Students in the News

Bert DeForest, West Point

Ben DeForest, Naval Academy

DeForest Brothers Bond Stronger Then One of Greatest Rivalries in History, Army vs Navy.

Bert DeForest Jr, Souhegan High School graduate,class of 2012 was named to the Deans List at West Point. Cadet DeForest is presently a sophomore at the United States Military Academy at West Point.

Ben DeForest, a senior at Souhegan High School and brother of Bert, won the state championship title in the high hurdles at Dartmouth College on Super Bowl Sunday. Ben is three years undefeated in the state. He set a new Souhegan High School record. He also scored for Souhegan High School by taking the silver in the high jump. Ben was offered a scholarship to both the United States military Academy, West Point and United States Naval Academy, Annapolis at their preparatory schools, which only admits 200 candidates across the country. Ben had received his official appointments to the preparatory schools this fall.

He signed with Annapolis on December 3. It was an extremely tough decision to make as Ben's father is a West Point grad. Ben hopes to do an exchange semester at West Point. Although the DeForest brothers may differ on which Academy is our nation's greatest national treasure, the DeForest brothers agree they serve one country.

Area Residents Earn First Academic Honors From Clark University

WORCESTER, MA - The following area residents have been named to first honors on the Clark University Dean's List. This selection marks outstanding academic achievement during the Fall 2013 semester.

Sara E. Hutchinson of Amherst
Kristin M. Withers of Mont Vernon

To be eligible for first honors, students must have a grade point average of 3.8 or higher, of a maximum of 4.3 (all A+s).

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 Fall 2013 semester.

Included in this list were:

Kade Colen of Amherst
Valerie Nogueira of Amherst

Area Students Make the Dean's List at RIT

ROCHESTER, NY The following local residents made the Dean's List for Fall 2013 semester at Rochester Institute of Technology:

Nathan Castle of Mont Vernon is a second-year student in the computer science program in RIT's B. Thomas Golisano College of Computing and Information Sciences.

Katelyn Fiebke of Amherst is a first-year student in the medical illustration program in RIT's College of Imaging Arts and Sciences.

Jacky Lim of Amherst is a first-year student in the chemistry program in RIT's College of Science.

Giovanna Patrizio of Mont Vernon is a fourth-year student in the mechanical engineering technology program in RIT's College of Applied Science and Technology.

Brian Ringenwald of Amherst is a first-year student in the civil engineering technology program in RIT's College of Applied Science and Technology.

ASU announces Fall 2013 Dean's List

TEMPE, AZ - Undergraduate students who earn 12 or more graded semester hours during a semester in residence at ASU with a GPA of 3.50 or higher are eligible for the Dean's List. A notation regarding Dean's List achievement appears on the unofficial transcript.

The following local student was named to Dean's List at Arizona State University: Megan Rizzi of Mont Vernon.

Local Resident Named To Dean's List At Grove City College

GROVE CITY, PA - The following area resident was named to the Dean's List for the fall 2013 semester at Grove City College.

Valarie Weber, a sophomore Music was named to the Dean's List with Distinction. Valarie is a graduate of Homeschooled and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Weber (Beth) from Amherst.

Local Residents Named To Dean's List At Saint Michael's College

COLCHESTER, VT - The following local residents were named to the fall 2013 Dean's List at Saint Michael's College, a liberal arts and sciences, residential Catholic college located in Burlington, Vermont, one of the top 10 college towns in America:

Elizabeth A. Callahan, daughter of Lorraine and Stephen Callahan of Amherst, a Junior French major, who graduated from Souhegan High School before coming to Saint Michael's.

Agnes W. Chretien, daughter of Nicole Chretien-Hofer and Guenter Hofer of Amherst, a First-Year Exploratory major, who graduated from Souhegan High School before coming to Saint Michael's.

Tess D. Karlon, daughter of Dina and Martin Karlon of Amherst, a First-Year Elementary Education major, who graduated from Souhegan High School before coming to Saint Michael's.

Sara B. Noble, daughter of Mary-Ellen and Stephen Noble of Amherst, a First-Year Biochemistry major, who graduated from Souhegan High School before coming to Saint Michael's.

