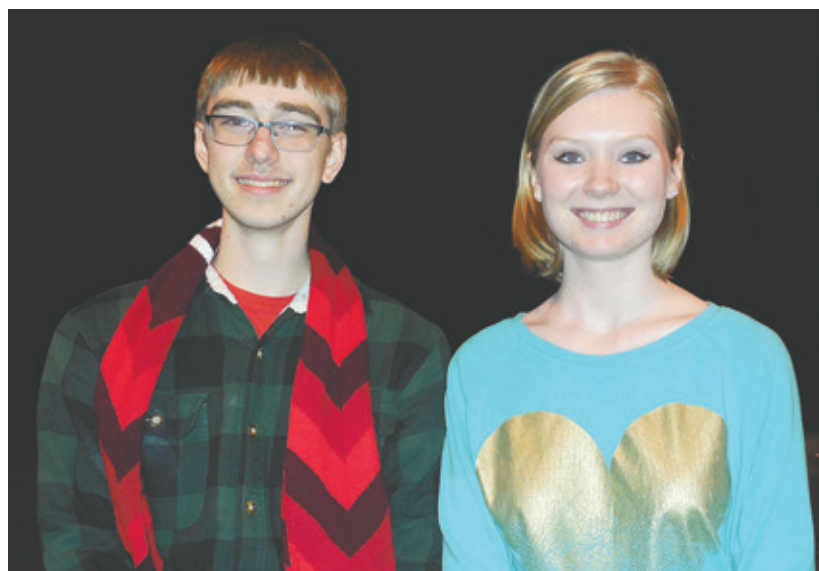


Schools

Searching for Souhegan Alumni in the Military

Last year, Souhegan students in advisory sent holiday cards to graduates serving in the military. Cards and good wishes were sent to 28 alumni stationed around the globe. Please help us continue the tradition, send us the name and if possible the current address of the alumnus. Send to mpaul@sprise.com Thank you!

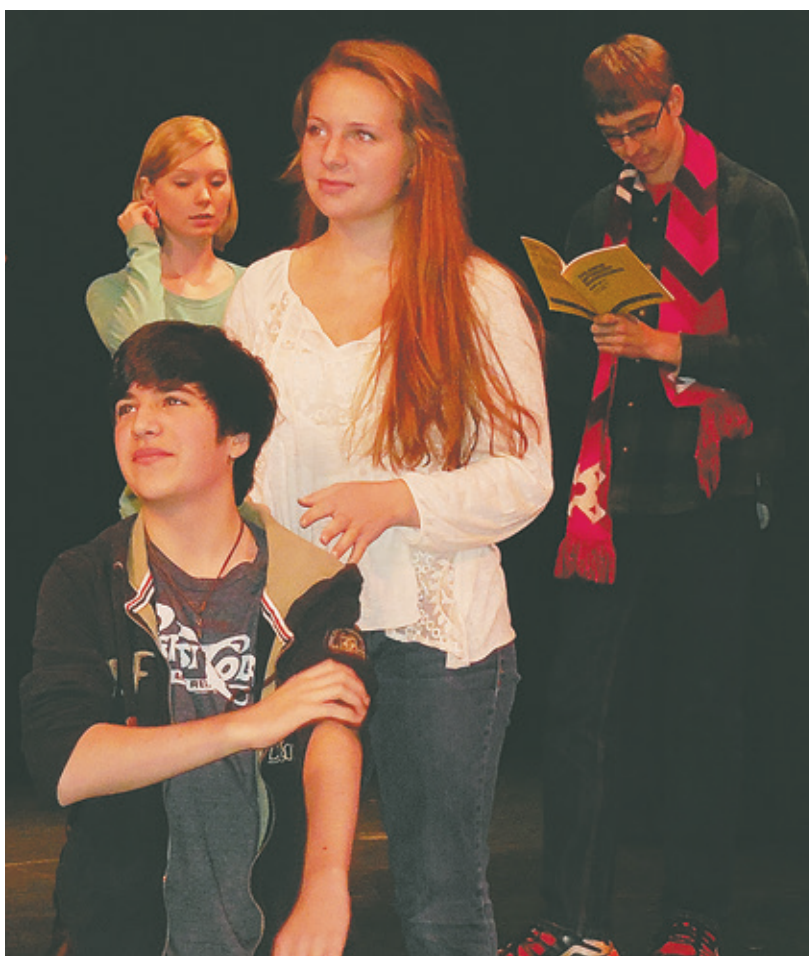
Souhegan Fall Show Friday and Saturday, November 21 and 22



