



# BUHS NEWSLETTER

May/June 2016

## Congratulations Class of 2016! Valedictorian and Salutatorian



Left to Right: Assistant Principal Andrew Haas  
Valedictorian Claire Thomas and Salutatorian Gideon May  
Counselor Deb Valliere

BUHS is honored to announce that **Claire Thomas** of East Dummerston is the Valedictorian for the Class of 2016. Claire is the daughter of Philip and Katalin Thomas. Claire will be attending the University of Chicago in the fall. Our Salutatorian is **Gideon May** of Brattleboro. Gideon is the son of Peter May and Victoria Chertok and will be attending Tufts University. Both of these students are exceptional students, but also excel in band and other extracurricular pursuits as well. Claire and Gideon certainly represent our school with distinction and will continue to do so in the future as alumni from the Class of 2016.

### End of Year

We are rapidly approaching the end of the 2015-2016 school year. This is a time of great excitement for our seniors and their families, and we hope that everyone has an enjoyable and safe graduation season. Graduation is a popular time for parties and these parties are well deserved celebrations of many years of school. Please remind your student and your party guests to celebrate safely.

### Smarter Balanced Testing

Thank you to our outstanding junior class for the strong effort they put forth during this year's administration of the Smarter Balanced Assessments, and thank you to all junior class parents who supported our efforts to create an effective testing environment. Our staff also worked extremely hard to support the juniors. While we have not received test results, we've heard from students and staff that the new testing format was much less disruptive for the entire school community.

### END OF YEAR SCHEDULE

- Monday, June 6th **Underclassmen Awards Ceremony**  
Block 1 in the gym-NO Block 1 classes  
Seniors should report to school after block 1
- Thursday, June 9th Last day of classes
- Friday, June 10th **Final Exams**
- Sunday, June 12th **Baccalaureate** at 7:00 p.m. in the BAMS Courtyard or BAMS MPR
- Monday, June 13th **Final Exams**
- Tuesday, June 14th **Final Exams Make-Up**
- Wednesday, June 15th Senior marching practice 9:00 a.m. until finished
- Thursday, June 16th Senior marching practice 9:00 a.m. until finished  
Distribution of **caps and gowns** after marching practice (bring \$20 cash or check payable to Balfour)  
**Senior Awards Night** at 7:00 p.m. in the Auditorium
- Friday, June 17th Senior marching practice 9:00 a.m. until finished. Distribution of **tickets** after marching practice  
**Graduation** at 6:30 p.m. on Natowich Field. Seniors should arrive by 5:45 p.m.

### FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE

**Students will need to be in school only for their scheduled exams.** Students who must remain in school to wait for a ride may sit in the cafeteria or study quietly in the library, but may not be in the halls. The schedules in parentheses ( ) are for students with block classes scheduled every other day.

#### Friday, June 10th

- 8:45-10:10 Block 1 and Period 1 (Purple Days block 1)
- 10:25-11:50 Block 2 and Period 3 (Purple Days block 2)
- 11:50-12:20 Lunch
- 12:20-1:45 Period 2 (White Days block 1)
- 1:55-3:20 Period 4 (White Days block 2)

#### Monday, June 13th

- 8:45-10:10 Block 3 and Period 5 (Purple Days block 3)
- 10:25-11:50 Block 4 and Period 8 (Purple Days block 4)
- 11:50-12:20 Lunch
- 12:20-1:45 Period 6 (White Days block 3)
- 1:55-3:20 Period 9 (White Days block 4)

#### Tuesday, June 14th

Make-up day by appointment

**Students will not be dismissed from examination rooms until the end of each exam period. We expect students to attend their final exams as scheduled. A request to take a final exam at an alternate time requires the approval of the Assistant Principal of the student's House Office.**

## Important Dates at BUHS

### May

6	Diversity Day
7	SAT
9-10	NECAP Science Testing
11	Activity Day
13	Progress Reports Mailed
25	Pops Concert
30	NÓ SCHOOL-Memorial Day

### June

3	Independent Study Proposals Due for 2016-2017
4	SAT
10	Final Exams
11	ACT
12	Baccalaureate
13	Final Exams
14	Final Exams Make-Up Day
16	Senior Awards
17	GRADUATION

## News from the Colonel Yearbook Staff

We did it! The 2016 Colonel yearbook is completed and at the publishers. We expect the books to arrive and be distributed at BUHS in late May. Anyone who has preordered a book may receive their book at that time. Anyone who has not preordered a book may purchase one of the "extra" books that have been ordered on a first come basis for \$50. An email notice will be sent to all BUHS students when the books arrive and are ready to be distributed.



## Boys and Girls Club of America

Pictured is BUHS student **Jordan Baldwin-Page**, with Governor Peter Shumlin. Jordan has been selected to represent the State of Vermont in the northeast regional Youth of the Year competition in New York City this summer. As the Youth of the Year for the Boys & Girls Club of Brattleboro, Jordan is recognized for her sound character, leadership skills and willingness to give back to the community.



