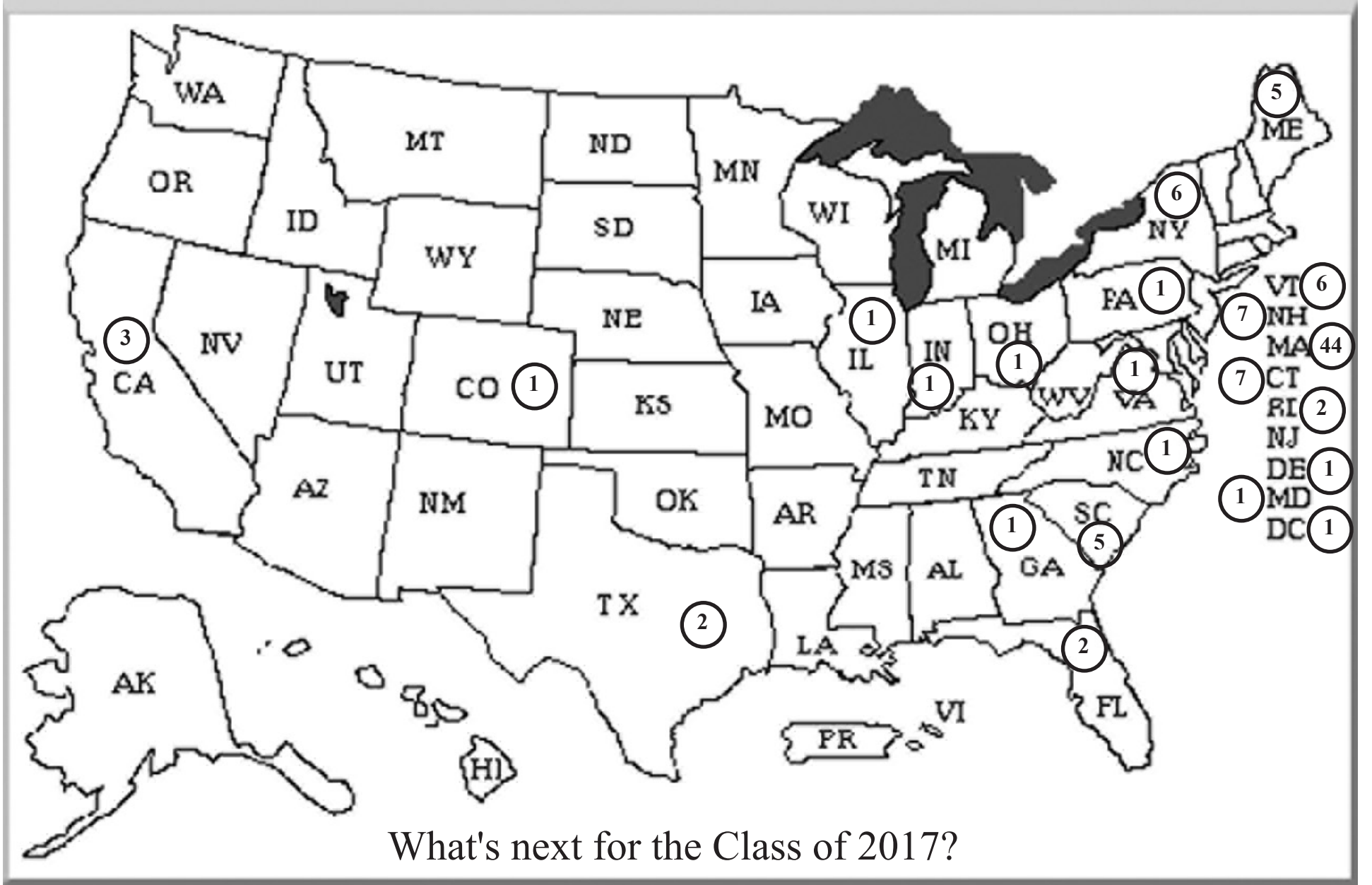
Graduates Phoebe Savje and Abigail Roundy applaud for their classmates as they receive their diplomas.



Meehan Irose, Courtney Holley and Kevin Hiselman share a laugh.



Principal Patricia Puglisi gives speech to the graduating class and crowd.



What's next for the Class of 2017?

California: 3

Carlotta Angelis - Chapman University
 Jillian Furber - University of Southern California
 Bridgett Kiernan - University of California, Los Angeles

Colorado: 1

Laney Franklin - University of Colorado Boulder

Connecticut: 7

Jenny Duff - Connecticut College
 Tim Grimes - Lincoln Technical Institute, East Windsor
 Walter Komishane - Connecticut College
 William Martin - Quinnipiac University
 Sally Pulver - Fairfield University
 Liam Setzer - Fairfield University
 Frederick Spofford - Wesleyan University

Delaware: 1

Becka Hille - University of Delaware

Florida: 2

Melanie Carter - Jacksonville University
 Lily Moore - University of Miami

Georgia: 1

Ledyard McFadden - Georgia Institute of Technology

Illinois: 1

Nellie Boling - Wheaton College

Indiana: 1

Tracy Blagden - Indiana University

Maine: 5

Jack Colpoys - Husson University
 Jasmine Dort - St. Joseph's College
 Michael Galli - University of Maine
 Emily Parker - University of Maine
 Sarah Robinson - University of New England

Maryland: 1

Spencer Feuerbach - Loyola University Maryland

Massachusetts: 44

Thomas Ambrose - Salem State University
 Jazmine Appeltofft - Endicott College
 Kailey Bachman - Salem State University
 Abby Bahlmann - Simon's Rock College
 Sasha Ball - Middlesex Community College
 Lilly Bean - Lasell College
 Jennifer Beardsley - Assumption College
 Tony Brazzo - North Shore Community College
 Zoe Brown - Mount Holyoake College
 Lilly Calandra - Endicott College
 Maddie Conway - UMass Amherst

