

Director's Report to the Board of Education June 2009



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Item #1:

Theatre Arts Class Presents "The Importance of Being Earnest"

The Career Development Center's Theatre Arts Class performed Oscar Wilde's hilarious play of manners, "The Importance of Being Earnest"

Wednesday, May 13 through Saturday, May 16. Featuring an excellent cast of Theatre Arts students, the show is bound to make audience members laugh and leave satisfied.



Wilde's witty writing and conniving schemes show through in this popular show. The characters of the show include wealthy men who do nothing but come up with alter egos, aging aristocracy that eat cucumber sandwiches, a pompous priest who falls for a tutor, love struck and confused young women seeking nothing but "true love", and babies found in handbags. Come see the hilarious story unravel right in front of your eyes.

For some, this is their last high school performance. MAU seniors include Gayelan Ulrich, Nick Duval, Zoe Sperber, Ashley Bowen, Stevie Coggeshall, Amanda Monick, and Justin Spencer. They will all be leaving the high school in the spring. But there are many others to carry on the Theatre

legacy.

Faith Firenze, Miles Main, Anya Eckhardt, Schyler Crowley, Tobin Jordan, and Liz Hyland are amongst the incoming junior and senior class.

Directed by Tim Foley and Eric Peterson

Item #2:

Work has been completed on the first draft of the 2010 Perkins Grant Application. The application has been filed with the State Department of Education both electronically and hard copy.

Item #3:

The Vermont Department of Education has awarded the Director Level 1 Certification. This is dual certification both as Superintendent of Schools and as Director. Both certifications are good until June 2012.

Item #4:



On June 4th, the CDC held its annual awards dinner. It was an elegant affair held at the Elks club in Bennington. Congrats to all of the award winners, and thanks to those staff who worked so hard to put the event together...special thanks to Mike Lawler and Cheryl Blair. Results on the next page.



TECH EXCELLENCE-2009

Nicholas Duval	Video Production
Ian Fisher	Engineering & Design
Daniel Krebs	Artificial Intelligence
Ryan Kunzmann	Law Enforcement
Corbyn Loomis	Medical Professions
Daniel Pierce	Automotive Technology
Jennifer Prouty	Automotive Technology
Colin Shepley	Law Enforcement
Justin Spencer	Theatre Arts
William Trask	Video Production
James Weber	Business Management
Amanda Monick	Theatre Arts

COLLEGE TRANSCRIPTS

Dakota Burdick	CCV
Ian Fisher	RIT
Haleigh Knapp	CCV
Joshua Schnare	CCV
Renee Noel	CCV
Trevor Murray	CCV
Ashley Holley	CCV
Mitchell Slee	CCV
Elliot Lewis	RIT
Robert Ruggles	RIT
Carson Lemieux	RIT
Carson Casey	RIT
Jacob Murphy	RIT

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Stephanie Borden	Artificial Intelligence 2
Samantha Boyd	Artificial Intelligence 2
David Breen	Pre Law 1
Dakota Burdick	Computer Technology 1
Priasa Deleigh	Marketing 1
Lindsey Dupree	Marketing 1
Nicholas Duval	Theatre Arts 1
Eric VanSchoick	Networking Academy 1
Faith Firenze	Theatre Arts 1
Tobin Jordan	Theatre Arts 1
Rebecca Levine	Accounting & Finance 1
Ryan McKenna	Accounting & Finance 1
Nigel Mears	Accounting & Finance 1
John Mooney	Law Enforcement
Jacob Murphy	Engineering & Design 1
Nicholas Nahodil	Law Enforcement
Madison, Pace	Artificial Intelligence 2
David Putnam	Building Trades 1
Robert Ruggles	Engineering & Design 1
Zoe Sperber	Theatre Arts 1
Gayelan Ulrich	Theatre Arts

NATIONAL TECH. HONOR SOCIETY

Carson Casey	Engineering & Design
Clint Davendonis	Medical Professions
Priasa Deleigh	Marketing
Alyssa Dufresne	Medical Professions
Corby Facto	Building Trades
Faith Firenze	Theatre Arts
Ian Fisher	Engineering & Design
Ian Hulbert	Medical Professions
Haleigh Knapp	Communication Tech.
Savannah Kozo-Gates	Medical Prof
Carson Lemieux	Engin & Design
Elliot Lewis	Engin& Design
Corbyn Loomis	Medical Professions
Nigel Mears	Acc & Finance
Amanda Monick	Theatre Arts
Jennifer Prouty	Automotive Technology
Justin Spencer	Theatre Arts
Molly Thompson	Pre Law
William Trask	Video Production
Gayelan Ulrich	Theatre Arts 1
James Weber	Business Management

2009 Student Scholarships

Terry Ehrich Memorial Scholarship \$500.

