

**Students in the News**

**Roger Williams University Announces Spring 2010 Dean's List**

BRISTOL, RI - Elizabeth Manville, a resident of Amherst was among those to be named to the Roger Williams University Dean's List for the Spring 2010 semester. Full-time students who complete 12 or more credits per semester and earn a GPA of 3.4 or higher are placed on the Dean's List that semester, provided that they have not received any of the following grades: F, I, NP or NS.

**Local Students Named to Dean's List At SNHU**

MANCHESTER - The following students have been named to the Dean's List for the spring 2010 semester at Southern New Hampshire University in Manchester. To be eligible for this honor, a student must compile an academic grade point average of 3.0-3.49.

Amherst: Jill Darin, Psychology and Stephanie Wasson, Communication/Digital Media.

Mont Vernon: Christa Cavanaugh, Hospitality Administration.

**Local Students Named to President's List at SNHU**

MANCHESTER - The following students from New Hampshire have been named to the President's List for the spring 2010 semester at Southern New Hampshire University in Manchester. To be eligible for this honor, a student must compile an academic grade point average of 3.5-4.0.

Amherst: James Hebert, Business Administration

Angela Bearor, Communication/Digital Media

Amanda Donovan, Psychology

Caroline Eaton, Accounting

Shaun Judkins, Business Administration

Mont Vernon: Cassandra Chouramanis, Justice Studies

Bret Pomeroy, Game Design and Development

Kris Boutin, Marketing

Jessica Higgins, Psychology

**Appelwild School Announces Honor Roll**

FITCHBURG, MA - Appelwild School's Head of School, Christopher Williamson, and Head of Upper School, Erica Hager are pleased to announce the following students' honor roll status for the second semester.

The following student from Amherst: 7th grader Benjamin Janoschek, Effort High Honors and Academic High Honors.

In order to qualify for academic high honors, a student must obtain an overall semester average of A- or better with all grades of B or higher.

To qualify for academic honors, a student must obtain an overall semester average of B or better with no C's.

**Dean's List Announced At Boston University**

BOSTON - Amherst resident Amber Gannon was appointed to the Dean's List at Boston University for the Spring 2010 semester. Gannon is currently enrolled in the Boston University College of General Studies.

**Brooke Hannay Demarest on Dean's List at Denison University**

Brooke Hannay Demarest of Amherst was among 346 undergraduates named to Denison University's spring semester dean's list by Provost Bradley Bateman. Students who achieve dean's list status have maintained a grade-point average of 3.7 or better (out of 4.0) for the semester. Only one of every six stu-

dents achieved dean's list distinction this spring semester.

**Manhattan College Awards Undergraduate**

DEGREES AT 168TH COMMENCEMENT

Manhattan College awarded more than 700 degrees in some 40 major fields of study from its five schools in arts, business, education, engineering and science at its 167th Undergraduate Commencement on Sunday, May 23. Students who completed their studies in September 2009, February 2010 and May 2010 participated in the ceremony in the College's Draddy Gymnasium. Amherst resident Brandon Donald Child was among the graduates.

**DePaul University Announces Local Dean's List Honorees**

CHICAGO - DePaul University student Stefanie Rahaim of Amherst has been named to the Dean's List for the 2010 Spring quarter. To receive Dean's List commendation, full-time students must earn a cumulative grade point average of 3.50 or above on a four-point scale.

**Lyndon State College Confers Degree on Jackie Perron**

LYNDON CENTER, VT. - At its 99th commencement on May 16, Lyndon State College conferred degrees on more than 250 students. One of those was Jackie Lynn Perron of Amherst, who earned a Bachelor of Science in Ski Resort Management.

She also received the Mountain Recreation Management Graduating Senior Excellence Honor and was named to the Dean's List for the spring semester.

**Mark Philip Elverson Graduates from Massachusetts College of Art and Design**

BOSTON -- Mark Philip Elverson of Amherst was awarded a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Photography from Massachusetts College of Art and Design in Boston, MA, during an outdoor ceremony held at the college on Friday, May 21, 2010.

**Local Law Student Awarded Juris Doctor Degree By New York Law School**

NEW YORK - Peter Beauchamp, of Amherst was awarded a Juris Doctor (J.D.) degree by New York Law School at its 118th annual commencement ceremonies at Lincoln Center's Avery Fisher Hall on May 14. Beauchamp is one of 560 members of the class of 2010 at New York Law School.

**Amherst Resident Earns Degree from Western Governors University**

SALT LAKE CITY - Lewis White of Amherst has received his Master of Business Administration from Western Governors University. The online, non-profit university awarded over 200 graduates degrees at its semi-annual commencement ceremony held in Salt Lake City on July 17.

**Amherst Resident Earns Second Academic Honors from Clark University**

WORCESTER, Mass. - Ross Glover of Amherst has been named to second honors on the Clark University Dean's List. This selection marks outstanding academic achievement during the Spring 2010 semester. To be eligible for second honors, students must have a grade point average of 3.5 or higher, of a maximum of 4.3 (all A+s).

