

School News

Students in the News

Local Students Graduated from Carnegie Mellon University

PITTSBURGH, PA. — Two students from Amherst earned Bachelor of Science degrees from Carnegie Mellon University's College of Engineering on May 16-17, 2015. University Honors are given to undergraduates with a 3.5 or higher quality point average.

Seth C. Cordts earned his B. S. with a double major in mechanical engineering and biomedical engineering, and received University Honors. Seth was also named to the Andrew Carnegie Honor Society, to represent his class in service and leadership.

Alisa de Bruyn Kops earned her B. S. in chemical engineering with minors in Colloids, Polymers and Surfaces (engineering) and Chinese Studies, and received University Honors.

Amherst students named to Rivier University's spring 2015 Dean's List

A total of 268 full-time, undergraduate Rivier University students were named to the Dean's List for the spring semester of the 2014-2015 academic year. Students named to the Dean's List each semester must achieve a semester grade point average of 3.5 and must be full-time students, carrying a minimum of twelve graded credit hours.

The following Amherst students were named to the list:
Taylor Ellis, James Fulford and Rachelle Natale

Bucknell University Awards Degrees

LEWISBURG, PA - Bucknell University conferred 860 bachelor's and 30 master's degrees during Commencement ceremonies May 17, 2015. Degrees were awarded for studies in liberal arts and professional programs in engineering, education, management and music.

Ian Will of Mont Vernon, son of Eric and Suzanne Will and a graduate of Derryfield School, graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science and Environmental Studies.

Local Student Graduates from Boston College

Aris Vasilopoulos of Amherst graduated from Boston College with a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry and a minor in Computer Science, on May 18th. Aris is a 2011 graduate of Bishop Guertin High School. While at B.C Aris was a dormitory resident assistant and a research assistant in organometallic chemistry. He will be matriculating to the University of Wisconsin Madison where he has been accepted into the Chemistry PhD program, focusing on catalysis. Aris is the son of Yian-Vasilopoulos and Tina Raczek, both of Amherst.

Lasell College Announces 2015 Graduates

NEWTON, MA - Lasell College announces the graduating class of 2015. Commencement exercises were held on the Newton, MA campus in May 2015.

Among the graduates were: Alexa Katsigianis of Amherst who received a BS degree and majored in Entrepreneurship.

Local Students are Graduates from the College of the Holy Cross

WORCESTER, Mass. 2015 – The following local student received a bachelor of arts degree from the College of the Holy Cross at its 169th commencement on May 22.

Alexander Brandon, of Amherst, received a bachelor of arts degree, cum laude.

New Hampshire Students Named to Dean's List At Southern New Hampshire University

MANCHESTER - The following students from New Hampshire have been named to the Dean's List for the Spring 2015 semester at Southern New Hampshire University in Manchester. To be eligible for this honor, a student must com-

pile an academic grade point average of 3.500-3.699.

FROM AMHERST:
Jarrett Dodge, BS Environmental Science
Nicole Gionet, AS Baking and Pastry Arts

FROM MONT VERNON:
Morgane Bent, BS Marketing
Michelle Cox, BA Elementary Education w/Cert in Gen Special Education

New Hampshire Students Named to President's List At Southern New Hampshire University

MANCHESTER - The following students from New Hampshire have been named to the President's List for the Spring 2015 semester at Southern New Hampshire University in Manchester. To be eligible for this honor, a student must compile an academic grade point average of 3.7-4.0.

FROM AMHERST:
Brittany Candeger, BS Operations and Project Mgmt
Janessa Smith, BA General Studies
FROM MONT VERNON:
Hannah Chisholm, BA Psychology
William Coursey, AS Culinary Arts
Eileen Hilton, BS Accounting
Katelyn Hilton, BA Psychology w/ conc in Child & Adolescent Dev

Saint Michael's College Announces Graduates

COLCHESTER, VT -- The following local

students graduated from Saint Michael's College on May 10th

McKenzie Nykamp St. Germain of Amherst graduated with a Bachelor of Arts, summa cum laude in Political Science.

Merrill Margaret Poor, of Mont Vernon graduated with a Bachelor of Arts, magna cum laude in Psychology.

Students Graduate from St. Lawrence University

CANTON, NY - The following students received bachelor degrees from St. Lawrence University during commencement ceremonies held on May 17 in Canton, New York.

Henry C. Morgan of Amherst. Morgan received the degree of bachelor of arts. Morgan is a member of the Class of 2015 and majored in government. Morgan graduated from The Derryfield School.

Students Named Clarkson University Presidential Scholars

POTSDAM, NY - The following students have been named Presidential Scholars for the spring 2015 semester at Clarkson University:

Jessica Ann Roberge of Mont Vernon, a junior majoring in biomolecular science.

Students Named to Clarkson University Dean's List

POTSDAM, NY - The following student has been named to the Dean's List for the spring 2015 semester at Clarkson University: Charles Logan Landrum of Mont Vernon, a freshman majoring in chemistry.