Nicholas Curcuru - UMass Lowell
 Emily Dahlen - Bridgewater State University
 Chloe Doucette - Mass Maritime Academy
 Ryan Field - Mass Maritime Academy
 Laura Fitzgerald - Regis College
 Axel Fougere - North Shore Community College
 Antonio Gillespie - Boston College
 Wolf Hahn - Tufts University
 Annabelle Haskell - Lasell College
 Kevin Hiselman - UMass Amherst
 David LaForge - UMass Amherst
 Alexandra Lee - UMass Amherst
 Annabelle Lord-Patey - Lesley University
 Louis Masella - Wentworth Institute of Technology
 Maura McCormick - Tufts University
 Charles Otterbein - UMass Amherst
 Carl Parkhurst - UMass Amherst
 Evan Pennoyer - UMass Amherst
 John Pizzo - Salem State University
 John Przesiek - UMass Lowell
 Redmond Pulver - College of the Holy Cross
 James Reeve - UMass Lowell
 Maggie Richards - Fitchburg State University
 Phoebe Savje - UMass Amherst
 Isabella Schmidt - Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts
 Lillian Schrafft - UMass Lowell
 Amber Shaw - Harvard University
 Hannah Soucy - Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts
 Lea Sutherland-Doane - North Shore Community College
 Tomaz Tofuri - North Shore Community College
 Heloisa Vala - North Shore Community College
 Evan Williams - Dean College
 Emily Yakubowskas - Bridgewater State University

New Hampshire: 7

Cole Bourbon - Plymouth State University
 Jake Brugger - University of New Hampshire
 Jacob Callahan - University of New Hampshire
 Peter Coyne - University of New Hampshire
 Matthew Kenney - Dartmouth College
 Mac McCoy - University of New Hampshire
 Julia Potter - University of New Hampshire (ROTC)

New York: 6

Liddy DeConto - St. Lawrence University
 Ciara Lyne - Union College

Maya Palmer - Hofstra University
 Julia Przesiek - St. Lawrence University
 Eden Silag Sterns - Ithaca College
 Gillian Winn - Hobart and William Smith Colleges

North Carolina: 1

Charles Baker - Elon University

Ohio: 1

Courtney Holley - Miami University

Pennsylvania: 1

Evelyn Lantz - Dickinson College

Rhode Island: 2

Amber Paré - Providence College
 Ligia Lisett Ronchi - Roger Williams University

South Carolina: 5

Niamh Dalton - University of South Carolina
 Ethan Ketchum - Clemson University
 Abigail Roundy - University of South Carolina
 Santana Tosi - Furman University
 Madison Trumble - College of Charleston

Texas: 2

Cole Charlton - Texas Christian University
 Ananya Dwivedi - University of Texas, Austin

Vermont: 6

Christian Arntsen - University of Vermont
 Nicholas Bartlett - Champlain College
 Marco Kaper - Middlebury College
 Meehan Irose - University of Vermont
 Ainsley McLaughlin - St. Michael's College
 Avery Shaw - University of Vermont

Virginia: 1

William Heslop - University of Virginia

Washington D.C.: 1

Robert Carter - George Washington University

Other: 10

Brandon Falk - gap year
 Andrew Ford - undecided
 Dante Lombardi - Air Force
 Shane MacLeod - Navy
 Tyler Malik - Chapman's Greenhouse, agriculture
 Aisea Richardson-Collens - working for Diesel in Alicante, Spain
 Noah Smith - gap year
 Madeline Stowell - gap year followed by Gettysburg College (Gettysburg, PA)
 Andrew Thomas - Marines
 Thomas Vosseler - employment at Gymja Warrior, Danvers, MA

Senior class hosts prom at Moraine Farm

Students enjoy event despite rain

By Austin Woodman-Paré
INDEPENDENT EDITOR

For the first time the junior and senior prom took place at Moraine Farm in Beverly, which overlooks Wenham Lake.

About 120-150 students attended from the evening of May 26, said senior class officer Zoe Brown.

“[Prom] was actually really great and amazing. The venue was beautiful, and I am really glad I got to help choose it,” she said.

Sophomore Brianna Pappas said she loved the venue but she wished that it had not rained and that the tent was not so crowded.

“I thought the venue was very nice, but the rain made it a little unfortunate. Running back between the mansion and the tent was a bit annoying, but the venue itself and the lights inside of the tent were really pretty,” she said.

Pappas said her favorite part about prom was dancing.

“I was able to have fun with my friends dancing even after getting a little bit wet from the rain. There was a lot of energy out on the dance floor, and it was a lot of fun,” Pappas said.

Before dinner and dancing, students were served drinks on the terrace that overlooked Wenham Lake.

Although there were lawn games at the venue, chemistry teacher Joshua Wladkowski said he did not realize the games were there.

“[Having the games] was a cute idea, but I did not take advantage of that because of the rain, and I don’t think many of the other students did either,” he said.

Senior class officer Avery Shaw said prom exceeded her high expectations.

“Besides the weather, everything went just as planned. It was beautiful, and I think everyone enjoyed it,” Shaw said.

Wladkowski said he liked how the dinner was served more formally than past years.

“It was nice to sit down and have conversations with the people at the tables rather than waiting in a line

for a buffet like past years,” he said.

Students had an option of a chicken dish and a vegetarian option, and a salad was served before.

“The food was delicious. I was really surprised with the quality. It exceeded my expectations,” Brown said.

Before prom, students went to Tuck’s Point in Manchester to take prom photos with their friends.

“It was a little overcrowded, so a lot of people had to park on the field, and some people got stuck in the mud. Overall, it was really fun to carry on the tradition of prom photos at Tuck’s despite the rain,” junior Luke Heffernan said.

Junior Kristen Harding said she liked being able to hang out with her friends and take a bunch of pictures.

“I went with my friend [junior] Kate Fraga, and my favorite part of prom was spending time with my senior friends. It was bittersweet because it was kind of our last school event together,” Harding said.



MARY BUCKLEY-HARMON PHOTO

Chaperones Lauren DuBois and John Mullady.



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Senior Jazmine Appeltofft; junior Summer Burroughs and date; senior Cici Lyne; juniors Lake Fleming, Chris Brosch, and Samantha Booma.



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Seniors Niamh Dalton and Evelyn Lantz.



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Juniors Mason Camille, Kevin Albertazzi; sophomore Rebecca Shan; juniors Will Finn, Janie Miraci, Grace Dolan, Sam Delliker, Lizzy Hull, Petrukas West, and Ellie Taraska.



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Seniors Jillian Furber and Charlie Baker.