Battling narrators: Tim Johnson and Ally Hull in the comedy "Olympiaganza"

This year's Fall Show at Souhegan High School features three one act comedies based on ancient Greek and some Norse mythology. Lots of slapstick, anachronisms, non sequiturs-- you name it, farce is the vehicle and laughter is the goal. There is a cast of 30, freshmen through seniors, and all are working hard to produce an excellent show. The three plays are Oedi, by Rich Orloff, directed by senior Matt Campbell; Hella and Troy by Kelly McAllis-

ter, directed by Stan St. Onge; and Olympiaganza by Don Zolidis, directed by alumna Haley Brannelly (Class of 2012) and Steve Hodgman. Ticket prices are \$10 adults and \$5 students/senior citizens. Advanced ticket order information is available on the Souhegan website (<http://www.sau39.org/shs>); tickets are also available at the door. Come and enjoy a good laugh on Friday and Saturday nights, November 21 and 22.



Michael Rocco and Siobhan Saunders in production of "Olympiaganza"

Computer Science Career Exploration Program

Three Souhegan HS juniors are participating in a pilot program to explore career options in computer science. Alexa Beck, Ryan Hanks and Jeffrey Johansen are enrolled in Computer Science Career Exploration, a pilot program initiated, supervised and currently taught by Dr. Ali Rafiemehr, Director of Workforce Development & STEM at DYN and former Dean at UNH-Manchester. The program is a reflection of both Dr. Rafiemehr's and DYN's commitment to preparing area students for STEM (science, technology, engineering, math) careers and keeping those young professionals in New Hampshire.

Dr. Rafiemeyer approached area high schools last May with a description of his pilot program and asked for their help in identifying prospective participants. Matt Toy, Amherst resident and VP of Customer Service at DYN, has worked with Souhegan Counselor Tim Cotreau and Community Service Coordinator Maggie Paul on Souhegan's Business Partner Advisory Board, and suggested that Souhegan take part. Cotreau, Paul and counselor Dina Karlon began speaking with students who were interested in computer science careers. Math teacher and Math Team coach Lee Gast and computer technology teacher John Ranta also referred students to the counselors, and interested students as well as their parents learned more about the program's goals and expectations. A core group went on to meet individually with Dr. Rafiemehr. Acceptance to the CSCE



Souhegan students (left to right) Jeff Johansen, Ryan Hanks and Alexa Beck are part of pilot program, Computer Science Career Exploration.

program was based on that interview, in addition to an essay about each student's own expectations for the program. Both Ryan Hanks and Jeff Johansen were excited by early entry into a career track in computer science. Johansen had participated in programming competitions, Hanks had worked on programming with the SHS FIRST Robotics team. Beck had more experience in computer hardware but wished to expand into creating software programs.

Eleven students, including Beck, Hanks and Johansen, from 7 area high schools (Campbell HS, Manchester West HS, Manchester Se-

morial High School, Manchester School of Technology, Merrimack HS, Pembroke Academy and Souhegan HS) were selected and began their CSCE activities this fall. They meet for three hours each Tuesday afternoon in the Technology & Innovation Academy at SEE in Manchester.

The CSCE program will encompass 4 semesters of study during the participants' junior and senior years, for which students will receive high school academic credit as well as college credit through

Manchester Community College. The courses will be rigorous; students will complete projects, assignments and exams and be graded while maintaining their high school course load. All participants re-shuffled afterschool, sports or other activities when they committed to the program.

