

Schools

Wilkins School

First Grade Spring Music Concert



Cute students and cute costumes perform well together as 1st graders sing and dance.



Puppies playing Orff instruments and driving cars, under the direction of Robert Allwarden.



AMHERST CITIZEN PHOTOS

Wilkins School

Literacy Week for Young Authors



Dad, Nye Horner reads his son's book.



Great stories and illustrations were on display.



Author and Adventurer, Peter Lourie, uses his canoe as a visual aid in his presentation to kindergarten students



Speaking to students is author/adventurer, Peter Lourie.

Students in the News

Amherst Student Graduates from Vanderbilt U

Timothy Patrick Watts Sullivan is graduating cum laude from Vanderbilt University in Nashville, TN with a dual major in Economics and European Studies. Tim will be studying International Business Law at Fordham University School of Law in Manhattan this coming fall. He graduated high school from St. Georges School in Newport, RI. Tim is the son of John and Melanie Sullivan, Amherst.

Cornell University Announces 2009 Graduates

Cornell University is pleased to announce that Kathryn Wilich Woodbury of Amherst will be presented for graduation with the Class of 2009 during Commencement ceremonies in Ithaca, N.Y., May 24, 2009. Kathryn will receive a bachelor of science degree in policy analysis and management.

Westfield State College Names Local Student to Dean's List

Westfield State College in Westfield, MA., has recently named local student Adam Hey, of Amherst to the Dean's List of the fall 2008 semester. Adam is currently majoring in business management. To receive Dean's List status, a student must complete a 12-hour semester with a GPA of at least 3.3 (B+), have no grade below a 2.0 (C), and have no incomplete grades.

Local resident graduates from Saint Michael's College

Patrick Ryan Davis, son of Robert and Theresa Davis of Amherst earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration graduated from Saint Michael's College during ceremonies May 14 held on the campus of the liberal arts residential Catholic college located in the Burlington area of Vermont:

Champlain College Announces 2009 Graduates

BURLINGTON, VT - The following local residents were among more than 424 students from Champlain College who received undergraduate degrees during the College's 131st Commencement Exercises held on May 9. Kenneth Caron, a resident of Amherst received a degree in E Game & Interactive Development. Andrew Dunham, a resident of Amherst received a degree in Comp Networking Info Sec.

Providence College Awards Undergraduate Degrees to Local Residents

The following Amherst residents were among over 990 students from Providence College who received undergraduate degrees during the College's Ninety-first Commencement Exercises held on Sunday, May 17. Nicole Chininis received a Bachelor of Arts in Global Studies. Kate Crawford received a Bachelor of Science in Marketing.

Amherst Native to Graduate from the Coast Guard Academy Wednesday

COAST GUARD ACADEMY, New London, Conn. – Cadet First Class Craig Thatcher Nilson of Amherst will be one of 225 cadets to graduate Wednesday, from the U.S. Coast Guard Academy with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Operations Research and Computer Analysis. A 2005 graduate of Souhegan High School, Nilson is the son of Barry and Donna Nilson of Amherst. Nilson's first tour of duty will be as a deck watch officer on the U.S. Coast Guard Cutter Steadfast in Astoria, Ore. "Sometimes people here tell you that the time will be gone before you realize it. Never shift your focus too much from the present into the future. Though time may seem to pass at different speeds throughout our lives, we should live in the present wherever and whenever we



COURTESY PHOTO

Cadet First Class Craig Thatcher Nilson graduates from Coast Guard Academy.

are. I am humbled and proud to be where I am right now," said Nilson.

Amherst Sophomore Placed in Leadership Program

An Amherst high school sophomore have been selected to attend the NH Hugh O'Brian Youth (HOBY) Leadership Seminar. They will join more than 70 young leaders representing as many high schools from throughout New Hampshire. The seminar will be held May 29-31st at Southern New Hampshire University in Manchester. Selected to attend HOBY is Andrew Amrein of Souhegan High School, son of Kelley and James Amrein. Students are chosen based upon demonstrated leadership and potential for continued leadership growth.

