► Students in the News

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Alexis Ierardi, a student in the Class of 2016, of Amherst

Connecticut College Dean's List Announced For Local Area

The following local students has achieved Dean's Honors, a recognition for students who have earned a grade point average of at least 3.65, or Dean's High Honors, a recognition for students who have earned a grade point average of at least 3.78, for the 2012 fall semester at Connecticut

Katie Regan, class of 2014 at Connecticut College and a resident of Amherst, has been named to the Dean's High Honors list.

Local Residents Get Academic Honors at Northeastern

BOSTON, Mass. - Northeastern University is pleased to recognize those students who distinguish themselves academically during the course of the school year. The following local residents were recently named to the University's dean's list for the fall semester, which ended in December 2012:

FROM AMHERST

* Emily Kolocotronis, a student majoring in Business Administration.
* Beau Landis, a student majoring in Mechanical Engineering.
* James Velino, a student majoring in Engineering.
* Zeke Clements, a student majoring in Chemistry.
* Cecelia Nichols, a student majoring in Chemistry.
* Brendan Wakeham, a student majoring in Psychology.
* Michaela Sisitsky, a student majoring in English.

FROM MONT VERNON

* Adora Jackson, a student majoring in Engineering.

To achieve the dean's list distinction, students must carry a full program of at least four courses, have a quality point average of 3.5 or greater out of a possible 4.0 and carry no single grade lower than a C- during the course of their college career.

Local Residents Receive Academic Honors

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* Amherst resident Ashley Cavignano, a student majoring in Nursing.
* Amherst resident Dalton Colen, a student majoring in Mechanical Engineering.

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In addition to achieving distinction through the dean's list, these local residents are members of the University Honors Program, which offers high caliber students the chance to further hone their studies and interests, live in special interest on-campus housing, and participate in one or two honors courses each term. Invitation into the honors program is highly competitive and students must maintain a high GPA and strong commitment to campus leadership to remain a part. Currently, these students are among some 1,400 students involved in Northeastern's honors program.

Local Residents Graduate from Franklin Pierce University and Named to Honor List

RINDGE - The following local resident graduated from Franklin Pierce University in the fall of 2012: Timothy Dineen of Amherst , who earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Sports & Recreation Management. Dineen was also named to the Dean's List for the fall semester by maintaining a term grade point average of at least 3.3 on a scale of four.

Franklin Pierce University Announces Fall Graduates

RINDGE - The following local resident graduated from Franklin Pierce University in the fall of 2012: Joshua Wielgoszinski of Amherst graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting and Finance.

Emerson College Announces Local Dean's List Honorees

BOSTON, MA - The following local resident has been named to Emerson College's Dean's List for the Fall 2012 semester. The criterion to make the Dean's List is a grade point average of 3.7 or higher. Mont Vernon's Rebecca Wahle, a Studio TV Production major.

UAlbany Announces Dean's List

ALBANY, N.Y. - The following student was named to the University at Albany's fall 2012 Dean's List for outstanding academic achievement: Rachel Desnoyers of Amherst.

Local Resident Named to Mount Ida College's Dean's List

NEWTON, MA - The following local resident was among 386 students honored for outstanding academic achievement by being named to the Dean's List for the 2012 fall semester at Mount Ida College in Newton, Massachusetts: Sarah Brougham, a resident of Amherst. To make the Dean's List, students must have a grade point average of 3.33 or above.

Area Students Named to Deans' List at Merrimack College

NORTH ANDOVER, MA - Local residents were recently named to the Fall 2012 Deans' List at Merrimack College in North Andover, Massachusetts. To be named to the Deans' List, a student must achieve a 3.25 grade point average or higher, based on a 4.0 grading system.

Jacquelyn Jones, a resident of Amherst, is a sophomore in the School of Science and Engineering.

Kathryn Eagan, a resident of Amherst, is a senior in the School of Science and Engineering.

New England School of Communications announces Fall 2012 Honors List

BANGOR, ME - The following local resident was named to the Honors List for the Fall 2012 semester at the New England School of Communications. Joseph Winter, a resident of Amherst, was named to the High Honors List.

