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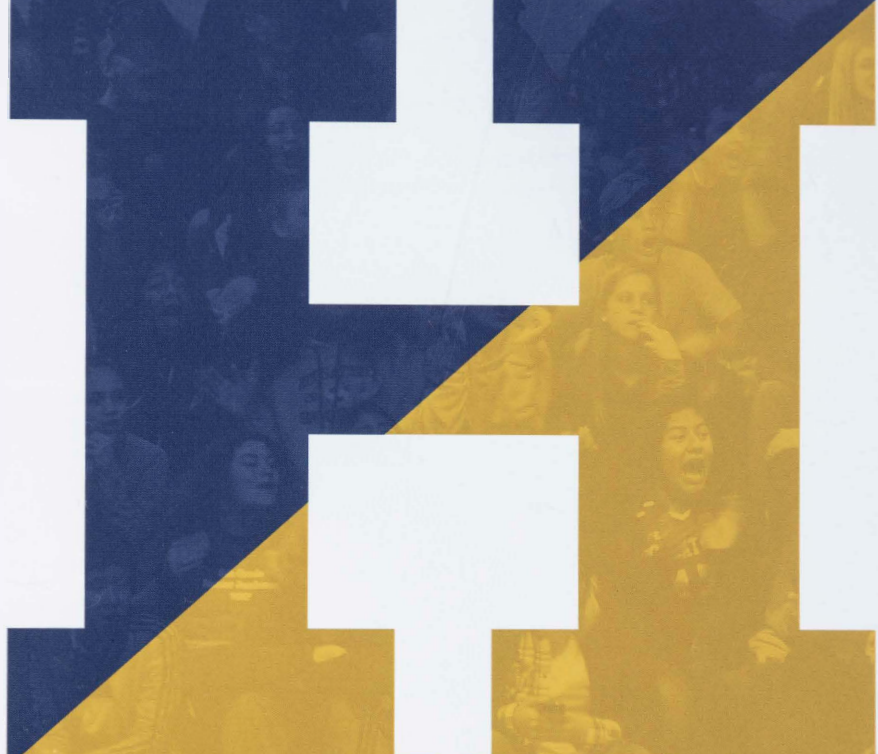
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NOW IS THE TIME. MAKE IT HAPPEN.

Now is the time to demand more of ourselves and give more of ourselves. It is time to tell our friends, neighbors, and family that they aren't the footnotes of our lives but the central pages of our stories. It is time to look into the eyes of every person we meet, and show them we care. Now is the time to talk to classmates, teachers, and parents to discover their worlds, and open the chapters of their stories that we have not read. It is time to ask them which were their most important dreams and fears. It's time to tell them ours.

Now is the time to face our weaknesses and flex our greatness, reveal our craziness, evaluate our priorities, and discover that our education and our school are about us and for us. It is time to begin to understand that our youth is brief, and never again will our lives be this self-indulgent. It's time to make the best of who we are and what we have, and direct the scripts of our own stories. It is time to make it all happen.



DRAMATIC PAUSE

Mary Riccardelli, Charlotte Clulow, and Aidan McCarthy in this year's musical *Rip Van Winkle*.





ALL TOGETHER NOW

Susanna McCarthy, Joshua Shakeshaft, Jacob Ellington, and Nicholas Winburn rehearse for the band's spring concert.



RUNNING TO SUCCESS

Christina Winburn brings the ball to the basket at a home conference game against Gilbert, winning by a score of 48-24.

THIS IS DEDICATED TO THE ONES WE LOVE

by Maggie Baldwin

Since their beginnings at Housatonic about 30 years ago, Mark Burdick and Karen Davenport have made an incredible impact on our school, our FFA chapter, and the lives of hundreds of students.

Over his time here, Mr. Burdick has taught agricultural engineering, agricultural mechanics, forestry, and introduction to agriculture. Students typically describe him as patient, wise, and full of puns. Mr. Burdick has always given his students his full heart, whether it is through the eight-year project of restoring a Mack truck or a student just having a rough day, we all know we can count on Mr. Burdick's wisdom and kind soul. As we watch him retire, we hope to still see him heavily involved in our FFA alumni, spending time with his grandson, and taking care of his farm equipment and Percheron horses.

Mrs. Davenport has taught equine science, veterinary science, farm to table, and introduction to agriculture. When she is not in the classroom, the barn, or in the Ag-Ed office, she and her husband run their world-renowned dairy farm in Ancramdale, New York. School members admire Mrs. Davenport for her devotion, kindness, strength, and "can do" attitude. Always heavily involved and truly dedicated, she is ready for any task - whether it be helping a sow farrow at 3 A.M. and still be ready for class or successfully conducting over 25 years of Parent-Member FFA banquets with hundreds in attendance. Mrs. Davenport is the person for any and all jobs. Her persistence for perfection through planning and positivity is one to strive for.

Alike in demeanor, Mrs. Davenport and Mr. Burdick reflect their positivity onto any student who crosses their path. With their dedication and commitment to the HVRHS community, they have been so much more than just classroom teachers. These teachers have taught their students core subjects, leadership, morals, and of course, agriculture - in whatever form that student may learn. Whether it is driving across the country to teach his students at the John Deere factory, as Mr. Burdick did in 1989, or opening up her barn and home to a student in need, as Mrs. Davenport has done countless times, these incredible individuals are model educators who make you strive for personal improvement. The program run by Burdick and Davenport has led our population to great success through hands-on education and involved mentorship.

Although the agricultural education classrooms may have different friendly faces in them next year, Mr. Mark Burdick and Mrs. Karen Davenport have left an everlasting impact on Housatonic Valley Regional High School - and for that, the 2019 White Oak is dedicated to them.



"Mrs. Davenport is an amazing Ag teacher. She cares about every student and has a strong passion for our animals."
Danielle Gorat



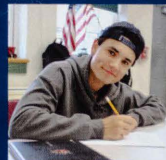
"They are the kindest teachers I've ever met and fully dedicated to their jobs."
Colby Harrington



"They're the most caring teachers. They go the extra mile to help you whether it's in or out of school. They put their students before themselves."
Naomi Dalmida



"Mrs. D and Mr. Burdick gave us a place at school where I felt at home. I am so thankful for them both."
Megan Foley



"Mr. Burdick creates a bond in a special way with each of his students and makes learning enjoyable."
Aidan Marks





FRIENDS AND COLLEAGUES

Karen Davenport and Mark Burdick retire together after chairing the Agricultural Department together.



Ms. Davenport in our 1995 yearbook



Mr. Burdick in our 1987 yearbook



LEARNING IN OUR JAMMIES

Sierra O'Neil and Sydney Clark dress supercomfy for school on pajama day during spirit week.



RIVER, ARE YOU IN THERE?

River Greenbaum dresses the part for Halloween as a marsupial and her joey.



ELVES BEARING GIFTS

Kneeland Munson and Sammie Starr with Ms. Davenport while delivering cheese to various school offices before the holidays.



CHUGGING DAIRY

Liam Murphy competes in the goofy Olympics at the FFA ice cream social. "I won and in record time," says Liam. He was first to empty the baby bottle of milk. This was an event to help freshman and underclassmen find more connections at Housy and FFA.



Student life at Housatonic Valley Regional High School is as rich as ever. Activities and clubs are enough to keep every student engaged during activity block or after school. There are opportunities to prepare for debate competitions or discussions about social issues at Geer, contribute to school government, make music or art, or play chess. Students learn during CDEs in various agricultural areas, develop technical skills in building robots and electric cars, and left off some steam at the many dances, both formal and informal. The pep rallies surprise us with hilarious new twists and tons of laughs each season. These rallies are a light-hearted way to bring everyone together and unite in laughter and cheers as students vie for free teeshirts, teachers and students compete in basketball, faculty compete in outrageous lip-synching contests, and students draw names for the opportunity to pie volunteer teachers. Housy pride and spirit are strong!

STUDENT LIFE

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WHAT IT'S
ALL FOR



"I got ready for the dance with Hope because she was excited for her last homecoming. She was graduating early and would miss all the other events. She wanted the experience of going with her friends for the last time."
Alyssa Holback with Hope Aragi



"I got closer to people at the Homecoming Dance. We just got comfortable and got lunatic on the dance floor."

Veronica Humbert



"Getting together with all my friends before the dance so we could go together was so much fun."

Anna Eckstein with Julia Hernandez

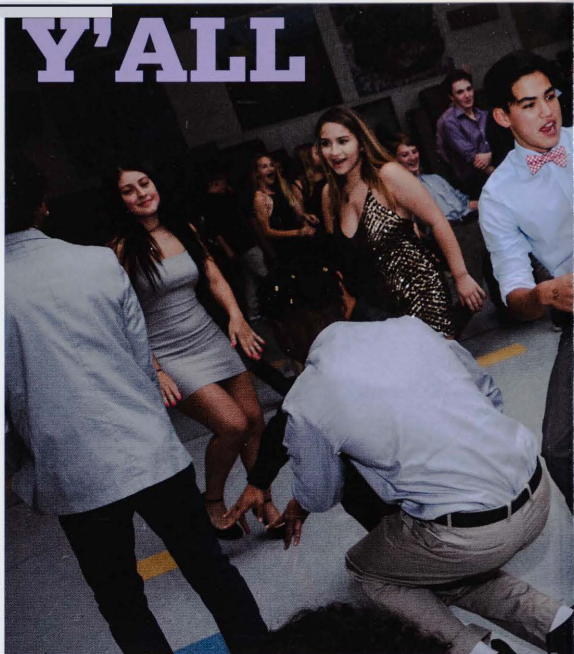
TAKE IT BACK NOW Y'ALL

Students stomp and slide at the Homecoming Dance with style.

One of the more mobilizing dance songs of the evening was DJ Casper's *Cha-Cha Slide* from 2000. Following along with this dance is easy; you just follow the directions in the lyrics. "This song is a super fun and goofy dance that gets everyone together," says Tresa Ashman.

Popular songs at the dance include:

- Girls Like You* - Maroon 5
- Better Now* - Post Malone
- Sicko Mode* - Travis Scott
- I Like It* - Cardi B
- In My Feelings* - Drake
- Mo Bamba* - Sheck Wes
- Taki Taki* - DJ Snake & Selena Gomez
- No Brainer* - DJ Khalid
- Psycho* - Post Malone
- Yes Indeed* - Lil Baby & Drake



EVERYBODY CLAP YOUR

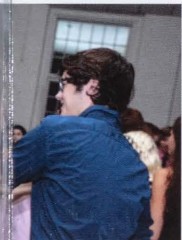
HANDS! Above: Tiffany Arango, Tanya Arango, Micah Matsudaira, and Nicholas Winburn do the Cha-Cha Slide... How low can you go? Right: Jenna Luz and Brogan O'Connell enjoy a dance.



PHOTO BOOTH

The evening also offered a "photo booth" with 2018 gold mylar balloons and a black backdrop.





NEW & OLD FRIENDS Left: Adrienne Aakjar, Mia Ciccotelli, and Felicity Richardson enjoy a laugh. Above: Haley Simmons, Isabella Riemer, Aden Bishop, Landon Good, Nicholas Sheltra, Michael Hanlon, and Easton Murphy enjoy their first Homecoming Dance.



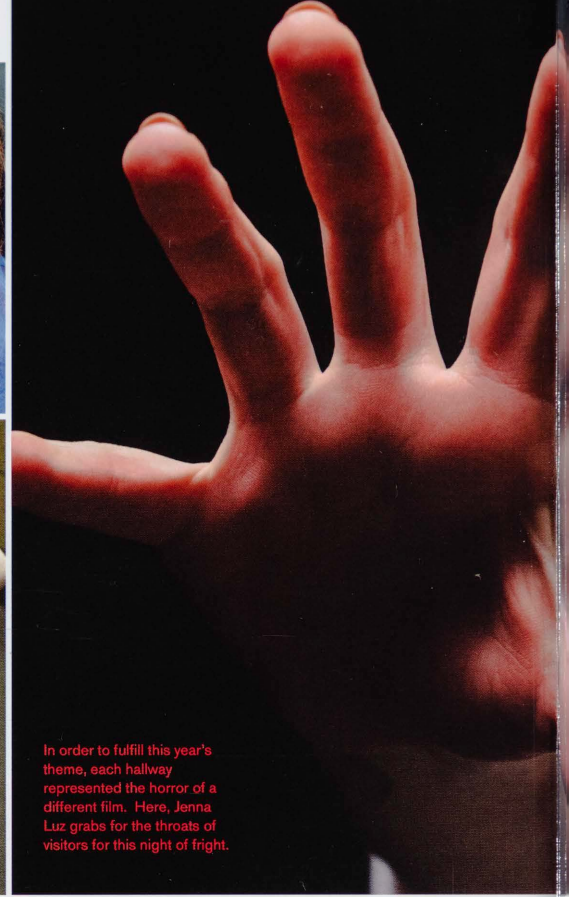
SMILE FOR THE CAMERA

Left to right: Elisabeth Besmer and Amber Flint; Madelynn Olownia, Sierra O'Niel, Anna Coon, and Manuela Bonett; Short-term German exchange students pose at the booth together; Bethany Conti and Ben Foster; Lennox Kaiser and Lucas Calhoun.

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HOW GOES IT?

The senior class council held a meeting about creating their haunted house this year. The students settled on using horror movies as their theme. The subsequent vote produced a list of some scary scenes to reenact.



In order to fulfill this year's theme, each hallway represented the horror of a different film. Here, Jenna Luz grabs for the throats of visitors for this night of fright.



DAYTIME IS FRIGHT TIME

Students and faculty dressed for school in their Halloween best. Left to right: Nikkole Blouin dressed as death; Much of the faculty dressed as various forms of princesses or queens.



STUDENTS SEEK TO SCARE

Fright Night

The House of Horrors this year was themed on four different horror films: *It*, *Sinister*, *The Shining*, and *The Purge*. The halls were filled with floating red balloons and scary clowns chasing after them as in *It*. The auditorium was a graveyard for the many victims. Scared children rode the tricycle similar to *The Shining* through our halls trying to avoid the bloodied ghosts. One hallway featured a child's drawing of a family in red paint, as in *Sinister*, with yet another scary monster close by. Murderous masked maniacs lurked quietly in doorways mimicking *The Purge*. "T'was spooky," says Emerson Rinehart. Yes, it was spooky for sure. Participants left wondering which nightmare they would end up having that night.



It
Red balloons and scary clowns everywhere



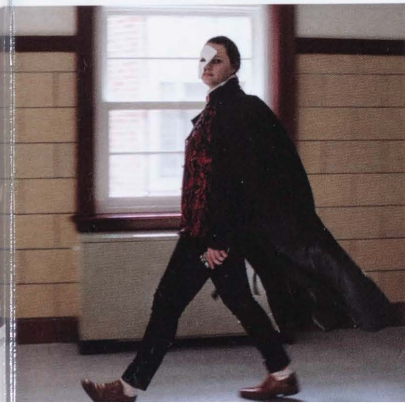
Sinister
Spooky children in the attic!



The Shining
Here's Johnny!

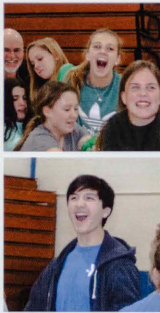


The Purge
This is not a test.



COMBINED EFFORTS
Left to right: Emelia Luz as the mysterious Phantom of the Opera; Olivia McCarthy and Madelynn Olownia as peanut butter & jelly, Cassidy Knutson, Geovana Rezende, and Perla Lopez as cats and mouse; Maebel Spencer and Brierley Lloyd as an angel and the devil.





THE WAR CRY

Participants get ready for the battle of Tug-of-War with a group war cry. The games end with this event. Clockwise starting from above: Seniors Amber Flint, Elisabeth Besmer, and Brierley Loyd getting psyched; Mr. Lovejoy lead the pack of faculty; Freshmen Haley Considine, Jordan Haggard, and Nicole McDowd are aided by Mr. Tripp; Juniors Heru Gray and Arieah Saed pull for their team; Sasha Allen joins the freshmen; Seniors lean back for the win.

seniors win TP mummy



FRESHMEN Josie Marks, Jordan Haggard, and Tori Dodge race to dress Avery Tripp as the coolest toilet paper mummy.



SOPHOMORES River Greenbaum, Keaton Terrall, and Liam Money grab majestic props to dress their regal mummy, Mia Tittmann.



JUNIORS Sayde Paulson and Luke Mollica make sure they grab a lot of head gear for their mummy, Zy Huggan.



SENIORS Christina Winburn admires the seniors' handiwork. "You're beautiful, Calpurnia!"



FACULTY Ms. Messina and Mr. Lizzi turn Ms. Garcia-Tripp into a blond Mouseketeer.





THE STUFFED TURKEY COMPETITION Left to right: Kevin Arango dresses as a balloon-stuffed turkey for the most hilarious game in these Olympics; Christina Winburn and River Greenbaum slam their bodies to the ground to pop as many balloons as possible.

THE LOW DOWN LIMBO Mackenzie Ongley keeps her balance as she sidles under the pole.



The Turkey Olympics is a raucous good time on the Friday before Thanksgiving each year. The tradition has evolved over the years but the blasts of laughter haven't. On the left, Micah Matsudaira and Ruslan Peirce compete for their respective grade level in the new game called the pie-eating/bubblegum-blowing contest. The goal is to eat enough of the pie to find the wrapped gum, unwrap it, and blow a bubble... all without your hands. Another new game is the plunger relay race (shown below) which makes for some awkward moves.



Gobbling Good Fun

Grades and faculty compete for the trophy in the annual Turkey Olympics



faculty win plunger relay
Left: Micah Matsudaira plunges ahead, retrieves a ball, and is reeled back to base by a rope tied to his scooter. Below: Matt Chin and Heru Gray attempt to block Mr. Douglass from the ball.



SENIORS WIN

The proud seniors take home the coveted Turkey Trophy!





DRESS LIKE YOUR TEACHER DAY

Kevin Arango dresses like Ms. Colligan right down to her jewelry.



Fellow science teachers dress like Mr. Lovejoy, and they're spot on!



Mr. Vermilyea's doppelgänger is Anthony Fenn.

UGLY SWEATER DAY IS A SMASH



IN YOUR FACE

Spirit Weeks culminate in raucous Pep Rallies replete with lip syncing contest, faculty-student basketball game, tug-of-war, and pie in the face.

YOU'VE BEEN SERVED

Right: Second time's a charm for Nicole Gorat. Her first attempt to pie Mr. Douglas ended with a mess on the floor as he ducked out of the way. Nicole simply got herself another pie. In your face, Mr. Douglas!



HUNGRY?

Right: Is Mr. Schibi begging for mercy? Daniel Zapata Bonet prepares to offer some pie to new Assistant Principal, Mr. Schibi.



ON THREE, NOW

Left: Olivia McCarthy and Jameson Clark pie Mr. Lovejoy and Mr. Vermilyea.



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WE GOT THE SPIRIT



The pep rallies this year were engaging and rowdy enough that Egi Canie didn't need to encourage spectators to "get hyped" (above). When asked for the best pep rally moment, Will Starr said, "The rope snapping, for sure." The final event of the rally was a tug-of-war. The rope snapped and both sides tumbled to the gym floor (above right). Mia Tittmann's most notable moment was, "Watching teachers get pied." Student names were drawn to smash a cream pie into their teacher's face. Another hilarious spectacle was the basketball game with handicaps (right); the boys had one arm tied down, and the girls had their wrists tied to a partner. Talk about team work! Various faculty also competed for the Golden Mic; Ms. Veatch and Ms. Simonds were Sony and Cher, and Mr. Schibi performed as Taylor Swift (right).



ICE CREAM & DISTRICT SOCIALS



DISTRICT SOCIAL

We participated in Meals of Hope, and members from all of the chapters in our FFA district came and helped, as well as played games and socialized. The FFA chapters in our district are Nonnewaug, Northwestern, and Wamogo. We were "living to serve," and packaged 15,936 meals in under 2 hours.



ICE CREAM SOCIAL

After school, members got the chance to play games, work together as a team, help the community, and eat ice cream. We packaged help-kits with towels, combs, and such in bags. We also had an arrangement of games that had us working together and having fun.



JUST ONE

by Erin Sheehan

FFA IS MORE THAN JUST COURSES



EVENTS

Clockwise from top: Members at Indianapolis Speedway; Maggie Baldwin and Justine Allyn volunteering at a food bank; Justine adding to posters at #speakag workshop; Alexa O'Connor and Erin Sheehan at Empowering Young Women; Members at Garth Brooks concert



GOSHEN FAIR

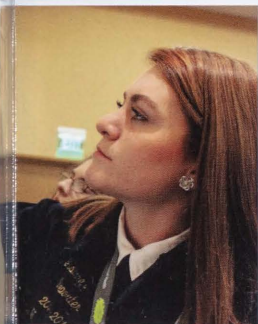
Each summer, our chapter participates in the Goshen Fair. The CT FFA has a building in which, alongside Northwestern and Wamogo, we advocate and teach visitors about agriculture.





NATIONAL CONVENTION IN INDIANAPOLIS, IN

Members Justine Allyn, Maggie Baldwin, Ryan Duncan, Erin Sheehan, Madison Simonds, and Alexa O'Connor attended the 91st National FFA Convention in October accompanied by adviser Rene Boardman and alumni representative Sandy Boardman.



At the convention, members were able to connect with FFA members from all over the United States, and they reunited with friends from past exchange trips. They attended workshops and even video-called into our FFA chapter's activity block meeting back home. They also participated in Days of Service, learned a lot by just walking around the convention center, and bonded with each other and other members.



INFORMING THE PUBLIC

Left to right: Sammie Starr brings her horse to the petting zoo; Naomi Dalmida displays and explains the FFA scrapbook; Delaney Sheehan assists visitors at the petting zoo.

FFA OFFICERS

Maggie Baldwin, President
Colby Jacquier, Vice President
Madi Simonds, Secretary
Abigail Larson, Treasurer
Justine Allyn, Reporter
Megan Foley, Sentinel
Ryan Duncan, Activities Coordinator

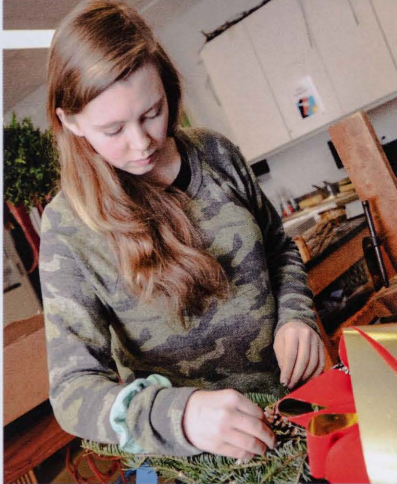


FFA BANQUET

This year was our 80th annual FFA parent-member banquet. We awarded greenhand and chapter degrees to members, recognized our state degree recipients, awarded special members of our chapter and community, and welcomed Gail and Bryant Massey, as well as Richard Boardman, Sr. to honorary membership. The banquet serves as a time to look back at our year of accomplishments and memories and recognize all who have helped us.

IN THE WORKSHOP

Below: Erin Sheehan, Sammie Starr, Warren Eichman, and Maddie Bailey assemble wreaths in the shop. Right: Madi Simonds, Megan Foley, and Logan Cables work together with boxwood branches to assemble mistletoe balls.



PUT A BOW ON IT Nicole McDowd assembles and adorns swags.



STORE'S OPEN

Above: Kody Kishbaugh and William Starr at the register and at the ready during sales to the community. Right: Colby Jacquier and Bryant Rivera Quinones assemble branches to tie wreaths.



IT'S IN OUR NATURE

FARM to SCHOOL to COMMUNITY

"How sweet the smile of greenery."

by Erin Sheehan

Holiday production takes place annually in December. As a chapter, we create products to sell in our Holiday Store. After collecting and bunching greens, the students make handmade wreaths, which can be decorated as well. We also make centerpieces, boxwood trees, kissing balls, cemetery boxes, and more. Let's not forget we sell Christmas trees too!

Holiday Production is an agricultural education unit that heavily teaches business skills and team work, but it is also the largest income source for

our FFA budget. Holiday wreaths are one of our best sellers. This year, when in need of more wreaths for retail, we turned an activity block meeting into a wreath typing competition. Each team was given a tree, clippers, rings, and trained tier to make the highest quality wreaths in a block of time.



