

Schools

SHS's Chris Brooks Honored by NHHC



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40 Over 40, including Chris Brooks of Souhegan High School, are honored by the New Hampshire Humanities Council.

Chris Brooks, teacher at Souhegan High School, was one of 40 honorees chosen by the New Hampshire Humanities Council for their demonstration of what it means "to create, teach, lead, assist and encourage human understanding." The NHHC took the occasion of their 40th anniversary to celebrate 40 over 40 at an event held on June 16th at the Grappone Center in Concord.

Honorees were selected by a distinguished panel of state leaders after a comprehensive nomination process. The 40 included journalists, philanthropists, authors, filmmakers, local program organizers, civic leaders, volunteers and philanthropists. Among them were authors Dan Brown &

Tomie dePaola, filmmaker Ken Burns, and former US poet laureates Donald Hall and Charles Simic. Chris Brooks was one of three educators honored.

Here is an excerpt from the New Hampshire Humanities Council website (www.nhhc.org/): "A passionate educator, Chris Brooks empowers students to become better citizens and informed thinkers. As a high school ethics teacher and college philosophy instructor, Chris has developed curriculum and programs that have inspired countless young people to carry better questions and ideas into their classrooms, communi-

ties, and workplaces. In 2009, he and his Souhegan students started HYPE (Hosting Young Philosophy Enthusiasts), a conference proposed to engage students from around the state in Socratic dialogue. That year, 110 students attended. This year, HYPE hosted 720 students from across NH and Maine. 'Everywhere I go,' his nominator said, 'when someone hears that our daughters went to Souhegan High School, a frequent question is, 'Did she have Chris Brooks for Ethics?' 'Yes!' I reply. 'And don't we wish every school in the nation had a Chris Brooks?'

Chris's teaching somehow relays the timelessness and urgency of asking essential human questions. He respects the capacities of every student to grasp the questions, and think through the consequences of embodying them. In the students' parlance, 'hero' and 'Chris Brooks' are synonyms, so this honor is an expression of gratitude that such a teacher returns to the public classroom year after year."

During opening remarks at the reception, Governor Maggie Hassan noted that humanities strengthen the state, and described humanities as a "spirit that connects us. It is as strong as the spirit that makes us individuals." Personally, Chris Brooks expressed what many other of the 40 over 40 felt, "I am humbled by the company I am keeping among the honorees, so many of na-

Pieper, Andrew J.
Powers, Abigail G.
Reddy, Meghana A.
Redway, Anna M.
Rego, Mary M.
Saunders, Siobhan E.
Speer, Samantha M.
Stankiewicz, Ryan J.
Tobin, Anna L.
Towle, Ryan C.
Upton, Jake F.
Whitney, Andrew J.
GRADE 11
Barretto, Alana P.
Christensen, Abigail A.
Cinque, Callie I.
Darnall, Frances K.
Dyer, Victoria S.
Evans, Lindsay N.
Gandhi, Raju R.
Goldberg, Dylan J.
Johansen, Jeffrey P.
Kalinowski, Meaghan C.
Marciano, Ely J.
Napra, Emma A.
Noorda, Rylee A.
Oates, Daniel B.
Saunders, Matthew J.
Schulte, Abigail M.
Zampella, Robert J.
Zifchak, Morgan L.
GRADE 12
Charbonneau, Kiley A.
Duval, Olivia T.
Heaney, Katherine G.
Kenney, Hannah C.
Kenney, Courtney J.
Kolb, Eric D.
McCormick, Lauren E.
Sen, Bidisha
Upton, Steven A.

High Honors

GRADE 9
Adams, Seth K.
Barry, Cayley N.
Coppola, Caterina N.
Culver, Marlana M.
Drew, Brittany A.
Frost, Thomas J.



Governor Maggie Hassan addresses the 40 Over 40 honorees, and others gathered at the reception held by the New Hampshire Humanities Council.

tional, even international renown. It is inspiring to be included."

Chris Brooks teaches fulltime at Souhegan "because I love this place." He also is a part-time professor at Northeastern University and Granite State College where his courses include "Leadership & Ethics," and at Merrimack College and the New Hampshire Institute of Art teaching classes on philosophy. Chris especially enjoys the mix of students at the colleges, in-

cluding those from many different foreign countries. "They bring so many perspectives to the discussion and motivate me to bring back even more to my high school students." Chris is currently one of the instructors of the Souhegan Summer Institute, an intensive two-week summer program he co-founded in 1999 and which continues to engage students in the study of intriguing topics via a seminar format.

