

Schools

NHLSA Trig-Star is Souhegan High Student

Kaelee Noorda named New Hampshire Trig-Star for 2010

CONCORD – Kaelee Noorda of Souhegan High School in Amherst was named New Hampshire Trig-Star for 2010 at the New Hampshire Land Surveyors Association twentieth annual Statewide Trig-Star competition held recently at the New Hampshire Technical Institute in Concord. Kaelee is the daughter of Candee and Eric Noorda of Mont Vernon. Kaelee is a sophomore at Souhegan High School.

The New Hampshire Land Surveyors Foundation will award a \$1,000 scholarship to Kaelee. In addition \$500 will be awarded to Ms. Marina Capen MacDonald, Kaelee's mathematics teacher. The Statewide Trig Star Contest is a competition sponsored by Land Surveyors and teachers throughout New Hamp-

shire to determine the most highly skilled high school student in New Hampshire at the practical application of trigonometry. Nancy Kitcher of Souhegan High School was Kaelee's local sponsor. The contest is sponsored nationally by the National Society of Professional Surveyors (NSPS). Kaelee moved on to represent New Hampshire in the NSPS Trig-Star competition and placed 13th in the final National competition. The New Hampshire Land Surveyors Foundation grants over \$12,000 annually in scholarships to students pursuing careers in surveying, mapping, geomatics, and spatial information engineering. More information is available about the NHLSA on the association web site at: NHLSA.ORG.



SHS sophomore Kaelee Noorda holds plaque recognizing her achievement.

2010 Interact Club Officers

Milford Rotary supports the local Interact Club, a community service club for the students of Milford, Wilton-Lyndeborough and Souhegan High Schools.

Back Row: Jill Daigneau, SHS co-secretary; Meghan Higgins, WLC co-president; Kelly Sareault, Milford co-president; Libby Bacher, SHS co-president; Roula Giokas, Milford co-secretary

Front row: Erin Sullivan, WLC co-vice-president; Kelsea Moulton, co-vice-president; Lizzy Callahan, SHS co-vice-president; Connor Jackson, Milford treasurer



The Derryfield School

Derryfield eighth-grader Samantha Carbery (left) and senior Alisa de Bruyn Kops board the bus in Amherst on their way to Manchester for their first full day of school, on Sept. 2, 2010. The Derryfield School, an independent day school, serves 381 students (including 2 exchange students from China) this year in grades 6-12; of these 133 are in middle school and 248 in high school. Among them are students from 20 Amherst families and 1 Mont Vernon family.



Seeking Host Families for 16 Days in October

The Souhegan High School and Mascenic High School communities will be hosting a Homestay Exchange Program, Oct 17-November 2. This is an annual program for over 6 years - a group from Mannheim Germany will visit this area; a group of 39 students signed up for this successful program. We are still in need of several host families.

Calling all families with high schoolers or homeschoolers in Souhegan or Mascenic school districts! We are looking for caring families that enjoy learning about different cultures and making lasting friendships with foreign students. Any family, large or small, with high school age children can be a host family. The only requirement is a desire to welcome a foreign student into one's family circle and show him/her the same interest and caring any traveler seeks when in a strange land. It is not as demanding as it seems. The family provides a

bed and meals and allows the visitor to participate in its usual back to school activities.

The students will be occupied every day either in class or on a trip. The trips depart and return from the local high school. The program runs from October 17-November 2nd~ just 16 days!!

If you've ever wanted to host, now is a great time to try it out. The applications are available for immediate matching!! These students want to come to the US to learn about our country and the most beneficial way is as a member of an American family. (Don't worry you don't have to speak German to host, as these students do speak English.)

Local students will have the opportunity to travel to Germany in the Spring 2011 on a reciprocal school exchange to Germany. Please call Sue Boswell at 978-835-0133 or email hostandgo@charter.net today for more information.

From the Souhegan School Board

A Warm Welcome

The Souhegan School Board would like to extend an especially warm welcome to all students, parents, staff, teachers, and administrators, both new and old. We are blessed with strong, experienced, intelligent leadership; dedicated thoughtful educators; committed support staff who all strive to address the needs and challenges of each student, supportive parents, and engaged students.

The tragic events of last year are still fresh for many of us. They have left us, as communities and places of learning, changed forever. We come into this new year with a heightened awareness of safety and security for our schools and with a renewal of our responsibility to know each child well and meet his or her individual needs. We also come with a recommitment to communication among all stakeholders – parents, students, teachers, staff, administrators, and community. If last year has taught us anything, let it be the knowledge that we are all in this together and we are all here to support one another. Communication is key to that end. Yes, we are changed, but we believe it's for the better.

We all have the responsibility and the power to touch everyone in our school communities. Miracles happen in our schools. Every day, we see our professionals dedicating themselves to knowing students well -- helping each reach his or her potential. Students deserve our commitment of time, energy, and resources. As we begin the new year, let's continue to look forward, focus on our many successes and be mindful of our goal to do all that is necessary to ensure that each student achieves success.

Over the summer, there have been some significant changes in the school administration, and we look forward to working with Jon Ingram, our new Principal, Gigi Klipa, our new Dean of Faculty, and Karen Malio, our new Special Education Coordinator. We also welcome Fran Harrow back to the board, and thank all the applicants who applied for the vacancy.

We wish you all much success in meeting the exciting challenges of the year ahead. If we all work together, we can make it happen.

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Souhegan High School

F.I.R.S.T. Robotics Team

The Souhegan High School F.I.R.S.T. Robotics Team is in need of engineering volunteers to mentor students for the 2010/2011 competition season. The only requirements are a desire to share your knowledge and problem solving skills with the next generation of engineers, and a burning desire to enrich the student's experience by helping bring their ideas to life by designing, building, and competing in an exciting robotics competition. If the United States is to remain a world leader in science & technology, we need to encourage more students to consider the exciting and rewarding experience a career in engineering

or science has to offer. This is creates a first hand business simulation for students well in the advance of making a career choice and has had a profound impact in the lives of our students. For more information regarding the F.I.R.S.T. Robotics Competition, please visit usfirst.org. We are looking for two software engineers (C or C+), a mechanical engineer (AutoDesk or SolidWorks), an electrical engineer, and an individual with animation and web design experience (3D Studio Max). If you would like more details, please contact Bill Price at billp@yankeepub.com.

Souhegan High School Staff Participate in Suicide Prevention Training

During the month of August, fifteen staff members from Souhegan High School completed a three day, "Train the Trainer" program in suicide prevention. A combination of administrators, counselors, teachers, support staff, resource officers, and social workers participated in the training. The training was conducted by the Connect Suicide Prevention Project, a comprehensive, community-based approach to suicide prevention, intervention and postvention developed by NAMI, NH, the National Alliance on Mental Illness. The Connect Project works with communities to reduce the risk of youth suicide. The training was funded as part of a grant through the Department of Education Title IV funding.

Suicide is the 2nd leading cause of death for New Hampshire youth, ages 10-24. It is a pressing public health issue for all New Hampshire citizens. Many of these deaths are preventable. The Project trains members of the community to train others in suicide prevention by learning how to recognize youth who are at risk, including warning signs for suicide and/or other high risk behaviors and connecting youth to community resources. Everyone plays a part in suicide prevention.

Souhegan trainers will be conducting trainings for parents, staff, and community members throughout the year. If you or someone you know is at risk of suicide, contact your community mental health emergency services or 7-800-273-TALK (8255).



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