Plymouth State University Fall 2012 President's List

PLYMOUTH, NH - Jeffrey Chappell of Amherst has 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 2012 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.

Vermont Tech Announces Honors Lists for Fall Semester

Vermont Technical College is recognizing an impressive 364 students that have achieved two of the College's highest honors. 316 students were named to the Dean's List and 48 students were named to the President's List for the fall semester. Locally, Mr. Asher Henderson from Amherst achieved Dean's List honors.

William Ksander Graduates from Beloit College

BELOIT, WI - William Ksander of Amherst, NH, graduated from Beloit College on Dec. 31, 2012 with a Bachelor of Science degree.

Fordham University School of Business Announces Woolworth Award Recipient

The Deans and administrative staff of the Fordham University Gabelli School of Business would like to congratulate Erin MacDonald on being the recipient of the Gabelli School of Business Woolworth Award! The Woolworth Awards recognize academic achievement of a 3.6 or higher grade point average in the first semester of study at Fordham University's Gabelli School of Business. Erin is the daughter of Greg and Patti MacDonald of Amherst and a Souhegan High School graduate Class of 2012.

St. Anselm College Announces Dean's List and National Honor Society Inductees

MANCHESTER – Samantha Glavin of Amherst was recently inducted into the National Scholastic Honor Society Delta Epsilon Sigma. She was also named to the Dean's List at Saint Anselm College in Manchester for the Fall 2012 semester. Samantha, a member of the Class of 2014 and a Communication major, is currently studying abroad at Regent's College in London, England.

Bentley University Names Local Students to Honors Lists

WALTHAM, MA - Bentley University President, Gloria Cordes Larson, along with Dean of Business, Roy Wiggins, and Dean of Arts and Sciences, Daniel L. Everett, recently announced the names of local residents who were honored for their outstanding academic achievement in the fall 2012 semester.

FROM AMHERST

* Daniel Green, a Senior and Corporate Finance & Accounting major, was named to the Dean's list.
* Ryan Redmond, a Sophmore and Business major, was named to the Dean's list.
* Amanda Wagner, a Junior and Public Policy major, was named to the Dean's list.
* Nicholas Hession, a Sophmore and Business major, was named to the President's list.

To be named to the President's List, a full-time student must have a grade point average of 3.7 or higher with no course grade below 3.0 during the term.

► Amherst's Early Milliners and Their Shops

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the awarding committee for linen and fancy articles.

Young Widow Curtis closed out her business in Amherst at the end of 1822 in order to remarry in Feb. 1823, to Luther Roby (1801-1883) of Concord, N.H., but a native of Amherst, who was the publisher-editor of the *N.H. Statesman* newspaper. Her career did not come to an end, however. In May 1826, she was back in business, now in Concord, selling bonnets, and also offering bleaching and repair services for Leghorn and Dunstable straws. Sadly, after only four years of her new marriage and two more children, Nancy Roby died of consumption at age 31 in Sept. 1827, and her fourth child died three days later aged 11 months. Her daughter from her first marriage had predeceased her, dying at age 16 in July 1826.

Sarah L. Benden

Miss Sarah Low (1783-1851), a native of Amherst, ran her business for three decades in the Village, the greatest longevity of anybody in town working in a needlework trade – for nearly four years as a single woman, then through the vicissitudes of married life.

She began advertising in 1817 when she was 33. Initially, in March, she took "the shop formerly occupied by Nathan Kendall, Esq., a little north of Amherst meeting house" (presumably on lower Mack Hill Road), where she would "be happy to accommodate the ladies with fashionable bonnets, caps, turbans, and mantua-making" and had for sale a variety of fancy goods, such as silks, satins, ostrich plumes, artificial flowers, and ribbons. Six months later she moved to a shop "one door north-west of Amherst Meeting-House," either where there now is front lawn or where the enclosed tower of the Congregational Church has stood since 1836. A passageway leading to the meeting-house horse-sheds standing behind the shop came within two feet of her shop's east/right side (deed 120:286). She too was willing to receive "good diaper" in payment – and, in 1822, cash, good butter, and striped blue and white all-wool cloth 32 inches wide, as well. In the 1820 census of Amherst, N.H., when Sarah Low was 37, there were no men, but three additional females in her household, probably employees. In March 1822, she advertized: "Wanted, a young lady who is sufficiently acquainted with the Millinery and Mantua Making Business to superintend the work for four or five hands. One who is ... qualified to take the charge of a shop of English Goods occasionally, may have constant employ and good wages, by applying immediately to S. L. BENDEN [at] Amherst."