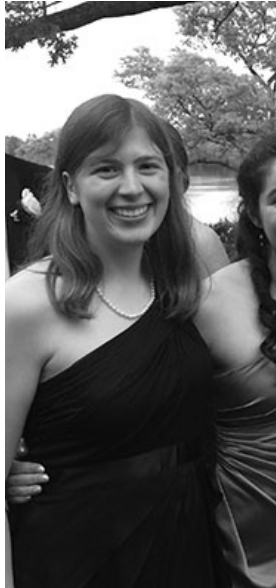
EMILY CLARK PHOTO

Juniors Holly Fossa and Jackson Rice.



AUSTIN WOODMAN-PARÉ PHOTO

Junior Jared Zaval, social studies teacher Jennifer Coleman, junior Robert Parker, and junior Alec Estabrook.



Seniors Julia Potter, Ne Tosi.



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Seniors Liddy Deconto and Jenny Beardsley.



Coach Rebecca Smith poses



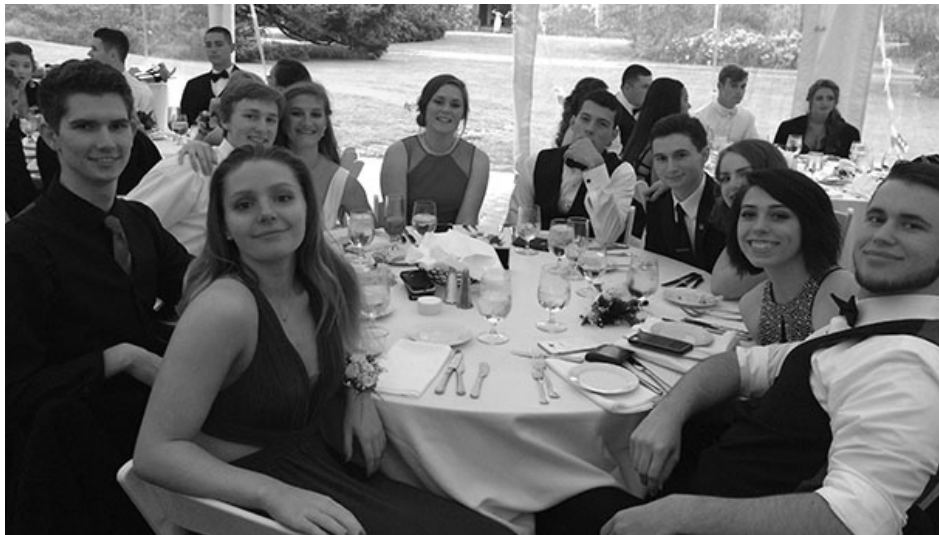
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Juniors Robbie Sarmanian and date, Heath Cosmo Pallazola, Anika Martz and date, Holly Rice.



MARY BUCKLEY-HARMON PHOTO

Senior Bridgett Kiernan, chaperone Mary Buckley-Harmon, and senior Ethan Ketchum.



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Sophomore Brianna Pappas; seniors Shane MacLeod, Kevin Hiselman and date, Melanie Carter, Marco Kaper, Robert Carter and date, and Dante Lombardi and date.



EMILY CLARK PHOTO

Sophomore Brigid Edgerton and junior Mitch Paccone.



MARY BUCKLEY-HARMON PHOTO

Ellie Boling, Jenny Duff, Sarah Robinson, and Santana



COURTESY OF STEPHEN KELLEY

Seniors Will Heslop, Mac McCoy, David Laforge, and Matt Kenney.



COURTESY PHOTO

Guest Jackson Hutt and sophomore Austin Woodman-Paré.



COURTESY OF SUE BEARDSLEY

with girls' lacrosse team at Tuck's Point.



COURTESY OF BRIDGETT KIERNAN

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Heather Holley, Emily Clark, Molly Fossa, and Jackson



COURTESY OF STEPHEN KELLEY

Juniors Juliette Kelley, Sydney Ring, Annalia Laino, Ali Marshall, and Ellie Taraska.



COURTESY OF KELLY MOORE

Seniors Lily Moore, Fritz Spofford, Niamh Dalton, and Jacob Callahan.

Students gain recognition for academic, athletic achievements

TOWN OF MANCHESTER SELECTMEN'S CITIZENSHIP AWARD:

Madeleine Conway

TOWN OF ESSEX SELECTMEN'S CITIZENSHIP AWARD: Jazmine Appeltofft

SUPERINTENDENT'S AWARD: Jillian Furber

PRINCIPAL'S AWARD: Clara Tuttle

SUSAN KRAUSE LIBRARY AWARD: Jasmine Dort

BROWN UNIVERSITY BOOK AWARD: Abigail Fitzgibbon

CLARKSON UNIVERSITY ACHIEVEMENT AWARD: Cornelia Williams

CLARKSON UNIVERSITY LEADERSHIP AWARD: Garrett Lamothe

CORNELL UNIVERSITY BOOK AWARD: Rebecca Braimon

DARTMOUTH COLLEGE BOOK AWARD: Madison Palmer

HARVARD PRIZE BOOK AWARD: Connor Coale

UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA BOOK AWARD: James Riordan

SMITH COLLEGE BOOK AWARD: Nina Prince

ST. LAWRENCE UNIVERSITY BOOK AWARD: Sydney Ring

ST. MICHAEL'S COLLEGE BOOK AWARDS:

Gabrielle Allmendinger, Tucker Hase

WELLESLEY COLLEGE BOOK AWARD: Emily Clark

YALE UNIVERSITY BOOK AWARD: Juliette Kelley

MAGOON BOWL AWARD: Aisea Richardson Collens

DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION AWARD: Julia Potter

MASSACHUSETTS GIRLS STATE PROGRAM:

Gabrielle Allmendinger, Summer Burroughs

MASSACHUSETTS BOYS STATE PROGRAM: Connor Coale, James Riordan

MANCHESTER ESSEX SENIOR SCHOLARS: Madeleine Conway, Genevieve Duff,

Helena Franklin, Jillian Furber, Antonio Gillespie, William Heslop, Marco Kaper, Matthew

