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Local Residents Graduate from Saint Michael’s College

COLCHESTER, VT - The following local residents graduated from Saint Michael’s College during the 105th commencement exercises held on the college campus May 14th:

Cassandra Lucchini Varanka, daughter of Michael and Sara Varanka of Amherst graduated with a Bachelor of Arts, magna cum laude degree in Political Science

Tyler A. Violette, son of Heidi and Michael Violette of Amherst graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration

Local Residents Make the Dean’s List at DePaul University

CHICAGO, IL - The following local residents made the Dean’s List at DePaul University for the winter quarter of 2012: David Arsenault of Amherst and Stefanie Rahaim of Amherst.

In order to qualify for the Dean’s List at DePaul, students must earn above a 3.0 grade point average on a four point scale.

Local Amherst Student Named Winner Of \$1,000 Burger King™ Scholars Award

MIAMI - The BURGER KING Scholars Program is proud to name the local Amherst recipient of the 2012 \$1000 Scholarship Award.

The recipient is Nathaniel Levin from Souhegan High School. “The BURGER KING™ Scholars program helps to ensure that committed and accomplished students can make their dreams and ambitions a possibility. It’s important that students believe in themselves and aspire to be whatever their hearts desire,” said Andrea Tejada, executive director, BURGER KING Scholars Program Foundation.

Local Students Awarded Degrees at St. Lawrence University’s Commencement Ceremony

CANTON, NY - The following Mont Vernon student was among the 548 students awarded a degree at St. Lawrence University’s Commencement ceremony, held May 22 on campus in Canton, New York: Sarah E. Bayer, of Mont Vernon, was awarded a degree (magna cum laude) in philosophy, with a minor in Asian studies and Religious studies. She earned honors in philosophy. Bayer graduated from Souhegan High School.

Local Students Earn Degrees at Skidmore College Commencement

SARATOGA SPRINGS, NY - Skidmore’s Class of 2012, totaling 627 baccalaureate candidates, participated in the College’s 101st Commencement Saturday, May 19, at the Saratoga Performing Arts Center.

The following local students received a degree:

Tanner Kulbashian of Amherst received a BA degree .

Timothy Nichols of Amherst received a BA degree summa cum laude.

Local Students Earn Degrees from the University of Vermont

BURLINGTON, VT - Some 2,552 students were awarded a variety of bachelor’s degrees during the University of Vermont’s 209th Commencement ceremonies on May 20. A list of local students and the degree earned by each follows: Sarah M. Hahn of Amherst received a Bachelor of Science in Secondary

Education Social Sciences. Local Students Graduate from Assumption College

WORCESTER, MA - The following local student graduated May 12 from Assumption College with a Bachelor of Arts degree: Britta Leonard of Amherst.

Local Students Graduate from Bowdoin College

BRUNSWICK, ME - Bowdoin College in Brunswick, Maine, held its 207th Commencement exercises Saturday, May 26. The following Bowdoin College graduates are from your area: Chantal Croteau, of Amherst, graduated cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa from Bowdoin, majoring in Psychology.

Local Students Make Dean’s List at Messiah College

GRANTHAM, PA - The following students were named to the dean’s list for the 2012 spring semester at Messiah College: Amherst resident Jonathan McCormick is a sophomore majoring in psychology. Dean’s list is earned by receiving a 3.6 GPA or higher on a 4.0 scale.

Bucknell Announces Dean’s List

LEWISBURG, Pa. — Bucknell University has released the dean’s list for outstanding academic achievement during the spring semester of the 2011-12 academic year. A student must earn a grade point average of 3.5 or higher on a scale of 4.0 to receive dean’s list recognition. The student from your circulation area who met this standard is David E. Brundage, Amherst, son of Robert and Kathy Brundage of Amherst and a 2009 graduate of Souhegan H S, Amherst.

Local Students Named to Dean’s List at Beloit College

BELOIT, WI - The following local students have been named to Beloit College’s Dean’s List for the spring semester: William Ksander of Amherst. To be eligible for the Dean’s List, a student must carry a semester GPA of 3.4 or higher and take a minimum of 3 letter-graded units for the term.

Dean’s List at New England College

HENNIKER, N.H. -- The following students were named to the Dean’s List at New England College in Henniker for the Spring 2012 semester.

Gwenneth Monsees, of Mont Vernon is a Senior at NEC.

Alexandra Murayda, of Mont Vernon is a Senior at NEC.

Graduates from New England College

HENNIKER, N.H. -- The following local residents graduated from New England College in Henniker on Saturday, May 12, 2012.

Christine Aspinwall, of Amherst received a Master of Education in ED: Curriculum & Instruction.

Kate Orcutt, of Amherst received a Master of Education in Ed: Literacy & Language Arts.

Gwenneth Monsees, of Mont Vernon received a Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education.

Providence College Awards Undergraduate Degrees to Local Resident

PROVIDENCE, RI - The following local resident were among over 900 students from Providence College who received undergraduate degrees during the College’s Ninety-Fourth Commencement Exercises held on Sunday, May 20, 2012:

Nicholas Sumski, a resident of Amherst received a bachelor’s degree in history, magna cum laude.

Ryan Clark Earns Spring Semester Dean’s List Recognition

DELAWARE, OH - Ryan Clark of Amherst has been named to the 2012 spring semester Dean’s List at Ohio Wesleyan University. To qualify for Dean’s List recognition, Ohio Wesleyan students must achieve a grade point average of 3.5 or better on a 4.0 scale in all applicable classes. Ryan is the son of David and Susan Clark of Amherst.

