

Video Student and Teacher: Anna Waldron and John Ranta

## SHS Student Honored in 2015 NH Student Film Festival

AMHERST – Anna Waldron, a freshman at Souhegan HS, was honored recently when her documentary was named one of twenty winners across New Hampshire to be screened at the 2015 NH Student Film Festival. The Bridge is her video about the bridge replacement project in Amherst on Mack Hill Road. Anna interviewed and filmed residents as they commented on the project and she then edited the material into the six and a half minute final product. The work was all part of her studies in the SHS trimester Video Production class taught by John Ranta. Anna explained that the class appeared on her schedule almost as an accident, but because she had shared an interest in film with her dad, she was open to enrolling. Once in the class, she “fell in love” with art and process of video. She plans to continue her video studies at Souhegan and has also enrolled in a video-themed summer camp. Ranta stated that Anna’s

work in The Bridge “shows a sophistication in technique and story-telling that is quite impressive, especially for a freshman filmmaker. I expect we’ll be hearing a lot about Anna’s work in the future.” View The Bridge at <http://nhstudentfilm.com/> Final awards will be presented at the NH High School Short Film Festival at Red River Theaters in Concord in late May. Launched in 2008 and presented by the New Hampshire Film & Television Office, the New Hampshire High School Short Film Festival has become one of the marquee film festivals in the state, fostering interest in filmmaking, encouraging media arts education in schools, and rewarding future members of the industry for their craft. All films, across many genres, will be judged on the filmmakers’ ability “effectively captivate their audience through the craft and art of cinematic expression.”



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## SHS Honors Coach Bill Dod: 500th Win!

AMHERST – Souhegan took time at the Run for Hope and Senior Project Awards assembly on May 19th to honor a Souhegan legend. Coach William “Bill” Dod was the original SHS Athletic Director and baseball coach. He retired as the AD in June 2008 but continues to coach the baseball team each spring. This year on April 30th, the SHS baseball team won a close game against John Stark High School, marking the 500th win for Coach Dod in a career as baseball coach that started at Sanborn High School in 1968/69. The Souhegan community congratulates Coach Dod for a truly remarkable feat!

## Students in the News continued from page 9

**Ryan Brown** earning a BS in Wildlife & Conservation Biology

**White Graduates from Susquehanna University**

SELINGROVE, PA - Sarah White, of Amherst, graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in graphic design as Susquehanna University closed its 157th academic year with annual commencement exercises on May 10. A 2011 graduate of Souhegan High School, she is the daughter of Mike and Ninette White.

**Worcester Polytechnic Institute Announces 2015 Charles O. Thompson Scholars**

WORCESTER, MA - Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI) has announced the following local students as Charles O. Thompson Scholars for the 2014-15 academic year.

Patrick Fitzgerald of Mont Vernon is a first-year student majoring in mechanical engineering.

**Worcester Polytechnic Institute Announces Spring 2015 Dean's List**

WORCESTER - The following local residents were among 1,166 students from Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI) named to the university's Dean's List for academic excellence for the spring 2015 semester.

Derek Calzada-Mariaca of Amherst is a senior majoring in robotics engineering.

Patrick Fitzgerald of Mont Vernon is a first year student majoring in mechanical engineering.

**Students Named to Colby-Sawyer College Spring 2015 Dean's List**

NEW LONDON - Jane Martina of Amherst was named to the Colby-Sawyer College Spring 2015 Dean's List. To qualify for the Dean's List, students must achieve a grade-point average of 3.50 or higher on a 4.0 scale while carrying a minimum of 12 credit hours in graded courses.