Production night is held each year. We invite students, families, alumni, staff, and other community members in to help our members create more products for the retail store. It is a great way to bond with our community and have a fun winter get-together.

families & alumni gather for production night



SUSPENSE

Right: Rip tries to escape the persecution of Katterskill by disguising himself as a woman and his dog as a baby. The gossips try to stop him and get to know this strange looking newcomer to see if anything is fishy.



SINGING EMOTION

Clockwise, top right: Rip Van Winkle (Joshua Shakeshaft) is advised by friends (Jason Lambert, Arie Saed, Gavin Budny, Mikael Gudmarsson, Elijah Battelstein) to stand up to his wife. The protagonist sings his children a lullaby, "Hush Little Bears." The townspeople investigate a hat in pursuit of an ale thief thought to be Rip Van Winkle. A child dances in wooden shoes on Independence Day 1790 as part of a tradition started by Rip Van Winkle. Rip Van Winkle and friends celebrate the future in the song "Here's To Tomorrow."



THE POWER OF SONG



Dame Van Winkle (Abby Dodge) laments the things she did that pushed Rip Van Winkle away.



Chaucer (Dan Saed) sings "But First a Nap," a tune about gnomes, spells, and deceit.



Older Judith (Mary Riccardelli) conducts a heartfelt muse after learning that her father is still alive.



MOUNTAIN'S MAGIC

RIP VAN WINKLE

by Danny Saed

A romantic period which asks the question, "If an American from 1770 suddenly jumped forward 20 years in time, how would they react to the new independent nation they were now living in?" The titular *Rip Van Winkle*, a slacker with a heart of gold and a father of two hailing from The Catskill (Kaatskill) Mountains, New York, is suddenly whisked away by a group of mischievous gnomes on July 4th, 1770 and forced into a twenty year sleep by their magic. He awakens on Independence Day in 1790, wearing tattered clothes and a long, long beard. After being quickly brought up to speed by a passing student, and returning to his village, he learns that he has been presumed dead for those twenty years, and his family and all the hearts he has touched in town have mourned his loss. Though the process of forgiveness is a bit rough for some of his family, they eventually come to forgive their father and love him once again, proving that family, despite even the greatest rough patches, can stick together.

The moral of the story is that time does not wait. The world will keep moving forward and changing. Things will happen even if someone is not ready for them! With that, "Now is the Time."



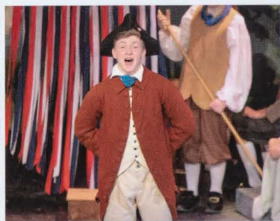
GATHER 'ROUND Townspeople gather closely to gossip (Tabitha Maffucci, Marijke Stiffler, Brianna Webb, MacKenzie Hunter).



Constable (Mikael Gudmarsson) gets into an argument with Mr. Kellerman who is drunk at the time.



Gertrude Lindemulder (Carianne Callinan) sings "Does She Notice" in which she shows contempt for Dame Van Winkle for not noticing her husband's virtues while Rip shows similar contempt to Gertrude's father for not noticing Gertrude's virtues.



Older Rip, Jr. (Elias Abbott) sings "Happy Birthday to Us," a reprise of a song by Rip Van Winkle praising American independence.



Katrina (Charolette Clulow) sings with the returned Rip Van Winkle.

A Magical Evening

the enchanted forest welcomes you

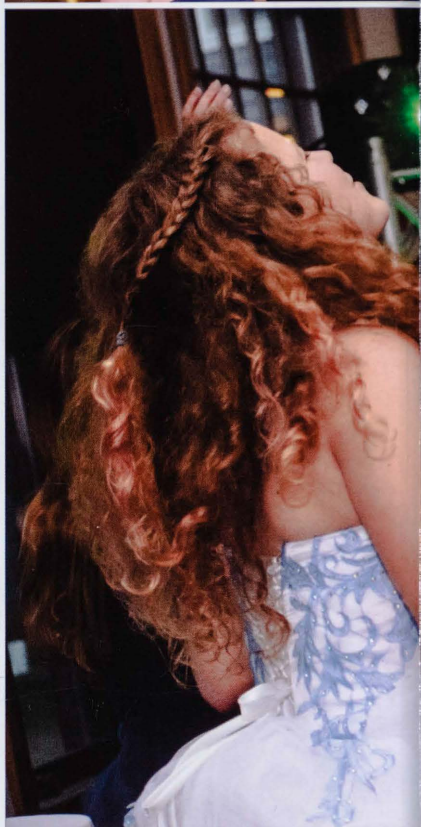
The class of 2020 held their Junior Prom at Crissey Farm in Great Barrington, where the theme of the evening was Enchanted Forest. Green spot lights, fairy lights, and a lush green backdrop for taking photos added to the enchantment. The students kept the dance floor crowded as the DJ played the song list they created, which favored



artists such as Drake and Kendrick Lamar. The prom committee also provided a traditional photo booth that included silly hats and over-sized sun glasses. Once the music quieted down and the votes had been tallied, last year's prom king and queen announced this year we had two prom kings, King Egi Canie and King Kevin Arango. Rule on!



PROM COURT The prom court included, front: Egi Canie; back: Lucas Calhoun, Lindsey Clark, Kevin Arango, Valerie Lenis, Molly O'Connor, Genevieve Bushey, Xavier Johnson, Jessy Haggard, Samantha Sheldon, Sayde Paulson, Jace Tomaino. The Junior Prom Court members pose together before the Kings/Queens are revealed: Kings Egi Canie and Kevin Arango (above inset).



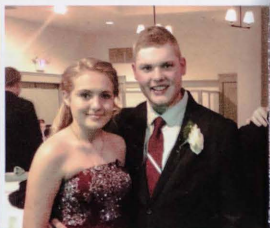
Ornella Rufo, Lindsey Clark, and Ella Segalla sing and dance together.



Brianna Webb and Xavier Johnson dance to a slow tune.



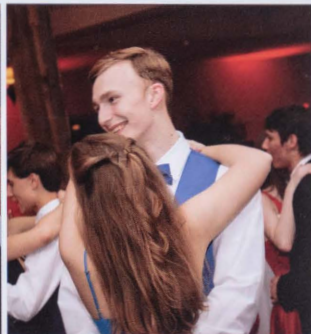
Allison Black and Jameson Clark pose by the backdrop.



Aidan Barr and his date enjoying the evening.



HAPPY FACES Left to right: Jenna Luz and Brogan O'Connell are caught by the camera; Ben Gruen and Lilian Culbreth take time off the dance floor; Brianna Webb and Hannah Gilpatric pose for a friend in front of the "green wall." Below center: Ornela Rufo and Abby Coolbeth belt out the lyrics to *Every Time We Touch*.



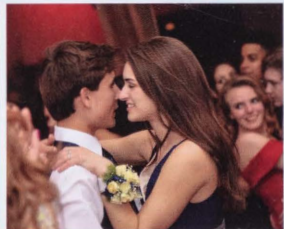
MORE HAPPY FACES Above: Briceson Barry and Jessy Haggard join their friends on the dance floor; Preparing for a silly photo booth session are Allison Black, Jameson Clark, Zyajia Huggan, Myah Baird and her date.



Val Lenis, Kevin Arango, and Molly Menniges assure us they're having a great time.



Geovana Rezende enjoys the dance.



Aidan Marks and Jillian Diamond dance to a quieter tune.



Aiyana Miller laughs with friends on the dance floor.

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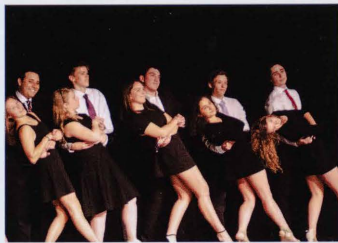
MEET THE FINE 9



Connor Toffey returns to crown Housatonic's Top Mountaineer

As is tradition, the previous year's Mr. Housatonic royal, Connor Toffey, passed on the crown and scepter to this year's First Top Mountaineer, Dean Saccardi. Dean's *Saturday Night Fever* number was spectacular and "it was so good, we all think that's why he won," says Ella Segalla. The event's name was changed in order to be more inclusive. The contenders for the crown opened their evening with hot pink tutus, singing *Thank U, Next*, moved on to their personality numbers and un-talent performances, and closed with another dance to *Toxic*. Of particular note were Mikki's acrobatic talents, Marcus Winburn's splashy *Umbrella* number and Sean Caiti's rockin' performance of *Livin' on a Prayer*.

WHY? Below: The contenders dance with partners to *You are the Reason* by Calum Scott.



PARODY OR REAL DEAL?

Dean Saccardi's spot-on performance of *Saturday Night Fever*; Marcus Winburn's *Umbrella*... "Rain man is back with little Ms. Sunshine."



THE UN-TALENT

Each of these contestants put on a show-stopping performance. The personality performance is meant to showcase each person's unique personality. The (un)talent performance showcases their, well, talent.



"Whoa, we're half way there, whoa, livin' on a prayer!"



"Maybe next year, I will make Ramen."

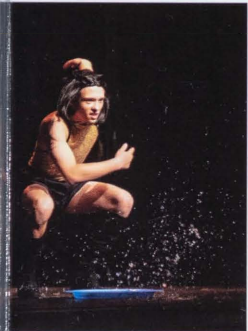


"No, no, no, nooooo, no."



"I'm burning up for you, baby."



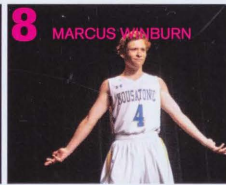


OPEN & CLOSE

The contenders dance to Britney Spears' *Toxic* for their closing number. The show opens with Arianna Grande's *Thank U, Next*.

Your Hosts

Above: Micah Matsudaira and Val Lenis get comfy in their PJs and ask, "Why do you deserve to be Housatonic's Next Top Mountaineer?" Val and Micah impersonate the SGA advisers, Ms. Monico and Mr. Samaha. Val Lenis sweeps up Dean's mess of straw.



"Oh, Mikki, you're so fine. You're so fine you blow my mind."

"I'm walking on sunshine."

"I was riding shotgun with my hair undone in the front seat of his car."

"Under my umbrella, ella, ella, eh, eh, eh."

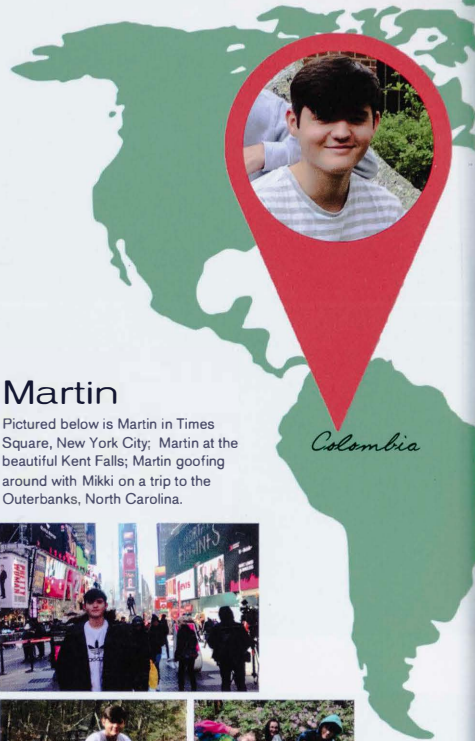
"Country roads take me home, to the place I belong."

where IN THE World?

Martin Roa Vilamil is visiting from Colombia and staying with Becky and Dave Seney of Falls Village. At his school, students stay with the same group of classmates of about twenty students for all eleven years of school. The only electives are sports and arts, which are during the day on alternate days. "Here, the school supports sports and pays for students to go to competitions and coaches stay after school. I think it's because of college scholarships. But in Colombia, we have a senior exam and colleges are interested in the individual and things like leadership skills and philosophy."

Mikael Gudmarsson lives with Andrea Downs in Falls Village. He is from Reykjavik, the capital of Iceland. There, students apply for high school "like going to college here. If no one picks you, the government chooses for you. My school is the easiest to get into because it's one of the only schools with elite athletics and arts. We also pick between business, science, and social studies for our secondary focus." Mikki explains that school aren't strict. "We can go off school grounds and we don't sign in or out." Sports are always after school, 5:00 to 7:00, and they're not part of school but clubs. "You can just join but have to pay."

Xiaohan Ye is staying with Gail and Kent Allyn, also in Falls Village. Xiaohan explains that China is very restrictive but "AFS is a very special program. China wants kids to go west and learn to think critically. They encourage people to pursue education abroad. Schools are terrible in China. We have the same text books for the entire country, and we have 42 students in one room." Xiaohan explains that there's no privacy when it comes to school. "Everyone knows your grade. The teachers reads the top ten students' grades and big tests determine everything because there are few good colleges." He says he's enjoyed the freedom and choices here.



Martin

Pictured below is Martin in Times Square, New York City; Martin at the beautiful Kent Falls; Martin goofing around with Mikki on a trip to the Outerbanks, North Carolina.



Mikael

Pictured left is Mikki with a group of other EFS students from around the world, including Martin and Xiaohan; Mikki with his host mother, Andrea Downs; Mikki at home with his siblings.



Xiaohan

Pictured in the circle and above is Xiaohan volunteering to film the play *Annie Get Your Gun*; Xiaohan with his host brother in a New York City Ramen restaurant; Xiaohan's first visit to New York City; Christmas dinner with his host family, the Allyns.

Iceland

China

Q&A

What was most surprising & what will you miss most?



Martin

"Students here have the opportunity to choose what to study. In Colombia, there are no course choices."

"I'll miss skiing. I'm new to skiing. There's snow in the mountains in Colombia but no ski resorts."



Mikael

"People here don't greet each other like in European countries. They just walk passed each other and might say, hey. In Iceland, there's a more physical and talkative interaction, especially in the hallways."

"I'll definitely not miss the school food."



Xiaohan

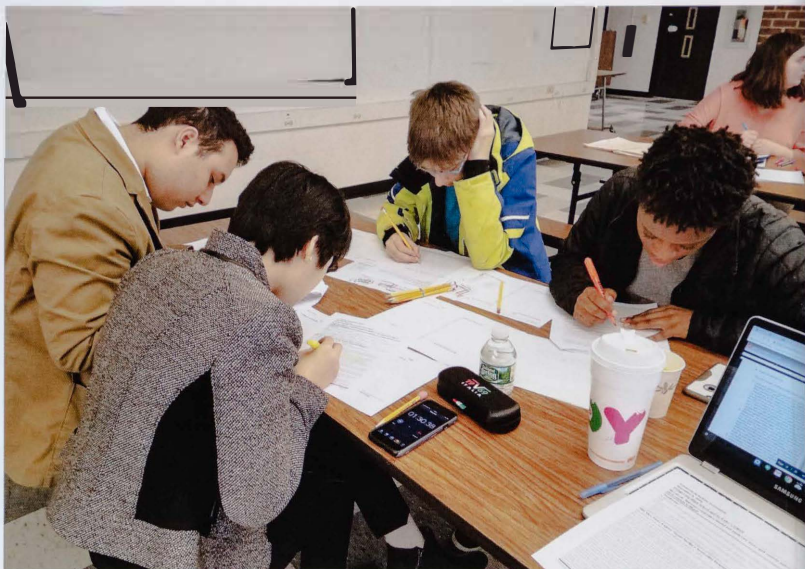
"The diversity among students and diversity within one student is surprising."

"I'll miss the internet. In China, 70% of the internet is blocked. If a student or even a doctor wants to learn more about something, they can't. And many English books are banned."

To Debate, or Not to Debate?

Team members appreciate the fact that Debate Team is mainly student led, and they all agree it's fun to learn and argue. Members explained that to be a good debater, you need an open mind, interest in current issues, and interest in learning and growing because no one is a good debater from the start. They have to practice.

This year, the Debate Team attended one competition and "won a few rounds," says Evan (Sasha) Allen. "After that, it fizzled." However, they're looking forward to a strong start next year.



DEBATE PREP Members prepare for the debate after receiving their issue. Above: Victor Flores, Mia Tittmann, Evan Allen, and Zyajia Huggan; not pictured: Jacob Ellington and Miri Rinehart.

Lacrosse Revisited

Recent alum Spencer Barry and school counselor Mr. Samaha initiated and coached the Boys Club Lacrosse team this year. The boys practiced, learned, and scrimmaged three days each week with hopes of eventually bringing boys lacrosse back to Housatonic as an official team.



TEAM MEMBERS Left to right: Landon Good, Will Starr, Shea Cohn, Kevin Arango, Aidan Marks, Phillip Guillen, Coach John Samaha (behind Phillip), Nick DeVito, Pat Merrill, Luke Mollica, Yves Macaire, and Eli Johnson. Not pictured: Riley Mollica, Chris Swanson, Aidan Marks, Aden Bishop, Ryan Dorn, Nick O'Neil, Nick Dodge, Mike Hanlon, Noah Lynehan, Brandon Coolbeth, Coach Spencer Barry.



TEAM MEMBERS

Cyrus Kearney, Shane Stampfle, Arieh Saed, Marijke Stiffler, Evan Allen, Keaton Terrall, Victor Flores, Mr. Vermilyea, Soren Clulow.

Bowl On!

Snails, ice cream and pizza. What more do you need?

by Marijke Stiffler



SEASON HIGHLIGHTS Smacking down Hotchkiss; 12th place national finish (above); Getting invited to compete at Yale; Getting ice cream post-Yale (left).

The Academic Bowl has connected like-minded students across all four grades who wouldn't have connected over academics otherwise. I joined the team as a freshman and formed bonds with upperclassmen, some of whom have become some of my best friends to this day. Team members get to work one-on-one with resident smart guy Mr. Vermilyea, who is always armed with dad jokes and indispensable pieces of strategy. We have had a few unexpected questions at tournaments, such as questions about Pokemon (at three separate tournaments), as well as a question about *The Office* that quoted Dwight Shrute saying, "I'm 99% sure that's not the real Ben Franklin!" at Yale in 2019. Another stand out question was, "This species of invertebrate uses love darts to reproduce. Ryan Reynolds voiced one of these animals whose DNA gets mixed with nitrous oxide in the 2013 film *Turbo*. Name these slow animals served in restaurants as escargot". (The answer was snails, if you were wondering.)

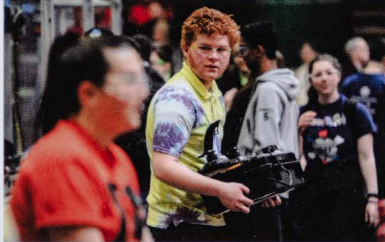
This season, the team placed twelfth nationally in the 3-2-1 Tournament, qualifying the team for Nationals. "We started - and will finish - with a bang," is how Mr. Vermilyea summarizes the season. The had a huge win against Hotchkiss in October followed by a win against New Milford. They competed at Yale where they won in the qualifying round so we were put in a top bracket! This spring, they look to defend their state championship at the Geographic Challenge.

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BE THE JENNIFER

by Zyajja Huggan

This year's theme for the robotics competition was "Destination: Deep Space." Teams had to build robots that were able to move cargo (balls) into rockets and cargo ships and place hatch panels to secure the cargo. We built an arm mechanism to pick up the cargo and a hook-type mechanism that went through the center of the hatch to pick up the hatch panels. With the help of our mechanical, programming, scouting and drive team, we ranked 6th, became captain of our alliance, and made it to semi-finals in Waterbury and in Rhode Island, and made it to the New England District Championships.



MEET JENNIFER

Jennifer has arms on the front and back and can swing around 360 degrees. This design allows the robot to move forward or back without having to turn around to use its arms.



TEAM MEMBERS

Jacob Ellington, Zyajja Huggan, Sasha Allen, Xiaohan Ye, John Purdy. Not pictured: Ken Zeng

MISSION CONTROL

A team of students is tasked with designing and building a robot to play against other teams in a game-based engineering challenge. Matches last two minutes and fifteen seconds. For the first fifteen seconds, the person operating "Jennifer" is blind folded.



INTERNATIONAL BOUND

TEAM PLACES FIRST IN STATE AND HEADS TO INTERNATIONALS

TEAMS 1 & 2

Front: Cyrus Kearney, Corrine Clark. Back: Mr. Moran, Danielle Gorat, Micah Matsudaira, Ella Matsudaira, Victor Flores, Cameron Majette, Lily Bibro, Miri Rinehart, Emerson Rinehard, Valerie Lenis.



Our Envirothon teams began training in August and competed for the state championship in May. Students focused on forestry, wildlife biology, aquatics, soil science/land-use, and technology used to feed the world. One of our teams won the state championship held in Storrs and will continue to train and study until the international competition in July.

In addition to improving their environmental knowledge, students practiced sustainability. They were given a fictitious farm in Litchfield County and were tasked with designing an economically feasible, environmentally clean, and efficiently functioning farm. Students practiced by taking tests, giving presentations, going outside and interacting with the earth through soil and wildlife. *"It's rather interactive. We really come prepared,"* says Val Lenis. At the competitions, students presented their solutions for their farm to a panel and then participated in the field day events involving aquatics, forestry, wildlife, soil, etc.

Thirty-five teams competed. Housatonic's team two earned fourth place and team one placed first. This summer, they'll be given another environmental issue as it pertains to North Carolina. Between now and July, the team will study and practice to prepare for the international competition.



THE WINNING STATE TEAM A Housatonic team has represented Connecticut as the state winning team on eight occasions over the last 15 years. This year, Team One earned the state championship and will compete in the international competition this summer. Left to right: Micah Matsudaira, Danielle Gorat, Victor Flores, Ella Matsudaira, Cyrus Kearney, Mr. Dave Moran.

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GIVING STUDENTS A VOICE

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

by MacKenzie Hunter

The SGA is a student-run organization for the purpose of giving students a voice and creating events for students. The advisers, Mr. Samaha and Ms. Monico, helped the executive board thrive this year and add new events and new dimensions to existing events. The SGA used student input for spirit weeks, pep rallies, and fun events such as Turkey Olympics, Next Top Mountaineer, Senior Citizen Prom, Halloween Movie Night, and Field Day, which is an old event brought back this year.



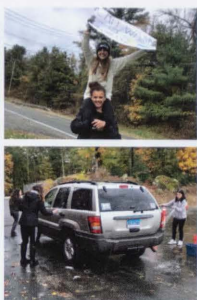
EXECUTIVE BOARD

Carianne Callinan: Board of Education Representative, Manuella Matsudaira: Secretary, Dean Saccardi: Board of Education Representative, MacKenzie Hunter: President, Eli Abbott: Intern, Brianna Webb: Historian, Mr. Samaha, Mia Tittmann: Treasurer, Ms Monico



STUDENT RUN EVENTS Above: Mia Tittmann organizes the crowd for the next event at the pep rally; MacKenzie Hunter and Dean Saccardi keep tabs on players during the Turkey Olympics game of musical chairs... It's not just for young children anymore. Right: Seniors vie for the crown as Top Mountaineer in this satirical competition.





FRESHMAN COUNCIL

The class of 2022 boasts by far the largest, and we dare say most enthusiastic, council this year. The council volunteers at The Little Guild on occasion, and they held two car wash fund raisers at the Falls Village Fire Department. Council members include: Josie Marks (President), Jordan Haggard (Vice President), Nichole Aguilar (Treasurer), Madison Long (Secretary), Avery Tripp, Joseph Brennan, Alex Lopes, Mia Ciccotelli, Mia Curtis, Felicity Richardson, Zachary Crowell, Natalie Wadsworth, Cyrus Kearney, Sydney Segalla, Janay Gregory, Ruslan Peirce, Haley Considine, Gabriella Gladding, Corrine Clark, Sasha Allen, Adrienne Aakjar, Logan Montoya, Mariana Bonetti, Madelynn Peterson, and adviser Mr. Tripp.



SOPHOMORE COUNCIL

The class of 2021 held several fundraiser events for their class: Halloween candy grams, Valentine's Day carnations, spring and fall pie sales, and boys basketball concessions. Council members include: Marguerite Bickford (Historian), Sarah Upson (Supplies Coordinator), Charlotte Clulow (Vice President), Aidan McCarthy (President), Elaine Dekker (Secretary), Micah Matsudaira (Treasurer), Natalie Nestler (Fundraiser Coordinator), Brooke Stampfle (Social Media Manager), and advisers Ms. Bucco and Ms. Messina.



