

## School News



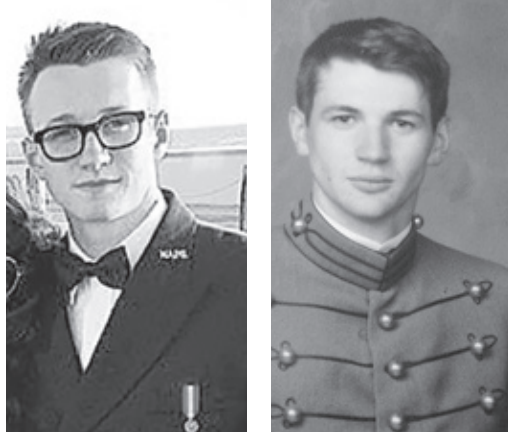
### Souhegan HS Honors Retirees

Three retiring Souhegan High School educators were celebrated at a gathering at Giorgio's Restaurant in late May. They are Pat McMullen (music teacher, 18 years), Bob Rotier (physics/engineering teacher, 12 years) and Janet Von Handorf (learning specialist, 16 years).

### Amherst Native Enters Class of 2019 at U.S. Naval Academy

ANNAPOLIS, MD - July 2015, a graduate of Souhegan High School in 2014, Benjamin DeForest will be inducted into the Naval Academy Class of 2019 on July 1st and will begin six challenging weeks of basic midshipman training as part of Plebe Summer.

During this time, plebes have no access to television, movies, internet or music and restricted access to cell phones. The pressure of Plebe Summer is designed to help plebes prepare for their first academic year at the Naval Academy and the four years of challenge which awaits them. Ben is the son of Ann and Bert DeForest, USMA class of 1990.



Benjamin DeForest Bert DeForest

### West Point Announces Dean's List

Bert DeForest, a graduate of Souhegan High School class 2012 is a member of the U.S. Military Academy, Class of 2016. Bert was awarded the Dean's list at West

Point all year. He is a senior majoring in math, operational research. He will be going to Korea this summer for four weeks of training. He is the son of Ann and Bert DeForest, USMA class of 1990.

### The Derryfield School Graduates of 2015

MANCHESTER – Nicole Taylor Anthony, daughter of Michael and Debra Anthony of Amherst graduated from The Derryfield School with distinction, and will be attending Bowdoin College in the fall. A member of the National Honor Society and talented athlete, Nicole competed on Varsity Cross Country and Cross Country Skiing receiving a Scholar Athlete award from the NH Athletic Director Association her senior year. Ms. Anthony, an active member of The Derryfield community, served as President of the Key Club, a tutor for Breakthrough Manchester, and volunteered with the Special Olympics. Nicole also completed an Independent Senior Project in Shenzhen, China studying product development and manufacturing.

Samantha Eileen Carbery, daughter of Timothy and Sandra Carbery of Amherst graduated from The Derryfield School and will be attending New York University's Tisch School of the Arts this fall. Active in the performing and visual arts throughout her high school career, Samantha was a member of the

select chorus, Encore, and a capella group, Polyphany. Ms. Carbery showcased her love and acumen as an actor being cast in numerous productions including Beauty and the Beast and Lend Me a Tenor. Samantha served as an editor for The School's scholarly publication, Pinnacle, and newspaper, The Lamplighter.

John "Johnny" Patrick Cissel, son of Robert and Betsy Cissel of Amherst graduated from The Derryfield School last week. An accomplished athlete, Mr. Cissel received the Class of 1970 Award for Tennis both his junior and senior years in which time he served as the Captain. Johnny's positive spirit combined with his natural leadership abilities helped the team clinch the DII State Championship in 2014. The following year, Johnny also showed prowess on the golf course, qualifying for the State Individual Championship. Mr. Cissel served as the Co-Secretary General of Model UN club, an experience that helped prepare him for his studies in Economics and Chinese at Connecticut College. Johnny's

contributions extended beyond The Derryfield School as he was an active participant in the Senior High Youth Group at the Amherst Congregational Church.

James Krueger O'Brien, son of Edward and Andrea O'Brien of Amherst graduated from The Derryfield School and will be attending Colby College in the fall. An accomplished scholar and athlete, James was a member of the National Honor Society and awarded the NH All State for Division III Lacrosse three consecutive years. He was also named the All State Offensive Player of the Year and Academic All-American. While at The Derryfield, James participated in a myriad of clubs and activities including serving as a delegate for the Model UN, a staff writer for *The Lamplighter*, a tour guide for Admission, and member of the Mock Trial Club and Math team. Mr. O'Brien believed in service beyond self, spending two spring breaks building homes with Habitat for Humanity.