**Paige Craven graduates with Honor from Mount Holyoke College**

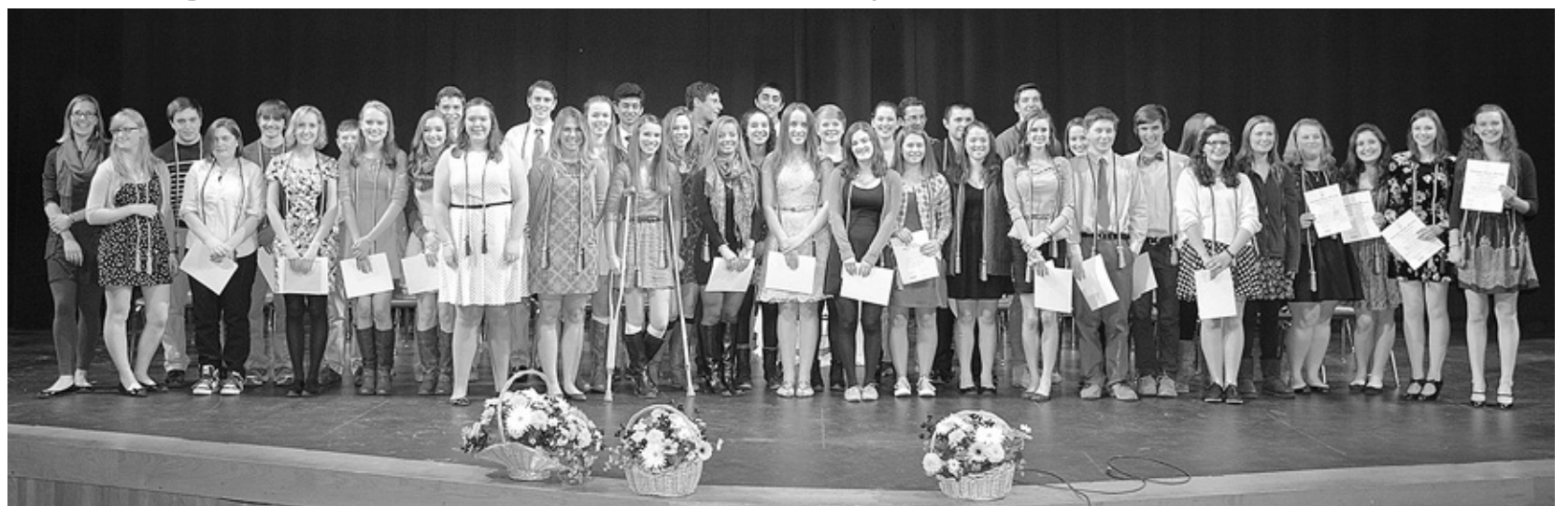
Paige Craven, of Mont Vernon, graduated magna cum laude from Mount Holyoke College May 17, 2015. With double majors in Psychology and Theatre, she completed her B.A. in three years, receiving the Academic Achievement Award for excellence in Psychology; the Sydney Robertson McLean Short Story Prize; and the Margaret Davis Stitt Prize for excellence in the field of dramatic arts.

**Bucknell University Students Inducted Into Honor Societies**

LEWISBURG, PA - The following undergraduate student from Bucknell University is now a member of honor societies.

Morgan Pagliocco of Amherst, a graduate of Groton School, is now

# Souhegan National Honor Society Inducts New Members



AMHERST – The Souhegan National Honor Society inducted its new members in a ceremony marked by ritual and individualization on the evening March 12th in the SHS theater. The rituals of lighting candles, reciting pledges as well as the awarding of certificates, pins and the blue & gold cords are performed at many schools. All honor scholarship, leadership, community service and character. Most call on a faculty member to speak, and SHS teacher Kevin Proctor did not disappoint with amusing anecdotes amid his message of recognition and empowerment. However, Souhegan individualizes each induction by calling on a current NHS member to describe the candidate. That member is often an older sibling, a good friend, a team-

mate or someone else who can personally speak to the qualifications of the inductee. Affection and humor as well as respect are evident in each introduction. SHS NHS vice president Anna Sparks commented that they strove to “highlight the best part of each person.”