JUNIOR COUNCIL

The class of 2020 sponsored many events, such as the Junior Prom, Halloween Haunted House, Cornwall Carnival, food sales at basketball games and middle school track meets, and a Candy Cane Gram just before the holidays. Council members include: Mary Riccardelli (President), Valerie Lenis (Vice President), Jessy Haggard (Secretary), Lindsey Clark (Treasurer), Kevin Arango, Myah Baird, Lily Bibro, Genevieve Bushey, Egi Canie, Xavier Johnson, Sayde Paulson, Brianna Webb, and adviser Ms. Dinneen.



SENIOR COUNCIL

The graduating class of 2019 held a dance for region's middle school students, Homecoming Dance, the Haunted House, Housatonic winter scarf sale, and the Senior Ball. The council also coordinated the Dig Pink Volleyball cancer research fund raiser, the senior day of service, and the class trip to Brownstone. Council members include: Victor Flores and Brierley Lloyd (Co-Presidents), Anna Coon (Vice President), Nicole Gorat (Secretary), Susanna McCarthy (Treasurer), Olivia McCarthy, Caroline Hurlburt, Nick Winburn, Dean Saccardi, Abby Dodge, and advisers Ms. MacNeil and Ms. Garcia-Tripp.

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HEARTBREAKERS Below: Performing *Silhouette* by The Nylons, featuring soloist Joshua Brinson. Insets: Soloists Danny Saed, Elias Abbott, and Dean Saccardi performing *12 Days of Christmas/Africa*.

SWEETHEARTS Right: Performing *White Winter Hymnal* by Pentatonix, a beautiful a Capella song performed with various hand movements.



CHORUS

Clockwise starting above: Kacie Viel and Alexyss Duntz; Marijke Stiffler; Chorus singing *Into the Woods*; Joshua Brinson and Jason Lambert leading the choir; Carianne Callinan singing her solo for *Into the Woods*.



SING IT LOUD & PROUD

FOUR VARIATIONS OF VOCAL TALENT ON DISPLAY AT HOUSY'S WINTER CONCERT

by Sarita Oyanadel

Heartbreakers (left), Sweethearts (below), Night Choir (bottom), and Chorus (below far left) make up our various vocal groups. A few chorus favorites this year include *From Now On* and *When You Believe*. Some winter concert favorite songs include *Glow*, *Hard To Say Goodbye*, and *Into The Woods*. Challenges they faced throughout this year were developing the skill to remember lyrics, staying in pitch, and being able to blend with their voices.

Carianne Callinan performed a solo in *Into The Woods* in which she sang Cinderella's part. She was chosen for this solo because of her theatrical background.

Clearly, Mr. Krupa made the right choice... amongst all the Game of Thrones-like chaos as if the solo were the iron throne!

Carianne explains, "I was a little nervous as anyone would be if they had to sing by themselves. However, I practiced as much as I could and was ready to perform."



NIGHT CHOIR The choir gets chummy during *Ding Dong Merrily on High*.



GRINCH Above: Matt Chin and Caleb Shpur sing solos during *You're a Mean One, Mr. Grinch*.

"Chorus is all about growing as an artist and being able to learn new techniques that can really improve your singing. You get to know new people and build your own community of people who will support you."
Mia Tittmann

Battle of the Bands

SO HOW DIFFERENT ARE BAND AND JAZZ BAND ANYWAY?

by Sarita Oyanadel

At Housatonic, there's not much difference between the people who perform in these two bands, but jazz band is more advanced, what with the often increase in energy and the use of improv. Whereas in band, the focus is concert band style music. Some of the bands' favorite pieces this year include *Arabian Dances*, *The Avengers*, *Continuum*, *Abracadabra*, *The Lion King*, and *Spirited Away*. Some of the challenges most band members have faced this year were tempo control, dynamics, and note accuracy. However, there were improvements staying in tune, breathing, and having stronger tone. Even if you already know how to play an instrument, band will help you improve your breathing control, musical terms, and most importantly your instrumental technique. Band members also appreciate the opportunity to clear their heads from everything else.



OUR CAPTAIN

Mr. Krupa leading both the band and the jazz band.





ALL THAT JAZZ

Left to right: Livia Fallon on guitar; Josh Shakeshaft on drums; Charlotte Clulow on piano; Derek Elias and Matt Chin on trumpet.

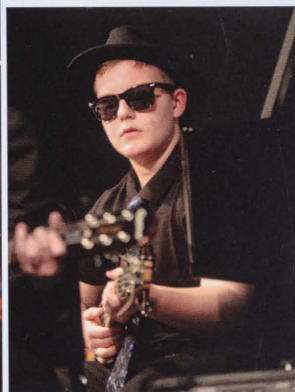
SERIOUSLY?

Dean Saccardi and Mike Peirce on sax; Tianna Togninalli on clarinet; Brass and wood wind; Percussion section with Matt Lopes and Gavin Budny.



FUTURE LOOKS BRIGHT

Carianne Callinan (left) and Emerson Rinehart (below) looking too cool during the jazz band's performance.



UGLY CHRISTMAS SWEATER TIME

The trumpeters don't need shades; their bright holiday sweaters are soaking up all the light.



HOW GOES IT?

Discuss, design, refine, assign, critique, revise, repeat.



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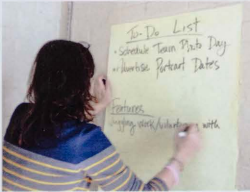
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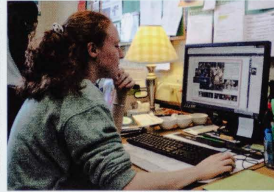
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Our first to-do list.



Egi seeks inspirational ideas.



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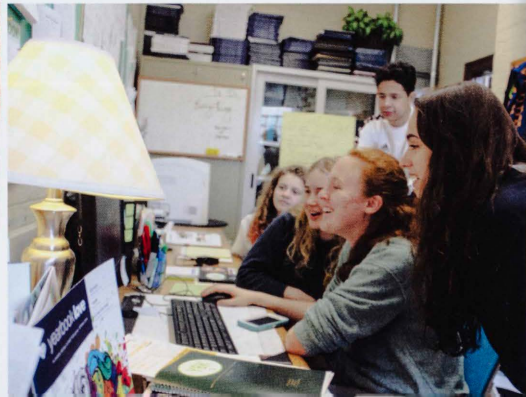
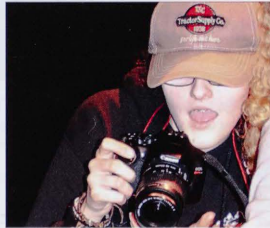


Tresa finalizes info for Turkey Olympics.

WHY DO IT?

Students, and adviser, learn to step out of their comfort zone and ask, "What can we celebrate about our school this year, and how can we include all students?"

What student perspectives are we missing?" And it's just fun.



MORE than PHOTOS



The 2019 *White Oak* staff blossomed this past winter (thank you Dr. O'Neill, Ms. Garcia-Tripp, and Kevin Arango). Students came together to take photographs and gather information from just about everyone in the school community in order to document and celebrate our year.

New features in this yearbook are several magazine-style articles to highlight students and teachers. We added sixteen pages in order to accommodate this addition, and we're quite pleased with the results. We began by polling students for their input regarding teachers and classmates. Then the interviews and writing began. Lead writers Lindsey Clark and Val Lenis interviewed and composed articles on a few beloved teachers. And students flowed into the yearbook office to share experiences regarding their dedication to jobs, volunteer work, art, dance, motor cross, music.... We also increased the number of "talking heads," a fun way to improve inclusion in the book.

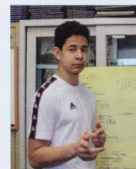
We aim high and we aim to please our community with a book everyone can turn to in the decades ahead.



Tresa Ashman

EDITOR

"I've been working on yearbook for the past two years and grown to love it. Yes, it can be stressful with deadlines coming up, but when the book finally comes out, it puts a smile on your face knowing you were part of an amazing team who put it together. It's really worth it."



Kevin Arango

ASSISTANT EDITOR

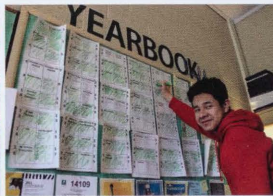
"Working on the yearbook has been great and I think more people should consider doing it!"



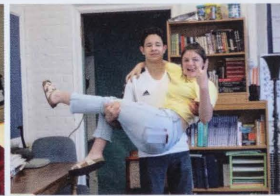
Barita proofs pages.



Seniors gather for superlative vote.



Kevin fills in another completed spread.



Ella and Kevin blowing off steam.



STAFF IN ACTION

Erin Sheehan, photographer extraordinaire; Staff members critique and edit pages; Ms. Costa enjoys the fall pep rally through the lens of a camera; Ella takes a "talking head" photo.



FLYING DOWNFIELD

Abby Dodge carefully keeps hold of the ball while sprinting toward the goal.



FACING HURDLES

Sierra O'Neil effortlessly clears the hurdles during a track and field meet. And with a smile.



COMING UP FOR AIR

Matt Chin takes in air during the breast stroke at a swim meet.

USING HIS HEAD

Jack McAuliffe heads the soccer ball in his favor before his opponent has a chance.



The athletic season was led by a strong senior athletic class. The girls varsity basketball team went undefeated in the Berkshire League, and they ranked second in class S in the state. They may have lost in the state quarter semi-finals against the state champions, Trinity Catholic, but they are the Berkshire League Champs and they won the league tournament. The girls varsity soccer team ranked second in class S state. They, along with boys cross country, ice hockey, and girls varsity basketball made it to the state tournaments. Nine swimmers qualified for the league championships for their individual events. Our ski team finished second overall in the Berkshire-Hudson Ski League and they won the league championship race. Overall, Housatonic Mountaineers won forty percent of their games, races, or meets. Go Housy!

ATHLETIC LIFE

HOW GOES IT?

Cross Country running notably requires stamina, patience, and persistence. Juan Vanicky and Jace Tomaino (right) and Natalie Nestler, Sammie Starr, and Charlotte Clulow (below) defiantly persist.



Mason Holderman, Griffin Tomaino and Easton Murphy pace themselves through the wooded trails.



TEAM MEMBERS

Left to Right: Coach Lettial Garcia-Tripp, Avery Tripp, Charlotte Clulow, Natalie Nestler, Sammie Starr, Sarah Upson, Brooke Stampfle, Katya Nweeia, Nicole Gorat. Not pictured: Olivia McCarthy



ONE MILE AT A TIME

ADVENTURE ON

by Coach Garcia-Tripp

This year the girls' team was low in numbers with only two freshman joining the team and two members injured for all or part of the season. Despite this, the girls were able to finish the season with a record of 3-5. The girls worked hard all season and continued to see personal growth despite the setbacks. At the Berkshire league championship, Brooke Stampfle obtained Berkshire league honorable mention status with her 15th place finish.

This year the boys' team had five freshman join the team, with several others new to the team. While the team struggled with a 0-9 record the boys continued to work hard to show personal growth and achievement. The team looks forward to continuing to grow and bond as a team.

The team looks forward to lots of returning runners and hopes to continue to build their team with more underclassmen in the years to come.



The cross country team was like a family and everyone was so nice and funny.

Sammie Starr



I enjoyed being a team Captain for Cross Country, leading the cool down stretch, and warm up stretch.

Nicole Gorat



I enjoyed meeting the new kids who joined.

Aidan Dillon



TEAM MEMBERS

Front: Mason Holderman, Ruslan Peirce, Ken Zeng, Juan Vanicky, Ben Foster, Anthony Fenn. Back: Aidan Dillon, David Mullins, Easton Murphy, Brandon Sorrell, Jace Tomaino, Shane Stampfle. Not pictured: Kai Haaland-Warwick, Dean Saccardi

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PASSION for the GAME

A Strong Offense, Young Defense, Two Injuries, and a Dedicated Coach Make for a Bittersweet Season

by Jacob Simonds

Housy football once again tri-oped with Oliver Wolcott Tech High School and Wamago High School to create MCW United. Head coach Jamie Coty, in his final season, was joined by assistant coaches Jennifer Garza, Damien Gwinn and Larry Gwinn. Offensive standout junior Max Dodge led the team overall in rushing yards. Sophomore Jacob Simonds led the team with 8 sacks at defensive end. Strong offensive and defensive contributions from Eric Hickey and Dylan Crump created key moments throughout the season. Pat Merrill, Nick Sheltra, Landon Good and Anthony Clark completed the roster, stepping up whenever needed. Senior John Bartram and sophomore Jacob Gladding unfortunately missed much of the season due to injuries.



KEYS TO GLORY

Key returning players this season were seniors Chris Speaker, Alex Sherman, Tommy Perlotto, Nick Guida, Cade Gwinn (a former Housy student), and our own John Bartram.



TRADITION
NEVER
GRADUATES





TEAM MEMBERS John Bartram, Anthony Clark, Austen Cole, Dylan Crump, Maxwell Dodge, Gregory Drumm, Jacob Gladding, Landon Good, Eric Hickey, Patrick Merrill, Nicholas Sheltra, Jacob Simonds



COACH COTY, IN BRIEF

"Our strength is our offensive line. We returned four out of the five starters. We are young at the skill positions." Coach began the season hopeful that MCW could establish a running game and control the line of scrimmage. Defensively, the team played well, but had trouble stopping fourth-down plays. The game against Abbott Tech/Immaculate was the final game of the season and the final game for Coty, who began the Wolcott Tech program in 2007 with many challenges. But Coty, a former Wilby High standout, maintained his passion and developed a program from the bottom up by merging Wolcott Tech with Housatonic Valley and Wamogo to keep Housatonic's program from folding due to limited numbers.

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Using Our Heads

A Young but Mighty Team Meets the Challenge Head On

by Josie Horosky

The 2018-19 girls soccer team, led by Captains Josie Horosky and Abby Dodge and Coach Steven Dodge, was a very young team this year with two starting freshman and four starting sophomores. Our team worked hard to have a good season. We lost multiple valuable seniors last year, but the hard work payed off; Housatonic girls ended with a 13-3 record in the

Berkshire League, placing us as the second seed for the Class S State Cup. Unfortunately, we had a tough loss in the quarter finals to East Hampton, losing 2-3. Housy Girls ended a great season with two All State players, Josie Horosky and Sydney Segalla, and four All League Players, Josie Horosky, Genevieve Bushey, Sydney Segalla, and Tori Dodge.



TEAM MEMBERS

Front: Aliza Luminati, Abby Dodge, Christina Winburn, Lillian Karcheski. Middle: Josie Horosky, Alexis Galgano, Tori Dodge, Elaine Dekker, Genevieve Bushey, Tianna Togninalli, Sierra O'Neil. Back: Coach Steve Dodge, Marguerite Bickford, Ella Segalla, Ella Matsudaira, Sydney Segalla, Neve O'Connell, Madeline Dekker, Sadie Grusauski, MacKenzie Hunter.

TRADITION Right: The Mountaineers begin each game with a cheer.



SENIORS TELL IT

"Who scored!?"
@ella.segalla"

Sierra O'Niel

"Your team, our
family."

Mackenzie Hunter

"Have fun and stay
humble. Play to play
and not just for a
title."

Tianna Togninalli

"Teamwork was the
highlight of the
season. We had great
communication."

Madeline Dekker

"It was a great
season."

Josie Horosky

"Great season with a
great group of girls."

Abby Dodge

"Always on the injury
list."

Christina Winburn



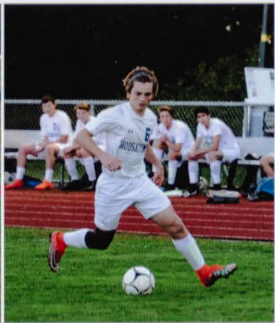
THINKING ON OUR FEET

Above: Abby Dodge defends the ball. Neve O'Connell looks for the best opportunity.



STOLEN Left: Sierra O'Niel steals the ball from an Northwestern player as Ella Segalla backs her up.

COLLISION Above: Josie Horosky collides with a Northwestern player but not before she successfully heads the ball to a teammate.



The boys soccer team started this season with 0-2 but turned it around to finish with 13-3. The boys gained momentum and ended the season on a high note, for the first time in ten years they beat Lewis Mills at home. The boys qualified for states but were knocked out by Litchfield. Luke Mollica was a lead scorer and Matt Lopes led in assists. MVP went to Matt Lopes and Caleb Shpur, MIP went to Luke Mollica, and the Sportsmanship award went to Zach Ongley.



A STRONG FINISH

Boys Varsity Soccer Team Turns a Rough Start into a Winning Season

SENIORS' SEASON HIGHLIGHTS



"Best team in the world."
Caleb Shpur



"We beat Mills.... Best team in the world."
Matthew Lopes



"This team really came together and fought through adversity. We played well together and I will miss playing with everyone."
Jack McAuliffe



"We beat Mills and we forfeited 4 games."
Elijah Johnson



TEAM MEMBERS

Opposite page, front: Keaton Terrall, Liam Money, Henry Lopez-Gonzalez, Marcus Winburn, Nick Winburn. Back: Micah Matsudaira, Lucas Calhoun, Jeffrey Palmer, Ian Danforth Gold, Matt Lopes, Caleb Shpur, Luke Mollica, Jack McAuliffe, Elijah Johnson, Antonio Santiago-Nicolas, Noah Lynehan, Zach Ongley. Not Pictured: Christopher Duntz, Sebastian Munoz Arango, Coach Terrall.

RACK UP ANOTHER WIN

Left: Just scored against Shepaug winning 4-1. Below: Lucas attempts to win the ball from a Shepaug player. Luke holding the ball for Housy with pressure from Shepaug.



TRADITIONS Above: In the huddle before games, players get hyped up and discuss teamwork. Right: The Chant: "Housy on 3. 1, 2, 3, Housy!"



"We beat Lewis Mills and finished with a 14-4 record." Zachary Ongley

Page contributors: Matt Lopes



"It was a privilege and a pleasure to play with this team and reach the quarterfinals." Antonio Santiago



"The team meant a lot to me. We were one big family and had a great season." Marcus Winburn



"This was our best soccer season." Nicholas Winburn



"Fútbol - the beautiful sport." Sebastian Munoz Arango

HOUSY V-BALL QUEENS

During these fast-paced games, the court radiated with energy, cheers, and skill.

The cheers, sneakers on the court, commands, and multiple "I got!" or "Mine!" fill the gym. These girls work efficiently as a team by motivating and helping to better each other. Throughout the entire season, they never fail to work their hardest.

The consensus among players is, despite not having a winning season, they learned, grew as a close-knit group, and had fun.

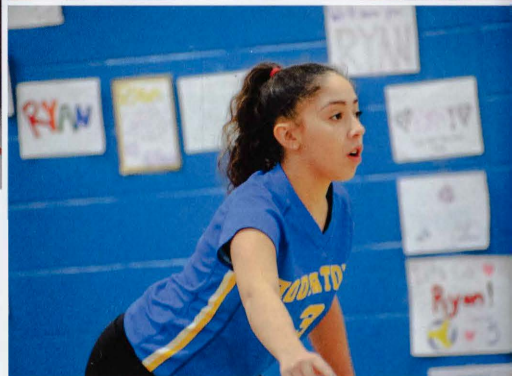
SCORING TRADITIONS

These girls have some interesting traditions after a score. When someone scores off a serve, they yell, "Ahhh, Ace!" After a score of a hit, they yell, "Tick, tick, boom!" and hit the floor with their palms. This all adds to the energy and excitement in the gym.



TEAM MEMBERS

Front: Madelyn Olownia, Anna Coon, Ryan Duncan. Middle: Jessy Haggard, Allison Black, Valentina Arango, Valerie Lenis, Jillian Diamond. Back: Lindsey Clark, Jenna Luz, Lily Bibro, Molly O'Connor, Hannah Gilpatric.



SENIOR HIGH POINTS



"This past season was the best yet! Our team worked together really nicely. It might not have been a winning season, but we had fun!"

Ryan Duncan



"Successfully side diving (pancaking) for a hard spike and having the rest of the team hype me up."

Madelynn Olownia



"Ahhhhh, Ace!"
Anna Coon



PRE-GAME TRADITION

To get hyped for the game, the girls gather in a circle, pound the floor with their hands, and yell, loudly, "Ahhhhhh, Housy!"

TURN UP THE HEAT

JV Soccer Teams Battle the Heat and Lose Practice Time

Coach Kaleigh Rogers

This year Junior Varsity Girls Soccer was captained by Sydney Clark, Madison McNealy and Abigail Coolbeth. We went 2-1-3 this year. It was a short but solid season of growth. The JV Most Improved Player was Emma Crane, and the Stevenson Award for JV Sportsmanship went to Ornella Rufo and Madison McNeal.

Coach Bill Gold

Junior Varsity Boy Soccer got off to a slow start due to heat wave practice cancellations. This led to three defeats early in the season. We finished strong with 6 wins, 3 ties, and 4 loses, beating or tying the teams we lost to earlier in the season. Our balanced attack is illustrated by the fact that we had 13 different goal scorers. The Tyburski Award (outstanding freshman) went to Pablo Gonzalez. The JV Most Improved Player was Joey Brennan. The Stevenson Award (JV Sportsmanship) went to Colin McAuliffe.



FOR THE LOVE OF THE GAME

Top: After a win, the JV Girls team take a photograph for their coach. Above left: Alex Lopes makes himself open for his teammate. Above: The girls confer with their coach during a time out.



BOYS JV SOCCER TEAM MEMBERS

Front: Colin McAuliffe, Joseph Brennan, Ryan Dorn, Alex Lopes, Ivan Pascasio, Logan Riley. Middle: Lucas McMillan, Russell Sears, Austin Bayer, Noah Lynehan, Brayton Wood, Pablo Gonzalez, Aidan Marks, Elijah Battelstein; Back: Justin Roux, Harrison Tillou, Mike Hanlon, Jacob Sheltra, Nick Dodge, Kevin Arango, Shea Cohn, Will Starr, Coach Gold.



GIRLS JV SOCCER TEAM MEMBERS

Front: Paige MacNeil, Kaylie Anderson; Middle: Jennifer Martinez, Ornella Rufo, Madison McNealy, Emma Crane, Kirstyn Hoage; Back: Coach Rogers, Emma Walsh, Nichole Aguilar, Sydney Clark, Mackenzie Ongley, Josie Marks, Abby Coolbeth, Sammie Sheldon.



TO THE GOAL

Left: Goalie Emma Walsh keeps her eyes on the ball and keeps it out of the net. Above: Russell Sears moves toward the goal. Above right: Kaylie Anderson fights for the ball.



TEAM MEMBERS

- Front:
 Felicity Richardson
 Kacie Viel
 Kadie Ford
 Valentina Arango
 Jordan Haggard
 Back:
 Tabitha Maffucci
 Elle Raftery
 Aaliyah Cleveland
 Aidan McCarthy
 Maggie Raftery
 Isabella Riemer
 Ashailee Reyes
 Adrienne Aakjar



Side Out and Dig Pink

The Junior Varsity Volleyball team was very young this year. "There were lots of new freshmen learning a lot," says Elle Raftery. This season, the Tyburski Award went to Maggie Raftery. The Most Improved JV Player award went to her sister, Elle Raftery. The Stevenson Award went to Aidan McCarthy.

In the photograph above, the varsity and junior varsity teams hosted a fund raiser for stage IV breast cancer research through the Side-Out Foundation. The foundations has a branched called The Dig Pink Movement that raising funds in conjunction with volleyball teams. The teams raised money and awareness by wearing pink on the court, selling baked goods and bracelets, and accepting donations.

In the Rain Season



With only four games played, the field hockey team spent much of its time indoors practicing and improving skills.

by Coach Lisa McAuliffe

This was a season of great improvement lead by captains Hope Aragi and Annabelle Kovacs. Molly Menniges was this year's MVP and led the team in scoring. Zy Huggan was a defensive standout and the team's Most Improved Player. Brianna Webb provides leadership both on and off the field and received the Sportsmanship Award. Haley Simmons received the Outstanding Freshman Award.