Presented by: Mary McGinness

Jennifer Prouty
Automotive

Ralph Watson \$500.

Presented by: James Gilbert

Corby Facto

James W. Quinn \$500.

Presented by: James Gilbert

Corby Facto

Heritage Family Credit Union Scholarship \$500.

Presented by: Julie Riccardi

Nigel Mears

**Jacobs, McClintock & Scanlon LPC and
Bennington County Bar Association Scholarship**

Presented by: Amy Palmer-Ellis

Elizabeth Rinaldi

Robert P. Scanlon Memorial Scholarship \$500.

Presented by: Bruce Lee-Clark

TBA

Theater Arts Scholarships 5-\$200.

Presented by: Timothy Foley

Zoe Sperber, Gayelan Ulrich
Nicholas Duval,
Amanda Monick
Justin Spencer

Video Production \$ 250.

Presented by: Timothy Foley

Nicholas Duval,
William Trask

Curtis Memorial Scholarship \$3,200.

Presented by: William Swisher

McKenzie Saunders

Vermont Honor Scholarship \$1,000.

Presented by: William Swisher

McKenzie Saunders

Higher Education Scholarship \$1,000.

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James Weber \$1000./Clarkson University
Jennifer Prouty \$500/ HVCC
Christiana Fisher \$500/ HVCC

Item #5:

On behalf of all of us here at the CDC, I want to extend a warm welcome to Mr. Stephen Lampron. Mr. Lampron joins our custodial staff replacing Lenny Kelly who retired last week. Mr. Lampron is a veteran of the United States Air Force. He has been a member of the Mt. Anthony staff for the past 10 years.

Item #6:

Business Management – We’re always “Open for Business.”



On Wednesday, June 3, James Weber completed his senior exam by conducting an interview of current and former students at the CDC. The interview was filmed at CAT-TV and will be aired frequently throughout the next month. The interview is titled “The Future is Here with the CDC.”



The panel included Casey Weber, former Engineering student, Josh Roaf, former Pre-Law student, Marya Bosson, former Pre-Law student, Whitney Kalinowski, current Human Services student, and James Weber, current Business Management student. James prepared for the interview by contacting Tony Panetta at CAT-TV to schedule the time, wrote a series of questions to ask panel members, and conducted a practice interview with classmates earlier in the day. James will be continuing his education at Clarkson University in Potsdam,

NY majoring in Engineering Management.

On Tuesday, June 9th, Chris Monroe completed his senior exam by planning, preparing, cooking and serving a complete breakfast to the Business Management program students, and Wendy Klein as guest. Throughout the year Chris job shadowed Marcel Holland at the Mount Anthony Country Club, and worked with Laura LaCroix, Executive Chef at Southwest Vermont Health Care. Chris also managed “Your Momma’s Cookies,” which is a student-run business at the CDC that sells cookies every Friday in the Atrium. Chris plans to attend CCV in the fall.



Emily Adams was “MC Extraordinaire” at the recent CDC Awards Night on Thursday, June 4, and has put her public speaking to excellent use this year. She is the FBLA National Treasurer and traveled to the Vermont State Spring Leadership Conference in Burlington, Vermont and to the Alabama State Spring Leadership Conference in Birmingham, Alabama as part of her treasurer responsibilities. As the Vermont State Southern Vice President, she has also worked hard to increase

membership and has been working with the MAUMS to start a middle level chapter of FBLA this fall. Emily will be going to Bowling Green State University in Bowling Green, Ohio and will major in International Management & Marketing, with a focus on

non-profit. She will study in Ohio for two years and then spend two years in Florence, Italy studying the international aspect of marketing and management.