Georgoulakos, Jacob C.
Husainy, Sofia L.
Jasnowski, Emmeline S.
Jillson, Cassandra R.
Kershaw, Hannah E.
McCool, Erin M.
Meador, Alexandra M.
Quinn, Ryan A.
Reitter, Alissa K.
Roberts, Jacob N.
Row, Kaileigh E.
Taylor, Kathleen E.
Walker, Marissa A.
White, Emma M.
GRADE 10
Aiello, Tucker J.
Castell, Kaitlin R.
Cavanaugh, Claudia M.
Chamberlain, Nathaniel W.
Earley, Shannon A.
Farnham, Faith M.
French, Sydney E.
George, Spencer J.
Hill, Ryan P.
Katsigianis, Matthew C.
Lipkin, Thomas W.
McCann, Katherine E.
Nikolenko, Sophia A.
Purvis, Elizabeth A.
Robinson, Thomas J.
Sullivan, Lillian K.
Unger, Julia A.
Vogt, Marco
Yabroud, Hailey E.
GRADE 11
Anson, Joshua C.
Birse, Sara A.
Bowman, Alison D.
Carlen, Samantha L.
Dubois, Emily A.
Forster, Peter M.
Gillis, Hannah R.
Johansen, Emma F.
Kibbie, James W.
Lapsley, Jessica G.
Shaw, Emily R.
Silvia-Chandley, Elizabeth
Sopper, Gregory R.
Watson, Caitlin
Williams, Alexander N.

GRADE 12
Camello, Meghan L.
Catanuso, Jordan R.
Culver, Hannah E.
Hopfenspirger, Matthew P.
Maresco, Alexander P.
McGinness, Linnea N.
Shi, Sa
Winter, Andrew J.
Young, Haven M.
Young, Teigue R.

Honor Roll
GRADE 9
Angulas, Grace E.
Anton, Isabella L.
Barretto, Madalyn A.
Beane, Bridget C.
Blume, Isabel J.
Camello, Jamie L.
Carbery, Isabel A.
Chamberlain, Mallory S.
Clay, Kristina F.
Cobb, Ethan C.
Cohen, Hannah E.
Cranney, Abigail G.
Dickinson, Kaylyn E.
Doiron, Sophie A.
Field, Melissa E.
Fluet, Zoe J.
Greany, Matthew J.
Griffin, Kaitlin E.
Hamele, Dayton S.
Heaney, Brian P.
Hickey, Ryan M.
Hopfenspirger, Jacob R.
Horrocks, David T.
Humphries, Bryony D.
Jay, Samantha L.
Johnson, Sean M.
Jones, Montague B.
Lapsley, Matthew J.
Lindsey, Kate E.
Lupoli, Teresa M.
Marder, Samuel A.
Mason, Steven B.
McNally, Jennifer R.
Meador, Rachel K.
Movassaghi, Cyrus H.
Nassiopoulos, Christos

North, Mary E.
Pike, Hannah E.
Rawitscher, Hannah N.
Rendall, McKenzie J.
Richards, Ethan B.
Robinson, McKenzie L.
Schmidt, Samantha A.
Severini, Serena M.
Shipley, Ryan H.
Shortt, Genevive N.
Vordenberg, Christa G.
Wason, Anna E.
Zifchak, Matthew J.
GRADE 10
Ames, Loren K.
Boehm, Ryan D.
Boulduc, Zachary A.
Bossi, Kara Y.
Boyea, Madeleine M.
Carlson, George E.
Carpenter, Heather E.
Chistolini, Matthew K.
D'Auteuil, Andrew L.
Desborough, Brenna L.
Dunlap, Jacob T.
Durling, Nicholas
Eastland, Sarah I.
Fischer, Meghan E.
Hagerstrom, Lindsey M.
Hoerhold, Jacob C.
Johnson, Casey L.
Johnson, Timothy M.
Johnson, Adriana T.
LaCombe, Samantha J.
Latulippe, Shawn E.
LePage, Tara M.
Lohnes, Ellie J.
Lunati, Gabriella M.
Mastergeorge, John D.
McCool, Lindsay K.
Mendola, Julia
Miller, Lindsey R.
Mullens, Olivia N.
Osterholtz, Kathryn E.
Patt, Camden B.
Rallis, Quinn B.
Rocco, Michael P.
Schweizer, Sarah H.
Swartz, Zachary
Thenin, Anais M.
Trzepacz, Ethan D.

GRADE 11
Alger, Cassidy J.
Bannon, Samuel J.
Camplin, Hannah N.
Cates, Jaimie L.
Chick, Hannah M.
Christopher, Cole J.
Cullen, Alexandra B.
Darnall, Elizabeth C.
Defranco, Alexandria E.
Dutile, Robert A.
Ehrenstein, Jorick L.
Emery, Julia M.
Fichtner, Nicholas J.
Foley, Claire M.
Garvey, Rosie
Grassett, Joseph O.
Johnson, Hailey N.
Karavas, Blake T.
Lewis, Emily A.
Lowell, Sarah C.
Maloney, Elizabeth A.
McAuley, Erik P.
Parenteau, Hallie R.
Parenteau, Kyra J.
Peterson, Rebecca A.
Rees, Ronald S.
Rondeau, Kathryn E.
Thibeault, Cora W.
Wieczerszak, David F.
GRADE 12
Ahern, Kaley G.
Almeida, Katherine G.
Angulas, Madison B.
Bardsley, Eryn H.
Beaudry, Samantha R.
Bertrand, Sydney A.
Field, Matthew R.
Fleurette, Emma C.
Foley, Kathleen L.
George, Jarod D.
Hamele, Dakota S.
Hegfield, Rose W.
LePage, George M.
Nelson, Natalie J.
Orr, Nicholas P.
Pelaez Arosa, Marta
Pollio, Jackson D.
Sileo, Brendan T.
Striebel, Joshua A.