TEAM MEMBERS

Hope Aragi, Myah Baird, Hope Carlson, Haley Considine, Danielle Gorat, Zyaja Huggan, Annabelle Kovacs, Melissa Mauri, Molly Menniges, Haley Simmons, Brianna Webb

SENIORS

Annabelle Kovacs and Hope Aragi

The season highlight was the win against Shepaug. "We didn't think we would have a team because of the numbers. But we picked up more players at freshmen orientation," says Myah Baird. "We had lots of practices and people stayed dedicated to the team even with only four games."

TEAM WORK MAKES THE DREAM

13 YEARS OF SUCCESS

"Big hits."

Elijah Johnson



"Sent it."

Colby Jacquier



"This year was a lot of fun and by the end of the year we rallied and played some of our best hockey."

Jack McAuliffe



"Best moment - bringing home the Berkshire Cup."

Matt Murray



"Good times with good people."

Tucker Whiting



by Coach Dean Diamond

Housatonic Ice Hockey had another memorable season. The team made the State Tournament for the eighth consecutive year and also won the coveted Berkshire Cup for the thirteenth year in a row over rival Shepaug by beating them twice with scores of 5-1 and 3-1. On Senior Night the team went on to beat BBD by a score of 7-3. Stick taps to our Seniors: Captain Jack McAuliffe, Captain Owen Byrne, Matthew Murray, Elijah Johnson, Tucker Whiting, Colby Jacquier and Kelly Worthington.

TEAM MEMBERS Shown right below, Front: Managers Kaitlyn Buckley and Jillian Diamond, Ryan Dorn, Landon Good, Colby Jacquier, Elijah Johnson, Noah Lynehan, Jack McAuliffe, Luke Mollica, Riley Mollica, Matthew Murray, Manager Sayde Paulson, John Purdy, Austen Reid, Christopher Swanson, Macin Tufts, Tucker Whiting, Coaches Dean Diamond, Stephen Banffy, and Chris Bellanca

CELEBRATION

Chris Swanson, Luke Mollica, and Tyler Calhoun celebrate a goal.



FOR THE CUP, AGAIN!

Housatonic Hockey wins the Berkshire Cup for the thirteenth consecutive year!





CAPTAIN JACK
McAuliffe scrambles after a loose puck after intercepting a cross ice pass.



LOCK IN
Chris Swanson and Tyler Calhoun lock in as they anticipate the puck drop at cent ice after an early goal.

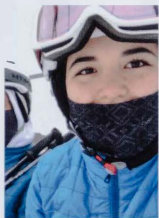
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BASK IN SUCCESS

ALPINE SKIERS WIN ALL BUT ONE EVENT FOR A SUCCESSFUL SEASON

seniors tell us their season highlights

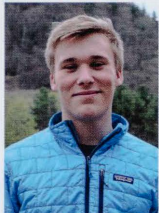
"As Coach Bill Gold would say, 'Up, up, up!'"
Ella Matsudaira



"The highlight was we came second in our league."
Marcus Winburn



"Coach Bill Gold was the highlight of the season."
Nicholas Winburn



"I thought I was a good skier until I joined the ski team."
Mikael Gudmarsson



"Big boolin."
Holden Marks



by Coach Bill Gold & Ms. Anne MacNeil

The Housatonic Alpine Ski Team had a great season. The team won almost every race except the Championship four-race one-day event. That one loss cost them the Season Team overall trophy. This did not dampen the fact that they had a successful year.

The Ski team won the Giant Slalom race at Butternut with four skiers finishing in the top ten; Micah Matsudaira finished second, Keaton Terrall finished third, and Nicholas Winburn (seventh) and Jack Wayne (ninth) rounded out the top ten. The team went on to win the Berkshire Hudson Ski League Championship with Micah Matsudaira placing second and Keaton Terrall placing third in the giant slalom race. Nicholas Winburn finished ninth. Matsudaira, Terrall and Winburn repeated their finishes in the slalom race, with Harrison Tillou finishing in seventh place. The team finished second in the league for the season.

The team consisted of 20 skiers this season, two of whom were constantly in the top three and will be returning for the next two years! There's no doubt there are sunny slopes ahead for Housatonic's Alpine Ski Team.

AWARD WINNERS Alpine skiers earn accolades at the Winter Athletic Awards Ceremony. Most Valuable Player: Nicholas Winburn and Jack Wayne. Most Improved Player: Holden Marks. Junior Varsity Most Improved Player: River Greenbaum. Sportsmanship Award: Keaton Terrall and Micah Matsudaira. Stevenson Award: Haley Considine. Tyburski Award: Natalie Wadsworth. Pictured below at the awards ceremony are: Griffin Tomaino, Keaton Terrall, Micah Matsudaira, Ella Matsudaira, Mikael Gudmarsson, Holden Marks, Marcus Winburn, Nicholas Winburn, and Coach Gold.





TEAM MEMBERS

Daniel Agostinho, Braeden Allyn, Lily Bibro, Haley Considine, River Greenbaum, Mikael Gudmarsson, Phillip Guillen, Holden Marks, Ella Matsudaira, Micah Matsudaira, Lucas McMillan, Liam Money, Keaton Terrall, Harrison Tillou, Griffin Tomaino, Natalie Wadsworth, Abigale Wayne, Jack Wayne, Marcus Winburn, Nicholas Winburn

SUNNY SLOPES

Holden Marks, Coach Gold, Haley Considine, Natalie Wadsworth enjoy a sunny day at the slopes of Mohawk Mountain.

IN THE SPLASH ZONE

SHAVING SECONDS OFF OUR PERSONAL BEST

Swimmer John Bartram had a remarkable season; he almost qualified for states, missing it by a second. Brynn Scharte came in from Colorado and became a valuable addition to the team. All of the swimmers continued to swim faster and take time off their best at each meet. The team's season record was 2-12 and a highlight was beating Gilbert twice. Nine swimmers competed in the Berkshire League Championships: Brynn Scharte, John Bartram, Matthew Chin, Madison Simonds, MacKenzie Hunter,

Maebel Spencer, Calpurnia Carter, Tabitha Maffucci and Arieh Saed. Season awards went to John Bartram and Matthew Chin for Most Valuable Players, and Tabitha Maffucci for the Most Improved Player and the Sportsmanship Award.

AFTER THE RACE

Matt Chin recovers after the race and waits for the scores.



TEAM MEMBERS John Bartram, Calpurnia Carter, Matthew Chin, Julia Hernandez, MacKenzie Hunter, Tabitha Maffucci, Katya Nweeia, Arieh Saed, Shirleen Santiago, Shirleen, Brynn Scharte, Madison Simonds, Maebel Spencer, Xiaohan Ye



THE CHANT TRADITION

A long held tradition for the Housatonic swim team is a chant before each swim meet. And it goes a little somethin' like this: *We are the Mon-a-non-a-non, Mon-a-non-a-non, the Mountaineers, the Mountaineers, We're built to swim, we're built to win, the Mountaineers, the Mountaineers, we're really hot that's what we got, the Mountaineers, the Mountaineers.*



THE SENIORS HAVE THEIR SAY



"We're built to swim, we're built to win, the Mountaineers!"
John Bartram



"Down to the honky tonk."
Calpurnia Carter



"We were all buddies and supported each other no matter what."
Maebel Spencer



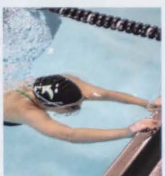
"We may not win, but we have fun!"
MacKenzie Hunter



"We're really hot and that's all we got!"
Madison Simonds



"Be the turtle!"
Matthew Chin



"It was great working with a smaller team. I made a lot of great friends and learned a lot from my teammates."
Brynn Scharte



DOLPHIN DIVES Left: Matt Chin and John Bartram go into jet stream mode; they dive in smoothly and glide for as far as possible and then swim. Below: Tabitha Maffucci does the breast stroke. Bottom: Calpurnia Carter competes in the butterfly.



Page contributors: Marijke Stiffler, Maebel Spencer

PRE-GAME TRADITIONS

Right top: The team gets on the floor in a circle, talks strategy, and ends with slapping the floor and the cheer, "K-A the Housy way!" Right below: The teams stands in the same order each game for the National Anthem.



CUT THE NET

Far right: The Berkshire League Champions prepare to cut the net after winning their championship game.



PLAYING LIKE A CHAMPION

Above: Players celebrate their win against Northwestern, a crucial game. "This win meant we knew we could possibly be undefeated for the season. Beating Northwestern wasn't a given," says Ella Segalla.



Caroline Hurlburt is named to the Berkshire League First Team All Stars and the State Senior All Star Team.



SENIORS CELEBRATE THEIR FINAL SEASON

Christina Winburn "Having a team as close as ours made the season 10x better."
 Brierley Lloyd "Being a part of the girls basketball team was easily the highlight of my high school experience. This team was not only talented and successful, but incredibly supportive of each other. It was an honor to play with this group and I am so proud of them on and off the court."
 Madelynn Olownia "KNOCK ON WOOD."

Sierra O'Neil "Coach of the year times two? The team might be the only group of people I could spend everyday with and never get sick of."



HUSTLE & HEART

Set Us Apart

The Girls Varsity Basketball team ended their season undefeated and are the reigning Berkshire League champions. A highlight of the season was the win against Gilbert. They girls thought they might lose as they were down at half time and on Gilbert's court. But by the end of the game, the Mountaineers won by 10 points. The only dark moment this season was losing to Trinity in the third game of the states quarter finals.

The girls showed a lot of heart; Caroline Hurlburt wore a boot off the court because of an ankle stress fracture, but played through the pain on the court with an ankle brace. The team also made school history by going undefeated in the league for the first time in 23 years. According to player Ella Segalla, the closeness of the team was crucial to their success. "We genuinely love each other and I think that is the main reason for how successful our season was. We wanted to win so we could continue to play together for as long as possible." Christina Winburn adds that "calling us a team feels like a complete understatement. We truly are a family."

Caroline Hurlburt was named to the Berkshire League First Team All Stars and the State Senior All Star team. Sydney Segalla and Sierra O'Niel were named to the Berkshire League Second Team All Stars. MVP went to Caroline Hurlburt and Sierra O'Niel, MIP went to Christina Winburn, the Sportsmanship award went to Ella Segalla, and the Tyburski went to Sydney Segalla.



TEAM MEMBERS Mountaineers celebrate their championship win. Left to right: Ella Segalla, Brierley Lloyd, Anna Coon, Kaylie Anderson, Caroline Hurlburt, Madelynn Olownia, Christina Winburn, Sydney Segalla, Sierra O'Niel, Emma Walsh, Victoria Dodge



BLOCKS & SHOTS

Maddie and Sydney stuff the ball like turkey; Maddie is unstoppable; Sydney reaches for a successful shot; Caroline blocks the competition; Christina takes a super-human leap.

Rising Up Despite It

BOYS RALLY TO HIT A WINNING STREAK

The Boys Varsity Basketball team began the season with some struggle, but they hit a winning streak mid-season. They maintained that streak and ended the season strong. The team was one game away from the state championship games. It was a close game but unfortunately, the Mountaineers lost to Terryville and missed their chance at the state tournament. A highlight of the season was without question winning against rival Lewis Mills. Another high point was the enthusiastic support the girls basketball team showed them throughout the season.



REACHING UP

Far right: Caleb Shpur shooting a left handed layup with a Gilbert defender on his back. Right: Zach Ongley going for a layup off a foul shot. Below right: The girls basketball team show their support.



TEAM MEMBERS Front: Ivan Pascasio, Austin Bayer, Caleb Shpur, Charlie Kaufman, Troy Brazee, Russell Sears. Back: Coach, Zach Ongley, Mike Peirce, Liam Murphy, Cameron Ackerman Faedi, Briceson Barry, Evan Miller, Coach.





THE PLAYERS & THEIR PLAYS

Left: Against rival Lewis Mills, Briceson Barry dishes a pass to Evan Miller. Below: Mike Peirce and Troy Brazee share a laugh at half time. Above, left to right: Caleb Shpur seeing the court, Mike Peirce passes to an open teammate, Evan Miller drives the ball to the hoop, Caleb Shpur with another effortless layup, Zach Ongley during the tip off at the start of the game. Bottom: Zach Ongley shoots a contested layup, Mike Peirce dribbles by his defender.



Seniors Share Season Highs

Zachary Ongley "The highlight of the season was when we beat Lewis Mills.
Michael Peirce "Beating Lewis Mills."

Image contributors: Shea Cohn, Ella Segalla

STRATEGIZING

ATTITUDE IS EVERYTHING

by Coach Ken Hall

The Girls JV Basketball team played 18 games to date, 7 wins 11 losses. As a team, we started off rough as we are a team made up of girls from several different schools who have not played together through elementary school and middle school. We have to build a team from scratch every year. Even though we started off with a number of losses we never gave up on each other and we played some really good basketball in the second half of the season winning our last 3 games straight. For game highlights, we played Gilbert on their court we were down by 13 points in the first quarter and came back to win the game by 4 points 33 to 29. Our last game of the season was also away against NWR7, in our first meeting they beat us 39 to 17 at our gym. That can be intimidating. We beat NWR7 in their gym at the buzzer with foul shots by Emma Walsh. 36 to 35! I am very proud of these girls.

The Boys JV Basketball team had a difficult season, as they often had few players on the bench to give teammates a chance to recoup. "We were a hardworking team with good chemistry, and we were able to run some good plays," says Nick Sheltra. "We had more to learn and needed a few more players."



JV GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM MEMBERS

Front: Emma Crane,
Madison McNealy. Back:
Emma Walsh, Hannah
Gilpatric, Nichole Aguilar,
Tori Dodge, Mia
Ciccotelli, Josie Marks,
Mackenzie Ongley,
Abigail Coolbeth.





JV BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM MEMBERS

Ruslan Peirce, Ivan Pascasio, Austin Bayer, Cyrus Kearney, Liam Murphy, Russell Sears, Nicholas Sheltra, Brayton Wood, Coach.



by Coach Nathaniel O'Neil

The JV Baseball team went from getting mercied the first game of the season to being within 3 runs of winning most of our games. Brayton Wood has pitched well in all of his appearances and Derek Elias also has been a pleasant surprise pitching. The team batted a lot better as the season went on. The signature win was against Mt Everett when we scored 19 runs and everyone on the team had a hit.

JV BASEBALL TEAM MEMBERS

Front: Nick Sheltra, Brayton Wood, Elijah Thomson, Eric Hickey. Back: Robert Murtagh, Sam Taylor, Jacob Simonds, Derek Elias, Remington Wandall, John Purdy, Noah McCray.



RAISING THE BAR

TEAM MEMBERS ON TRACK FOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

by Coach Gary Davis

Both the girls and boys track teams have had a spectacular season. On the girls team, Co-Captain Sierra O'Niel is undefeated in the 300 meters hurdles. She qualifies for the Berkshire League championship in 300 m hurdles and the 100 and 200 meter dashes. Co-Captain Jillian Diamond qualifies in the 200 m and the long jump. Also qualifying are Zyaja Huggan in the long jump, triple jump, 100 hurdles, and 400 meters; Brooke Stampfle in the 1600 and 3200; and Charlotte Clulow in the 800 meter and 1600 meter. Senior Nicole Gorat is the only 4 year Girl Track Athlete.

The boys team has a student from Iceland, Mikael Gudmarsson, who has been a standout all season long. To date, has placed first in all individual events he has entered except placing second in the triple jump in early May. Mikael has qualified for the Berkshire League championship games in the long jump, triple jump, high jump, and 300 hurdles. He also is poised to do well in the Berkshire League decathlon. Other qualifiers are Co-Captain John Bartram for Shot Put, Javelin, Discus (also a four year Varsity Letter Winner); Alex Palmer in discus; Co-Captain Xavier Johnson in 100, 200, 400 and long jump; William Murphy in shot put, discus, javelin and high jump; and Liam Money in 800 meters and long jump.



TEAM MEMBERS

Front:

Brooke Stampfle
Natalie Nestler
Sierra O'Niel
Charlotte Clulow
Jillian Diamond
Nicole Gorat
Zyaja Huggan

Middle:

Alexander Palmer
Liam Money
Logan Riley
Parker Riley
Jenna Luz

Henry Lopez-González

Back:

Coach Gary Davis
Coach Katie Heacox
Benjamin Foster
John Bartram
Liam Murphy
Martin Roa Villamil
Mikael Gudmarsson
Xavier Johnson
Coach Alan Lovejoy
Coach Tyler Burdick

Not Pictured:

Lucas McMillan
Diontae Ouellette



SENIORS SHARE THEIR STORIES

"At least I showed up."
Alex Palmer



"I beat the legend Hunter Riley."
John Bartram



"Eye socket to hip pocket."
Sierra O'Neil



"Just send it."
Martin Roa Villamil



"I am going to miss this team next year."
Nicole Gorat



"I love to soar!"
Mikki Gudmarsson



SPRINTING FOR A WIN

Right: Parker and Logan Riley push themselves to the limit during the sprint.

REACHING FOR THE STARS

Center: Mikki Gudmarsson clears the bar again. He seems to fly over the bar effortlessly.

CLEARING HURDLES

Above right: Parker Riley reaches up and out for the long jump. Liam Money leaps forward over the hurdles.

SLAM IT

Right: Sayde Paulson slams a serve during a head-to-head match. Below: Lindsey Clark has her head in the game as she plays against her competitor, Sarah Upson is on her toes as she plays the net.



IT'S ALL ABOUT THE LOVE

by Coach Rufus de Rham

The girls tennis team is playing its most competitive tennis in several years. Tri-Captains Ella Matsudaira, Anna Coon and Maddie Dekker, along with senior Marijke Stiffler, have led the team to a 6-6 start, despite playing 5 matches when we did not have enough players and had to forfeit a match going in. Junior Sayde Paulson has stepped in and has had a strong year at first singles, with a 9-3 record. Anna Coon and Maddie Dekker are 9-2 at first doubles, and Neve O'Connell and Elaine Dekker are 8-2 as a second doubles team. All five girls are on track to qualify for the Individual State Tournament in June. Ella Matsudaira has played well at second singles, going to third set tie-breakers four times so far in a very competitive season.



ON THEIR TOES

Left to right: Abigail Larson, Valentina Arango, Jessy Haggard, and Marijke Stiffler.



TEAM MEMBERS

Front: Ella Matsudaira, Sayde Paulson. Middle: Val Lenis, Molly Menniges, Valentina Arango, Elaine Dekker, Jessy Haggard, Anna Coon. Back: Madeline Dekker, Neve O'Connell, Elle Raftery, Lindsey Clark, Marijke Stiffler, Sarah Upson, Abigail Larson. Not pictured: Lily Bibro



SENIORS TELL THEIR STORIES

Ella Matsudaira *"What's an away match without Arethusa ice cream?"*

Marijke Stiffler *"Playing on this team for three years has been one of the most fun experiences of my high school career. My fondest memory has to be ice cream runs with the team and Coach de Rham almost hitting a guardrail in his rush to get to Arethusa's before it closed."*

Page contributors: Marijke Stiffler, Val Lenis

EYE ON THE BALL

Below: Harrison Tillou lobs the ball beautifully; Austin Bayer serves; Matt Chin and Anthony Fenn on the ready in a game of doubles.



IT'S A STRETCH

Right: Micah Matsudaira reaches off the ground for the return.



REACHING FOR A SPOT

Young Team Readies for the Future

by Coach Jeff Tripp

The boys tennis team is currently 5-6 and fighting to earn a spot in the State Tournament. With only 3 returning varsity players from last season, this has been a transition season with players earning valuable experience. Senior Captain, Matt Chin is our only regular starter who is a senior so we'll be in a good position next season.

Our #1 singles player is sophomore Micah Matsudaira, who has won some big matches for us and competed well against the top players in the league. Junior Ian Danforth-Gold provides a lot of power at the #2 singles position, while junior Harrison Tillou provides consistency at the #3 singles spot. Matt Chin partners with junior Anthony Fenn

for our #1 doubles team. Our #2 doubles team consists of two freshmen, Austin Bayer and Ethan Fenn. It's great when freshmen earn playing time, as there is a big learning curve to tennis and these two are improving daily.

The remainder of our team is senior exchange student, Xiaohan Ye from China who has provided some valuable varsity time. Playing tennis for the first year is junior Brogan O'Connell who has also played several varsity matches. Sophomores Brandon Sorrell and Ken Zeng have worked hard to improve. Freshmen Griffin Tomaino, Alex Lopes, and David Mullins round out our squad and will contribute greatly in the coming years.

TEAM MEMBERS Front: Ethan Fenn, Austin Bayer, Micah Matsudaira, Griffin Tomaino, Xiaohan Ye, Ken Zeng. Back: Harrison Tillou, Anthony Fenn, Brandon Sorrell, Matt Chin, Ian Danforth Gold, Brogan O'Connell, David Mullins, Coach Jeff Tripp





Abby Dodge



Megan Foley



Maebel Spencer



Madi Simonds



Annabelle Kovacs

This year, the seniors of the lacrosse team each submitted the same quote: "We peeked and we know."

SMALL BUT RESILIENT

by Madi Simonds & Coach Amanda Lindquist

What the varsity girls lacrosse team lacks in roster size they make up for in determination and resilience. They play every game like it is a championship game. Dealing with numerous injuries we have still been able to win games, and we opened our season with two wins. Because of our small numbers, we have had to play multiple games without a full team, which is very challenging for the game of lacrosse. But the girls stick with it.

Led by captains Madi Simonds, Abby Dodge, and Genevieve Bushey, the team welcomed many underclassmen determined to help fill the gap left by the talented graduated class of 2018. We have a freshman, Jordan Haggard, who stepped up to be goalie, for which the team is very thankful, and she made many awesome saves in the Wolcott and Watertown games.

Genevieve Bushey has been our lead scorer, with Abby Dodge, Maggie Raftery, Josie Marks, and Megan Foley also scoring goals throughout the season. We have four games some weeks, which is exhausting for a team so small but the girls, who have a great family dynamic, work together to get through it.

The girls were excited to have a new coach this year, alumni Amanda Lindquist, who was captain of Housatonic's lacrosse team in 2010. Equally happy to remain on the coaching staff was Laura Bushey, who stepped up and led the team to a Western Connecticut League championship last year. Together, they enjoyed a successful season and hope to see the program continue for years to come.



GOING COAST TO COAST Above: Maebel Spencer cradles the ball. Right: Abby Dodge attempts a poke check and Nichole Aguilar backs her up. Far right: Genevieve Bushey dislodges the ball in a slap check.





TO THE DIRT

Center: Maebel Spencer cradles the ball past a defender; Right: Ella Segalla makes herself open; Josie Marks cradles the ball down field; Genevieve Bushey is intense on the field and wastes no time in taking the ball to move toward the goal.



TRADITION

Below: After a time out, team members raise their sticks and chant, "KA Housy way," or "Together!"



"We peeked and we know." Abby Dodge



TEAM MEMBERS

Front: Jordan Haggard, Samantha Sheldon, Hope Carlson, Maebel Spencer, Madison Simonds, Abigail Dodge. Back: Marguerite Bickford, Coach Amanda Lindquist, Ella Segalla, Josie Marks, Nichole Aguilar, Megan Foley, Margaret Raftery, Genevieve Bushey, Annabelle Kovacs, Kaylyn Vogel, Coach Laura Bushey. Not pictured: Molly O'Connor, Ornella-Grace Rufo

Rebuilding a Team

by Coach Kaleigh Rogers

This season was a good rebuilding year having a win on the season. We had a great defensive team this year with most of the starters maintaining above a .900 fielding average. Christina Winburn and Madelynn Olownia were key players in every game holding the team together. Christina Winburn hit a home run against Shepaug Spartans.





THE WIND UP

Left: Emma Crane winds up for the pitch against Litchfield. Below: Madelynn Olownia and Haley Simmons wait at base for the next hit.



TEAM MEMBERS

- Myah Baird
- Mariana Bonetti
- Mia Ciccotelli
- Emma Crane
- Victoria Dodge
- Kirstyn Hoage
- Aliza Luminati
- Paige MacNeil
- Madison McNealy
- Madelynn Olownia
- Mackenzie Ongley
- Felicity Richardson
- Isabella Riemer
- Haley Simmons
- Michelle Tittmann
- Emma Walsh
- Abigale Wayne
- Christina Winburn



FIRST WIN!

The team and coaches were ecstatic over their first win, especially since it was against Litchfield.



SENIORS SPEAK

Madelynn Olownia
"Go HOUSY!!!"