HOBY Leadership Seminars bring together a select group of high school sophomores with groups of distinguished leaders in business, government, education, and the professions to discuss present and future issues. The goal is to provide the youths with a stimulating forum for learning about critical issues while broadening their understanding of their leadership potential and quest for self-development. For more information about NH HOBY, please visit: www.nhhoby.org.

Callan Maynard received a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science.

Timothy Nichols Earns Honors at Skidmore College

Timothy Nichols, a member of the Class of 2012 at Skidmore College, received academic recognition at the college this spring. He is the son of Bradford and Susan Nichols of Amherst. Nichols was selected for membership in the Honors Forum, which works to strengthen intellectual life at Skidmore and especially to encourage the academic aspirations of highly motivated and talented students. Formal membership in the Honors Forum is based on academic accomplishment.

Amherst Resident Named to American University Fall 2008 Dean's List

WASHINGTON, D.C - Elizabeth Black, a senior in American University's School of International Service majoring in international studies, was named to the fall 2008 Dean's List. Black is a resident of Amherst. To earn Dean's List at American University a student must obtain a

3.5 grade point average or better on their semester courses.

Barowski Accepts Appointment to Coast Guard Academy

The United States Coast Guard Academy announced that Daniel Barowski from Amherst has been recognized for superior academic achievement and leadership potential. Danny who attends Bishop Guertin High School in Nashua has accepted an appointment to the Coast Guard Academy and will be sworn in as a member of the Class of 2013 on June 29, 2009. Danny is the son of John and Mary Ann Barowski of Amherst and the grandson of Mariette and Edward Barowski from Nashua.

UNH Manchester 24th Commencement Celebrates 325 Graduates

MANCHESTER, NH -- The University of New Hampshire at Manchester will celebrate the achievements of over 325 graduates at the college's 24th annual commencement proceedings on May 21. The

The Derryfield School's Sixth Graders Learn Latin

BY KATRINA HOLMAN

MANCHESTER – Latin is a required course in 6th grade at The Derryfield School. Three 6th-graders from Amherst claim to enjoy this class. Nicole Anthony said, "It's so cool to make connections between Latin vocabulary and English words!" Undoubtedly, this is valuable ... but can it be any fun? To help with memorization of vocabulary and declensions, students learn funny acronyms and play games in class; *exempli gratia*, TV tag with Latin and Who Can Slap the Backboard the Fastest (on the right word). One assignment was to write a *curriculum vitae* (*id est*, a resumé) for a goddess as if she were seeking a job today in our world. Samantha Carbery wrote hers for Mania, goddess of insanity, and Maisy Rohrer for Hera, goddess of love and marriage. Nicole liked the creativity of devising past job experiences for Athena, goddess of war, wisdom, and arts & crafts, to land her a job in a museum. In April the Middle School held its Roman Holiday with "chariot races" and a feast of good food, *et cetera*. Fun indeed – *quod erat demonstrandum*. Samantha and Maisy both like Latin so much that they plan to continue with it in 7th grade. Derryfield offers Latin up to AP levels but there are other choices too. Nicole would prefer to now learn a language in which one can converse, so she is switching to Chinese next year. Junior Matt Porat said that from the Latin he took in 6th-8th grades, he gained an understanding of how



PHOTO BY ANNE BRANCH, THE DERRYFIELD SCHOOL

Middle School Latin classes celebrate "Roman Holiday" at The Derryfield School: 6th-grader Samantha Carbery (left, dark hair) et alii in "chariot" races.

languages in general come together. As an example, what direct and indirect objects are. It also awakened a passion for languages. This year he has been taking Spanish 3 and Ancient Greek. When these young scholars look back on their Latin experience, they may think: "Veni. Vidi. Vici."