## January 2016 Elks Students of the Month

*Nathaniel Snell  
Bethany Martin  
Amanda Goodnow  
Payton Lawrence*



## February 2016 Elks Students of the Month

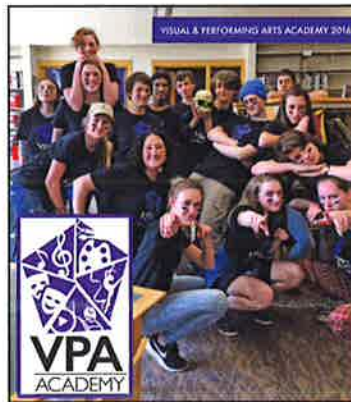
*Ivy Young  
Sarah Forreth*

## Visual and Performing Arts Academy Update

Spring is in the air and so are the sweet melodies of students in the Visual and Performing Arts Academy. Currently, there are 15 BUHS students enrolled in the Academy. Students in the theater strand continue their community work in local productions. Recently, **Cassandra Dunn** began working with the VT Theater Company. **Serena Pellerin** won two People's Choice Awards for her ceramic art in the Student Art Month show at the River Gallery School. Circus artist **Riley Beard Sullivan** continues to challenge herself on new aerial apparatus at the NE Center for Circus Arts. **Ankita Bhanot**, Fine Arts strand with a concentration in fashion design, recently returned from a trip to India with her family and plans to use these influences to create fashion art for the upcoming BUHS Fashion and Sculpture show in May. Email Karen Trenosky at [ktrenosky@wsesu.org](mailto:ktrenosky@wsesu.org) if you have questions about the application process. Keep up the great work!

## Mrs. Trenosky's Advisory

On April 25th, the Visual and Performing Arts Academy students teamed up to compete in the Advisory Olympics.



*Karen Trenosky, Advisor  
Lucy Congleton; Riley Beard  
Sullivan; Madden Beard Sullivan;  
Serena Pellerin; Ankita Bhanot;  
Colin Costa-Walsh; Cayden  
Learey; Mycroft Stone; Hyim Savel;  
Sarah Gallagher; Mercer Wyse;  
Cassandra Dunn; Paxton Angell;  
Amelia Graff; Colette Anton*

## Dress Code

As the weather eventually warms, families should take a moment to review the BUHS dress code. Students should be comfortable in the warmer weather, but please remember that school is a work and learning environment. What we wear socially may not be appropriate for BUHS. The full BUHS dress code is located in the student handbook and also online at the BUHS website.



## Above the Influence-Annual Car Wash

Come clean that winter grime off your car between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 14th, at Rescue Inc. (541 Canal St., Brattleboro). All donations benefit Above the Influence's message and activity funds. Contact Hanako Jones at [hjones@wsesu.org](mailto:hjones@wsesu.org) (451-3452).

## Vermont All State Music Festival

The 2016 VT All State Music Festival took place on May 4th-7th. BUHS had 20 student musicians who earned acceptance into ensembles:

**All State Jazz:** *Ian Epstein; Jacob Gartenstein; Kyra Johnston; Claire Thomas*

**All State Band, Chorus and Orchestra:** *Jack Alberico; Ari Essunfeld; Jonah Goldenbird; Rhys Glennon; Derrick Harnish; Rowan Hawthorne; Jackson Levengood; Omei Marshall; Gideon May; Lucia Morey; Henry O'Connell; Liam Reynolds; Molly Schoales; Elijah Taylor; Malcolm Toleno; Gabrielle Walton*

## EIL Summer Programs

BUHS students will travel to many destinations with The Experiment in International Living Summer Programs 2016 to spend several weeks experiencing another culture in a meaningful way. In many of these programs, students will also be speaking the modern language they have been studying at BUHS.

**Elery Loggia (China); Jacob Cannizzaro (China); Stephanie Hood (Costa Rica); Shealine Rivera (France); Mycroft Stone (Japan); Emily Martyn (Jordan); Sarah LaPorte (Morocco); Dylan Bailey (Tanzania); Selena Wetherby (South Africa); Dante Fernandez (Netherlands); Christol Long (India).**

BUHS student **Christol Long** was selected for the highly competitive Leadership Institute program, where 300 applications were received for 30 program spots.

## News from the Counseling Department

**Juniors and Seniors:** Just a reminder! The next Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) is being given on June 4th and the next American College Test (ACT) is being given on June 11th. Please come to the counseling office for the study guides.

**Juniors:** On Friday, May 13th, from 1:20 to 2:00 p.m., VSAC is holding a Financial Aid presentation for juniors and their parents. It will be held in the BUHS MPR. If you would like to join your student for this, please contact your student's counselor or Heather Harrison (451-3421), the counseling office manager, to sign up.

