

Schools

Souhegan Honor Roll Omission

Souhegan High School Honor Roll
Trimester 1 Samantha Speer, Grade 10,
Achieved High Honors



Tameka Brown, Joe DiMartino, Paul Grigs, Janet Harris, Jason Hause, Pete Joenks, Jennifer Raabe, Don Siviski, Michael Stepped, Shannon Tisher

A View into Personalized Learning

Visitors from large Arkansas school district observe personalized learning at Souhegan High School

By SHIRLEY MARKWITH

"Impressed by your student body" – "very poised, well-spoken group of students" – "love the interactions and personalization exhibited by your faculty" – these were just a few of the comments expressed by a recent group of visitors to Souhegan High School from Arkansas.

A team of eleven visitors comprised of Principals, Curriculum Directors, an Assistant Superintendent and the Superintendent recently visited Souhegan High School from Springdale, Arkansas. The school district they represent has a student body of 22,000 and was just awarded a grant to reevaluate and improve their schools. They were introduced to Souhegan High School by the Center for Secondary School Redesign, a school reform initiative based in Rhode Island.

Points of interest to the visiting group were to learn about our Ad-

visory program, as well as our gateway exhibitions such as Division One Exhibition and Senior Project. The group was very intrigued by our Community Council and the role student voice has in a democratic school. During their visit, the group met with our Leadership team and our Advisory, Senior Project and Division One Coordinators, Jenny Deenik, Kathy Maddock, Dave Jasinski and Matt MacDonald, respectively. They also met with Community Council Student Representatives, and Faculty Advisors, Joann McDeed and Paul Schlotman.

After a full day of meetings, observing classrooms, and advisories, one visitor commented, "Your staff was fabulous in sharing the working of Souhegan High, a truly extraordinary school. The visit really opened our eyes about what's possible in personalizing learning for adolescents."

Souhegan High School FIRST Robotics Team's 14th Annual Comedy Night and Silent Auction to be held January 24

All proceeds benefit the SHS Robotics Team

AMHERST - Souhegan High School's Robotics Team will host a Comedy Night and Silent Auction fundraiser on Saturday night, January 24, 2015 at the Souhegan High School Auditorium. The Silent Auction begins at 6:30 and the curtain opens on the 14th Annual Comedy Show at 7:00 pm. This year's comedy line-up includes three professional, Boston area comics: Paul Nardizzi, Ryan Gartley and Jeff Koen. Tickets are \$20 at the door, or \$15 in advance and are available from team members or by contacting Allan McGuy at themcguys@comcast.net.

A bake sale and silent auction will also be held during the event. An impressive variety of items will be available for bid including jewelry, lift tickets, restaurant certi-

ates, specialty baskets and many other exciting items. (Payment may be made in cash or check only.)

This is the Team's primary fundraiser to support its participation in the US FIRST Robotics Competition. This highly respected, international program offers instruction in mechanical engineering, electrical design, programming, project management and basic machining. It builds skills and enthusiasm in High School students, training them for 21st century careers in science, technology and engineering. Souhegan's teams have enjoyed great success over the years, placing first in the Granite State Regional Competition in 2014 and earning an invitation to the New England Championship.

AMS Play, "Peter Pan, Jr." Performances – March 12-14



The Amherst Middle School Theater Club members are looking forward to presenting Disney's Peter Pan Jr in March. The cast are rehearsing hard to give a wonderful show to everyone.

Appelwild Offers New Hampshire AppleCore Scholarships

Appelwild School has announced its New Hampshire AppleCore Scholarship Initiative, designed to recognize and attract talented students from all New Hampshire towns, including Amherst, beginning in the 2015-16 school year. The school serves a diverse group of learners from over 30 towns in central Massachusetts and southern New Hampshire, with a small international component in Kindergarten through grade 8. The school has offered scholarships for many years in keeping with its belief that a diverse community enhances and enriches the educational experience for all students.

Head of School Christopher Williamson notes, "Since 1968 Appelwild has offered prestigious

scholarships to students from area towns. This year, thanks to donor funding, we have the pleasure of offering scholarships specifically targeted to students from New Hampshire. Students with high aspirations who are eager for academic challenge and who reflect Appelwild's Core Values are encouraged to apply. These scholarships are offered to the top applicants in grades 4-7 and provide annual grants that range from \$1000 up to half tuition." The scholarships renew annually with continued demonstration of academic success. Families who need additional support are encouraged to apply for financial aid in addition to the scholarship. Long committed to access, Appelwild last year added the Affordability Initia-

tive to its financial aid methodology to help middle income families who are not usually eligible for financial aid. Parents of a current 8th grader whose son is an AppleCore scholar said, "We could not have been more pleased! We loved the sense of community and felt it was the right place for (him). The AppleCore Scholarship made it possible for him to have the experience we knew he would benefit from for the rest of his life."