By Dec. 1821 she had vacated her former shop – or perhaps as early as 1820, for in that year William Low (1752-1826), a painter, bought the corner store on the south side of the Common from Whiting's heirs in 1820. Papa Low deeded the property to Sarah for a mere $1 (as dowry?), and she borrowed $640 in the form of a mortgage from him, just 4 days before her marriage in Jan. 1821 to Thomas M. Benden (1791-1848). Mr. B. was a tailor from England who in June 1818 had opened a tailor shop on the second floor of the 3-story brick building called "Cushing's Folly" (but later kept a shop elsewhere nearby). While Mr. & Mrs. Benden dwelt at the SW corner of Main and Middle Streets, where now is the east garden of 4 Main Street, their new since-1822 neighbor Jonathan White moved the old Barker house away and built (let's say ca. 1825) the brick house next door which has outlasted the corner store. In 1830 (census) the Bendens' household comprised 1 man aged 30-39 (Thomas) and one man 20-29 (likely one Mr. Starbird, who managed the tailoring business in May 1829 while Thomas was out of town); 1 woman 40-49 (Sally), 1 woman 20-29 (Elmira Wellington, who would stay until Sally's death, then move in with Sally's widowed sister-in-law in Concord), and 2 girls 15-19 (apprentices to the tailoring business). After a few months' break, Thomas reopened his tailor shop in "the front part of my house" in 1831; and quit the tailoring business 1836 due to ill health. Sally ran her ladies store through 1843 but then gave it up for nearly two years while her husband tried a new business in Nashua. (She must have leased the shop during her absence to Miss Louisa C. Eastman (b. 1813), another milliner and daughter of Cyrus Eastman, the lead pipe manufacturer who lived at 4 Middle Street; in Nov. 1845 Miss Eastman removed to the shop two doors south of the Whip Factory but gave it up when she married a year later.) Mrs. B. resumed her business in Amherst in Nov. 1845, at which time she was glad to receive "butter and wood in payment at cash prices"; then retired around 1846. In Thomas's final year, when he wanted to sell the house (mortgaged to the hilt), her brothers came to her rescue, by buying it and leasing it to her and thus enabling her to keep the same roof over her head until the end. The Benden home was well-appointed and well-furnished, as revealed by Thomas's probate inventory (which included a gold watch worth $50) and the post-mortem auction of her belongings, which included a mahogany sofa, gilt-edge china tea set, and rich cut glass tumblers.

"Called early to the experience of vicissitudes, she endured them with patience. Faithful in the relations of life amidst severe trials, her deportment was characterized by great equanimity and quiet submission to the allotments of Providence," said newspaper editor R. Boylston in his obituary of Mrs. Benden.

Misses Wakefield

In April 1819, Mary Wakefield (1790-1845) announced that she had "commenced manufacturing straw bonnets according to the latest fashions ... one mile from the meeting-house on the county road leading from Amherst to Milford," which presumably was at her pa's house. She also offered to alter and bleach bonnets at short notice. The following year, her sister Nancy (b. 1793) got into the act – and took over. In Nov. 1821, Nancy Wakefield rented a room in the house "one door east of the meeting-house" (at NE corner of Old Jail-house Road and Church Street, now gone), where she too offered an array of fancy goods, such as silks, velvets, laces, gloves, ribbons, ostrich feathers, and sewing items, as well as fashionable millinery and mantua-making. In 1824, Mary, Nancy and their sister Sophia built the house at 97 Boston Post Road, "a building on the Turnpike one door North of Mr. Ray's Hotel." Nancy ran her business out of their home from Jan. 1825 until 1830, when they moved to Lowell. Two other women had a brief go at running a millinery and dressmaking business there: M. Snow (announced in April 1831); and Eliza R. Ridgeway from 1832-'34, while her pa James rented the house and ran a watch and jewelry shop "opposite the bank."