Attention Graduates Class of 2010

Cumulative folders are available to graduates of the Class of 2010. They can be picked up in Student Services between 7:00 AM and 2:00 PM. Please call ahead (673-9940 ext. 5308 or 5309) so that your cum folder will be available when you arrive. All folders not claimed by Monday, August 3rd will be destroyed.

From the Office of The Superintendent of Schools SAU 39

Dear Parents, students and community members of Amherst and Mont Vernon:



After an unusual New Hampshire winter, we all look to the warmth and sunshine of the next few months. Enjoy this treasured time with your family and friends.

On July 1st, I begin my 5th year as your school superintendent. I am assisted by my talented colleagues and staff, committed board members, supportive communities, and inspiring students.

I am most thankful for this support and expertise, and I am honored to be here.

AN INVITATION

PLEASE JOIN ME at Souhegan High School at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 27th as I present the important strategic planning work of our school boards. This strategic visioning is an extraordinary exploration of ideas and thoughts that will inform the work of our districts over the next 3-5 years. I hope to see you there. There will be time for audience feedback and questions.

A THOUGHT ABOUT COST

Big decisions aren't black and white! Big decisions are complex, deep, and beg for a solution to a problem created over time.

Board members and I recognize that there is a cost problem. And, while we will continue to provide the best learning opportunities for our students, we are very much aligned and committed to lowering costs.

AN IDEA YOU WILL BE HEARING MORE ABOUT

Our investment in our students does not end when they graduate. As part of our Strategic Plan, we will be launching an Outreach Program to connect with graduates around the world, to collect their thoughts and suggestions about their experiences in our school system, and to hear about the ever-changing world job market and economy.

Sincerely,
Peter Warburton,
Superintendent of Schools

American Red Cross and Souhegan High School Blood Drive on July 3rd

During this past winter, dozens of blood drives were cancelled all across the Northeast. Hundreds, if not thousands of potential pints of blood could not be donated due to the large amount of snow. Blood is constantly needed and is much appreciated by generous donors. That is why Souhegan High School and the American Red Cross have teamed up and set up a blood drive on July 3rd from 8am to 3pm. It is a great way to celebrate America's

independence and pride by helping out through giving blood. Anyone who donates blood will receive tickets to the Fisher Cats along with an American Red Cross hat. Donating blood is one of the most courteous and impactful choice anyone will make in their life. Every two seconds someone is need of blood in the United States. Please join The American Red Cross and Souhegan High School on saving lives.

AMS Soccer Coach

Amherst Middle School has an opening for girls soccer coach. Season begins on August 31 and ends in mid October. If interested please contact Athletic Director Jeff Wing by email at jwing@sprise.com.

Souhegan High School – Third Trimester Honor Roll 2015

Highest Honors

GRADE 9
Bertrand, Chloe L.
Cashman, Olivia M.
Charest, Julia C.
Chen, Melody Y.
Dancoes, Zachary A.
DeChambeau, Kathryn D.
Dix, Margaret K.
Freud, Olivia R.
Giannakopoulos, Katherine
Greenwood, Elizabeth C.
Henry, Lucas W.
Hollister, Katherine W.
Lambert, Elise M.
Leighton, Jane M.
Len, Mia G.
Mazur, Harrison L.
Meador, Kristin M.
Oehler, Sophie A.
Parrott, Hannah M.
Pehowski, Dawson J.
Pray, Emilie M.
Schulte, Anna J.
Tesconi, Abigail R.
Waldron, Anna K.
White, Teresa D.
GRADE 10
Amrein, Jonathon J.
Apiki, Julia D.
Ballantyne, Abigail R.
Beaudry, Hannah C.
Burnley, Alexander P.
Burnley, Daniel F.
Cohen, Naomi R.
Colby, Madison E.
Driscoll, Timothy J.
Fortier, Heather A.
Gainor, Laura M.
Greany, Mitchell J.
Green, Sophia G.
Grudzien, Emily R.
Hensley, Ilana M.
Hunt, Madeleine G.
Infanti, Ariana M.
King, Abigail R.
Loose, Emily A.
Maurais, Madeline J.
Noble, Eleanor B.
O'Brien, Kevin M.