Christina Winburn
"Bunting for money has made me rich."

PLAY BALL, BOYS

Below: Shea Cohn throws a ball in to the pitcher; Russell Sears pitches from the mound.



TEAM MEMBERS

Front:

Sean Calati
Shea Cohn
Russell Sears
Noah McCray
Justin Roux
Shane Stampfle

Back:

Caleb Shpur
Jack McAuliffe
Keaton Terrill
Cameron Ackerman Faedi
Matthew Murray
Maxwell Dodge
Dylan Crump
Not pictured:
Samuel Taylor
Nicholas Winburn



BALLPARK FIGURES

Above: Matt Murray stops a ball at first base; Cameron Ackerman Faedi throws a ball in from the outfield.

Big Game, Big Win

by Coach Darryl Morhardt

The Housatonic Varsity Baseball team has battled to a 8-8 record so far. They team members have shown they can play with the best teams in the Berkshire league with a 1-0 win over defending league champion and previously undefeated Shepaug Spartans. Losing many close games during the season, the team is now playing it's best ball in hopes of securing a high seed in the upcoming CIAC tournament.



SENIOR HIGHLIGHTS



Matthew Murray

"Highlight was beating Shepaug."



Jack McAuliffe

"Beating Shepaug at home was one of the greatest feelings."



Sean Caiati

"There are two things I have experienced playing on the Housatonic baseball team: teamwork and passion. The drive that the kids on this team have is remarkable and I hope it stays within them throughout the rest of their lives."



STEP UP

Clockwise starting at top: team breaks after pre-game talk; Matt Murray at bat; Jack McAuliffe pitches while Matt Murray awaits a chance to slide home; Caleb Shpur reaches first base; Catcher Sean Caiati looking to throw to a teammate; Jack McAuliffe at the mound; Keaton Terrall a split second before catching the ball for an out at base.



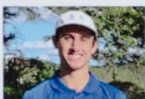
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SWING into ACTION

SMALL TEAM WINS BIG

by Coach John McGuire

seniors



Zach Ongley



"Do it for DiFranco's".
Dean Saccardi



"We made states & came third in the Berkshire League."
Marcus Winburn



"Big boolin."
Holden Marks

The Housy golf team is off to a good start with a 6-3 record, good for third place in the Berkshire League. The team has been led by senior Zach Ongley and freshman Colin McAuliffe. Also contributing are seniors Dean Saccardi, Holden Marks, Marcus Winburn and junior Jace Tomaino. At the Woodland Invitational, Zach Ongley posted an 83, good for a fourth place finish. Housy is on track to place in the top four in the BL which will send the entire team to the BL Tourney. Halfway through the season, the team is in position to qualify for the State Tournament.

TEAM MEMBERS

Below: Jace Tomaino, Dean Saccardi, Marcus Winburn, Coach John McGuire, Holden Marks, Colin McAuliffe, Aman Egan. Not Pictured: Cyrus Kearney, Zachary Ongley



SHARON COUNTRY CLUB Housatic's golf team practiced and played at the beautiful Sharon Country Club. Above: Dean Saccardi and Holden Marks tee off; Cyrus Kearney and Jace Tomaino working on their short shots, or chipping.





DETERMINATION

Left: Nick Winburn puts his all into teeing off.



CHIPPING

Zach Ongley takes a short shot.



SAND TRAP

Above: Zim McAuliffe swings his way out of the bunker.

Page contributors: Zim McAuliffe



UNIQUE

Paige MacNeil feeds goats in the barn during her Veterinary Science class.



MARKETING

Valeria Cardenas Arango studies for a Marketing class assessment in a quiet spot.



GETTING CREATIVE

Joshua Brinson sketches before painting in his Advanced Painting class.

THE STUFF OF LIFE

Chemistry students collaborate on their lab reports



Academic life at Housatonic offers an evolving variety of learning opportunities, both in content and in method. This year, many more students took advantage of this modern academic flexibility by creating and taking their own personalized learning courses, such as 2D Animation, American Heart Association Certification, Animal Nutrition, German 6, AP Psychology, Animal Nutrition, Barn Management, Calculus 2, CDE Forestry, Introduction to Nursing, Music Production and ProTools, Personal Fitness, Poetry, and Song Writing. These personalizations have allowed many students to satisfy their burning curiosities and pursue their passions to go beyond the confines of classroom learning. In additions, daily flex blocks, in its second year, continues to allow students and teachers to work together for enrichment, extra help and build strong relationships.

ACADEMIC LIFE

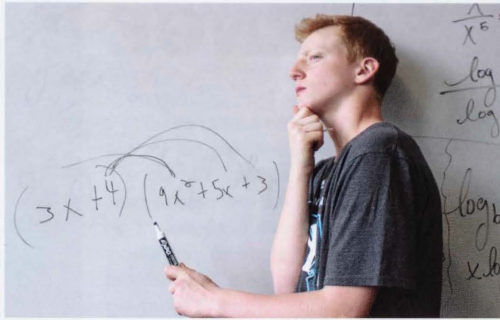
MATH is RADICAL

“When am I ever going to use this in the future?” is a common question in all classrooms, especially in math.

Teachers will tell you they do not know when or if you will ever use it again, and it is not all about a future career. Common responses are that our career paths have not been decided yet, and we should keep our options open, and learning anything makes new learning easier, and knowledge is power. Senior John Bartram will tell you he will use math as an engineer. Jameson Clark will tell you that “the organizational and logic skills of writing geometry proofs are important.” And some others will tell you math is important because you get to eat skittles after the exponential growth and decay investigation in Dr. Fellows' class.



GROWTH OR DECAY? Students use skittles to investigate exponential growth and decay. Ms. Membrino assists Justine Allyn in a math investigation on exponential functions.

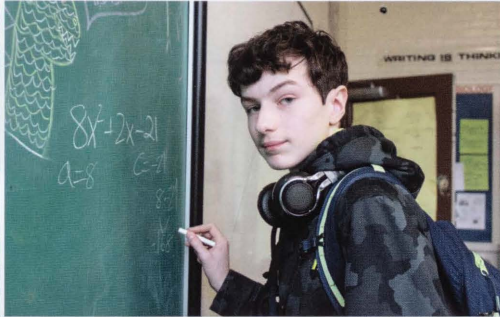


WHAT'S YOUR MOST VALUABLE MATH EQUATION?

DISTRIBUTING POLYNOMIALS

"Because we use it so often in when we learn new concepts."

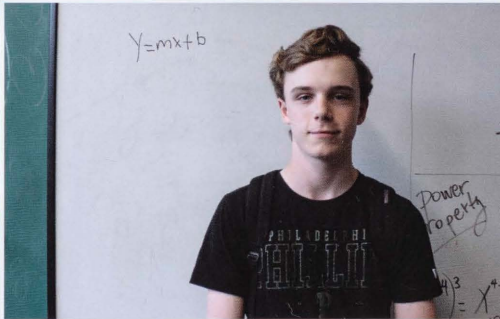
Justin Roux



AC METHOD OF FACTORING QUADRATICS

"Because it makes perfect sense."

Iain Rand



SLOPE INTERCEPT LINEAR FORM

"I like it because it was fun to learn."

Brayton Wood



FRACTIONS

"Because they're so fun. I like that fractions can be equal but with different names."

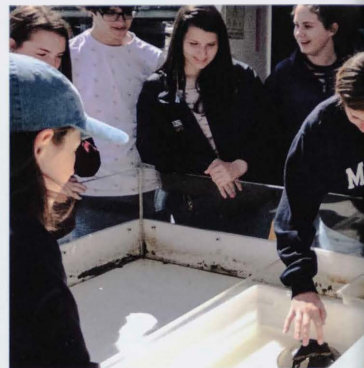
Lily Watkins

WHAT'S YOUR ANGLE? Center and left: Dr. Fellows' and Mr. Lazzaro's geometry students discuss the theorems involved in triangle similarity.

HANDS ON SCIENCE

Why do you like science? "I like doing the hands on activities in Chemistry, like when we made a vacuum out of scraps and made a fully functional prototype," says Chris Duntz. "It was interesting to look at case studies that involved blood spatter patterns and what causes the different types of spatter," says Jason Lambert about his Forensic Science class. Aaliyah Cleveland explains testing

the solar cars they built in Science 9 class. "We connected a solar panel to it and then put different weights on the car and tested its speed. We knew it was a good model if it was able to pass a certain distance with each weight on it." And, Physics students put theory into action by visiting the rollercoaster at Lake Compounce after studying acceleration.



WHAT CHA' DOING?

Students explore scientific concepts & their applications



Felicity Richardson and Mia Curtis begin to assemble their solar cars for Science 9 class.

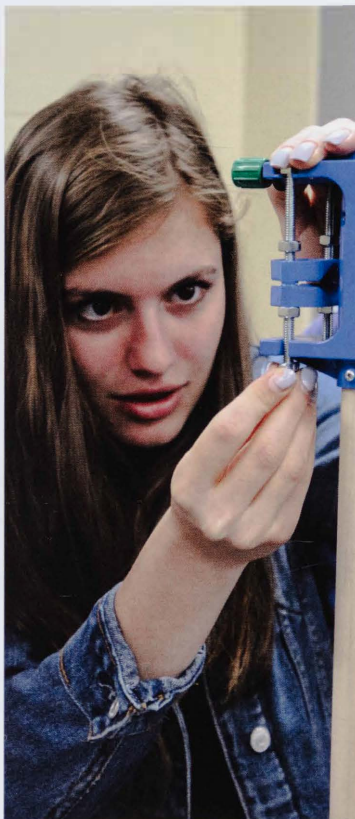
Jacob Smith prepares slides of pollen taken from various "crime scenes" for his Forensic Science class.



Victor Flores, Joshua Shakeshaft, and Sarah Mauri test soil samples in AP Environmental Science class.



Ryan Duncan and Emma Adam test their design against the requirements for their Physics project.

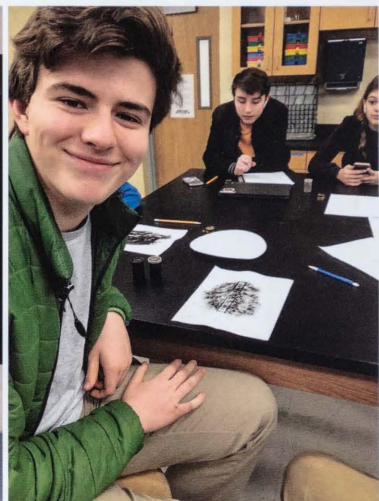


IF YOU BUILD IT Above: Genevieve Bushey assembles the base of a wind turbine in AP Environmental Science class. Top center: Marine Biology students visit the Norwalk Aquarium and examine a horseshoe crab.



HAS HER EYE ON THE FBI

Tiffany Munoz Arango is passionate about solving crimes and hopes to join the FBI. Toward this goal, she works hard in her math and science classes. This year, she's especially interested in her Chemistry and Forensic Science classes.



YOUR FAVORITE SCIENCE LAB?

"Popping balloons with different compounds with Ms. Dinneen."
Mia Ciccotelli

"The rubber and limonene experiment with Ms. A."
Derek Elias

"The egg drop lab with Ms. Dinneen."
Aidan Barr

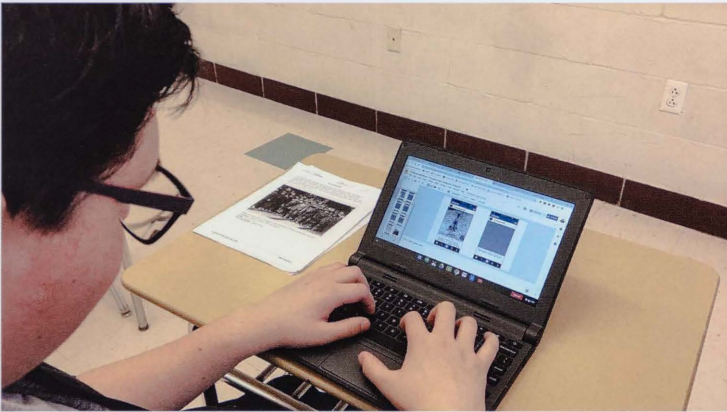


BUILD, TEST, EXAMINE Left: Gillian Hudson tests her design in physics class. Above: Cyrus Kearney uses metal shavings and a magnet to illustrate the earth's magnetic field. Anthony Altamirano compares samples from hypothetical crime scenes to assist in determining the culprit.

making sense of **THE PAST**

Students don't focus on names and dates,
but on sources, context, and corroboration.

In the social studies department, students interact with history experts a multitude of primary sources, including artwork. Students ask, 'How might the circumstances in which this document was created affect its content? What does that tell us about people at that time? How does the document's language indicate the author's perspective? Is there a bias?' Students evaluate claims made throughout history and build their understanding of the various perspectives throughout history and today.



HERE, THERE, EVERYWHERE Above: Anthony Altamirano works on an engaging Industrial Revolution project in which students create social media accounts for agents of social change. Over spring break, students and faculty visit China or Germany. Shown here are Aidan Dillon, Shea Cohn, Xavier Johnson, Michael Hanlon, Sophia Woods, and Patrick Merrill in Shanghai.

HISTORICAL THINKING IN ACTION

Mariana Bonett presents and discusses her research and analysis on early art in Ms. Messina's Global Studies 1 class.

Corroboration (Continued)



SUPREME Judge Andrew Roraback speaks with students from the Perspectives on Democracy class about landmark Supreme Court cases.



CRITICAL THINKING Mr. Bruno offers insights to Jordan Shaw during US History class while students practice historical thinking skills to analyze primary and secondary sources.



ORAL HISTORY Diane Chinatti speaks with US History students during the Oral History Project. Harrison Tilou, Jessy Haggard, and Molly Menniges listen rather intently.

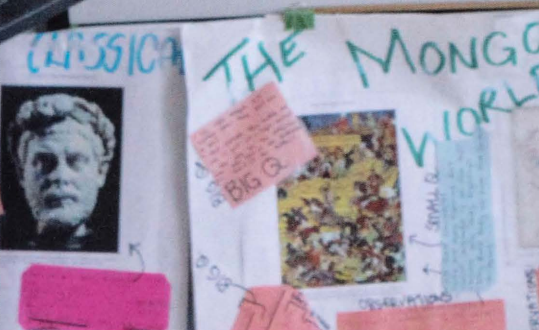
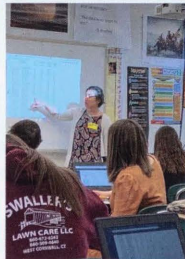


COMMEMORATION Michael Shulan, creative director of the National September 11th Memorial and Museum from 2006-2010, speaks with US History students about memory and commemoration.



LEARNING FROM THE EXPERTS

Above: "Historians need to be willing to change their minds," Pulitzer Prize winning historian Eric Foner told a group of students during a visit. He spoke to Mr. Vermilyea's classes and answered their questions. "Objectivity means you have an open mind, not an empty one." Mr. Foner is also the author of the textbooks for Honors US History class: *Voices of Freedom* and *Give Me Liberty*. Left: Professor Natalia Smirnova discusses comparisons between Great Depression and Great Recession for US History students.



SO MANY WORDS, SO LITTLE TIME



Students read some interesting new books this year as well as some favorites. A relative newcomer was the memoir *The Glass Castle* by Jeannete Wells. Another favorite was *Into the Wild* by Jon Krakauer. Mike Hanlon says about the book, "I think it's kind of bizarre to see what the character does. He's pretty smart but decided to drop off the face of the earth and said, 'I'm gonna do this.' And *Night* (by Elie Wiesel) was good. I prefer true stories because you know someone actually did this or went through it." For Jameson Clark, the favorite this year was from history class, *Love and Hate in Jamestown* by David Price. "I liked it because I like history a lot and it was very interesting to learn what happened at the time of Pocahontas and John Smith."

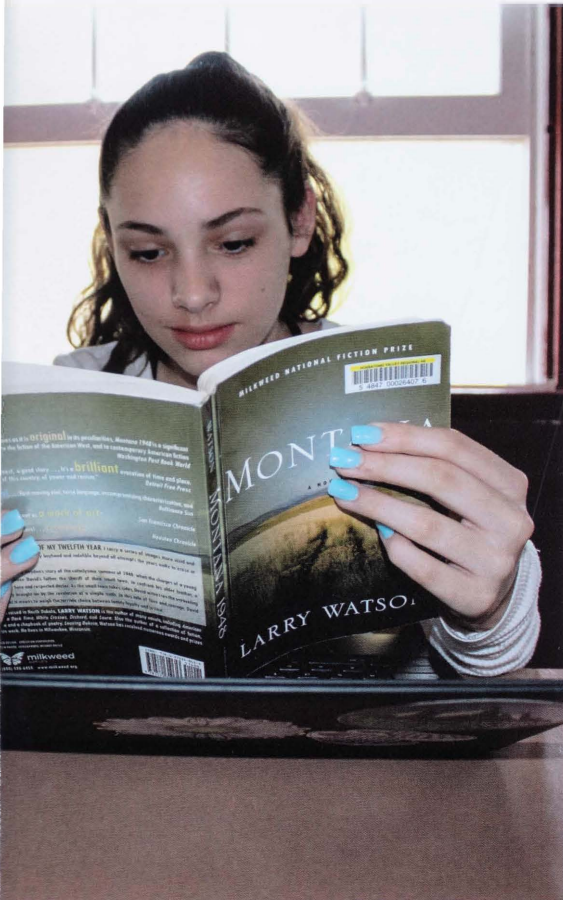


ACCURATE TRUTH Film Studies students attended *The Lifespan of a Fact* on Broadway that explored issues around accuracy and truth.



STUDENTS TAKE THE REIGNS Above: Nicole Gorat displays her leadership qualities by leading the group during a grammar lesson. Top: Ashailee Reyes and Parker Riley discuss *Montana 1948* in English 9.





Best Book You Read This Year?

Midnight at the Well of Souls
Matthew Chin



Montana 1948
Aman Egan



The Shining
Christina Winburn



1000 Splendid Sons
Mia Tittmann



The Glass Castle
Gavy Schuster



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THE WRITING PROCESS

Nick Turner gets feedback on his written work from Ms. Foulds.

IMITATION IS THE BEST FLATTERY

Students in English 10 read *The Spoon River Anthology* by Edgar Lee Masters. The subsequent project involved taking grave stone rubbings from a similar time period and creating a story in a style similar to the author's.

Living Creatively

SENIORS ARE HEADED TO TOP ART COLLEGES

by Mr. Warren Prindle

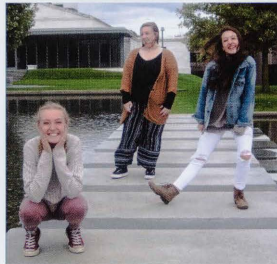


The class of 2019 has an amazing amount of graduates heading toward a future in the arts. Students have received acceptance letters from impressive arts schools, including the School of Visual Arts, the Fashion Institute of Technology, Ringling College of Art and Design, Savannah College of Art and Design, the Pratt Institute of Art, and the Rhode Island School of Design. The arts at HVRHS endeavor to prepare all students for a lifetime of creativity, cultural enrichment, and enjoyment of the natural world.



IN THE COMPANY OF ARTISTS

Above: Lilian Culbreth goofing around or creating mixed-media art?
 Right: Nikki Kowalski, Carly Tygart, and Lilian Culbreth strike a creative pose at their field trip; Val Lenis, Ella Matsudaira, and Tianna Togninalli carefully level artwork in the Two Walls Gallery in the library.



STUDENT ARTWORK



Do Me a Flavor Gillian Hudson



Study in Blue and Orange Ella Matsudaira



Sparky Lilian Culbreth



Infinite Gumball Caroline Hurlburt



Megaphone Brynn Scharte



On the River Styx Emelia Luz



Self Portrait Nikki Kowalski



Color Photography Madison Clark



IN THE COMPANY OF MUSICIANS

Left: Mr. Krupa directs Band class. Sayde Paulson and Lili Culbreth sing and record in preparation for mixing music in Music Technology class.



MULTIPLE MODES OF MUSIC

Jason Lambert and Joshua Shakeshaft are both multi-talented musicians. They play several instruments as well as sing. Here, Joshua gives Jason a few tips on tempo while playing the drums.



SING AND PLAY

Above: Ian Rand works on a project to remix *Baby Boy* by John Lennon in Music Technology class. Nicole Gorat performs with Chorus at their Winter Concert.

Practice Perfect

Mr. Krupa's music department is a joyful place. The music that students and faculty hear coming from his room makes each day better. Students can choose from Chorus, Band, Music Theory, Music Technology or create their own personalized learning course.



PLAY IT AGAIN Aidan McCarthy, Christina Winburn, Carianne Callinan, Anna Coon, and Tianna Togninalli rehearse during Band class.

Phys Ed is So Many Things

PHYSICAL EDUCATION
CLASSES TEACH SPORTS,
RECREATION, COOPERATIVE
GAMES, AND SELF DEFENCE



In PE class, students learned how to serve a volleyball, defend themselves from self-defense expert, Bill Ansett, use weight equipment safely, and move together cooperatively. The cooperative games or exercises are particularly interesting in that they're unlike what most students have ever done in school.



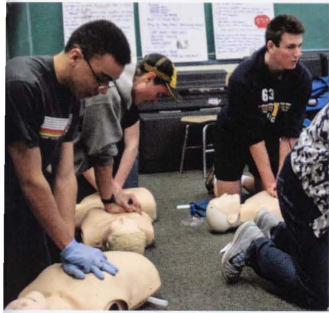
COOPERATIVE GAMES Students learn to coordinate their efforts in order to move, catch multiple balls without dropping any, and crawl across a perpetual set of monkey bars.



WEIGHT ROOM

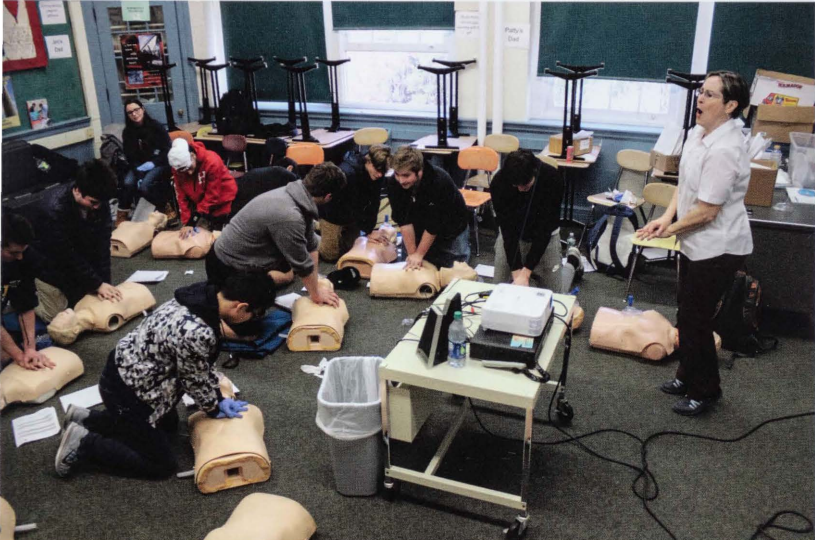
Daniel Agostinho and Patrick Merrill are on a quest for muscular gains on a rainy day in PE class.





STAYING ALIVE

Left: Donovan McCray, Lance Oyanadel, and Jack McAuliffe practice compressions. Eli Johnson practices breathing life into the patient.



A favorite health class activity is learning CPR. Ms. Colligan puts on the Bee Gee's *Staying Alive*, full blast, and conducts the students on the number of chest compressions and the number of breaths. The students chant along with Ms. Colligan for the counting. Above and left are seniors in their health class helping their patient stay alive.



How to Stay Alive

Students learn what to avoid for their own health and what to do for someone else.



THE LATEST ISSUE

Above and left: Students research, create posters, and present their findings on comparisons between cigarettes and juuls or e-cigarettes: Tabitha Maffucci, Serena Kim, Taylor Hosier, Anna Eckstein, and Ashlee Minacci.

A Labor of Love

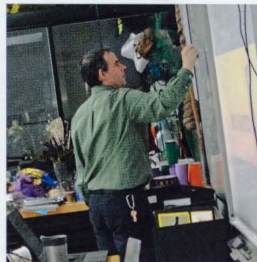
Plants, chinchillas, tiny goats, fluffy sheep, big machines, and great people... what's not to love?