## Belize!

Thirteen BUHS students and three staff members traveled to Belize over April break. The trip offered students an opportunity to apply concepts learned in Biology class to some of the most diverse and dynamic ecosystems on Earth: tropical forests and coral reefs. Following a series of pre-trip lectures on the history, geography, geology and biology of the country, the eight days in Belize included hiking in the rainforest, visiting a rural school, climbing a Mayan temple, studying the diversity and ecosystem health of a coral reef and coming face-to-face with jaguars and Harpy eagles at the Belize Zoo. A central aspect of the program is in appreciating and analyzing the relationship between economic development and conservation.



Pictured: *Science Dept. Chair Michele Hood; Dean of Students Kate Margaitis; Katia Brock; Selena Wetherby; Abigail Sherlock; Ryan Taggard; Spencer Loggia; Kira Boucher; Lukas Ladner; Katharine Taggard; Colette Anton; Matthew Miller; Hannah Curtiss; Nathaniel Snell; Terran Momaney; Science teacher Dan Braden*

## Congratulations!

Teacher **Allison Cram** was honored by Project Ignite, which celebrates the innovative use of technology in education. Project Ignite is sponsored by Vita-Learn and the Vermont ASCD. Ms. Cram was nominated for the award for her work in transforming the television studio to HD, revitalizing the BUHS YouTube channel and for her work in the Advanced Art in the Community class.

## Future Business Leaders of America

In March, FBLA traveled to the Lake Morey Resort where they competed against all Vermont FBLA chapters in a variety of business topics. The chapter placed first in all three chapter events-- Documented Chapter Event Book, Most Enthusiastic Chapter and earned the coveted Outstanding VT Chapter Award. The students placed in every event they competed in, earning 46 places in total (12 first, 8 second, 7 third place awards and 19 honorable mentions; \$16,500 in VT scholarships and \$400 in cash prizes). All the competitors are eligible to compete at FBLA nationals in Atlanta in June.



Front Row: *Isabel Renaud, Frida Rosner, Sarah Forreth (president), Matthew Dulmaine, Gregory Wood (treasurer), Ty Grannum*  
Back Row: *Barb Vinci (advisor), Meghan Forreth (officer-in-training), Rachel Parker, Victoria Packard, Ethen Waterman (Community Outreach), Aleesia Joy, Emily Whitworth (reporter/photographer), Sara Gauthier, Garrett Winchester (V.P. of Community Service), Maya Patterson, Jack Ochukpue, Maribeth Cornell (advisor)*

## BUHS Costa Rica Exchange

After hosting their partners for a week in January, participants in the BUHS Costa Rica Exchange spent two weeks with their partners' families in Costa Rica, attending classes at the Colegio Tecnico Dulce Numbre, visiting the rainforest and beaches, sightseeing in San Jose and finally spending three days near the Arenal volcano, where they hiked down to a 200 foot waterfall and swam in natural hot springs. The following students participated: **Jordan Baldwin-Page; Spencer Butter; Ryan Gardner; Jacob Gartenstein; Liam Johnson; Benjamin Kaufman; Christol Long; Jack Maples; Kira McCloskey; Aisha Schor; Breanna Sheehan; Jon Spanierman; Gabrielle Walton.**



*After BUHS Costa Rica Exchange members prepared a potluck dinner for their host families, Costa Rican participants gave their BUHS partners a Colegio Tecnico Dulce Numbre shirt.*

## March Madness-Library Style

March was Reading Madness time in the library, with students voting on their favorites of the 16 titles nominated for this year's Green Mountain Book Award. After four weeks and four brackets, the winner was "The Martian" by Andy Weir with a commanding lead over "Winger" by Andrew Smith.



Change Service Requested

### National Honor Society

On Thursday, April 28th, 2016, the Mary Dana Henshaw Chapter of the National Honor Society welcomed 14 new members from the Junior Class. These students represent the NHS qualities of Scholarship, Leadership, Service and Character. Congratulations!



Front Row: *Sarah LaPorte; Francesca Carasi-Schwartz; Bridget Kinoshita*  
Second Row: *Ryan Taggard; Kira Boucher; Danielle Wood; Jacob Cannizzaro; Jon Spanierman*  
Back Row: *Phelan Muller; Christol Long; Jordan Baldwin-Page; Madison Fortier; Hannah Curtiss*  
\*\*\*Not Pictured: *Devin Millerick*

### New York City

Twenty students attended the final dress rehearsal of the opera Elektra at the Metropolitan Opera in New York City in April. This event was followed by a walk through New York's cultural and tourist landmarks.



### Shamrock Fundraiser



The National Honor Society raised approximately \$225 for Muscular Dystrophy! Thank you to all who supported this cause.

### BUHS Students

#### Visit Ireland

Several BUHS students had the opportunity to visit Ireland with teacher Bill Holiday.



*Students met with Loyalist ex-Prisoners in Belfast*



*Students interacted with Catholic school students in Belfast*

### Opt Out for Military Recruitments

If you do not want your child's name or address given to military recruiters, please call Mr. Jim Stacy at 451-3424. He can mail a form to you, or your child can pick up the form. When it is returned to Mr. Stacy, your child's name will be removed from the lists we are otherwise required to provide to the military. **This form only needs to be submitted once per child during your child's high school attendance.**