Local Students Named to Bucknell University Dean's List

LEWISBURG, PA - Bucknell University has released the dean's list for outstanding academic achievement during the 2015 spring semester. Dean's list students have achieved a grade point average of 3.5 or higher on a scale of 4.0.

Alexander Kempf of Amherst was named to the dean's list at Bucknell University for the spring semester of 2014-15 academic year.

Morgan Pagliocco of Amherst was named to the dean's list at Bucknell University for the spring semester of 2014-15 academic year.

Ian Will of Mont Vernon was named to the dean's list at Bucknell University for the spring semester of 2014-15 academic year.

Amherst resident graduates from Wheaton College

NORTON, Mass. - Nishon Radhakrishnan, a resident of Amherst was one of 371 members of the Class of 2015 to earn degrees from Wheaton College in Norton, Mass. on May 16, during the college's

180th Commencement ceremony. Radhakrishnan graduated with a bachelor of arts in Economics.

Local student earns dean's list recognition at Norwich University

NORTHFIELD, Vt. - The following student from Amherst has been recognized on the dean's list at Norwich University for the spring 2015 semester: Ryan James Sickler of Amherst.

UNH Manchester Graduates Local Students

Manchester —The University of New Hampshire at Manchester celebrated the achievements of 255 graduates at the college's 30th annual commencement proceedings on Thursday, May 14, 2015. The ceremony recognizes 193 undergraduate and 62 graduate students who have earned an associate, baccalaureate or master's degree at the University of New Hampshire's campus in Manchester.

The graduates are listed below by city, state, academic degree, honors and graduation term.

Students from Amherst:
Stephanie Farish Beard, English, B.A. (May 2015)

Christopher S. Bottrill, Business, B.A. (May 2015)

Laura Christine Perros, Communication Arts, B.A., magna cum laude (May 2015)

Ryan Gabriel Reynolds, Business, B.A. (May 2015)

Anna Elizabeth Stauble, MED, Elementary Education (May 2015)

Kimberly Anna Swanson, MED, Elementary Education (May 2015)

Keene State Celebrates 752 Graduates

KEENE - On Saturday, May 9, Keene State College's Commencement honored the graduating class of 2015. This year's graduates included the following local students: Holly Bourassa of Amherst graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Safety and Occupational Health Sciences

Patrick Kelley of Amherst graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry

Shannon Nugent of Amherst graduated cum laude with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology

Emily Payrits of Amherst graduated cum laude with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Film

Katelyn Shaw of Amherst graduated magna cum laude with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Film

Christan Wojtas of Amherst graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Safety and Occupational Health Sciences

Local Residents Receive Degrees at 147th WPI Commencement

WORCESTER, MA - The largest graduating class in WPI's history, 1,680 students, received their degrees beneath a large, billowing tent that shielded graduates and well-wishers from the sun that occasionally peeked from behind generally cloudy skies. In all, the Institute awarded 956 bachelor's degrees, 682 master's degrees, and 42 PhDs during its 147th Commencement exercises.

The following local residents recently graduated from Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI).

Andrew Beliveau of Amherst was awarded a master of science degree in civil engineering.

Nicholas Kepka Calvetti of Amherst was awarded a bachelor of science degree in management engineering with distinction.

John Farrar of Amherst was awarded a bachelor of science degree in management engineering.

Zachary Haase of Mont Vernon was awarded a master of science degree in mechanical engineering.

Derek Calzada-Mariaca of Amherst was awarded a bachelor of science degree in robotics engineering.

Brandon Child of Amherst was awarded a master of science degree in systems engineering.

Van Duncan of Mont Vernon was awarded a master of science degree in systems engineering.

Thomas Lancaster of Amherst was awarded a master of science degree in systems engineering.

Souhegan Teams Win at BizGen Competition



SHS Zippets Team at BizGen competition: Coach Holleigh Tlapa, Abby Fitzgerald, James Kibbie, Jack Kane and Hannah Chick. Also, jacket model Nadia Tlapa, Peter J. Lane of Paul College of Business & Economics, UNH, and Ken Johnson, founder of BizGen.

By HOLLEIGH TLAPA

Souhegan High School sent two teams to the 2nd Annual BizGen Competition, an exciting contest sponsored by the UNH Paul College of Business and Economics. Out of a total of 12 competing teams from 5 area high schools,

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more users, ultimately achieving viral popularity when those receiving the clip keep choosing to "Like" it.

First place honors went to a group of 3 students, also juniors, from Tlapa's 4th period marketing class who originated "Loving Care Zippets." Team members Abby Fitzgerald, James Kibbie and Hannah Chick focused not only on their terrific product concept, but they designed the company to give back to the community and to create an opportunity for future Souhegan students to earn their required community service hours.

This group created a B-Corporation that produces an innovative winter jacket for children, featuring attached zip-on and zip-off gloves to combat the issue of snow up the sleeves and misplaced gloves. The original concept was based loosely on an idea from fellow classmate Taylor Hennas, and their final presentation was the result of long hours and personal sacrifice.