An introduction by Principal Rob Scully, inspirational readings by the SHS NHS officers, music by Souhegan students and a congratulatory cake completed the celebration.

The following students were inducted into the SHS National Honor Society: Joshua Anson, Alana Barretto, Alison Bowman, Ivy Buxton, Abigail Christensen, Callie Cinque, Gabriel Cruz, Alexandra Cullen, Elizabeth Darnall, Frances Darnall, Emily Dubois, Victoria Dyer, Julia Emery, Lindsay Evans, Anna Far-

row, Nicholas Fichtner, Raju Gandhi, Rosie Garvey, Hannah Gillis, Dylan Goldberg, Emma Johansen, Jeffrey Johansen, Meaghan Kalinowski, Blake Karavas, James Kibbie, Amy Lambert, Jessica Lapsley, Sarah Lowell, Elizabeth Maloney, Ely Marciano, Meghan McKnight, Meghan Murphy, Emma Naprta, Ibaad Nazeer, Rylee Noorda, Valeria Podobniy, Matthew Saunders, Abigail Schulte, Jennifer Schwager, Emily Shaw, Gregory Sopper, Caitlin Watson, Alexander Williams and Morgan Zifchak (photo).

Current Members include the following: President George Lepage, Vice President Anna Sparks, Secretary/Treasurer Kali Mondor, Community Service Coordinator Emma Fleurette; Kaley Ahern, Katherine Almeida, Madison Angulas, Eryn

Bardsley, Jessica Barlow, Samantha Beaudry, Alexander Bedard, Sydney Bertrand, Moriah Calfin, Meghan Camello, Devon Casey, Jordan Catanoso, Kiley Charbonneau, Hannah Culver, Dean DeFilippo, Stefan DeShazo, Olivia Duval, Charlotte Dyer, Kathleen Foley, Jarod George, Alexander Girard, Dakota Hamele, Katherine Heaney, Rose Hegfield, Matthew Hopfensperger, Alison Hull, Jasper Jones, Lauren Kaltsas, Hannah Kenney, Courtney Kenny, Seth Learned, Alyssa Lederhos, Alexander Maresco, Lauren McCormick, Natalie Nelson, Patrick Noble, Rebecca O'Dowd, Melissa Paladino, Jackson Pollio, Molly Reagan, Gabrielle Sellers, Bidisha Sen, Anna Smith, Steven Upton, Andrew Winter, Erin Woods, Haven Young and Teigue Young.

## Induction Ceremony for Foreign Language Honor Society



Front row: Stevie Upton, Natalie Nelson, Kaitlin Watson, Hallie Parenteau, Bidisha Sen, Hannah Culver, Anna Sparks, Dylan Goldberg; Back Row: Lindsey Evans, Rosie Garvey, Hannah Gillis, Abby Schulte, Sara Birse, Kyra Parenteau, Morgan Zifchak, Abigail Powers, Emma Johansen, Emily Shaw, Alex Cullen, Victoria Dyer, Jessica Lapsley, Kali Mondor

AMHERST – Souhegan HS held the induction ceremony for the foreign language honor societies on April 21st. The annual occasion was the 6th induction for the Spanish Honor Society and the 2nd induction for the French Honor Society at Souhegan. Both groups recognize “high achievement in foreign language by students of secondary schools and promote continuity of interest in foreign language studies.” Congratulations to the new members

## SHS Senior Projects 2015

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AMHERST – Senior Project days on May 18th and 19th at Souhegan High School were noteworthy. Seniors still presented an interest or passion in which they did research, consulted with an outside expert, did an applied piece and checked in with a mentor and supervising panel throughout their investigation. But their presentations were all scheduled over just seven time slots and were the school's program of study for a day and a half. Students and faculty, family and community members were all able to select and engage in the full schedule of presentations. Senior Project Coordinators Kathy Maddock and Ryan Lemieux noted, “Our celebration of Senior Projects was wonderful. We witnessed a true community event

in which the entire school--in combination with parents and siblings and community members--came together to recognize the outstanding work that this year's senior class has completed.” The new format created new challenges in scheduling and technology in order to accommodate and support all the presenters but “energy and excitement filled the hallways and classrooms and reminded us of the excellent work that Souhegan's graduating seniors are capable of.”