Open Houses

Appelwild will host its winter Admissions Open House on Saturday, January 24 at 11:00 am. Interested families may pre-register for the event at www.appelwild.org/openhouse. Guests will be treated

to "A Taste of Appelwild" including a musical presentation and activities fair led by Appelwild teachers, opportunities to meet administrators, current students and families, and information on the application process including scholarships and financial aid. The Open House will begin in the Marshall Building, 98 Prospect Street in Fitchburg. More information at 978-342-6053 or jwing@appelwild.org.

Open House at Appelwild at Devens – Saturday, January 24, 9 – 11 am - 27 Jackson Rd. Devens. Explore Appelwild at Devens with your child through hands-on activities and learning centers. Now enrolling ages 2.9-5. More information at www.appelwild.org/preschool, 978-796-5183, sbner@appelwild.org

Students in the News

The Derryfield School Announces Fall Honor Roll

MANCHESTER - Head of School Mary Halpin Carter is pleased to announce that Nicole Anthony '15, Samantha Carbery '15, Eric Anthony '16, Jesse Bryan '16, Ryan Quinlan '17, and Isabell Plotsker '18 of AMHERST received Academic Highest Honors for the fall term at The Derryfield School. Highest Honors are awarded to those students who maintain at least an A-average, with no grade below a B. James O'Brien '15, Ethan Chen '17, Victoria Imbriano '17 and Anna Quinlan '18 of AMHERST received High Honors for the fall term. High Honors are awarded to those students who maintain a B+ average, with no grade below a B-. In addition, John Cissel '15, Jonathan Devine '16, Alexander Kaufman '16, Thomas Cissel '17, and Lauren Rohlfs '17 of AMHERST received Academic Honors for the fall term

at The Derryfield School. Honors are awarded to those students who maintain a B average, with no grade below a C.

Keene State Announces the 2014 Fall Dean's List

KEENE - 1,467 students have been named to the fall 2014 dean's list at Keene State College.

To qualify for the dean's list, Keene State undergraduates must be enrolled in a degree program and must have completed a minimum of six credit hours in the semester, receiving no failing or incomplete grades. Students must achieve a 3.5 or higher grade point average on a 4.0 scale to earn dean's list honors.

The following local students have been named to the dean's list:

Hannah Beauchesne of Amherst
Holly Bourassa of Amherst
Evelyn Cauchon of Amherst
Nicholas Doiron of Amherst
Allison Mensch of Amherst
Shannon Nugent of Amherst
Emily Payrits of Amherst
Brendan Poor of Mont Vernon

Katelyn Shaw of Amherst
Katarina Silva of Amherst
Cassandra Stepanek of Amherst
Thomas Troie of Amherst
Micaela Wilson of Amherst

Paula MacLellan awarded diploma from Arizona State University

TEMPE, AZ - Paula MacLellan of Amherst, NH graduated from Arizona State University at the Spring 2014 commencement ceremony.

Local Residents Named to Lasell College Dean's List for Fall 2014

NEWTON, MA -Lasell College in Newton, Mass. has released the Dean's List for outstanding academic achievement during the Fall semester of the 2014-15 academic year. During the Fall semester 634 students received this recognition.

Alexa Katsigianis of Amherst a member of the class of 2015 is majoring in Entrepreneurship. To achieve the Dean's List, each student must be full-time carrying 12

or more graded credits for the semester with a grade point average of 3.5 or above.

Tufts University announces 2014 graduates

MEDFORD, MA - More than 3,000 students graduated from Tufts University on May 18, 2014 during a university-wide commencement ceremony with public policy expert Anne Marie Slaughter as the speaker.

The graduates from the School of Arts and Sciences and the School of Engineering included:

Molly Mirhashem of Mont Vernon, NH, with a Bachelor of Arts

Dean's List in Fall 2014 at Lehigh University Announced

BETHLEHEM, PA - Dean's List status, which is awarded to students who earned a scholastic average of 3.6 or better while carrying at least 12 hours of regularly graded courses, has been awarded to William Brown, of Mont Vernon in the Fall 2014 semester.

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