University of Rhode Island Awards Almost 3,750 Degrees at Commencement

KINGSTON, RI - At the University of Rhode Island’s 126th Commencement on Saturday and Sunday, May 19-20, 2012 the following local residents were among those receiving their undergraduate or graduate degrees:

Alice R. Marolla, a resident of Amherst received a BS degree in Kinesiology magna cum laude.

James A. Silvia-Chandlee, a resident of Amherst received a BA degree in Communication Studies.

Courtney L. Dougal, a resident of Amherst received a BS degree in Environment and Natural Resource Economics and a BS in Marine Affairs.

Heather L. Murray, a resident of Amherst received a MLIS degree in Library and Information Studies.

Morgan P. Talbott, a resident of Mont Vernon received a BS degree in Communicative Disorders magna cum laude.

Wentworth Institute of Technology Announces Dean’s List Recipients

Boston, MA - Wentworth Institute of Technology announces the names of students who have earned Dean’s List recognition for the Spring 2012 semester. Included in this list were the following Amherst students: James Astbury and Valerie Nogueira.

MCC Students inducted into honor society

MANCHESTER—Sixty-five Manchester Community College students were inducted April 12 into the Phi Theta Kappa honor society, chapter Alpha Pi Rho at MCC. Since 1929, PTK has been recognized by the American Association of Community Colleges as the official honor society of two-year colleges.

To qualify for membership, a student must have a grade point average of at least 3.5 and exemplify the hallmarks of scholarship, leadership, service and fellowship.

New PTK members from Amherst: Karlene Giusti; Tesia Whit-tier

Northeastern Names Amherst Resident to Dean’s List

Amherst resident Ashley Cavignano has been named to the Dean’s List at Northeastern University in Boston, Massachusetts. She is studying nursing at the Boive College of Health Sciences.

Area Residents Earn Degrees From Clark University

WORCESTER, MA - The following area residents earned degrees from Clark University on Sunday, May 20. Quillah A. Burstein, of Amherst graduated magna cum laude with a Bachelor of Arts in management.

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Amherst School District Retirement Party



Alice Giarrusso, Charlie Moore, Bob Goulet, and Joanie Edgerton

A retirement party was held on Monday, June 4th at the Mile Away Restaurant in Milford for retiring staff: Charlie Moore, custodian, Joanie Edgerton, literacy teacher, Bob Goulet, custodian, and Alice Giarrusso, third grade teacher and curriculum coordinator.

“Nearly one hundred forty family members, friends, and colleagues gathered to honor, recognize, and celebrate the outstanding contributions that each of these individuals has provided during their service across the Amherst School District. In total, these four individuals have

accumulated almost seventy-five years of service. Their presence and contributions will be greatly missed as they transition to the challenges that retirement offers up,” wrote Gerry St. Amand, Clark Wilkins School principal.

Youth Participate in Public Awareness Campaign “Project Sticker Shock”



Youth Participants in Project Sticker Shock Aly McKnight, Aaron Wohl, Tess Ryan, Leah Troie, Paige Craven, Adam Brunelle, Market Basket Manager, Cole Gallant, Mollie Gillis and Daniel Bentall. Youth participants not pictured, Tommy Schmalz, Paige Craven and Devereaux Merchant

MILFORD – Community Action for Safe Teens (CAST) and Boys & Girls Club of Souhegan Valley members participated in “Project Sticker Shock,” a youth-led initiative to change adult attitudes about selling and providing alcohol to minors at Market Basket grocery store in Milford on May 30. This public awareness campaign has taken place during prom and graduation season with the hopes of deterring adults from purchasing alcoholic beverages for underage youth.

Local youth from CAST and the BGCSV are part of a movement of youth statewide working with participating stores to spread “Sticker Shock Waves” across the State in an effort to reach adults who might be tempted to buy alcohol for youth under 21 who can’t buy it legally themselves. The yellow and black stickers stand out on multi-packs of alcohol

ic beverages for all to see, and provide a strong message: “Thank you for Keeping Our Kids Alcohol Free!” reminding buyers that providing alcohol to minors is harmful and a criminal offense.

“Adults should set a good example for kids and not provide alcohol to kids”, said Cole Gallant, youth member of CAST. Project Sticker Shock is sponsored by CAST, a charter committee of the Boys & Girls Club of Souhegan Valley, Partnership for a drugfreeh.org, NH Division of Liquor Enforcement, the NH Dept of Justice” Office of the Attorney General and the NH Dept of Health and Human Services’ Bureau of Drug and Alcohol Services.

Juvenile Officer Mark Pepler of the Milford Police Department participated in this event by holding containers of alcohol while youth applied the stickers.

“As a parent, I don’t want my teenagers drinking, and I don’t want other parents providing alcohol to my children or allowing my children to drink at their house. A strong community message is sent when a business like Market Basket takes responsibility for speaking out against underage drinking,” said Monica Gallant, Co-Chair of CAST.

Youth leaders from CAST, the Boys & Girls Club of Souhegan Valley and other local participating stores –Walmart Supercenter, Amherst; Stop & Shop, Milford; Moulton’s and Homestead, both of Amherst – are working together to create a safer, healthier lifestyle by combating the problem of underage drinking.

For more information visit www.svbgc.org.

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