New to Housy this year is alum, Ms. Boardman. According to her, she doesn't really work. She doesn't really work. She's fond of the old saying, "If you find a job you love, you'll never work a day in your life." Her students build blue bird boxes and check them for new tenants. They also perform fecal egg counts in Equine Science class. They make dog treats and work with adorable real puppies on dog training. As shown above and right, they work with small animals like the chinchilla Amber Flint is holding and barn animals like the miniature baby goat Maggie Baldwin is holding.

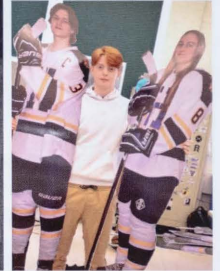


IN THE SHOP AND BARN Above right: Aidan Barr explains greasing the joints on the tandem tractor. Right: Ashlee Minacci and Paige MacNeil tend to the sheep in Veterinary Science class. Below: Mr. Moran teaches presentation skills. Megan Foley feeds the miniature horse in Veterinary Science class.



When Sparks Fly

At right, Kody KishBaugh uses a plasma cutter to slice through metal, and below Anthony Clark shows off fat heads he made for the hockey team's senior night. These tech ed classes are something to be proud of.



IN THE SHOP Above left to right: Anthony Clark helps create titling for artist Gail Rothschild's *Portraits of Ancient Linen* on display in the Art Department's Two Walls Gallery. Austen Reid uses a circular saw to make a truck weight tray. Jacob Smith uses metal snips to cut our a dog design. Left: Michael Reid uses a lathe to smooth the edges of his creation.

Parlez-vous français OR Deutsch OR español?



They say that speaking more than one language increases your ability to problem solve because you have an expanded vocabulary with which to reason. Or it just increases your ability to communicate and understand our world. At Housatonic, our new German teacher, Ms. Fox, collaborated with Ms. Messina and Ms. Foulds for a unit on Germanic culture. This spring, twenty students from Mme. Olson's French classes embarked on a trip to Québec City. The environment was all-French, and the students stayed in the heart of old Québec at the Hôtel Champlain immersed in the French Canadian milieu. And many students successfully completed the national foreign language exams. Bien joué!



FAV FOREIGN LANGUAGE WORD



Ashlee Minacci
mariposa, butterfly in Spanish



Maggie Raftery
pomme de terre, "apple of the earth" or potato in French



Elle Raftery
kasekuchen, cheesecake in German



Neve O'Connell
sacapuntas, pencil sharpener in Spanish



Hope Carlson
esperanza, hope in Spanish



Aubrey Smith
hola, hello in Spanish

ON THE BUS to College & Career



The counseling office, the Career Experience Coordinator Dr. O'Neill, and the College and Career Coordinator Ms. Beaujon work together to offer opportunities for students to explore their future options. Juniors attended the National College Fair in Hartford (top left), juniors and seniors attended the Career Connections event on campus to share discussions with professionals from fields such as veterinary medicine, art, photography, audio engineering, music composition, flight instruction, law and public safety, and health and wellness (shown above). Juniors build their resumes and seniors explore options at NCCC (shown left).



Ryan Duncan



Holden Marks



Marijke Stiffler

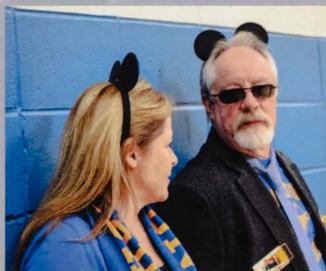


Soren Clulow



Maebel Spencer

Seniors Celebrate Their Acceptances into Colleges with the Star Board



ALL EARS

Ms. Caruso and Mr. Cannon enjoy the show after their pep rally lip syncing performance.



TEACHER VS. TEACHER

Mr. Lizzi blocks Mr. Tripp's attempts during a student-faculty basketball game.



NO SHAVE NOVEMBER

Faculty raise money by donating all funds they would have spent on shaving for the month of November to the Jane Lloyd Fund.

HISTORICAL ANALYSIS

Ms. Messina assists Russell Sears in analyzing primary sources in Global History 1.



This year saw Mr. Pete Vermilyea, beloved social studies teacher, be honored by the University of Connecticut for Excellence in Instruction. He was nominated by fellow social studies teacher, Mr. John Lizzi. Dr. Scott Fellows had a giant monitor installed as an instructional tool in his math classes. He wasted no time in putting it to use by using Desmos to illustrate concepts for students. Mr. David John Douglas created a new activity for students involving three dimensional printing and the physics of acceleration. Students made model cars using the 3-D printer and then raced them. Ms. Veatch and Mr. Lovejoy brought students to Germany, and Mr. Lizzi and Mr. Osora brought a group of students to China. Ms. Johnson introduced students to the art of mask making in the art rotation of Life Skills. It was another year of growth for faculty and staff.

FACULTY&STAFF

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 Robin Beaujon
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 Jonathan Bryno
 Lori Bucco
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 Tyler Burdick



Vance Cannon
 Gale Caruso
 Diane Chinatti
 John Christinat
 Lindsley Colligan



Rosanne Costa
 Melanie Cullerton
 Karen Davenport
 Michelle Decker
 Elizabeth Dinneen



David John Douglas
 Michael Ellington
 Scott Fellows
 Jacqueline Fenn
 Elizabeth Foulds



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 Cindy Fuller
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 Richard Greco
 Sara Jack



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Let's Get Real for a Minute

Ms. Bucco's appreciation for learning is contagious

by Valerie Lenis

"She's very personable. Not only on an academic level, but she invests herself in us because she believes in us." Lily Bibro, junior, is taking one of the most rigorous courses that Housatonic offers, AP Language & Composition. But, in Ms. Bucco's classroom, her students can't help but be curious, invested, and motivated. Even in her short time at Housy, Ms. Bucco has become a notable and influential member of our community.

Before her career at Housy, Ms. Bucco had various experiences that revealed opportunities that teaching offers. Even in her years as a college student, she "was not for the idea of teaching. I took no [education] courses... But as an assistant at Georgia Tech, I recognized my natural talent at teaching. I realized it was something I wanted to do and I haven't looked back on anything." Though, after retiring in 2012, she couldn't ignore her natural attraction to being in the classroom. She's appreciative of Housy for offering her a second chance after retirement and of the student body for accepting her.

When asked about her journey from the populated Fairfax County, Virginia, to the small, mountainous Northwest Corner of Connecticut, she had a distinct answer: Henry David Thoreau. The rural, wooded area of Connecticut connects to her love of literature and Thoreau's work.

Ms. Bucco's passion for teaching comes with a genuine interest and excitement for her students. "I want them to not just be a better student and writer, but a better life time learner. I hope that a small percent of what I'm teaching sticks with them. Not just content, but realization of literature." Her clear goals for her students definitely manifests in the way she teaches, how she treats her students, and her meaningful role in our school.

Students were asked anonymously to describe an inspirational teacher:

"Mrs. Bucco criticizes your work in a way that actually motivates and helps you, while making class interesting through personal stories."

"Ms. Bucco is a realist teacher who speaks her mind and is very helpful for those willing to put forth the effort."



OOOO, OOOO, ME!

Ms. Bucco calls on Geovana Rezende during a lively discussion on justice prior to reading *Twelve Angry Men* in English 10.

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION

Students and Ms. Bucco discuss Transcendentalism in Humanities 11.

HISTORY LIVES HERE

MR. VERMILYEA GATHERS US AROUND HIS FIRE

by Lindsey Clark

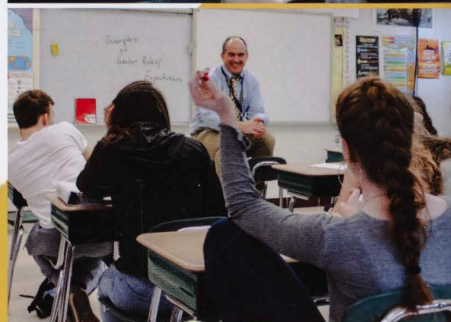
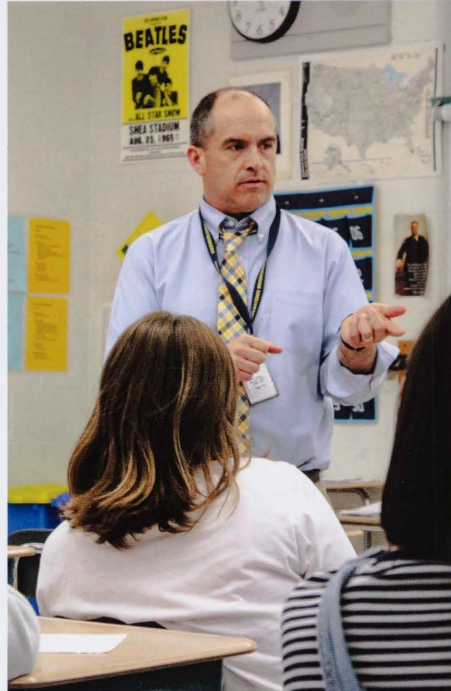
Mr. Vermilyea's love of history began when he was a child, looking through his grandparents' collection of history books. The pages were filled with captivating pictures, and these fascinated him right away. From there, it didn't take long for a true passion to take root: his interest in the Civil War. He was captured by the drama that the time in history presented. Now, he sees the lasting complexity and struggles of the event as increasingly intriguing, especially as time goes on. This same excitement about history as a whole is what Mr. Vermilyea aspires to pass along to his students each day. In his 24 years at Housatonic, he has definitely accomplished this.

"Mr. Vermilyea has a notable way of making my time in the classroom interactive, compelling, and entertaining," junior Valerie Lenis notes. By instilling the notion that history is about ideas and not about facts, Mr. Vermilyea has been able to encourage the concept of individual thought in his classes. He emphasizes that students are the owners of their ideas, while consistently providing them the opportunity to work as historians would. There's no memorizing, but rather authentic interactions with the past, whether through interpreting documents, conducting oral history, or communicating historical ideas to a larger audience. Examples of this work include the Oral History Festival, during which genuine conversations are had about the past and how people lived then, as well as ProjECT29 (student-created biographies of soldiers from one of the first African-American regiments formed in the Civil War), which allows for students to conduct real historical research that leaves a meaningful impact on the community.

What is particularly special about Mr. Vermilyea's teaching style, though, is his true care for his students' learning paired with a profound enthusiasm. To junior Kevin Arango, "This makes his class feel less like a lecture and more like you're hearing a story around a campfire with friends."

Mr. Vermilyea also appreciates the exceptional way that teachers and students can work together at Housatonic. "I value the energy, the creativity, the humor, the inspiration that students bring to the classroom." He admires Abraham Lincoln's "ability to focus on doing what's right in the face of criticism," Franklin D. Roosevelt's "fearlessness in the face of overwhelming challenges," and Theodore Roosevelt's "sense of adventure."

With these remarkable inspirations in mind, Mr. Vermilyea creates a classroom environment that is not only engaging and challenging, but is also a place where history comes alive in a meaningful and authentic way. As he puts it, "The saga of history is often tragic, but it can also be inspirational and fun."



Along with eight other educators, Mr. Vermilyea received the UConn ECE Award for Excellence in Instruction this spring.

Students were asked anonymously to describe an inspirational teacher:

"Mr. Vermilyea has always been such an understanding, caring individual, willing to help ANYONE who may be struggling."

"Mr. Vermilyea often helps me with essays and writing; overall a great teacher."





John Lizzi
 Jeff Lloyd
 Alan Lovejoy
 Anne MacNeil
 John Marsicano



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 Caitlin Messina
 Taylor Monico
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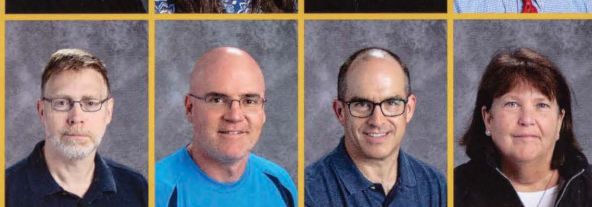
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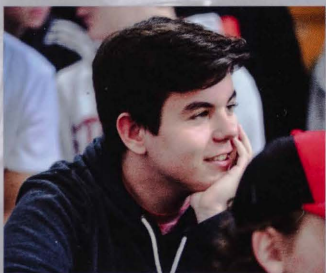
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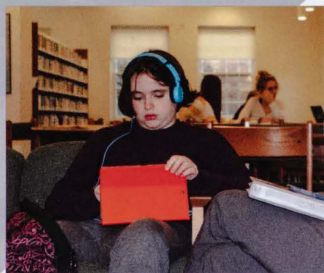


David Thompson
 Jeffrey Tripp
 Peter Vermilyea
 Katherine Wood



A RELAXED MOMENT

Daniel Agostinho enjoys the show during the spring pep rally.



QUIET TIME IN LIBRARY

Thea Voorhees relaxes in the library and listens to music.



HILARIOUS MOMENTS

Haley Simmons, Mina Sakr, and Isabella Riemer watch the faculty-student basketball game.

COOL LOOKS

The photographer catches the eye of an unamused Abigail Coolbeth.



The underclassmen of Housatonic Valley Regional High School have seen a great deal of change. Juniors and sophomores have experienced changes in their grading system and in their schedules. The sophomores are more grounded for their second year here and have more confidence. The juniors are starting to prepare for the world and get ready for their future. They are starting to drive and experience new job opportunities. The freshmen are acclimating to the new inviting environment. And underclassmen are learning to take advantage of the choices that Housatonic offers them in every realm, whether it be sports, art, activity blocks, personalized learning, or internships.

UNDERCLASSMEN



It's a Lifestyle

These 4 students not only share a lifestyle, but a family-like bond.

Alexis Galgano, Kai Haaland-Warwick, Avery Tripp, and Ruslan Peirce have been training in taekwondo together for over five years. Kai has been training since he was two. "I'm one of our sensei's first students," Kai explains.

When asked why they train in taekwondo, Alexis says, "In a sense, it's an escape, almost like therapy or meditation. You have to clear your mind in order to train."

"It's a lifestyle, something to guide me," says Kai, and they all agree, nodding. Ruslan adds that "it's a lifestyle because when you do it, you change the way you live. You improve your life. You can focus on yourself and really see yourself."

Alexis and Kai almost simultaneously explain that training together at Baker's Taekwondo is like having another family. "The people there are trustworthy. Doing this creates bonds by helping each other and we all learn together," says Kai.

Currently, Kai is a black belt candidate, Avery and Alexis have their brown belts, and Ruslan, the relative newcomer with five years in, has his green belt. In time, with years more of training, they will all have various degrees of black belts. Their dedication and focus toward this way of life and each other is unwavering.



Clockwise starting at top: **AVERY'S FORM** Avery at a tournament last October performs her form, a choreographed routine containing hand and foot techniques. **NUNCHUCKS** Alexis competes in the weapons division at the Cheezik Tang Soo Do Tournament. She uses nunchucks during her form. **CREATIVE BREAKING ROUTINE** Kai holds the boards as Alexis breaks several boards whilst doing a split between two chairs. **BAKERS** Alexis, Kai, Avery, and Ruslan at Baker's Taekwondo.



Adrienne Aakjar
 Nichole Aguilar
 Evan Allen
 Jacob Anderson
 Caitrin Bailey
 Elijah Battelstein



Jon Bayer
 Mariana Bonett
 Holly Bottass
 Joseph Brennan
 Gavin Budny
 Logan Cables



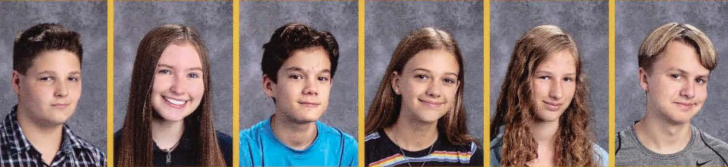
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Mia Curtis
 Joel Demaraies
 Nicholas Devito
 Victoria Dodge
 Gregory Drumm
 Alexyss Duntz



Aman Egan
 Ethan Fenn
 Raina Friend
 Gabriella Gladding
 Sarah Gladding
 Pablo Gonzalez



Landon Good
 Janay Gregory
 Phillip Guillen
 Jordan Haggard
 Jillian Hall
 Mason Holderman



Cyrus Kearney
 Mark Kline
 Alexzander Kovacs
 Vivien Lebel
 Junior Ledezma
 Madison Long



Alexander Lopes
 Yves MacAire
 Josie Marks
 Jennifer Martinez
 Colin McAuliffe
 Nicole McDowd



Karlee McGhee
 Lucas McMillan
 Logan Montoya
 David Mullins
 Kneeland Munson
 Easton Murphy



Katya Nweeia
 MacKenzie Ongley
 Crystal Palmer Andrade
 Devon Paniagua
 Ruslan Peirce
 Madelynn Peterson



Margaret Raftery
 Iain Rand
 Ashailee Reyes
 Kirsten Richard
 Felicity Richardson
 Isabella Riemer



Parker Riley
 Jesse Romancik
 Evelyn Roy
 Mina Sakr
 Russell Sears
 Sydney Segalla



Haley Simmons
 William Starr
 Sarah Tarala
 Elijah Thomson
 Griffin Tomaino
 Avery Tripp



Nicholas Turner
 Maximilian Von Seufert
 Natalie Wadsworth
 Remington Wandall
 Lilith Watkins
 Caleb White



James Wiggins
 Brayton Wood
 Jack Yeung
 Kammi Zheng



Laying Down Their Beats



MUSIC MAKERS Left: Charlie Kaufman in the STC's studio space with Harrison Tillou. Below: Alex Lopes, Griffin Tomaino, Harrison Tillou, and Oscar Zapata Bonet collaborating on music in the studio space.



THERE'S TALENT APLENTY HERE

Griffin Tomaino makes music that he likes and thinks other people will too. "The music I make is sort of like a new genre, referred to by some as 'melodic rap.' It's a combination of singing and rapping usually on hip-hop instrumentals or beats," explains Griffin. He's also made R&B music that is less upbeat. Griffin has released many singles, and in February, he dropped his first full-length album, *It's A Strange World*. "I've been making music now for about a year and a half, but I played trumpet and drums all through middle school." Adrienne Aakjar says, "My mom and I listen to Griffin's music in the car on the way to school every day. Her favorite song is *Another Guy*, and she sorta bebops along to it in the car." **Alex Lopes** and **Harrison Tillou** have been collaborating on music for about a year. Harrison currently has an independent study in Music Production. Last year, Harrison asked Ms. Nancy Martin of the STC if they could host a writers' workshop, and they brought in

Ameen Storm for several meetings at the STC's studio space. Alex plays the sax and is now learning piano on his own and working on an album. "I've been using the piano rather than use beat makers. I'm learning chord progressions and putting them into Logic and changing the instrument from piano to other instruments." Harrison also favors Logic for creating music. "You can put music into the Logic program either by using real instruments or you can choose beats." Harrison plays the ukulele and learned drumming when he was little. "I think that's helped me with my rhythm and my tempo when it comes to being a lyricist. Percussion is very helpful." These guys also occasionally collaborate with another rapper, **Oscar Zapata Bonet**, who's already had his first show, a live showcase competition for rappers. Alex explains, "Housy is a good space but meeting Harry and the others was great because when you meet other artists it's different and meeting other artists who are different than you is really helpful."

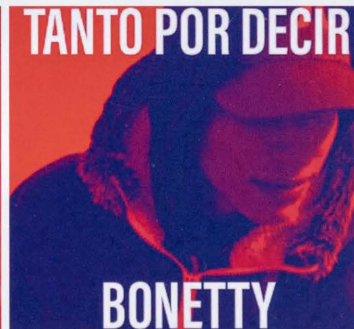


AMBIVALENCE
GR7FF

GR7FF'S FIRST EP Griffin Tomaino put out this Extended Play (EP) last fall. He publishes under the name GR7FF.



GR7FF'S FIRST ALBUM Griffin dropped his first full-length album last winter.



BONETTY Oscar Zapata Bonet has released rap music and had his first live performance recently. He uses the name Bonetty.

EP COVERS

GOING to the EXTREME

Spencer Lucas has a skateboarding sponsor who helps with skateboarding expenses. Asa Franson often joins Spencer at the skate parks. Aidan Barr finds motocross a great way to bond with people. Jeffrey and Dale Palmer have found a community in the BMX world where it's easy to make new connections and learn from that community. All of these people are passionate about their sports and appreciate the fact that these sports bring people together.

Brothers **JEFFREY & DALE PALMER**'s passion is BMX trick riding. They also frequent skate parks but prefer "street riding," which is using whatever is around them. They use the two steps at the Falls Village town hall or the ledge outside the power company building. "We grind on the edges and jump," explains Jeffrey. Last year, Jeffrey and Dale went to NYC for the summer and met a lot of pros. "The fun part is you're riding around the city and you find a group of bikers there and they just take you places you didn't know about," says Dale. It was there they learned about the *Game of Bike*. "Like if a guy does a trick you have to do it exactly as he does it. If not, you get a B, then you get an I, a K, an E," explains Dale. Jeffrey adds, "The first time I went to the skate park, there were like five guys playing this game of BIKE and I played with them. I was the first one to get all the letters. And a year-and-a-half I saw the same guys playing the same game and I beat all of them." The brothers aren't interested in the speed of BMX riding, but in the balance for street riding, such as "a really slow wheelie, and drop over things and keep going with the wheelie. It's pure balance and practice."

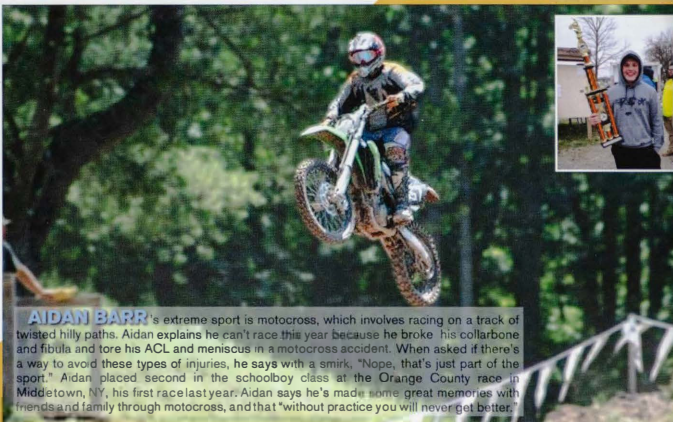


RIDING TOGETHER Asa (top 2 small), Spencer (center & 3rd small), Aidan (right), Dale (4th small), and Jeffrey (above) have found a community in their extreme sports.



SPENCER LUCAS skateboards competitively, but it's a personal competition for sponsorships. He currently has a TEP Records sponsorship because the producer (recent alum Mehali Kasimis) "wants to see me progress in my skateboarding career and in my life, and I want to see his record company progress." Spencer explains, "I'm allowed to use any music they produce for my skateboarding clips. They also pitch in fifty percent for every skateboard I want to buy."

ASA FRANSON often joins Spencer at the skate parks in Millerton, Copake, and Hyde Park. When I asked why go that far, he says, "For the passion of skating. And they're the only parks around." A big event in the skateboard world is Skate Day, a world-wide event when everyone skates at local parks. "It's like a big field day," explains Asa.



AIDAN BARR's extreme sport is motocross, which involves racing on a track of twisted hilly paths. Aidan explains he can't race this year because he broke his collarbone and fibula and tore his ACL and meniscus in a motocross accident. When asked if there's a way to avoid these types of injuries, he says with a smirk, "None, that's just part of the sport." Aidan placed second in the schoolboy class at the Orange County race in Middletown, NY, his first race last year. Aidan says he's made some great memories with friends and family through motocross, and that "without practice you will never get better."