**Local Residents Earn First Academic Honors from Clark University**

WORCESTER, Mass. - The following local residents have been named to first honors on the Clark

University Dean's List: Quillah A. Burstein of Amherst and Rachael K. Claborn of Amherst.

This selection marks outstanding academic achievement during the Spring

2010 semester. 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).

**Local residents enroll at Saint Joseph's College of Maine**

STANDISH, ME -- Caytlin Lalley, of Amherst has enrolled at Saint Joseph's College of Maine beginning in the fall semester.

**Local students make UD Dean's List**

The following University of Delaware students from Amherst made the 2010 spring semester Dean's List. Named to the Dean's List are full-time students with grade point averages of 3.33 or above (on a 4.0 scale) for the semester, with no temporary grades.

Neil Donnelly, a Junior major in the College of Engineering, from Amherst and Joel Gerson, a Sophomore major in the College of Business and Economics, from Amherst.

**Meghan Barowski named to Dean's List at Villanova University**

VILLANOVA, PA Meghan Barowski, from Amherst has been named to the Dean's List for the 2009-2010 academic year in the College of Nursing at Villanova University (Villanova, Pa.). Barowski is a junior. To qualify for the Dean's List in the College of Nursing, one must be a matriculated full-time student and earn a semester grade point average of 3.5 for both semesters.

**Mont Vernon Resident Brittany Daniels Named to Stonehill College's Spring Dean's List**

EASTON, MA - Stonehill College recently named Mont Vernon resident Brittany L. Daniels, a member of the class of 2012, to its Dean's List for the Spring 2010 semester. To qualify for the Dean's List at Stonehill, students must have a semester grade point average of 3.50 or better and must have completed successfully all courses for which they were registered.

**Mark A. Cianci Receives J.D. from Harvard Law School**

CAMBRIDGE, MA - Mark A. Cianci of Amherst and Mont Vernon received his J.D. cum laude from Harvard Law School during the recent 359th Harvard commencement. Mr. Cianci was home-schooled through high school and earned his undergraduate degree in Public Policy from Patrick Henry College in Purcellville, VA. Mark is the son of Elizabeth and Michael Cianci of Mont Vernon and is currently employed by Ropes and Gray in Boston, MA.

**Villanova University Announces Spring 2010 Dean's List Recipients**

VILLANOVA, PA - Every year, students with established outstanding academic records are honored by the dean of each college. To qualify for the Dean's List in the Villanova School of Business, one must be a matriculated full-time student and earn a semester grade point average of 3.5, with no missing or non-passing grades. The following local residents are on the Dean's List in the School of Business for the 2010 spring semester: Molly McNary; Amherst, senior and Daniel Parolin; Amherst, junior.

**Westfield State College Names Area Student to Dean's List**

WESTFIELD, Mass. -- Westfield State College in Westfield, Mass, is pleased to honor the following student who has been named to the spring 2010 Dean's List: Adam Hey of Amherst. To receive Dean's List status, a student must complete a 12-hour semester with a GPA of at least 3.3 (B+), have no grade below a 2.0 (C), and have no incomplete grades.

**Area Student Graduates from Hartwick College**

ONEONTA, NY - Benjamin April, of Amherst son of Teresa and Richard April, has graduated from Hartwick College with a Bachelor of Science degree in Music Education. April graduated Summa Cum Laude, with Departmental Distinction in Music Education.

Benjamin April has also been named to the spring term Dean's List at Hartwick. Inclusion on Hartwick's Dean List is an indication of excellent academic work, including the completion of a full course load with at least a 3.5 grade point average based on a 4.0 scale.

At Hartwick, he participated in Honors Program, Music Educators National Conference, Awakening Staff, and The Managers.

**Local Resident Recognized for Academic Achievement**

NORTHAMPTON, Mass - Alexandra Sprague, daughter of the late Annette and Allan Sprague of Amherst, was named to the Dean's List at Smith College for her academic achievement for the 2009-10 school year. The Dean's List recognizes those students with grade point averages of 3.333 or above.

Alexandra graduated from Souhegan High School and is majoring in anthropology and Spanish at Smith.

**LOCAL STUDENT SELECTED TO PARTICIPATE IN NATIONAL LEADERSHIP PROGRAM**

BOSTON - Michael Cinque, a rising senior at Souhegan High School was selected to participate in the Economics for Leaders Program at Babson College, Boston from July 25-August 1, 2010. Michael is one of 32 students from around the country who was honored by being accepted into the Foundation for Teaching Economics' Austin Economics for Leaders program. All of the students have been selected because they have demonstrated excellent leadership potential.

During the week-long program, students attained an understanding of economic reasoning principles and how to employ these concepts for successful and effective leadership. Economics for Leaders is an unparalleled learning and growing opportunity.

**Local Student Graduates from Mass College of Liberal Arts**

BOSTON - Jon-Ryan Cavanaugh of Mont Vernon graduated from the Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts with a Bachelor of Arts and a Bachelor of Science summa cum laude with majors in Psychology and Biology.