Many seniors were recognized in the following areas: Personal Growth – Jacqueline Brogioli, Sandrine Corbinand, Meghan Downey, Kyler Dustin, James Egersheim, Matthew Field, Jonathan Giordano, Dakota Hamele, Kaylin Johnson,

Jasper Jones, Sarah Lafleur, Molly McCarty, Linnea McGinness, Olivia Ouellette-Falkenstein, Paige Ryan, Viktoriya Sousa, Alexandre Thenin, Brandon Ward; Passion – John Bowler, Tyler Chevez-Dion, Nathan Dinwoodie, Taylor Farrow, Hannah Kenney, Ethan Pike, Jessica Rettig, Sarah Riggins, Gabrielle Sellers, Anna Sparks, Ryan Stimpert; Outstanding Community Service – Hannah Culver, Stephanie Kimmer, Lauren McCormick, Melissa Paladino, Jackson Pollio, Molly Reagan, Michael Robicheau; Honors – Meghan Camello, Olivia Duval, Charlotte Dyer, Alexander Girard, Kees Grondstra, Alison Haigh, Natalie Nelson, James Egersheim, Nicholas Orr, Emil Schroettng, Brendan Sileo, Andrew Winter,

Erin Woods, Nicole Zheng; Excellence in Research – Noah Penkacik, Hannah Whitney; Excellence in Presentation – Kiley Charbonneau, Katherine Heaney, Alison Hull, Kole Nunley, Anna Smith, Steven Upton; Excellence in Applied Research – Callie Anderson, Eryn Bardsley, Cameron Cashman, Dean DeFilippo, Shelby Desmarais, Kathleen Foley, Jarod George, Courtney Kenny, Brian Mitchell, Nathan Shipley; Creativity – Kaitlin Bryant, Lauren Kaltsas, Tyler Mazza, Jacob Sipos.

Some of the members of the SHS Class of 2015 who were recognized for excellence in their senior projects celebrate at the Run for Hope/Senior Project assembly.

a member of Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society.

**Students Named to the Univ. of Vermont Dean's List**

BURLINGTON, VT - To be named to the dean's list, students must have a grade-point average of 3.0 or better and rank in the top 20 percent of their class in their respective college or school.

Michelle R Goldsmith of Amherst is a Senior Secondary Education English major.

Rebecca D Mirhashem of Mont Vernon is a First-year Psychological Science major.

Kyle W Robertson of Amherst is a Senior Physics major.

**Local Students Earn Degrees from the University of Vermont**

BURLINGTON, VT - Some 2,975 students were awarded a variety of degrees -- undergraduate, graduate and M.D. -- during the University of Vermont's 214th commencement ceremonies on May 17. A list of local students and the degree earned by each follows:

Michelle Goldsmith of Amherst graduated Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science in Education degree in Secondary Education English from the College of Education & So-

cial Services

Andrew Perez of Amherst graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Biochemistry from the College of Arts & Sciences

Kyle Robertson of Amherst graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Physics from the College of Arts & Sciences

**Local Student Inducted into Honor Society**

Michael Cinque, Souhegan High School Class of 2011, was inducted into the Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society shortly before graduating summa cum laude from The University of Connecticut, Storrs, Ct,

on May 10th, 2015.

The Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society recognizes outstanding academic achievement for students who pursue a broad program of study in the liberal arts and sciences. Cinque received a Bachelor of Arts degree in History and Economics and will remain at The University of Connecticut next year to earn his Masters Degree in Public Administration while completing an internship with the Connecticut General Assembly's Office of Fiscal Analysis in Hartford, Ct.