Elias Abbott
Daniel Agostinho
Justine Allyn
Isabella Anderson
Kaylie Anderson
Valentina Arango



Peter Bautista
Marguerite Bickford
Aden Bishop
Christopher Brown
Anthony Clark
Charlotte Clulow



Shea Cohn
Austen Cole
Kayleen Considine
Abigail Coolbeth
Elaine Dekker
Ryan Dorn



Anna Eckstein
Jacob Ellington
Emma Foster
Kristen Foster
Asa Franson
Alexis Galgano



Meghan Gleason
River Greenbaum
Kai Haaland-Warwick
Kirstyn Hoage
Nathan Hock
Taylor Hosier



Aubrey Johnson
Lillian Karcheski
Cassidy Knutson
Abigail Larson
Perla Lopez
Henry Lopez-Gonzalez



Spencer Lucas
Aliza Luminati
Paige MacNeil
Kory Madden
Tabitha Maffucci
Micah Matsudaيرا



Melissa Mauri
Aidan McCarthy
Noah McCray
Patrick Merrill
Ashlee Minacci
Liam Money

William Murphy
 Robert Murtagh
 Natalie Nestler
 Neve O'Connell
 Diontae Ouellette
 Elizabeth Ovitt



Sarita Oyanadel
 Ivan Pascasio
 John Purdy
 Elle Raftery
 Tristin Ralph
 Austen Reid



Logan Riley
 Emerson Rinehart
 Justin Roux
 Brandon Santiago
 Gavrayla Schuster
 Nicholas Sheltra



Samuel Simmons
 Jacob Simonds
 Brandon Sorrell
 Brooke Stampfle
 Kyle Swart
 Keaton Terrall



Michelle Tittmann
 Sarah Upson
 Karina Velasco
 Kaylyn Vogel
 Abigale Wayne
 Delanie Werner



Ken Zeng



Balancing Act

STUDENTS BALANCE JOB & SCHOOL COMMITMENTS

EMMA with the sheep at her family's winery. **AUSTEN** operating the backhoe at his landscaping job. The inset is Austen as a small boy riding a mower with his current boss. **DELANEY** with sheep dog, Max, and a new lamb at her employer's sheep farm. **EGI** at his family's pizza restaurant. Here, Egi is getting ready to deliver a pizza. **SUSANNA** loading hay at her family's beef farm.



Austen Reid has been working in one capacity or another since he was 12 years old. "I started with plowing a few driveways on my road. I plowed them with a garden tractor," he adds with a smirk, as if to say he was ready and willing to get the job done regardless of his tools. He soon took a job with a landscaper while maintaining his independent odd jobs of weed wacking, shoveling, and of course, plowing. Austen currently works for Matt's Landscaping, after school and weekends during the school year and full time during spring break and summer. He mows, installs lawns, plants trees, installs drainage, rakes hay, and clears brush. During the winter, Austen plows for Matt's Landscaping and plows parking lots for another company. During the summer, he juggles working part time with about three other companies in addition to his full time job. "If a company doesn't need me, I do my side jobs, or if I'm too busy to get to my side jobs, I pay my brother to do it." This way, his brother makes some money and Austen keeps his private clients. This is a sign of things to come for Austen. "I have five more properties this year than usual." And eventually? "I'd like to own my own business." Not surprising, given Austen's enterprising ability and skill at juggling multiple responsibilities.

At Mizza's Pizza Restaurant, the "motto is everyone's a part of our family. It's even on our menus," says **Egi Canie**, whose parents started the restaurant. For this reason, great customer service is a priority. "We ask customers how their day is going, make them feel noticed." Anyone who knows Egi knows this seems to come naturally to him. He explains that at work, he has to be good at juggling many tasks, memorize addresses for delivery, quickly find exact change, keep track of gas expenses. How does he balance school and work? "I don't waste time. It was hard at first but I had support from my family. I sometimes get let out of work a little early to do school work. Sometimes, it's really hard, but it can be done."

Emma Adam started working at her family's winery, Land of Nod, when "I could reach the pedals of the tractors." She takes care of the cows, sheep, and goats, and she mows the family's yards and the vineyard. It's also Emma's responsibility to maintain the tractors she uses for fieldwork, which includes harrowing, raking, and baling hay. "I don't get paid for the work I do here. It's just a job because I live on the farm." For this reason, Emma has a second job at the Salisburg Garden Center. This one provides a paycheck. Here, she does "whatever needs to be done," planting plugs and unloading, watering, and pruning plants. When asked how she balances two jobs and school, Emma says, "I make the best of the time I have. I want to do well in school."

At her family's beef farm, **Susanna McCarthy** feeds the animals daily, and regularly transports a trailer of cows from the slaughter house to the store, usually Adams Fair Acre Farm, a local farm-to-table store in Poughkeepsie. "I love my job. I think of it more as a hobby because I love it. Balance is difficult and I get behind at times. My mom helps me make sure I get school work done."

Delaney Sheehan has worked for two years at Caora Sheep Farm in Millerton, NY. "I set up the grazes for the sheep" by moving the electric fencing, she explains. "I sometimes help with lambing," which involves helping the ewe deliver her lambs if there are any complications, especially if it's a first-time mother. "I bottle feed lambs who are orphaned or whose mothers are sick." Delaney also works with the farm's sheep dog, Rex, and completes farm chores such as mowing the field or loading bales of hay. She works every week day and balances school with work by getting "school work done during study hall."

Livia's Other Realm

The Lesser Known Bassoon

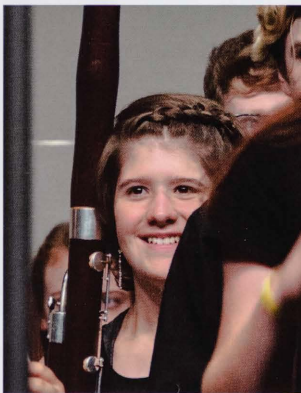
Livia Fallon started playing the clarinet at age 9, but "I switched to bassoon in 8th grade after watching a YouTube video on lesser-known instruments." She liked the instrument's mellow, majestic sound. Currently, Livia is a member of the Greater Hartford Youth Wind Ensemble and the CT Youth Symphony, and this year and last, Livia earned a spot on the CT Northern Regional Orchestra. Housatonic's *Rip Van Winkle* orchestra included Livia, the sole student, and the show's director asked her to join the orchestra for the Falls Village Theater production of *Annie Get Your Gun*. Of these, Livia says her greatest accomplishments are making it onto the CTNRO and CTYS because "a lot of those people have been playing a long time and I started three and half years ago."

Finding out about Northern Regionals is "nerve wracking" because they send the musicians their audition scores first, and then a few days later they send the cut off score that determines who makes it in. "It's two whole days of making music and it's great. We practice and practice and perfect it on Friday and Saturday and the concert is Saturday night."

Livia explains that these opportunities allow her to meet many new people and the conductors are renowned and work throughout the state. Recently, Livia spoke with Charlie Rosen who wrote the music for the Broadway musical *Be More Chill*. "He's going to let me sit in on the pit for a performance and observe... and listen."

When asked about her practice schedule, Livia explains that she practices daily for an hour at least, and has private lessons. She also attends the Laurel Music Camp in New Hartford every summer, where "I met my best friend and fellow bassoonist." She plans on pursuing music performance in college.

"I think I love playing music because it kind of transports you into another realm where you don't focus on school or NYPs and you're just with the music and other people who love making it."



SUMMER CAMP

Above: Livia following a performance at the Laurel Music Camp last summer.

WIND Top: Greater Hartford Youth Wind Ensemble. Livia as one of the wood wind musicians.



CTNRO The CT Northern Regional Orchestra. Livia made the cut for the wood winds section these last two years.



Anthony Altamirano
Kevin Arango
Tanya Arango
Luke Arno
Myah Baird
Briceson Barry



April Bautista
Lily Bibro
Allison Black
Nikkole Blouin
Genevieve Bushey
Lucas Calhoun



Egi Canie
Hope Carlson
Gabriel Castro-Cruz
Jameson Clark
Lindsey Clark
Madisson Clark



Dylan Crump
Ian Danforth Gold
Jillian Diamond
Maxwell Dodge
Nicholas Dodge
Christopher Duntz



Derek Elias
Livia Fallon
Anthony Fenn
Amber Flint
Kadie Ford
Benjamin Foster



Hannah Gilpatric
Danielle Gorat
Heru Gray
Benjamin Gruen
Jessy Haggard
Hayley Hammond



Michael Hanlon
Julia Hernandez
Eric Hickey
Amber Hill
Zyaja Huggan
Xavier Johnson



Valerie Lenis
Chad Lowell
Jenna Luz
Cameron Majette
Madison McNealy
Molly Menniges

Aiyana Miller
 Luke Mollica
 Tiffany Munoz Arango
 Brogan O'Connell
 Molly O'Connor
 Dale Palmer



Jeffrey Palmer
 Sayde Paulson
 Andres Paz-Cortez
 Michael Reid
 Geovana Rezende
 Mary Riccardelli



Ornella-Grace Rufo
 ArieH Saed
 Daniel Saed
 Shirleen Santiago
 Ella Segalla
 Jordan Shaw



Samantha Sheldon
 Jacob Sheltra
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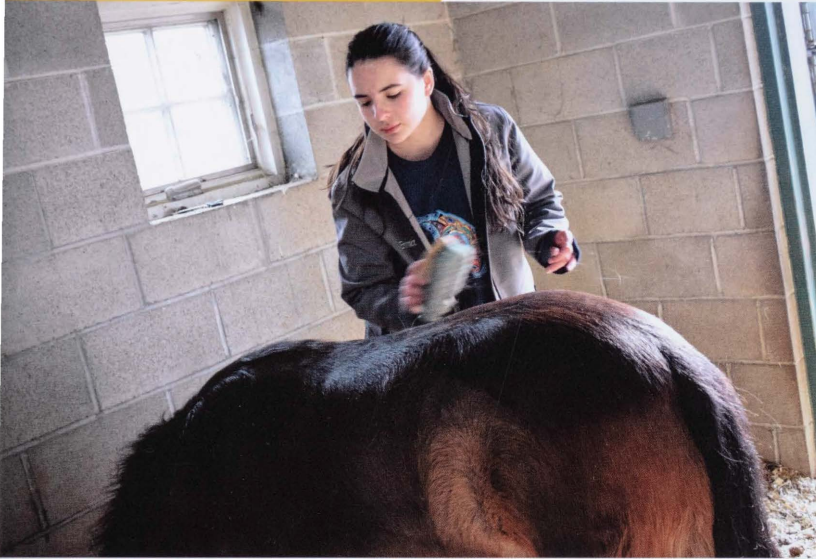


William Wandall
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 Daniel Zapata Bonet



The Love & Science Behind It

FUTURE VETERINARIAN GROWN HERE AT HOUSATONIC
HEADS TOWARD A CAREER IN VET MEDICINE



When students were asked to identify a student who deeply enjoys a particular subject at school, one of Emma Franks' classmates described her as someone who genuinely "loves animals and has been a part of the vet class and the Vet CDE team. She plans to go to vet school and is an amazing and caring person." Emma joined Housatonic's CDE Veterinarian Team two years ago. The team learned about techniques such as reducing stress in animals at animal hospitals, breeds, instruments, parasites, and math applied to medication. "I wasn't interested in the competitions but in the learning," she says.



CARE Emma Franks working with our miniature horse during Veterinary Science class.

Emma has deepened her knowledge by shadowing both small animal and equine vets for the last three summers. She's had some interesting experiences there. One involved a dachshund that moved around on a cart, or dog wheelchair. He came in daily for physical therapy with the vet tech. "He was a favorite there, and he loved to visit us." After months of physical therapy, he was able to move his hind legs without using the cart. Something similar happened when a litter of golden retriever puppies was brought in. "One was paralyzed and they were discussing possibly putting him down. One tech took him, and for months, he brought the puppy to work to watch over him during the day, and did physical therapy with him at home. Now the puppy's perfectly normal."

Thanks to her agricultural science classes, CDE, and internships, Emma is ready to work toward her degree in small animal science and then vet school. "It's definitely my calling. I've always loved animals and the science behind their care."



HAVING A LAUGH

Amelia Budny and Tiffany Munoz Arango watch the teachers getting pied at the spring pep rally.



MEASURING IT TWICE

Sammie Starr checks the specifications of her paper car in Physics class.



SPEECHES & AWARDS

Delaney Sheehan leaves the stage after receiving her chapter degree.

THAT SONG AND DANCE

Sadie Grusaski and Josie Horosky enjoy the goofy pep rally. Sadie dons the kitty glasses and ears from participating Mr. Cannon and Ms. Caruso's lip sync performance of *Caught in a Trap* by Elvis Presley.



The senior class this year got together for a community service day during the junior class' SAT day. Students worked with Habitat for Humanity, the American Mural Project, cleaned up the grounds around campus, painted the senior lounge, cleaned up the Millerton Rail Trail, assist at Noble Horizons, or clean up trash in Sharon. One highlight is the potential displayed by the class of 2019. Students are going to top tier colleges, enlisting in the military, going to drama or art school, or into a trade. This class is academically competitive, as illustrated by the fact that all students in the top 15 percent have 4.0 grade point averages higher.

CLASS OF 2019



Cameron Ackerman
Faedi



Emma Adam



Hope Aragi



Tresa Ashman



Maggie Baldwin



John Bartram



Elisabeth Besmer



Manuela Bonett



Troy Brazee



Joshua Brinson



Kaitlyn Buckley



Amelia Budny



Matthew Buxton



Sean Caiati



Carianne Callinan



Valeria Cardenas
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Bethany Conti



Brandon Coolbeth



Anna Coon



Lilian Culbreth



Naomi Dalmida



Madeline Dekker



Aidan Dillon



Abigail Dodge



Ryan Duncan



Got Leadership?

Maggie Baldwin,
Marijka Stiffler &
Victor Flores have it

Maggie Baldwin is always on the look out for how she can help. "As a freshman, Maggie Baldwin organized the freshmen creed speaking contest in our FFA chapter, and got other freshmen students to take on that challenge," says Mr. Burdick. "She's a person on whom one can count," says Ms. Davenport. "Maggie's led FFA members in service projects and supported freshmen officers." One freshman junior officer, Logan Cables, says Maggie "pushed me to be a junior officer. She told me it would be good for me." Logan says he met Maggie two years ago when he started in 4H. "I was really shy and she sort of broke the shell." How? "She made me laugh and pushed me along to force me to do things I didn't think I could do. She makes you feel needed and involved."

Marijka Stiffler often helps other students with anything they need even if she is struggling as well. "She can pick out someone who's not doing well out of a crowd," says Mr. Krupa. "For as long as I've known her, Marijka has been one of the kindest and most supportive people in my life. She balances firm leadership while also taking the time to lend a hand or give encouragement," says Jacob Ellington. Elias Abbott explains that Marijka is always there for anyone who just needs a friend. "Beyond being one of the most compassionate people I've ever met, Marijka is a natural leader. Whether she's keeping everyone in the play organized or directing us as president of the concert band, she's always risen to the occasion."

Victor Flores is behind several of the school's events and organizations, such as the color run last year and the haunted house, and he's an SGA leader. Victor also helps organize the Red Cross' blood drive with Aidan McCarthy each year.



BLOOD DRIVE Victor Flores organizing and running the annual blood drive with Aidan McCarthy.



MUSICAL THEATER Marijka Stiffler as one of the main characters in *Rip Van Winkle*, with MacKenzie Hunter and Brianna Webb.

PRODUCTION NIGHT Top: Maggie Baldwin working with Megan Foley at the Ag department's holiday production night.

Olivia's Dance

When Olivia McCarthy was ten years old, she was asked to join a dance company typically for adults and high school juniors and seniors. "I had to wear a lot of makeup to look older." She explains, "I could dance like them, but I had to look like them." Olivia has been studying dance since she was four, and today, she attends the Olga Dunn School of Dance. There she continues to practice and learn, and she performs throughout Massachusetts once each month. She also spent a summer at the coveted Joffrey Ballet's dance camp in New York City. Another distinction was performing at the internationally acclaimed summer dance festival at Jacob's Pillow last summer. "I danced a piece I'd choreographed."

When asked if she'd always been this devoted to dance, she explains that after her godmother, our own Anne MacNeil, took her to several dance performances around the age of nine, "then I got more serious." Olivia prefers modern dance above all else, which is "like ballet, but not as strict."

Olivia plans to attend University of New Hampshire and major in a health-related field and minor in dance. She explains, "Professional dancers retire at thirty, and to go back to school or start a new career at that point isn't practical." In the meantime, she trains and performs.



Olivia poses gracefully here for a professional photography session at the Olga Dunn School of Dance.



LIFE ON MARS Olivia performing a dance titled *Mars* with her fellow dance students.



Warren Eichman



Nathan Farwell



Victor Flores



Megan Foley



Emma Franks



Nicole Gorat



Sadie Grusauski



Mikael Gudmarsson



Charlotte Herde



Robert Hoefler



Alyssa Holback



Sean Holback



Josephine Horosky



Gillian Hudson



Veronica Humbert



MacKenzie Hunter



Caroline Hurlburt



Colby Jacquier



Elijah Johnson



Charles Kaufman



Darian Kim



Mitchell Kosciusko



Annabelle Kovacs



Nicole Kowalski



Jason Lambert



Maria Leon Grisales



Brierley Lloyd



Matthew Lopes



Emelia Luz



Holden Marks



Manuella
Matsudaira



Sarah Mauri



Jack McAuliffe



Olivia McCarthy



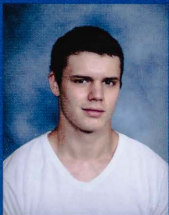
Susanna McCarthy



Donovan McCray



James McGuire



Alex Melius



Evan Miller



Brooke Minacci



Sebastian Munoz
Arango



Lusanna Munson



Matthew Murray



Tyler Neal



Alexa O'Connor



Madelynn Olownia



Nicholas O'Neil



Zachary Ongley



Sierra O'Neil



Lancelot Oyanadel



Alexander Palmer



Michael Pearce



Jack Rand



Madison Rinehart



Bryant Rivera
Quinones



Martin Roa Villamil



Jameason Russin



Dean Saccardi



Antonio Santiago-
Nicolas



Brynn Scharte

Happily Ever After

WORKS OF ART "These pieces are just telling a story, making the viewer feel with the characters." Emelia mostly uses traditional and digital media. She drew the top piece "on paper before scanning it. A woman dressed like a good witch seems shocked by her surroundings, which look like a wicked lab; note the unusual creatures on the shelf over her shoulder. The black and white watercolor depicts other-worldly creatures casually chatting and a frightened skeleton hiding nearby. The cloaked skeleton sketch was part of an art class assignment and has a few religious references.



For Emelia Luz, her art describes who she is as a person, and it has shaped her into the person she is today. She's been told that not everyone is going to like her artwork and that's okay. "At the end of the day, I have to be confident in my own work."

Her artwork often has a dark theme involving skeletons, death, or alien-like creatures but the darkness is mitigated by a slightly whimsical treatment that tells a distinct story. Emelia usually doesn't title her work, but onlookers can see her pieces speak for themselves. The art piece below

seems to tell the story of someone stumbling upon a mysterious lab. The piece depicting two aliens chatting as a clearly distressed skeleton listens and waits seems to belong to a scene in a story book, although it was not created with any in mind. The cloaked and haloed skeleton is loaded with symbolism that can be interpreted several ways.

Emelia says her best public work is the book *A Library for Nellie Grace*, by Betsy Howie and illustrated by Robin Roraback. The story is based on a girl borrowing a book and the history of the David M. Hunt Library in Falls Village. Former art director for Dutton Children's Books, Sara Reynolds, was the book's art director and worked with all of the creative team, including Emelia, who prepared digital files of Ms. Roraback's illustrations.

Currently, Emelia is president of the art department. "It makes me feel powerful and trusted," she says. The president's role includes managing art supplies, helping Mr. Prindle, and signing checks.

She plans to pursue her love for art at Maine College of Art and become a successful storyboard artist or illustrator. Her advice to aspiring artists is, "Respect other people's artwork. Encouragement helps them grow as an artist."



First Responders Like Us

HOUSY STUDENTS ANSWER THE CALL

Matt Buxton is a Firefighter and EMR for Falls Village and Sharon. Matt explains that he became a Junior Firefighter at 15 and recently completed the Firefighter 1 course. As a Junior Firefighter, he responded to barn fires, car fires, car crashes, and structure fires. At the Firefighter 1 level, he goes into burning buildings, but there's more to learn. Once at the Firefighter 2 level, he'll have learned more about such things as foams and how to properly use advanced equipment. **Kirstyn Hoage** has been a Junior Firefighter in Lakeville for a year now. "My parents and pretty much my whole family have been involved in the fire company. My grandfather started the Millerton Fire Dept. **Calpurnia Carter** is taking an EMR class twice weekly for a few months, then a written exam and practical exam. "We start with book work. Then hands-on training." **Jameason Russin** will finish his Firefighter 1 course this spring,

Matt says about the job, "People don't realize that after a bad call, it stays with you for a very long time. You have to work through it. It's always going to be with you and you have to not really forget about it but try to push it aside." After Matt responded to bad calls last year and he began to work through them, one piece of advice was to "put it in the book and put the book on the shelf. You can close the book. It's always going to be there, but you have to put it aside." Kirstyn adds, "You have to go into every call with a certain mindset. You can't go in and think it's going to be nothing, even if it sounds like nothing. You have to think it's always going to be something. So you're ready if it is."

VOLUNTEERS Other Housatonic students involved in EMR and/or firefighting include Molly Menniges, Adrienne Aakjar, Caleb White, Jacob Anderson, Nicholas Devito, Nathan Farwell, and Mitchell Kosciusko.



which requires 212 hours of course work plus 3 hours each week at the fire house for calls and drills. He started volunteering at the Sharon Fire Department as a freshman because he "wanted to give back to the community." Jameason plans to continue with the fire department indefinitely. He'll continue training to become a full time firefighter, complete his Firefighter 2 training and then RIT training (Rapid Intervention Team), about 6 or 7 years down the road.



KIRSTYN Above left: Kirstyn Hoage with her father and grandfather. All three are volunteer firefighters in Lakeville. **MATT** Above: Matt Buxton trains with other Falls Village firefighters for his Firefighter 1 certificate. **JAMEASON** Top: Jameason Russin in his dress uniform during a ceremony in Sharon.