California Here We Come!!! Eight students will be traveling to Anaheim, California to attend the FBLA National Leadership Conference on June 24-29th. Chaperones are Joe and Nicky Forest. In Anaheim, students will compete in Management Decision Making, Entrepreneurship and Business Law. They will also attend opening and closing awards ceremonies, business workshops, hear campaign speeches, participate in the March of Dimes mini-walk, attend the Eastern Region meeting, vote on new national officers and sadly say goodbye to Emily Adams, who has been our National Treasurer from Vermont this year. Student attending the conference include: Adrianna Weber, Krista Flavin, Ashley Fox, Nico Grande, Nique Manyweather, Don Maynard, Ryan McKenna and



Item #7:

Here is an article from the Bennington Banner Relative to our Forestry Program

Sucker Pond shoreline restored

Shelly Stiles

Posted: 06/10/2009 03:03:54 AM EDT

Wednesday, June 10

A hermit thrush, a white-throated sparrow, and a common yellow throat sang in the quiet air surrounding Sucker Pond — until Bert Atherton and his Komatsu PC 228 excavator rumbled back into view.



He placed another huge boulder along the edge of a boating access path and turned around to get yet more from the nearby woods. And more. And more. Days later, he'd strategically placed dozens of native boulders along the edges of the newly

defined access and day use areas at the pond.

Meanwhile, 18 students in Dave Dence's and Dwayne Metcalf's forestry and heavy equipment program at the Career Development Center arrived at the pond. The president (Mike Lynch) and vice-president (Mark Atherton) of the Bennington Trail Conservancy (the BTC is an ATV club), each took a day off from work to join the team on the mountain.

Everyone was there to kick butt, shoreline restoration-wise. And from June 2 through June 4, that's what we did.

Sucker Pond was once the source of Bennington's drinking water. Now it's the area's recreational jewel in the woods. The 51-acre, nearly circular pond sits in a bowl surrounded by forested hills. It is a wild and lovely place. Except on party nights.

When the work crews arrived, we found fire pits full of cans and bottles. Lawn chair frames, oven racks, wheels, tires and other garbage littered the site. A Subaru wagon rusted in the woods.

And decades of party nights had left a large piece of shoreline denuded of vegetation and rutted with four-wheeler and ATV tracks. Without protective vegetation, such exposed soils washed into the pond in every large rain event. Sedimentation is a big issue for Vermont lakes and ponds. Over time, sediment can promote algae blooms, alter native aquatic plants and animals communities, and impair fisheries.

The forestry and heavy equipment program students knew about Sucker Pond's fishery. (The 20th anniversary unofficial bass tournament is to be held there on June 13, which is also free fishing day in Vermont.) And so along with shovels and rock bars, pickaxes and landscaping rakes, some of them brought fishing rods.

They also brought food — more than three sandwiches per student per day. It takes a lot of calories to clear debris, carry rock, and transplant native trees and shrub for hours on end, two days running. (The eroded areas were regraded and planted with balled-and-burlapped specimens dug from the forest.) It requires fewer calories to fish from the shore at lunchtime.

Those familiar with Sucker Pond will be struck with the improvements made there. A kind of boulder-edged driveway makes it possible to drive to near the pond's edge to drop off a boat. The formerly eroded area between the road and the water has been planted. A large open space, the site of the former caretaker's cabin, has been cleaned up for parking and tenting. And a large and attractive fire pit has been built in a grassy day use area with great views of the water. And the Subaru? Outta there.

The team hopes to install signs and maintain the plantings, and the Bennington Trail Conservancy has scheduled a clean-up for the trails leading to the site. In the end, though, everyone who uses Sucker Pond needs to avoid actions that might impair its water

quality. Keep vehicles away from the shoreline. Don't cut trees in the buffer zone. And respect our young people's efforts to make a difference in their local community. John, Jason, Dalton, Trevor, Ben, Dustin, Brad, Brandon, Alan, Brad, Eric, Eric, Joe, Loren, Garth, JJ, Tayler, and Austin will be grateful to you.