Kenney, Ethan Ketchum, Bridgett Kiernan, Alexandra Lee,

Maura McCormick, Lily Moore, Julia Potter, Lillian Schrafft, Frederick Spofford

MANCHESTER ESSEX JUNIOR SCHOLARS: Gabrielle Allmendinger,

Samantha Booma, Rebecca Braimon, Chanel Bullock, Emily Clark, Connor Coale, Abigail

Fitzgibbon, Heather Holley, Juliette Kelley, Annalia Laino, Garrett Lamothe, Anika Martz,

Madison Palmer, Nina Prince, James Riordan, Cornelia Williams

NATIONAL ART HONOR SOCIETY SENIOR HONORS AWARDS:

Kailey Bachman, Annabelle Haskell, Ainsley McLaughlin, Lily Moore, Maya Palmer, Emily Parker,

Lillian Schrafft, Amber Shaw, Frederick Spofford

EXCELLENCE IN THE VISUAL ARTS FOR DRAWING AND PAINTING AWARD: Randall

Doane

KATHERINE LANE WEEMS SPIRIT AWARD FOR DRAWING AND PAINTING: Madison

Palmer

THE ARTS INNOVATION AWARD: Nell McKeon

EXCELLENCE IN THE VISUAL ARTS FOR PHOTOGRAPHY HONORS AWARD: Lily Moore

ANDREAS GURSKY SPIRIT OF PHOTOGRAPHY AWARD: Benjamin Souland

NATIONAL CHORAL AWARDS: Genevieve Duff, Paige Mandia

CHORAL DIRECTOR'S AWARDS FOR CHORUS/SOUNDWAVES:

Robert Carter, Hannah Soucy

OUTSTANDING MUSICIANSHIP AWARD: Axel Fougere

BAND DIRECTOR'S AWARD: Thomas Ambrose

WOODY HERMAN JAZZ AWARD: Paul Albani

JOHN PHILLIP SOUSA BAND AWARD: Lillian Schrafft

LOUIS ARMSTRONG JAZZ AWARD: Meehan Irose

WORLD HISTORY II ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AWARD: Thymen deWidt

WORLD HISTORY II OUTSTANDING STUDENT AWARD: Sydney Levasseur

US HISTORY I ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AWARD: August Kahle

US HISTORY I OUTSTANDING STUDENT AWARD: Judy Johnson

US HISTORY II ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AWARDS: Nell McKeon

US HISTORY II OUTSTANDING STUDENT AWARD: Emery Coggeshall

AP US HISTORY ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AWARD: Abigail Fitzgibbon

AP PSYCHOLOGY ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AWARD: Madeleine Conway

HONORS PSYCHOLOGY OUTSTANDING STUDENT AWARD: Julia Potter

AP US GOVERNMENT ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AWARD: Ananya Dwivedi

AP COMPARATIVE GOVERNMENT ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AWARD: Nicholas Notte

GLOBAL ISSUES ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AWARD: Bridgett Kiernan

SOCIOLOGY ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AWARD: Margareta Taraska

FACING HISTORY AND OURSELVES ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AWARD:

Rebecca Braimon

FACING HISTORY AND OURSELVES OUTSTANDING STUDENT AWARD: Jennifer Beardsley

NATIONAL FORENSIC LEAGUE DEGREE OF SUPERIOR DISTINCTION: Meehan Irose

NATIONAL FORENSIC LEAGUE DEGREE OF DISTINCTION:

William Heslop, Avery Shaw, Noah Smith

NATIONAL FORENSIC LEAGUE DEGREE OF EXCELLENCE: Zoe Brown

ENGLISH EXCELLENCE 9 AWARD: Julia Kaper

ENGLISH OUTSTANDING STUDENT 9 AWARD: Ellis Weber-Provost

ENGLISH EXCELLENCE 10 AWARD: Amelie Mittermaier

ENGLISH OUTSTANDING STUDENT 10 AWARD: Paul Albani

ENGLISH EXCELLENCE 11 AWARD: Rebecca Braimon

ENGLISH OUTSTANDING STUDENT 11 AWARD: Grace Porter

ENGLISH EXCELLENCE 12 AWARD: Helena Franklin

ENGLISH OUTSTANDING STUDENT 12 AWARD: Walter Komishane

EXCELLENCE IN JOURNALING AWARD: Frederick Spofford

HERBERT HAHN MEMORIAL BOOK AWARD: Faith Palermo

WINDHOVER FOR EXCELLENCE IN WRITING AWARD: Nina Prince

THE INDEPENDENT MOST VALUABLE STAFFER AWARDS:

Amber Paré, Maura McCormick

THE ROBERT MCCAMMON PRIZE: Madison Palmer

THEATER AWARD: Nellie Boling

FRENCH II COLLEGE PREP OUTSTANDING STUDENT AWARD: Robert Carter

FRENCH II HONORS EXCELLENCE AWARD: Spencer Meek

FRENCH III COLLEGE PREP OUTSTANDING STUDENT AWARD:

Margareta Taraska

FRENCH III HONORS EXCELLENCE AWARD: Lena Brezinski

FRENCH IV COLLEGE PREP OUTSTANDING STUDENT AWARD:

Helena Taraska

FRENCH IV AP EXCELLENCE AWARD: Rebecca Braimon

FRENCH V HONORS EXCELLENCE AWARD: Amber Paré

SPANISH I COLLEGE PREP OUTSTANDING STUDENT AWARD: Thad Fulmer

SPANISH II COLLEGE PREP OUTSTANDING STUDENT AWARD:

Jacob Edwards

SPANISH II HONORS EXCELLENCE AWARD: Julia Kaper

SPANISH III COLLEGE PREP OUTSTANDING STUDENT AWARD:

Evan Fitzgerald

SPANISH III HONORS EXCELLENCE AWARD: August Kahle

SPANISH IV COLLEGE PREP OUTSTANDING STUDENT AWARD:

Luke Heffernan

SPANISH IV HONORS EXCELLENCE AWARD: Anika Martz

SPANISH IV AP EXCELLENCE AWARD: Juliette Kelley

SPANISH V COLLEGE PREP OUTSTANDING STUDENT AWARD:

Sarah Robinson

SPANISH V HONORS EXCELLENCE AWARD: Julia Potter

SPANISH V AP LITERATURE EXCELLENCE AWARD: Jillian Furber

THE DAVID DOOLEY LANGUAGE AWARD: Cole Charlton

THE NICOLE SHERF STUDENT LINGUIST AWARD: Madeleine Conway

THE VIRGINIA MACDONALD FOREIGN LANGUAGE AWARD: Genevieve Duff

THE RENNELAER MEDAL: Connor Coale

QUANTITATIVE REASONING ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AWARDS:

Peter Coyne, Aisea Richardson Collens

QUANTITATIVE REASONING OUTSTANDING STUDENT AWARDS:

Kailey Bachman, Sarah Robinson

AP STATISTICS ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AWARD:

Ledyard McFadden

AP STATISTICS OUTSTANDING STUDENT AWARD: Noah Smith

ALGEBRA I ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AWARD: Molly Brady

ALGEBRA I OUTSTANDING STUDENT AWARD: Maya Baker

GEOMETRY ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AWARDS:

Maria Cristoforo, Anton Kozyrev

GEOMETRY OUTSTANDING STUDENT AWARDS:

Robert Beardsley, Leila Vala

ALGEBRA II ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AWARDS:

August Kahle, Meredith Wolf

ALGEBRA II OUTSTANDING STUDENT AWARD: Margareta Taraska

PRE CALCULUS ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AWARD: Rebecca Braimon

PRE CALCULUS OUTSTANDING STUDENT AWARD: Michael Conlon

AP CALCULUS ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AWARD: Matthew Kenney

CALCULUS OUTSTANDING STUDENT AWARDS:

Bridgett Kiernan, David LaForge

COMPUTER SCIENCE ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AWARDS:

William Heslop, Matthew Kenney

COMPUTER SCIENCE OUTSTANDING STUDENT AWARD: Helena Franklin

MARKETING ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AWARD: Paul Albani, Evan Fitzgerald

MARKETING OUTSTANDING STUDENT AWARDS: Casey Fackre, Dylan Wilson

BUSINESS MANAGEMENT ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AWARDS:

Micaela Coonley, Clara Tuttle

BUSINESS MANAGEMENT OUTSTANDING STUDENT AWARDS:

Laura Hannafin, Annalia Laino, Jon Rouillard

DECA ICDC TOP TEN FINALIST: Annalia Laino

2017 DECA ICDC EXCELLENCE AWARDS:

Laura Hannafin, Annalia Laino, Jon Rouillard

AP BIOLOGY EXCELLENCE AWARD: Wolf Hahn

HONORS BIOLOGY EXCELLENCE AWARD: Julia Kaper

BIOLOGY OUTSTANDING STUDENT AWARD: Isabell Amigo

AP CHEMISTRY EXCELLENCE AWARD: Connor Coale

HONORS CHEMISTRY EXCELLENCE AWARD: Maximilian Hahn

CHEMISTRY OUTSTANDING STUDENT AWARD: Eve Feuerbach

AP PHYSICS EXCELLENCE AWARD: Matthew Kenney

HONORS PHYSICS EXCELLENCE AWARD: Benjamin McGroder

PHYSICS OUTSTANDING STUDENT AWARD: Jasmine Dort

ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY EXCELLENCE AWARD: Sirine Benali

ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY OUTSTANDING STUDENT AWARDS:

Sasha Ball, Jasmine Dort

ANTHROPOLOGY EXCELLENCE AWARD: Madison Boisvert

BAUSCH & LOMB HONORARY SCIENCE AWARD: Gabrielle Allmendinger

ROBOTICS ACHIEVEMENT AWARD: Maria Cristoforo

ROBOTICS LEADERSHIP AWARDS: Connor Coale

GREEN TEAM SCHOLARS EXCELLENCE AWARDS:

Gabrielle Allmendinger, Lydia Garrett-Metz

GREEN TEAM PROJECT BASED LEARNING AWARD: Liam Falk

GREEN TEAM COMMUNITY EVENTS COORDINATOR AWARD:

Becka Hille

DECA students compete, stand out during international competition

By James Riordan
INDEPENDENT EDITOR

For this year's International Career Development Conference, four members of the DECA Team traveled to Anaheim, Calif., to compete against thousands of students from across the world. According to adviser Dean Martino, the group enjoyed outstanding success, with two of the four participants earning top 20 medals.

The students who attended the culmination of competitions involving over 200,000 students from nine different countries were juniors Annalia Laino, Laura Hannafin, and Jon Rouillard, and sophomore Casey Fackre.

Laino received four medals overall in the

Restaurant and Food Service Management category. Her performance earned her two first place role play medals and placement in both the top 20 and top 10 overall.

"I was super excited to make top 10 because the final role play was so difficult, and it's such an honor. I studied really hard, so it was gratifying," she said.

Hannafin also placed in the top 20 in Hotel and Lodging Management, making her an ICDC finalist for the second consecutive year after placing sixth last year.

"My past two years with DECA have helped me gain experience when it comes to solving problems under pressure and speaking confidently in stressful situations, which are skills that I use all the

time now. It's also helped me figure out where I want to go in the next few years," she said.

Martino said, "Both Annalia and Laura are consecutive ICDC qualifiers after they qualified as sophomores. To make ICDC two years in a row is pretty difficult to do. To make the stage as a top 20 finalist two years in a row is quite an accomplishment."

Although it was his first experience at the event, Rouillard was able to qualify for the ICDC after setting

the goal last year said Martino. All three juniors were given ICDC Excellence Awards from their respective judges.

"The Judges' Excellence Award translates to the judge feeling that they would offer a student an entry level position in

the area that they competed in based on their role play answers," Martino said.

Along with the upper-classmen, Fackre became the first student from MERHS to qualify in the area of Financial Consulting, which Martino said is "the most difficult exam."

Overall, Martino was pleased with the combined performance of the students, explaining, "When we look at the achievements of four students as a percentage of

awards, we stand out as a DECA chapter."

He added, "The opportunity for students that compete in DECA extends well beyond the classroom. They combined fun with accomplishments, which is always the best way to do it."

'My past two years with DECA have really helped me gain experience... speaking confidently.'

-LAURA HANNAFIN

Editors-in-chief reflect on their time in journalism

By Maura McCormick and Amber Pare
INDEPENDENT EDITORS

We got off to a bit of a rough start in our first year of journalism.