A succession of other women worked as milliners and dress-makers in Amherst Village through the 19th century.

Sources:

Farmers' Cabinet newspaper, published in Amherst, N.H., searched on America's Historical Newspapers database by NewsBank. For Nancy Roby: millinery in Concord in *New Hampshire Patriot*, Concord, N.H., esp. 8 May 1826, p. 3; death dates and ages of Nancy and two of her children taken from gravestones in Old North Cemetery of Concord, N.H. (findagrave.com); Secomb has same d. dates but different ages (p. 748). About pictured corner store: Henry Calvin Dodge (1844-1902) began working in the store as Mr. Woodberry's salesman and assistant postmaster in October 1873 and later became the proprietor.

Applewild School Open House

Take a Look Morning, Thursday, April 4, 9:00 AM - Applewild School (coeducational independent day school for grades K - 8 serving families in central MA and southern NH) is hosting an Open House on the first Thursday of each month. Prospective parents are invited to meet at 9:00 AM at the Crocker Building, 120 Prospect St., Fitchburg, MA for an opportunity to tour the school and see teachers and students in action. No RSVP necessary. For more information, call the Admission Office, 978-342-6053, x110 or visit www.applewild.org

Register for American Girl Doll Raffle

AMHERST – The Nellie W. Perkins Doll and Miniature Society, a chapter of UFDC (www.ufdc.org) that meets monthly in Amherst, is pleased to announce "Bernadette", a local child, as the winner of the 2012 American Girl Doll Raffle. The raffle's funds serve to support the Children's Event the club offers every Spring.

This year, the club invites Amherst children, ages 6 -14, to their FREE, Third Annual Event, on Saturday, afternoon, March 16, from 12 noon to 2 pm.

In 2011, the event featured a tea for the famous historical doll Hitty. Last year they celebrated Fancy Nancy at a special tea.

This year, the event will feature a Native American Program with "The Storytellers" ~ Ken Quiet Hawk and Deborah New Moon Rising, the 2008 and 2010 winners of the The Native American Music Awards for BEST SPOKEN WORD RECORDINGS. The couple was seen on WMUR Chronicle last fall.

As space is limited, registration is necessary; Amherst children are invited to register by having their parent or guardian contact Ann Bergin at ACBergin@aol.com . All children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian who shall remain at the event with his/her child.

For details, and to register a child, contact Ann Bergin at ACBergin@aol.com or call 673-1885....Space is limited. All details, as well as the site location in Amherst, will be given upon registration.

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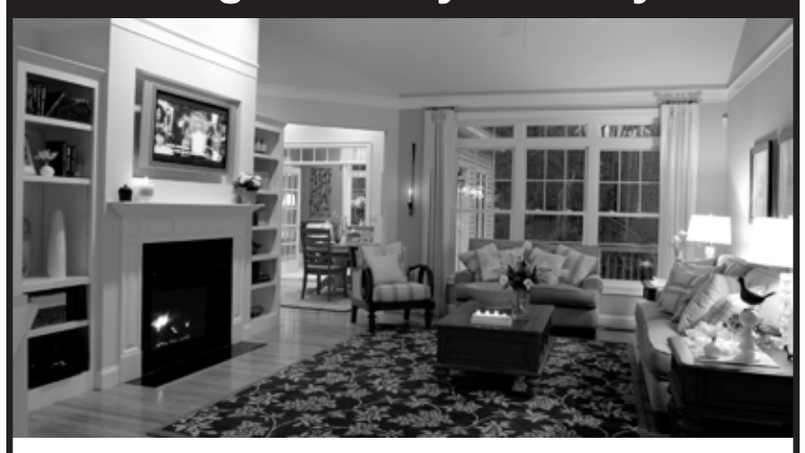

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