Dr. Rafiemehr has selected the areas of study for the 4 semesters: #1 and current semester, C++ (a programming language), #2 JAVA (another programming language), #3 Entrepreneurship (idea to product) and #4 Internship (working at SEE lab on projects for companies). The courses will be taught by business professionals because an important goal of the program is creating for the students the experience of working on a technology team. The eleven students work alongside each other each Tuesday, report out as group, snack and even celebrate birthdays. Beck said that although much of their work is completed outside their Tuesday sessions, the students do already share a certain esprit de corps.

Current students participate in Computer Science Careers Exploration at no cost. CSCE instructors are not paid, DYN provided a grant, SEE provides space without charge, and Manchester Community College absorbed some tuition costs. Dr. Rafiemehr continues to fundraise for CSCE and fully expects to welcome its second class next September, as this first class enters their second year of the program.

Students in the News

Emerson College Announces Local Residents Participating in Los Angeles Internship Study Program

BOSTON, MA -The following Emerson College students secured internship positions in Los Angeles beginning September 2014 and ending in December 2014.

Kelly Dubois of Amherst, who's majoring in Post Production, secured an internship position at Paramount Studios.

Students Earn Merit Scholarships at Fort Lewis College

DURANGO, CO - Several area residents received merit scholarships to attend Fort Lewis College for the Fall 2014 semester. These merit scholarships are renewable for up to 120 credits if criteria are met. Fort Lewis College also offers several other scholarships, including grants, the Finish in Four! Scholarship, FLC Foundation scholarships, alumni scholarships, departmental scholarships, Native American scholarships,

and outside scholarships.

Keelie MacKelvey of Amherst earned the Continuing Student Merit Scholarship. MacKelvey's major is Geology - Environmental Geology option.

McElvery Honored for Academic Achievement at Bowdoin

BRUNSWICK, ME - Bowdoin College held its annual Sarah and James Bowdoin Day ceremony Friday, October 31 to honor those undergraduates who distinguish themselves by excellence in scholarship.

Those students who are designated Sarah and James Bowdoin Scholars are in the top (highest GPA) 20 percent of each class for the previous academic year. In addition, those scholars who earned a GPA of 4.0 are designated Sarah and James Bowdoin Book Award winners.

Sarah and James Bowdoin Scholar Raleigh McElvery, of Mont Vernon, a book award winner a member of the Bowdoin College Class of 2016. McElvery is earning a major in Neuroscience and a minor in English.



All New England Choral Festival - Souhegan seniors Lauren Kaltsas, Sydney Bertrand, Ally Hull, Adele Patnaude and Hannah Whitney performed at the All New England Choral Festival concert at Plymouth State University on November 6. Students are nominated from all New England states by their teachers and selected for the full day event. SHS Teacher Pat McMullen worked with the five students over a period of weeks on the music chosen for the event. The student arrive at PSU for the daytime rehearsal and perform that evening.



Souhegan HS Staff Newcomers: (front row) Robert "Jake" Landry, Matthew Guarente; (back row) Veronica Gallant, Kate Ledoux, Holleigh Tlapa

SHS Makes Staff Introductions

AMHERST - Souhegan High School welcomed five new staff members in September. All positions were the result of the retirement of individuals last year and the reshaping of some of those positions to meet current instructional needs.

Former SAU 39 Superintendent Richard Lalley was the first contact new School Counselor Catherine Ledoux had with Souhegan. Dr. Lalley was her professor in a Philosophy of Education course and he shared the story of Souhegan's start up with the class. Kate went on to work in a variety of settings including a community health center, adolescent substance abuse treatment program, residential group home and public high school, but never forgot Dr Lalley's enthusiastic description of Souhegan. Opportunity came last spring in a job posting for a school counselor at SHS. Kate's "passion is working with teens in a high school setting" and thus far she is impressed with the positive energy of SHS students and staff and the school's culture which promotes the success of every student.

Souhegan's commitment to the success of every student also impresses Matthew Guarente, new wellness teacher. Matt is a native of Saugus MA and a recent graduate of University of New Hampshire with a masters degree in physical education and health. He looks forward to putting into practice with Souhegan students the experiences and skills he gained as a student teacher, substitute teacher, coach, camp director and accomplished collegiate track athlete.