Merrill M. Poor, daughter of Margaret and Roger Poor of Mont Vernon, a Junior Psychology major, who graduated from Souhegan High School before coming to Saint Michael's.

Students who complete a minimum of 12 credits and achieve a grade point average of at least 3.4 at the end of a semester are recognized for their scholarship by inclusion on the Dean's List.

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute Students Named to Fall 2013 Dean's List

TROY, NY - About 3,250 students at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute were named to the Dean's List for the Fall 2013 semester. The Dean's List recognizes full-time students who maintain grade-point averages of a minimum of 3.0 out of a possible 4.0 and have no grades below "C."

Dean's List recipients include:

Benjamin Clemence, of Amherst, who studies Mechanical Engineering
Daniel Gilligan, of Amherst, who studies Business and Management
Jonathan Gottwald, of Amherst, who studies Chemistry
Alicia Meehan, of Amherst, who studies Chemistry

Local Student Earns Dean's List Recognition at Norwich University

NORTHFIELD, Vt. - Brianna Lynne Johnson of Amherst. has been recognized on the Dean's List at Norwich University for the fall 2013 semester.

In order to be eligible to be on the Dean's list a student must carry at least 12 credit hours and attain a grade point average of at least a 3.0.

New England School of Communications Honors List

BANGOR, ME - The New England School of Communications announces Honors List for Fall 2013.

Joseph Winter of Amherst in the BSCT - Audio Engineering program at the New England School of Communications earned the distinction of being named to the High Honors List for the Fall semester.

The New England School of Communications (NESCom), now part of Husson University is located in Bangor, Maine.

Plymouth State University Fall 2013 President's List

PLYMOUTH - The following students have been named to Plymouth State University's President's List. To be named to the President's List, a student must achieve a grade point average of 3.7 or better for the fall semester and must have attempted at least 12 credit hours during the semester. These credit hours must be in courses that earn grade points and the student must have completed all such courses attempted.

Jeffrey Chappell of Amherst
Vivian Kattell of Amherst
Rebecca Weldon of Amherst

Dean's List Honors Announced at Tufts University

MEDFORD, MA - Tufts University recently announced the Dean's List for the Fall 2013 semester.

Among these students are:

Meghan Gillis of Amherst
Molly Mirhashem of Mont Vernon
Rachel Moss of Amherst
Olivia Veillette of Amherst

Dean's List honors at Tufts University require a semester grade point average of 3.4 or greater.

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WHAT is Project Graduation? Thanks to the ongoing support of our community and local businesses, the all-night event known as Project Graduation has been a great success for many years. Working together, parents and community businesses help provide a safe, substance-free, fun environment for our senior class on the night of their graduation. The class of 2014 will be participating in the 9th annual Project Graduation celebration at the Hampshire Dome.

WHEN is Project Graduation? Friday June 13th 2014, 10:00PM – 5:00AM at the Hampshire Dome.

HOW CAN I HELP make Project Graduation a success? This celebration takes months of planning and its success depends on community involvement. There are many ways you can help:

- **VOLUNTEER your time, energy and ideas! We will need LOADS of volunteers, for committees, chaperoning, etc. PAY IT FORWARD! Senior parents are not allowed to attend this event - we rely on parents for chaperoning so if you have a non-senior student please donate your time. Remember – someone else will be doing this for your child their senior year!**
- **CONTRIBUTE FUNDS: We are actively seeking corporate and small business sponsors, in addition to private donations and grants. We are grateful for any amount! Our goal is to make this event free for all students. Please send donations to:**

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  c/o Meg Dworkin
  12 Homestead Road
  Amherst, NH 03031

- **DONATE PRIZES: We have so many fun activities planned for our new graduates – please consider donating prizes such as gift cards, electronics, college prep / dorm items, etc. We are very flexible and appreciative of your generosity!**
- **GET ON BOARD! Seniors are excited about the entertainment, food, activities and prizes in the works for this special night. Please plan family events around Project Graduation so all of our seniors can attend!**

WHO do I contact?