Shelly Stiles is the district manager of the Bennington County Conservation District. The Sucker Pond project was planned and implemented by the District, the Bennington Trail Conservancy, Burgess Bros., the forestry and heavy equipment program at the Career Development Center, Green Mountain National Forest, and Vermont DEC. Funding was provided by the Forest and the Vermont Clean and Clear program.

Item #8:

It has been an incredibly busy spring around the Greenhouse here at the SVCDC. The students began germinating approximately 300 packs of seeds in February. As of April 25th, they had 83 flats of vegetables, herbs and flowers available for sale, as well as over 60 potted perennials. Once they were established with the growth of their plants, the students took inventory and created an invoice and plant list. On May 1st the students held a district wide plant sale offering 50% off to pre-orders from faculty and staff in the SVSU and SVCDC district. As of May 15th, the students received well over 65 orders from faculty and staff. In addition to faculty and staff, at least 20 members of the general public contacted the Agri-science program for purchases or just stopped into the greenhouse during the school day. It was an unexpected and tremendous level of support shown by all who participated.

The students also participated in a service-based learning project at the Bennington Free Library. In early May, we were contacted by Lynn McCann, Director of the Library and asked to build them a new front garden around their sign. In conjunction with David and the Forestry Program, we successfully removed 4 bushes and a stump, prepared the bed for planting and planted approximately 20 daylilies, 10 lavender, 2 flats of pansies and 3 rose bushes. This resulted in a total donation of plants to the library of \$197.00.

In addition to the library project, the students donated \$210.00 worth of vegetable and herb plants to the Bennington Youth Horticulture program which is in charge of planting and maintaining the middle school garden, as well as working at the Walloomsac (Bennington) Farmers' Market. This season there are two groups running through the Tutorial Center and have asked to use the greenhouse on rainy days. They will be using the greenhouse on those rainy days in exchange for maintenance of the new SVCDC gardens. In addition to the Middle School Garden, we also donated \$150 worth of veggie and herb plants to the Morgan Street Community Garden. The harvest from the plots in the community garden is expected to be donated to community food pantries across Bennington.

The final project that the students have been busy preparing for and working in is at the New England Tropical Conservatory's new Education Building on Rte. 7 South. We have donated a total of \$1200 worth of plants and the students have been planting all

week. We are expected to be done on Friday, June 12th, 2009. It is expected that next year we will also be providing maintenance for the gardens and using the Reserve across the street for further ecological based lessons in the Agro-ecology program.

Last, but not least, the students have also been busy planting new SVCDC gardens out front. We have created 3 butterfly beds and an edible garden so far. The last garden will function as a show case of specialty perennials and ornamental annuals. The students are also busy preparing the MAUHS courtyard gardens for the graduation picnic slated for this weekend.

It has been a pleasure to coordinate the efforts of this very talented group of students. They have worked very hard and diligently and are extremely proud of their accomplishments. Please feel free to stop in before the 24th of June and congratulate them on all their achievements this spring.

Item #9:

Medical Professions News:

The Med. Prof. I class has been job shadowing for the past several weeks. The local medical community was very welcome to the students, allowing them to see the various aspects of their jobs. The information gained by job shadowing has been invaluable, with quite a few students discovering new careers which they hadn't considered in the past. Students observed the following careers at SVHC: radiologic technologist, nursing in 2-East, 2-West, ICU, OR, W&CS, and renal dialysis, radiation therapist, physical therapist, occupational therapist, pharmacist, pharmacy technician, dietician, renal dialysis technician, sterile processing technician, surgical scrub technician, surgeon, and physician recruiter. Other local medical offices/businesses which hosted students were: Bennington Cardiology (Nurse practitioners), Salem Dentistry, Shaftsbury School (school nursing), Bennington Rescue Squad, Taconic Orthopedics (orthopedic surgeon), West Mt. Animal Hospital (Veterinary Technician), and MAUHS (athletic trainer).

After studying anatomy, physiology, and pathophysiology for the majority of the year, the Med. Prof. II class finished up the year with a mini unit on Mental Illness. They enjoyed learning about various mental health conditions such as: schizophrenia, affective disorders, personality disorders, obsessive-compulsive disorder, and dissociative identity disorder.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dr. Frank J. Barone