Robert "Jake" Landry is a Souhegan alumnus who received his degree in anthropology and sociology with an emphasis on educational inequality from Connecticut Col-

lege. After a year as an Americorps volunteer at the Boys and Girls Club of Woburn MA, he comes to Souhegan as a special education paraprofessional. Jake notes that his new position is the "fulfillment of a dream to work at his old high school." Some changes are evident, but he is happy with the opportunity to contribute to what he observes to be "a consistently marvelous group of faculty and students."

Holleigh Tlapa came to Souhegan with a wealth of experience. In her own words she is "Mother to my six children, an advocate for families faced with tragic child circumstances thru the Foundation that I run in memory of my daughter, a survivor to those enduring loss and hardship, a storyteller to the fans of my newspaper column, and an enabler of learning to every child I meet." More specifically, the job at Souhegan has tapped into her Master's Degree in Business Education and professional background in IT sales and marketing. Holleigh has discovered a "wonderful mix of students" through her classes in Marketing, Web Design and Personal Finance and she describes Souhegan staff and students as "friendly and welcoming ... hungry for knowledge and filled with spirit."

Veronica Gallant, new Administrative Assistant to the Dean of Students in the Student Services office, came to Souhegan after working for 13 years in the SAU 87 school district. She started there as a parent volunteer, worked as a paraprofessional and shifted to more administrative tasks in the special education offices. Her professional move brings her closer to her home in Amherst.

All five have integrated into life at Souhegan - they are "newcomers" no more!

Calling Creative Kids!!

PTA Reflections Program: "The world would be a better place if..."

The National PTA Reflections Program provides an opportunity for Amherst students in preschool through grade 8 to create works of art for fun and recognition. This year's theme is "The world would be a better place if..." Students create works in one (or more) of six categories:

- literature
- musical composition
- photography
- visual arts
- dance choreography
- film production

The works will be judged with the top three entries in each category and age group going on to compete at the state level. There is also a Special Artist category. State winners' entries will then continue on

to the national competition.

Last year's theme was "Believe, Dream, Inspire," and students in grades 5-8 participated. Many Amherst students received recognition at the state level including: Lily Batchelder, 1st place - Visual Arts; Hannah Kershaw, Honorable Mention - Visual Arts; Susan Wason, Honorable Mention- Photography; Abigail Tesconi, 3rd place- Literature; and Hannah Kershaw, Honorable Mention- Literature. Lily Batchelder's Visual Arts submission won an Award of Merit at the National level. Only 5 students receive this award at each age level in each art division, so it is quite an honor!

Entry forms and specific criteria for each category are available on New Hampshire PTA's website at www.nhpta.org or from Shaye Hardner. Submissions are due by December 5, 2014. If you have any questions about the program, please contact Shaye Hardner at hokinson_shaye@yahoo.com.

Souhegan Valley Dollars for Scholars Raising College Scholarships

The Souhegan Valley Dollars for Scholars chapter has been raising college scholarship funds for deserving high school and college students of the area for over 50 years. One of the ongoing events is weekly Bingo at the River Card Room at 185 Elm Street in Milford every Tuesday. Come and play to support Dollars for Scholars. The doors open at 5:00 pm and the bingo begins at 6:45. The River Card Room will be giving out \$20 in free play to anyone new and to anyone who brings a friend. Food and beverages are available from the River Bluff Cafe.

The next fundraising event is the Milford High School Annual Theater Production November 20-22nd. Dollars for Scholars runs a bake sale with a large variety of refreshments available prior to the

play and during the intermission. Beverages and baked goods are available for a donation to SVDFS. We hope for the communities generous support.

On December 6 from 8am -2pm the SVDFS hosts the Holiday Craft Fair at Jacques Elementary School on Elm Street Milford. This fair raises funds for John Foss "It's for the Kids" college scholarship. John Foss was the beloved Principal of Jacques School for 11 years. The PTO is hosting the Kringle Cafe. DFS is seeking crafters to rent booths as well as donors of new craft items for the DFS table. Please remember to shop at Jacques School this year to benefit this worthy scholarship fund. For more information on this local nonprofit or to volunteer please visit souheganvalley.dollarsforscholars.org.