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### Students in the News

#### Class of 2015 graduates from Union College

SCHENECTADY, NY - Members of the Union College Class of 2015 received their diplomas Sunday, June 14. About 500 students received their degrees at the College's 221st Commencement on Hull Plaza.

Douglas Lens of Amherst graduated cum laude with a Bachelor of Science degree, majoring in Neuroscience.

#### Emmanuel College Announces Spring 2015 Dean's List

BOSTON, MA - In honor of their outstanding academic achievement, Emmanuel College has named more than 500 students to the Dean's List for the Spring 2015 semester. To earn a spot on the Dean's List, Emmanuel students must achieve a grade point average of 3.5 or higher for a 16-credit semester. The following local students were recognized:

Meghan Farley of Amherst  
Victoria Glavin of Amherst  
Kirsten Piotrowski of Amherst  
Paige Southworth of Amherst

#### Hofstra Congratulates Local Students on Spring 2015 Dean's List

HEMPSTEAD, NY - Hofstra University congratulates the students named to the Spring 2015 Dean's List for their outstanding academic achievement. Students must earn a grade point average of at least 3.5 during the semester to make the Dean's List.

Among the local students who earned a spot on the Dean's List were:

Miranda Desrochers of Amherst.

#### Amherst Resident Graduates from Salve Regina University

NEWPORT, R.I. – The following hometown resident graduated from Salve Regina University on Sunday, May 17.

Kelsey Knight of Amherst graduated with a bachelor of arts in Studio Art.

#### The Williston Northampton School Announces Local Honor Roll Student

EASTHAMPTON, MA - The Williston Northampton School announces that the following student made the Honor Roll for the third trimester of the 2014-15 academic year. Congratulations to Jasmin Movassaghi of Amherst who is a member of the Class of 2016, on achieving High Honors.

Students earning High Honors are required to earn a grade point average of 92. Students earning Honors are required to earn a grade point average of 87.

#### Local Student Named to Assumption College's Spring 2015 Dean's List

WORCESTER, MA - Recognizing outstanding student academic achievement, Assumption College has named 549 students to the undergraduate Dean's List for the fall 2014 semester. To earn a spot on the Dean's List, Assumption students must achieve a grade point average of 3.5 for a five-class, 15-credit semester.

The following student was named to the spring 2015 Dean's List:

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### Dr. Avalon Mertens Starts Residency at Christiana Care in Delaware

Avalon Mertens, a 2005 graduate of Souhegan High School, has graduated with Honors from Nova Southeastern University College of Osteopathic Medicine. She graduated in the top five percent of her class. She is starting a four year medicine/pediatrics dual residency at Christiana Care in Delaware. Her parents, Penelope and Robert Mertens of Amherst, are just so proud of her!

Kaitlin Henry of Mont Vernon a member of the class of 2016.

#### Local Students Graduate from Assumption College

WORCESTER, MA Assumption College's 98th Commencement ceremony was held May 16 on the campus's H.L. Rocheleau Field, where 455 Bachelor of Arts degrees; 195 graduate studies degrees (Master of Arts and Master of Business Administration) and certificates; and 41 Continuing and Career Education degrees (Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Business Administration, Bachelor of Science, and associates) were awarded.

The following local students were awarded Bachelor's degrees:

Colin Cray of Amherst graduated with a major in Global Studies: World Environmental Concentration and a double minor in Geography and Management.  
Colin Ginnard of Amherst graduated with a major in Organizational Communication.

#### DiBona Graduates with Doctorate of Physical Therapy

Matthew D. DiBona of Amherst received a Doctorate of Physical Therapy from UMass-Lowell, School of Health Sciences, on May 16th. Matthew was also the recipient of a Department of Physical

Therapy Clinical Excellence Award. He earned a B.S. degree in Exercise Physiology, Magna Cum Laude, from UMass-Lowell in 2012 and was a 2007 graduate of Souhegan High School.

#### Local Residents Named To Spring 2015 Dean's List At Stonehill College

EASTON, MA - The following local residents were named to the Spring 2015 Dean's List at Stonehill College.

Meghan Bedard of Amherst  
Shaunna Barry of Amherst

To qualify for the Dean's List, 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.

#### Area Resident Named to Dean's List at Providence College

PROVIDENCE, RI - The following resident has been named to the Dean's List at Providence College for the Spring 2015 semester:

Graham Cox of Mont Vernon and a member of the class of 2016.

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