Abby Fitzgerald created an actual prototype of the jacket and the team designed a powerful marketing campaign to accompany their pitch, including a promotional spot, detailed financial projections and the formation of early stage partnerships. Loving Care Zippets plans to give one jacket away to a child in need for every 3 jackets they sell to a paying client. One of the judges was so impressed with their business plan that he offered to personally pay for team's B-Corporation registration fees.

Graduating senior Adele Patnaude was one of the key note speakers. Adele participated on the Souhegan team which placed 2nd at the 2014 BizGen Competition and then based her senior project this year on bringing her business idea to fruition.



Souhegan Team Prestige at BizGen competition: Mike Mancini; Matt Campbell, guest musician; Valeria Podobniy; Raju Gandhi; Cole Christopher and Coach Holleigh Tlapa

Souhegan took home top honors with both 1st and 2nd place wins.

The 2nd place team was comprised of 4 juniors from Business Teacher Holleigh Tlapa's 3rd period marketing class: Cole Christopher, Raju Gandhi, Valeria Podobniy and Michael Mancini. Their innovative business idea "Prestige the Viral Music App" was the brain child of Cole Christopher, and based on a group project the entire class initially worked on.

They designed a mockup of a mobile Application for the Android platform that



Adele Patnaude, Souhegan senior and member of SHS 2nd place team at BizGen Competition 2014, addresses the 2015 competitors, coaches and supporters in her keynote speech.

AEA Auction Raises Over \$2500 for SHS Senior

The Amherst Education Association held its annual auction on Monday, May 18 in the Amherst Middle School cafeteria. Amherst teachers offered up items for bid at this event, garnering money for a Souhegan High School scholarship.

Souhegan High School Senior Jessica Barlow was the recipient of this year's AEA Scholarship, which totals over \$2,500 due to the generosity of Amherst teachers and local businesses. Barlow plans to be a math teacher following her college graduation.

"It's a fantastic opportunity to raise money for a worthy cause,"

said Chorus Teacher and AEA President Larry Ballard.

Items on hand donated by Amherst teachers included but were not limited to: Tazo Tea mugs, Skinny Girl baskets, umbrellas (one with pink and white stripes; the other with myriad cats displayed), sweat-shirts, herb pots, puzzles, cakes, purses, a Huffly bike (the ecological car alternative) and a Wolfeboro Harbor Cruise. "It's a great annual event for a good cause with great food," said eighth grade science teacher Bruce Fessenden of AMS. Tom Knapp, AMS guidance counselor, added that the auction had

"fantastic variety!"

Local businesses who generously donated to the AEA Auction include the Toadstool Bookstores in Milford and Peterborough, RK Auto Repair, Innovations, Shoebox, County Stores, Pearl Restaurant, Frederick's, The Common Man, Olive Garden, Dunkin' Donuts, Amigos Mexican Restaurant, Moulton's Market, the Flying Butcher, the Wineing Butcher, Amherst Gardens and PJ Mac William's Bon Bon.

Creative Works Needed From the Amherst and Souhegan School District Faculty and Staff For an Exhibit at The Amherst Town Library

The Friend of the Amherst Town Library would love to invite anyone from Amherst and Souhegan School Districts to please submit an original work of art they have done to show the unbelievable talent our teachers and staff have outside of school. We are looking for original framed and/or ready to hang paintings, drawings, photographs, or textile works. There is also limited space to show sculptural pieces. We are open to show any medium or format of your creativity. If you have a piece you

have created, we'd love to show it in this show.

The show will run from Mid July to the end of August. For submissions, please contact Sharron April by July 6, 2015 with a photo of your piece, size and medium of your piece, and a small artist statement about your piece. Your pieces will hang for about six weeks. For complete details or any question please contact me at sharronapril@gmail.com or 672-8418.

Souhegan High School Summer Institute Summer 2015

Souhegan's own summer enrichment program is now registering – deadline is June 11!

The Souhegan High School Summer Institute is currently accepting enrollment forms for this year's session. Founded in 1999, the Institute is an intensive program for students interested in achieving additional academic credit toward their high school diploma and who also desire to study intriguing topics or themes in a seminar format over a two week period.

This year the following classes are being offered:

- Ancient Studies: The Eastern Mediterranean World
- Conquering the Conquerors: Rome and Greece
- Food Systems Summer
- Eastern Studies: Japan and China
- Literature and Film of the World Wars
- Modern Physics: Relativity, Quantum Mechanics

- and Particle Physics
- Physics for Survival
- Propaganda and Persuasion
- World War I
- Writing about Sports, Art and Leisure

The Institute is held at Souhegan High School, from June 15 through June 25. All students are welcome. Further information including class meeting times and course descriptions can be accessed at: <http://www.sau39.org/domain/147>

Enrollment can be done on-line through the following link: <http://sau39.org/cms/module/selectsurvey/TakeSurvey.aspx?SurveyID=121>

Anyone who needs assistance or further information can contact Christopher Brooks at cbrooks@sprise.com or call 673-9940 x5551.