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- **Volunteers: Michelle Carachio mdcaraccio@gmail.com**

H.Y.P.E.: A Souhegan Success Story

By Jenn Brisebois, Souhegan High School Senior

Souhegan High School is home to many unique groups and activities, which include but are not limited to roller-disco club, knitting club and the Varsity bass fishing team, to name a few. One group which has become increasingly more involved and influential in recent years is the SHS Ethics Forum. Originally created as an off-shoot of the popular Ethics Senior Seminar class, the Ethics Forum is an extracurricular group of senior students who meet regularly during lunch periods and after school. Many people wonder "What is the Ethics Forum and what exactly do they do?" I will tell you that this question is not answered simply.

Founded in 2006 by senior students, the Ethics Forum is a non-profit organization that is entirely student-led. Our goal is to serve the community, locally and nationally, through various projects and events, all while promoting student leadership and empowering teenagers to take initiative. The first generation of Ethics Forum came to fruition because students were eager to continue ethical and philosophical discussions beyond the classroom. They also wanted to promote deep thought and social consciousness throughout the entire student body. In 2009, The Ethics Forum created an event called H.Y.P.E. which has now become a staple event for SHS seniors, and many other schools in the surrounding area. H.Y.P.E. – Hosting Young Philosophy Enthusiasts – is a philosophy conference that allows students to unite over a thought-provoking essential question, and discuss it in a Socratic Seminar that is facilitated by students. The first year of H.Y.P.E. involved only 30 seniors from Souhegan and was held as a half-day event in our cafeteria.

Six years later, H.Y.P.E. has expanded to its greatest capacity yet. H.Y.P.E. 2014 – taking place on March 10th at University of New Hampshire in Durham – will involve more than 500 students from over 20 high schools in the Southern New Hampshire area. Holding H.Y.P.E. on this large of a scale has been a prominent goal, and the Ethics Forum is ecstatic to have reached this height.

The essential question of H.Y.P.E. 2014 is "What is love?" The conference will operate in breakout groups of 8 to 12 students. Each group will be lead by two student facilitators and discussion will last an hour and a half. Ethics Forum appointed 52 SHS seniors, along with students from Bishop Brady High School and Spaulding High School to act as facilitators to keep breakout groups on task during discussion.

This unique event is unlike any other held in the state of New Hampshire. In fact, it has gained the attention of the NH Board of Superintendents and the NH Commissioner of Education. The Forum will meet with these representatives in the immediate future with the hope of expanding to more districts and more students. Recently, the Ethics Forum has made contacts with administration boards of colleges such as UNH-Durham, UNH-Manchester, Granite State College, Merrimack College, and St. Anselm College.

As a non-profit, Ethics Forum relies heavily on outside funding, donations and grants in order to operate, especially since the total cost of H.Y.P.E. is upwards of $22,000, not including transportation. This year - for the first time ever - sizable funding was given by UNH-Durham through the Responsible Governance and Sustainable Citizenship Project. UNH-Durham also granted The Forum full use of their cafeteria, providing breakfast and lunch at no cost, and is lending us more than 50 classrooms to use during the conference. The biggest H.Y.P.E. goal in 2014 is to make it so that any student in NH who wants to go should be able to go for free (transportation included). We are working tirelessly with our aforementioned supporters to meet this goal and Ethics Forum has made huge strides toward our goal this year. As it stands now, the cost of attending H.Y.P.E. 2014 will be free, with the exception of a bus fee. H.Y.P.E. 2014 promises to be a massive success. Ultimately, the work of the 2014 Ethics Forum will give Ethics Forum 2015 enough momentum to make H.Y.P.E. 2015 a multistate event that is 100% free for students.

Candidates Running for School District Offices

Candidates for Amherst School District Offices:

For three years:	Two School Board Members	Amy Facey James P. Manning
For three years:	One School District Moderator	Nate Jensen
For three years:	One School District Treasurer	Catherine Jo Butler
For three years:	One School District Clerk	Catherine Jo Butler

Candidates for Mont Vernon School District Offices:

For three years:	One School Board Member	John F. Quinlan, Jr.
For one year:	One School District Moderator	David Sturm
For one year:	One School District Treasurer	Lyn Jennings
For one year:	One School District Clerk	Sue Leger

Candidates for Souhegan Cooperative School District Offices:

For three years:	Two School Board Members Amherst resident	Fran Harrow Mary Lou Mullens
For three years:	One School Board Member Mont Vernon resident	Pim Grondstra

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