After one of us forgot to pick the other up for class, we were forced to arrive 30 minutes late. Weeks later, we were ditched in Boston on a field trip (because we were the uncool sophomores) and missed out on a trip to Noodle Street. Even when we felt like we had recovered from these setbacks, we made a major spelling error on our first page—spelling Singing Beach “Singing Brach.”

Eventually we got into the groove of journalism, finding our places as the class bakers for layout night, but journalism didn’t just help us improve our baking skills—it made us grow personally as well.

We had to learn how to think on our feet and go out of our comfort zones. The features page staple, Student Speak, for example, was always a nightmare.

After an awkward silence in class, one of us always caved and begrudgingly volunteered to take Student Speak, condemning ourselves to run around the cafeteria harassing students to tell us something absurd like their favorite ornament or what type of Halloween candy represents



BRIDGETT KIERNAN PHOTO

Journalism seniors gather for a group photo with their teacher before graduation ceremony. From left, Will Heslop, Antonio Gillespie, teacher Mary Buckley-Harmon, Amber Pare, Maura McCormick, Maddy Conway, Fritz Spofford, Karlie Angelis, Avery Shaw.

their personality. (We’re gonna be honest, Ms. B-H, one of us has offered five dollars for a junior boy answer.)

But besides that, we were given an opportunity to stay engaged in our school community and expose “scandals” such as the warm water fountain on the second floor while refining our writing and grammar skills.

Senior year, we had big shoes to fill. We always looked up to former editors Zack Even and Charlie Davis, and we weren’t sure if we could be as successful as they had been.

Throughout the year, however, we adjusted to our new roles as leaders.

Layout night was always a little hectic and draining. After

proofreading so many pages, we quickly started to lose our sanity. At the end of one late layout one of us, for example, said she “heard someone saying her name in the bathroom,” and the other thought she saw a ghost in the parking lot.

Even though layout night was always tough, seeing the final product was always worth

it, and we even earned several major awards for the paper with the help of an amazing staff and teacher.

Although the juniors will definitely need to step up their baking game in our absence, we will certainly stop by in the future with baked goods in hand (with the help of Fritz and Avery of course).

Student explores paradoxes, diversity of South Africa, Dubai

By Sirine Benali
INDEPENDENT EDITOR

From seeing a city teeming with new developments to driving through rural savannas, traveling to Dubai and South Africa completely changed the way I perceive the world.

The fact that there are such large differences on the same planet was the most interesting part. This trip opened my eyes to the diversity across the planet—the different cultures, foods, landscapes, and people.

Even inside Dubai, there were paradoxes. After driving only 45 minutes out of the heart of the city, we were met with miles after miles of vast desert.

From the various advertisements along the road and the radio in the car, I was able to see and hear the extent of western influence. This influence was

starkly different to the desert that I was in only 45 minutes earlier, and I realized how this city was built from nothing—an oasis in the middle of an endless desert.

While the cities that we visited in South Africa were not as extravagant as Dubai was, I liked them better. While they each had small variations, their differences were not as great as the vast extremes in the United Arab Emirates.

In all of the cities that we visited in South Africa, each one of them commonly showed a mix of cultures. One of our guides told us that the U.S. considers itself a melting pot, but Cape Town’s rich blend of cultures far outweighs ours. He continued to tell us that there are 11 official languages in the country, and Cape Town residents usually speak one or more of those languages.

He told us about South Africa’s past, from apartheid to the election of Nelson Mandela. He told us about how his country is springing back from their past, albeit still keeping it as an essential part of its identity.

Looking at Robben Island in Cape Town, the diverse historical background of South Africa can be seen by its uses throughout the years.

At first, the island was a post office, then a grazing station, later a mental asylum, after a colony for lepers, and most infamously, it was a maximum-security prison during the apartheid. Now, the island is a museum.

Being able to get a glimpse into these cultures, landscapes, and people has opened me up to how diverse our planet is, and it is a trip that I will be sure to never forget.



SIRINE BENALI PHOTO

Sophomore Sirine Benali takes selfie in Cape Town, South Africa.

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GIRLS' LACROSSE



COURTESY OF REBECCA BOOMA

From left, junior Samantha Booma passes ball with sophomore Abby Lantz and senior captain Liddy DeConto, who waits behind the net to score.

Coach: Rebecca Smith

Captains: Seniors Liddy DeConto and Jenny Beardsley

Record this year: 13-6

State tournament: Defeated Burlington 21-7. Lost in second round to Austin Prep 14-11.

Rival: Ipswich

Goals for next season: Win CAL championship and move on past the second round of state tournament.

Coach's quote: "There was a lot of pressure to repeat the success we had last year. We had a lot of defining moments in the season that show that we developed that get-it-done mentality; I was really proud of that." -Rebecca Smith

Captain's quotes: "We struggled to build confidence [in the beginning of the season], but I believe those losses were important as we learned from our mistakes and grew stronger as a unit," -Senior Liddy DeConto

"A couple of my favorite moments from this season were beating Masconomet for the first time in seven years and only losing to Marblehead by one. Although we lost in the quarterfinals of the tournament, I think everyone should be very proud of how far we have come as a team and as a program. I will miss this team so much." -Senior Liddy DeConto

BOYS' LACROSSE



COURTESY OF PAUL AQUPEL

During their game against Gloucester, junior Lake Fleming celebrates goal with teammates freshman Clayton Booma and sophomore Jake Athanas.

Coach: John McCavanagh

Captains: Senior Evan Pennoyer and juniors Jackson Rice, Patrick Guinee and Chris Brosch

Record this year: 10-11

State tournament: Lost first game to Pentucket 12-8

Rival: Pentucket

Goal for next season: To win the Division III North tournament

Captains' quotes: "Despite struggling at some points in the year, we managed to come together and play when we needed to. I'm happy that in the end we were able to make the playoffs and that we beat Georgetown for the rivalry cup" - Senior Evan Pennoyer
"It is always a great accomplishment to make the playoffs, but I think we were all disappointed we could not make more of a run." -Junior Jackson Rice

"I think this year was a building year for the program. Next year we should have a very successful season if everyone puts the time in the offseason because... we will only lose two seniors. Next year should be very good as long as the team can gel with one another." -Junior Chris Brosch

"We made the playoffs, yet there were times during the season where we lost the drive to win." -Junior Patrick Guinee

GIRLS' TENNIS



COURTESY OF AUGUST KAHLE

The girls' tennis team continues season into tournament with indoor practices. Pictured above is sophomore Andrea Rennie waiting for a serve.