**Local Student Graduates from SNHU**

MANCHESTER - Christa Marie Cavanaugh of Mont Vernon graduated from Southern New Hampshire University magna cum laude with a Bachelor of Applied Science degree, Hospitality Administration.

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**Historic Amherst**

**Compulsory Education in 1871: 12 Weeks**

BY KATRINA HOLMAN



Cricket Corner School House, District No. 3, at 361 Boston Post Road, just north of the cemetery. This image from the collection of the Historical Society of Amherst is attributed to Walter C. Weston, 1901. The last of Amherst's rural schools, it closed in 1935 and was sold by the School Board in 1941 for \$75. The building still stands in the same place, much modified and enlarged, as a private home.

"Notice. We would call the attention of parents, guardians, and all others having custody, control or charge of children, to an act passed at the last session of the Legislature, "To compel children between the ages of 8 and 14 years, to attend school for twelve weeks annually - six weeks of which shall be consecutive - provided they are not for good and sufficient reasons excused by the committee." The penalty for violation of this law is \$10 for the first offence and \$20 for each succeeding offence. A. HEALD, Supt. Com. Amherst, Aug. 14th, 1871." (Farmers' Cabinet)

The pertinent legislation of June 14, 1871 had passed in both the New Hampshire House and Senate without a dissenting voice. It was said that nearly 4000 children in NH never attended school and not more than 50% attended regularly. There was some grumbling among the public about education being required by law along the Prussian model, so the editor of Amherst's newspaper (Farmers' Cabinet, 3 Jan. 1872) helpfully published an article entitled "Education Among Different European Nations" based on a report in an Italian journal, L'Eco d'Italia. It reported high literacy statistics of various countries where "instruction is obligatory," with those at the top being German countries Saxony, Prussia, Baden, and Bavaria; also Switzerland, Denmark, Sweden, Holland, and Norway.

In Nov. 1874, the NH State Superintendent of Public Instruction (in "common schools") reported the following results of the law for compulsory attendance: "Number of children in the State between 4 and 14 years of age not attending school - in 1872, 4602; in 1873, 3630; in 1874, 2563: showing a decrease of 2009 in two years under the operation of this law."

In Amherst in 1870/71, all the children between 4 and 14 in District No. 1, the centre or Village, attended school (only one did not the prior year) and the number of persons between 14 and 21 who could not read and write was reported as "none." There, 90 children attended school, including the separate high school, with 66 in the summer term and 74 in the winter. The second most populous school was "The Acre" in District No. 2 where 59 scholars attended each term. In the annual report of the preceding year, the superintending committee gleefully reported on No. 2: "Fifty-six scholars! "The Philistines be upon us," let us arise and educate them! New seats must be provided. Several under 3 years of age; suggesting a cradle!" (There was no kindergarten: the little ones were learning to read and write and cipher.) Perhaps not coincidentally, this school had the same teacher, not only for both terms but also for the second year in a row. Just one teacher, a woman, for all those kids at different levels, for 23 weeks. There were 8 kids aged 4-14 not attending each term at No. 2 prior to the compulsory law. The school house with the fewest pupils in summer 1870, just 7 kids, was District No. 10; the preceding year there were 5 or 6 kids there not attending each term.

The length of terms among Amherst's 10 schools varied among the schools and from year to year, as they

had from the beginning. In 1872/73, the 9 rural schools each offered both a summer and winter term, which varied from 8 to 18 weeks. A child attending District No. 8 (Mack Hill) or No. 10 (Skeeterville) could receive a maximum of 17 weeks of instruction, whereas No. 3 (Cricket Corner) offered 26 weeks and No. 2 (Acre) 30 weeks. The Brick School was the only one split into 3 terms, for a total of 31 weeks. The teachers changed frequently, often from term to term. Discipline was more difficult in the winter term, when older boys would show up (a problem in 1849 and still in 1873).

**Beginning of Public Schools**

The town was divided into 9 school districts in 1806, and within two years nearly every district had a new public school house (Secomb, p. 325). This was the result of the New Hampshire legislative act of December 1805 empowering towns at legal meetings to divide into school districts and define the limits, and empowering the school districts to build and repair school houses. The act further spelled out that "no person shall have a right to send to or receive any benefit from any school in a district where he is not a resident, without the consent of such district." (This School-House Law was printed in the Farmer's Cabinet 14 Jan. 1806.)

And that meant more taxes. A follow-up act of the NH Legislature in June 1807 stipulated: "That the Selectmen ... are empowered and required [!] to assess annually the inhabitants according to their polls and rateable estates, together with the improved and unimproved lands and building of non-residents, in a sum to be computed at the rate of seventy dollars for every one dollar their proportion for public taxes...; which sums ... shall be applied to the sole purpose of keeping an English Grammar School or Schools, for reading reading, writing and arithmetic ...; for which the same shall be assessed."

**End of Rural Schools**

You may be surprised to find out how long Amherst's one-room school houses were in use: Although school districts were abolished in 1880, five rural schools were still open in 1927; four of them had closed by 1931. The last to close was District No. 3, Cricket Corner in the south part of town, in 1935.

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