Coach: Ken Rawson

Captain: Junior Chanel Bullock

Record this year: 13-3

State Tournament: Defeated Newburyport 3-0. Semifinal match against Lynnfield to be determined.

Rivals: Burlington, Marblehead, and Masconomet

Goals for next season: Win the League Championship and have every player improve.

Coach's quote: "Despite struggling at some points in the year, we managed to come together and play when we needed to. I'm happy that in the end we were able to make the playoffs and that we beat Georgetown for the rivalry cup." -Ken Rawson

Captain's quote: "Our tennis season has been great with a record of 13-3, and I hope to continue to perform well while continuing into the playoffs; our major goal is to beat Lynnfield who has won states for the past three years. We will be playing them in the semi finals." -Chanel Bullock

Player's quote: "I think we have a good chance [in the tournament], but the only thing is that the first week of it is during the eighth-grade trip, so two of our starters will be gone." -Sophomore August Kahle.

BOYS' TENNIS

Coach: Robert Bilsbury

Captains: Seniors Dewey Komishane and Redmond Pulver

Record this year: 9-0

State Tournament: Defeated in first round against Weston, 5-0

Rivals: Pentucket

Goals for next season: Continue success and make state tournament

Coach's quote: "It is a bit of a statement of the senior leadership to have the kids improve to such an extent... That speaks to their serious practice attitude and willingness to compete with each other in practice and help each other get better." -Robert Bilsbury

Captains' quotes: "The team worked together really well. We took on a lot of new kids, so that was exciting. We had a great team chemistry which helped us to do so well this year." -Senior Redmond Pulver

"We had... one of the most impressive seasons I have seen in my six years of playing high school tennis. Everyone from the top to the bottom of the lineup improved tremendously and did better against opponents that they previously struggles against." -Senior Dewey Komishane
Player's quote: "We had an unfortunate draw in the first round of the tournament and I don't think it represented our overall success in the season. We were able to build on our struggle and win the league and that is something to be proud of."

-Junior James Riordan.



COURTESY OF GARRETT LAMOTHE

Senior captain Redmond Pulver serves the ball while practicing for the state tournament against Weston.

SOFTBALL



COURTESY OF SOFTBALL TEAM

After a season focusing on developing skills with a few strong wins, the softball team hopes to improve their record and confidence next season.

Coach: Frank Sarro

Captains: Seniors Melanie Carter and Ainsley McLaughlin

Record: 7-13

Rival: Masconomet

Goals for next season: Stronger defense.

Coach's quote: "We've had some really really good wins where I feel like it helps us to grow... Overall, the hitting was really good, but we need to improve on being more consistent. It's a matter of taking those close games and winning them to get into the tournament [next year]." - Frank Sarro

Player's quote: "Next year as captain, I definitely want to see the improvements we can make so that we can have a better record... the team could work on playing as a team and keeping the talk up. Sometimes in the field, we go through tough innings, so we need to work as a team and communicate to be able to make those plays." -Junior Taylor Reader

SAILING



COURTESY OF JOE AHEARN

Despite setbacks due to weather and disorganization early in this season, the sailing team finished strong with several wins in the last few regattas.

Coach: Joe Ahearn

Captains: Senior Cole Charlton and Meehan Irose and junior Anika Martz

Record: 3-5

Rival: No rivalries

Goals for next season: Win the state championship.

Coach's quotes: "The younger kids really rallied and were a main reason why we did so well at the end of the season." - Joe Ahearn
"We all knew from the beginning that this was a rebuilding year, so the fact that we won our last three races was very encouraging. Also to take ninth out of the 26 schools at the state championships is a real big deal." - Joe Ahearn

Captain's quote: "It is really great to see the team coming together in the end. We fought through the tough weather and ended up doing pretty well. I am proud of each sailor for getting on the water every day and can't wait until next season." -Junior Anika Martz

BASEBALL



AUSTIN PARÉ PHOTO

After winning the league and advancing to the playoffs for the first time in over 30 years, members of the baseball team are proud of their season.

Coaches: James Weed

Captains: Seniors Peter Coyne and Charlie Otterbein, juniors Robbie Sarmanian, Jackson Levendusky, Cosmo Pallazola and Mitch Paccone

Record: 13-3-0; beat Georgetown in playoffs 15-3 on June 5

Rival: Georgetown

Goals for next season: Make it to the playoffs again and win the league again after winning the league for the first time in over 30 years this season.

Coach's quote: "We worked hard to get into the playoffs, and especially with such a young team and only two seniors, we did not expect it. They have played some really great baseball."

-James Weed

Players' quotes: "We really started to play as a team this year instead of just playing for ourselves, which is something that is important for all teams." -Sophomore Bennett O'Leary

"I feel like we are going to make a good run. We have a young team, and we have lots of depth because we only have two seniors." -Sophomore Ryan O'Connell

CO-OP TRACK



COURTESY OF WENDY FOSSA

With many runners achieving individual goals and some qualifying for States, members of the track co-op with Gloucester are proud of their season.

Coach: Dave Coleman

Captains: Seniors Carly Cucuru, Maura McCormick, Jacob Belcher and Chris MacDonald and junior Kaitlin Marques

Record: Girls' 2-5, boys' 1-6; sophomore Eve Feuerbach advanced to All-States

Rival: Marblehead

Goals for next season: Build on this year's success since not many seniors will graduate this year

Coach's quote: "[The team would like to] build on the success [they] had this year as [they] only graduated a total of five seniors from the boys' and girls' team combined." -Dave Coleman

Captain's quotes: "The team had many goals reached on personal levels where there were many people who were crushing their personal bests." -Gloucester senior Chris MacDonald

"An overall sum of the season was that it was a great step in building back up the program from the last couple of years and gaining more depth," -Gloucester senior Chris MacDonald.



AUSTIN WOODMAN-PARÉ PHOTO

Sophomore Emily Beck created a logo for the Mountain Bike Club in DHS Graphic Design class.



AUSTIN WOODMAN-PARÉ PHOTO

Junior Kayley Wright created a piece by cutting pieces out of a black sheet of paper in Portfolio II.



AUSTIN WOODMAN-PARÉ PHOTO

Sophomore Kriza Baldow created a coil vase out of clay in Tamera Burns' Ceramics I class this year.

Art teachers organize art show with help from students

Exhibition includes photos, ceramics, drawings, paintings, mixed media work

By Austin Woodman-Paré
INDEPENDENT EDITOR

Students helped curate the annual art show by organizing pieces of artwork that students have completed this year. The art department also hosted a reception for the viewing of artwork.

The art show was displayed from Mon. April 3 until Fri. April 28, and the reception took place on Wed. April 5.

Art teacher Caroline Epp said she loved the event, and she hopes that it will grow into a larger program in the future.

"[The program] was very nice. We had students from the music program playing music, and there were light refreshments as well as some great food," Epp said.

Art teacher Tamera Burns

agreed with Epp and said she hopes more families and students come to the event next year because it is a great way to show student's expression.

While setting up for the art show, Epp asked her Photo II students to curate and hang all of the photos for the art show.

"They collected photos into groups that were similar in terms of tone, mode, or color, so that the images complemented each other rather than competed with each other," Epp said.

Freshman Thymen de Widt, who was one of the students who helped Epp organize the art show, said he enjoyed organizing the pictures together.

"We put the photos in groups based on tone, color, or photos

that worked together. We did not line up the photos, instead we scattered them on the board to make the eye move; I thought that it was very interesting," Dewidt said.

Like Epp, Burns also had her students help her with the organization of the art show. She had two teacher's assistants help set everything up for the art show.

"[Sophomore] Lydia Garrett-Metz and [senior] Emily Parker [are my two assistants]. They completed all of the matting, and they labeled all of the artwork. They set up ceramics and put them in the glass displays, and they hung the posters," Burn said.

According to Burns, there are over 500 pieces of artwork in this year's art show. Both teachers tried to include as many pieces as they could, but because there are so many art classes this year they could only include the student's best work.

'The quality of the work was really good, and I really enjoyed taking time to look at the work.'

-TAMERA BURNS



Annalia Laino
Photo 2

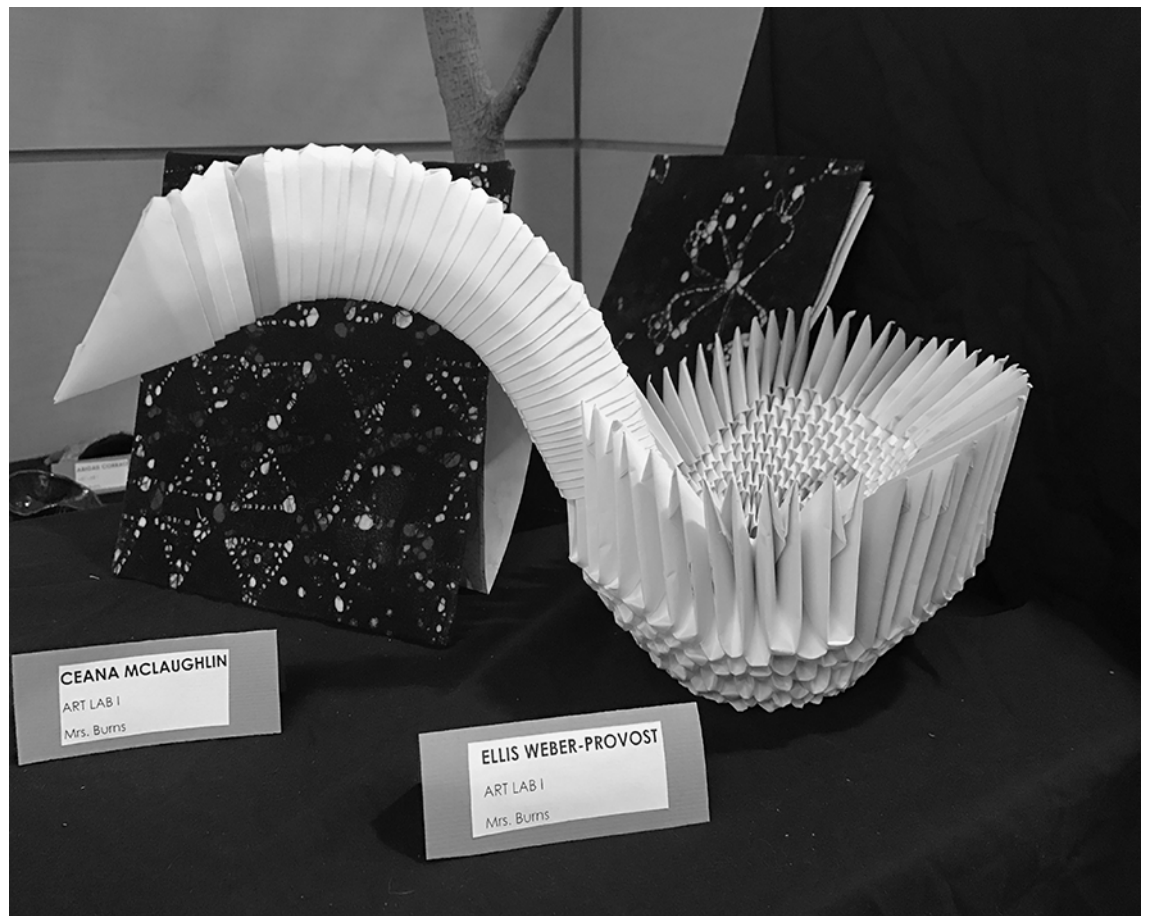
AUSTIN WOODMAN-PARÉ PHOTO

The art show displayed a variety of media. Annalia Laino's photography from Caroline Epp's Photo II class was displayed.



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Seniors like Annabelle Haskell were able to make their own art boards featuring work that they created. Haskell took AP Studio Art and will attend an art program at Lassel College next year.



AUSTIN WOODMAN-PARÉ PHOTO

Freshman Ellis Weber-Provost created a paper figure of a goose. He used folded up pink, white, yellow, and blue paper for the project in Tamera Burns' Art Lab I class. It took Weber-Provost eight class periods to complete the sculpture. He also took photography in Caroline Epp's Photo I class.