Emma Sephton



Joshua Shakeshaft



Delaney Sheehan



Erin Sheehan



Caleb Shpur



Madison Simonds



Maebel Spencer



Sammantha Starr



Dylan Sterpka



Marijke Stiffler



Noah Strid



Samuel Taylor



Jad Tindall



Tianna Togninalli



Carly Tygart



Abby VanDeusen



Jack Wayne



Tucker Whiting



Austin Wiggins



Wyatt Wiley



Christina Winburn



Marcus Winburn



Nicholas Winburn



Olivia Woods



Sophia Woods



Xiaohan Ye



Oscar Zapata Bonet



Best Attitude

Nicole Gorat & Zach Ongley



Best Bromance

Matt Lopes & Noah Strid



Best Dancer

Sean Caiati & Olivia McCarthy



Best Dressed

Ella Matsudaira & Dean Saccardi



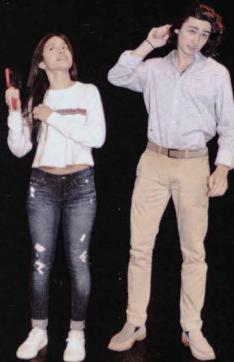
Best Eyes

Jack Rand & Amelia Budney



Best Friends

Abby Dodge & Annabelle Kovacs



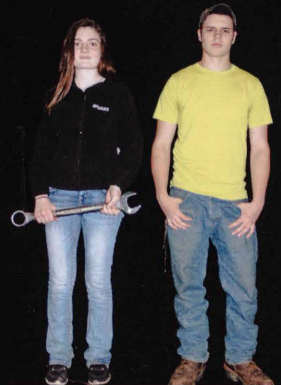
Best Hair

Manuela Bonet & Dean Saccardi



Best Laugh

Darian Kim & Sydney Clark



Best Mechanic

Emma Adam & Alex Melius



Best Smile

Josh Brinson & Brierley Lloyd



Best Vehicle

Colby Jacquier & Josie Horosky



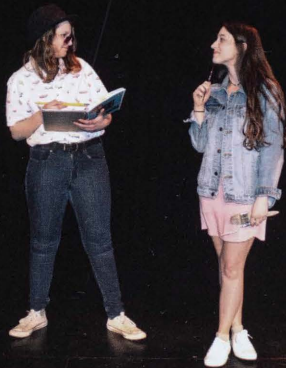
Class Actor/Singer

Josh Shakeshaft & Carianne Callinan



Class Animal Whisperer

Lusanna Munson & Allison Cole



Class Artist

Emelia Luz & Nikki Kowalski



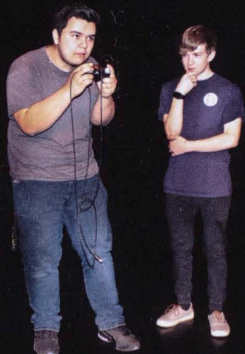
Class Athlete

Christina Winburn & Caleb Shpur



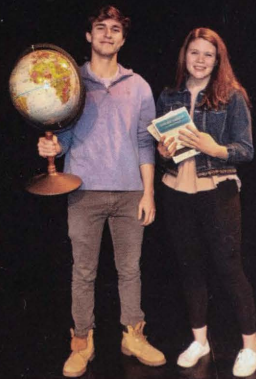
Class Couple

Caroline Hurlburt & Matt Murray



Class Gamer

Nathan Farwell & Jad Tindall



Class History Buff

Charlie Kaufman & MacKenzie Hunter



Class Mathematician
Caleb Shpure & Xiohan Ye



Class Mom
Maggie Baldwin



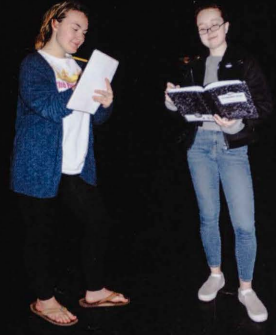
Class Musician
Marijke Stiffler & Josh Brinson



Class Photographer
Erin Sheehan & Lilian Culbreth



Class Scientist
Donovan McCray & Cameron Ackerman



Class Writer/Author
Miri Rinehart & Emma Sephton



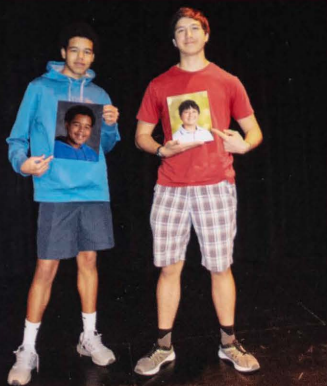
Everyone's Best Buddy
Nicole Gorat & Darian Kim



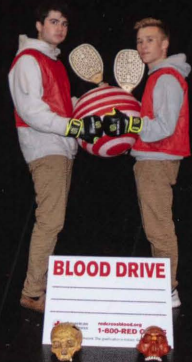
Greenest Thumb
Bethany Conti & Megan Foley



Least Changed since Freshman Year
Abby Dodge & Jameason Russin



Most Changed since Freshman Year
Evan Miller & Matt Chin



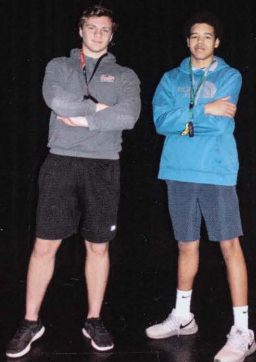
Most Fun to be Around
Nick O'Neil & Nick Winburn



Most Laid Back
Aidan Dillon & Wyatt Wiley



Most Likely to become a Rapper
Oscar Zapata Bonett & Josh Brinson



Most Likely to Need a Ride
Eli Johnson & Evan Miller



Most Likely to Succeed
Ella Matsudaira & Victor Flores



Most Likely to Teach at HVRHS
Victor Flores & Callie Carter



Most Outgoing
Maggie Baldwin & Callie Carter



Most School Spirit
MacKenzie Hunter & Nicole Gorat

SENIORS LEAVE THEIR MARK

The members of the class of 2019 leave us their words of wisdom, laughs, and farewells

Seniors submit their own candid photos of friends, family, and themselves either in or out of school. Each submission is a small window into their personalities and lives. Some choose to share a quote or favorite mantra, list of high school activities, and/or a farewell message to their school community or shout-out to loved ones.

Baseball;
Basketball

Cameron Ackerman
"Chicken, bacon, ranch, that's a wrap." - Jayson Tatum

FFA 9, 10, 11, 12;
Tennis 10, 11

Thank you to all the teachers in the Ag department for supporting me throughout high school - no matter what I wanted to do.

Emma Adam
"Glitter is a lifetime commitment." - Mr. Moran

FFA

Hope Aragi

FFA 10; Yearbook Editor 11 & 12

Wishing you much joy and happiness as you begin a new chapter in your life.

Tresa Ashman
"I hope you step on a Lego (noting personal)." -

FFA 9, 10,
Treasurer 11,
President 12

Maggie Mae Baldwin
Matthew 17:20

Football 9, 10, 11, 12; Swim Team 9, 10; Captain 11 & 12; Track and Field 9, 10, 11, Captain 12

John Bartram
"Housy never loses"



Chorus 9, 10, 11, 12

Elisabeth Besmer

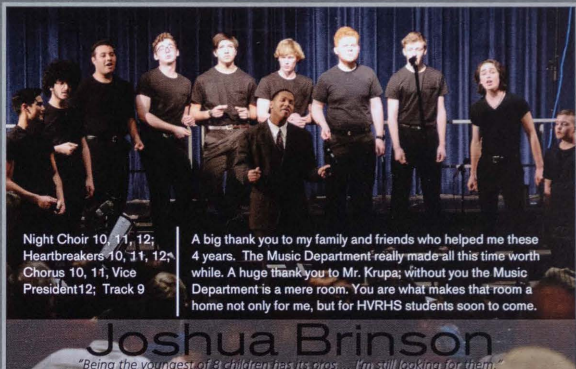


Manuela Bonett



Basketball 9, 10, 11, 12; Football 10, 11
Get in and get out!

Troy Brazee

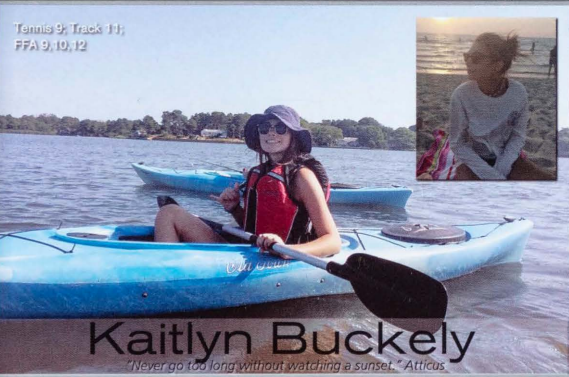


Night Choir 10, 11, 12; Heartbreakers 10, 11, 12; Chorus 10, 11; Vice President 12; Track 9

A big thank you to my family and friends who helped me these 4 years. The Music Department really made all this time worth while. A huge thank you to Mr. Krupa; without you the Music Department is a mere room. You are what makes that room a home not only for me, but for HVRHS students soon to come.

Joshua Brinson

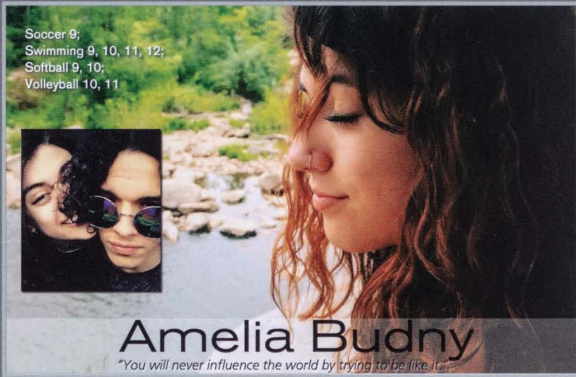
"Being the youngest of 3 children has its pros... I'm still looking for them."



Tennis 9; Track 11; FFA 9, 10, 12

Kaitlyn Buckely

"Never go too long without watching a sunset." Atticus



Soccer 9; Swimming 9, 10, 11, 12; Softball 9, 10; Volleyball 10, 11

Amelia Budny

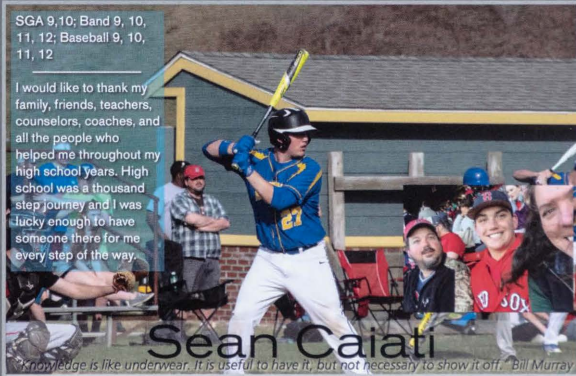
"You will never influence the world by trying to be like it."



FFA 9, 10, 11, 12

Matthew Buxton

"If you ain't first, you're last." Ricky Bobby



SGA 9, 10; Band 9, 10, 11, 12; Baseball 9, 10, 11, 12

I would like to thank my family, friends, teachers, counselors, coaches, and all the people who helped me throughout my high school years. High school was a thousand step journey and I was lucky enough to have someone there for me every step of the way.

Sean Caiati

"Knowledge is like underwear. It is useful to have it, but not necessary to show it off." Bill Murray

Band 9, 10, 11, 12;
Chorus 12; Night
Chair 9, 10, 11, 12;
Sweatshirts 11, 12;
SGA 10, 11, 12;
Theater 9, 10, 11, 12

Garianne Callinan
"I'm like Tinkerbell, I need applause to live!" Rachel Berry

FFA

Valeria Cardenas
"The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams."

Swim 12;
Band 12;
Jazz Band 12;
Yearbook 12

Calpurnia Carter
"I never tried the pomarine."

Swim 10,
Captain 11 & 12;
Tennis 9, 10, 11,
Captain 12;
Robotics 9

It certainly felt longer than two weeks.

Matthew Chin
"Doing nothing often leads to the very best of somethings." Winnie the Pooh.

Soccer Manager 9;
Soccer 11, 12

Sydney Clark

PRISM 11, 12;
Academic Bowl
9, 10, 11, 12

Soren Clulow
"Once you accept the universe as matter expanding into nothing that is something, wearing stripes with plaid comes easy." Albert Einstein

Soccer 9;
FFA 9, 10, 11, 12

Allison Cole
"No one is more hated than he who speaks the truth." Plato

Bethany Conti



Lacrosse 12; FFA

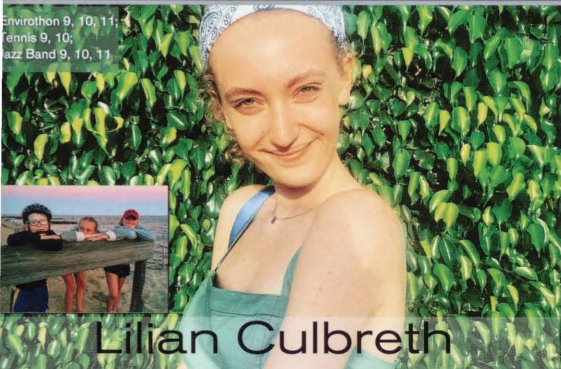
Brandon Coolbeth



Volleyball 9, 10, 11, 12; Tennis 9, 10, 11, 12; Basketball 11, 12; Class Vice President 11, 12; Night Choir & Sweethearts 9, 10, 11, 12

Anna Coon

"Yeah, I got it at Costco."



Envirothon 9, 10, 11; Tennis 9, 10; Jazz Band 9, 10, 11

Lilian Culbreth



Lacrosse 10, 11, 12; FFA 10, 11, 12; Electric Car 12

Naomi Dalmida



Soccer, Tennis

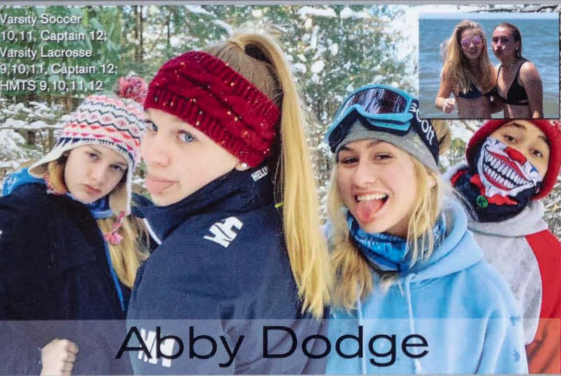
Madeline Dekker



Cross Country, FFA

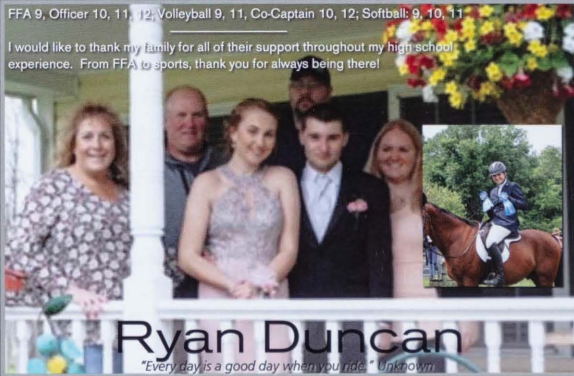


Aidan Dillon



Varsity Soccer 10, 11, Captain 12; Varsity Lacrosse 9, 10, 11, Captain 12; FFA 8, 10, 11, 12

Abby Dodge



FFA 9, Officer 10, 11, 12; Volleyball 9, 11, Co-Captain 10, 12; Softball 9, 10, 11

I would like to thank my family for all of their support throughout my high school experience. From FFA to sports, thank you for always being there!

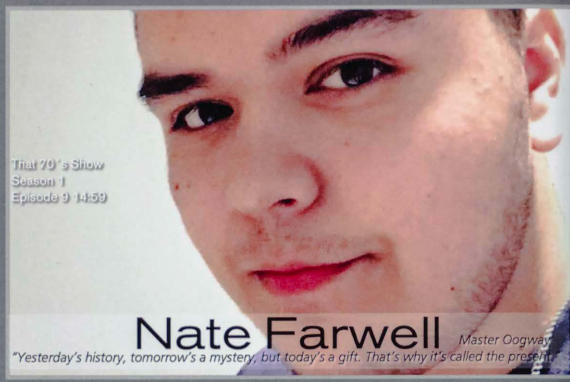
Ryan Duncan

"Every day is a good day when you ride." Unknown



FFA

Warren Eichman

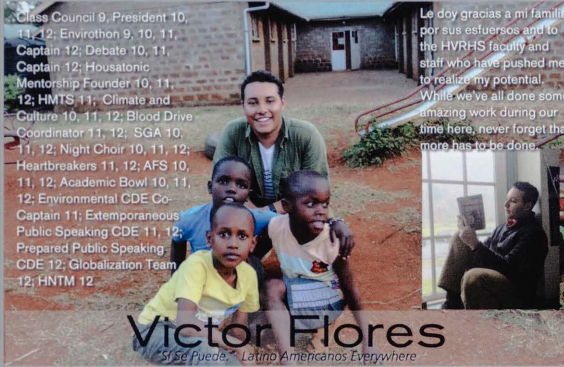


That '70's Show
Season 1
Episode 9 14:59

Nate Farwell

Master Oogway

"Yesterday's history, tomorrow's a mystery, but today's a gift. That's why it's called the present."



Class Council 9, President 10, 11, 12; Envirothon 9, 10, 11, Captain 12; Debate 10, 11, Captain 12; Housatonic Mentorship Founder 10, 11, 12; HMTS 11; Climate and Culture 10, 11, 12; Blood Drive Coordinator 11, 12; SGA 10, 11, 12; Night Choir 10, 11, 12; Heartbreakers 11, 12; AFS 10, 11, 12; Academic Bowl 10, 11, 12; Environmental CDE Co-Captain 11; Extemporaneous Public Speaking CDE 11, 12; Prepared Public Speaking CDE 12; Globalization Team 12; HNTM 12

Le doy gracias a mi familia por sus esfuerzos and to the HVRHS faculty and staff who have pushed me to realize my potential. While we've all done some amazing work during our time here, never forget that more has to be done.

Victor Flores

"Si Se Puede," Latino Americans Everywhere

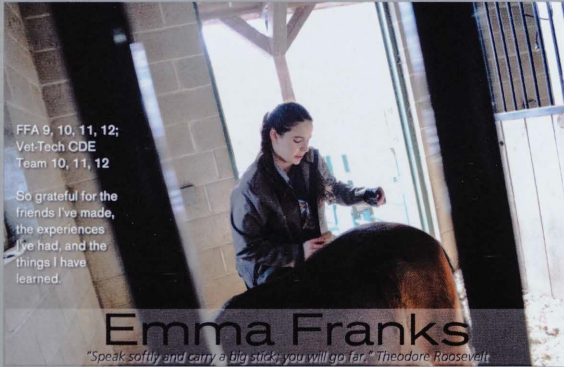


Lacrosse 10, 11, 12;
FFA 9, 10, 11, 12

Megan Foley

say what you feel

"Be who you are and because those who mind don't matter and those who matter don't mind." Dr. Seuss



FFA 9, 10, 11, 12;
Vet-Tech CDE Team 10, 11, 12

So grateful for the friends I've made, the experiences I've had, and the things I have learned.

Emma Franks

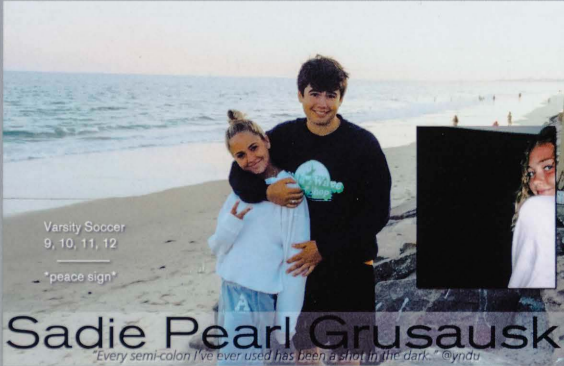
"Speak softly and carry a big stick, you will go far." Theodore Roosevelt



Cross Country 9, 10, 11, Captain 12; Track & Field 9, 10, 11, Captain 12; Student Council 11, 12; Chords 9, 10, 11, 12; Special Olympics Basketball & Swimming 12; Yearbook 11, 12.

I'll miss all my teachers.

Nicole Gorat



Varsity Soccer 9, 10, 11, 12

peace sign

Sadie Pearl Grusauski

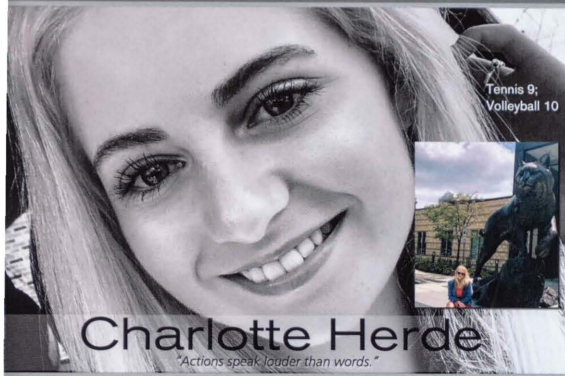
"Every semi-colon I've ever used has been a shot in the dark." Myndy



Football 12; Skiing 12, Track and Field 12, Musical 12, Chorus 12

Mikael Gudmarsson

"Eftajfallöjokul."



Tennis 9;
Volleyball 10

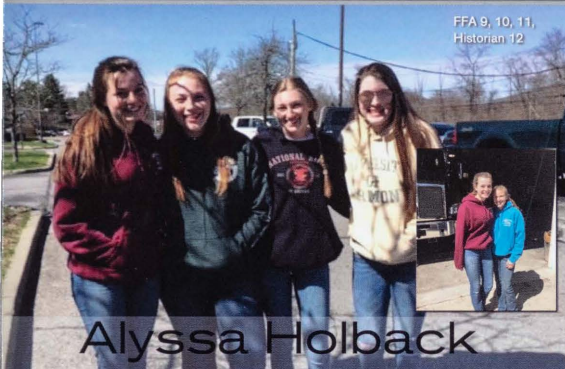
Charlotte Herde

"Actions speak louder than words."



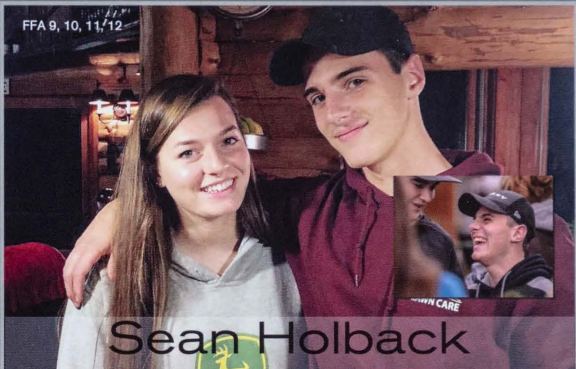
Robert Hoefler

"See you later, bye."



FFA 9, 10, 11,
Historian 12

Alyssa Holback



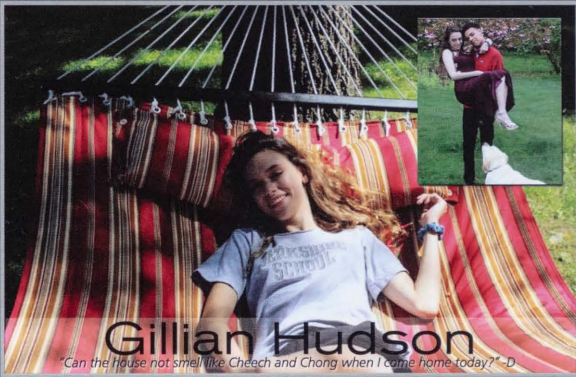
FFA 9, 10, 11, 12

Sean Holback



Soccer 9, 10,
11, Captain 12

Josie Horosky



Gillian Hudson

"Can the house not smell like Cheech and Chong when I come home today?" - D



FFA 11, 12

I would like to thank Mrs. Lori Bucco for always being there for me when I needed someone to talk to and helping me open up and be comfortable with who I am.

Veronica Humbert

"You don't know what you got till it's gone and you're out on your own." - Luke Combs



Soccer 9, 10, 11, 12;
Swim Team 10,
Captain 11, 12; SGA 9,
10, 11; President 12;
FFA 10, 11, 12

MacKenzie Hunter

"Farewell is necessary before you can meet again. And meeting again is certain for those who are friends." Richard Bach

Basketball
9, 10, 11
Captain 12



Caroline Hurlburt

"I never look back, Darling. It distracts from the now." Edna Mode: The Incredibles

FFA 9, Sentinel 10
& 11, Vice President 12;
Ice Hockey 12

Thank you, Mr. Burdick,
for getting me through
high school.



Colby Jacquier

"Are you silly? I'm still gonna send it."

Hockey 9, 10, 11, 12;
Soccer 9, 10, 11, 12;
Lacrosse 12

Peace out.



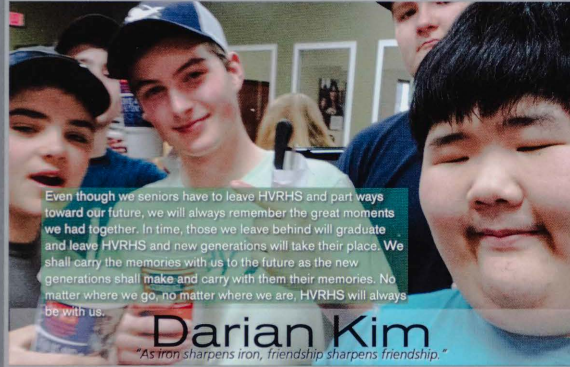
Eli Johnson

"133"

Basketball



Charlie Kaufmann



Even though we seniors have to leave HVRHS and part ways toward our future, we will always remember the great moments we had together. In time, those we leave behind will graduate and leave HVRHS and new generations will take their place. We shall carry the memories with us to the future as the new generations shall make and carry with them their memories. No matter where we go, no matter where we are, HVRHS will always be with us.

Darian Kim

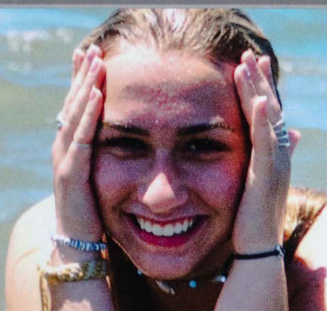
"As iron sharpens iron, friendship sharpens friendship."



Mitchell Kosciusko

"Snappers only."

Field Hockey 9, 11,
Captain 12; Ski Team
9, 10, 11; Lacrosse 12



Annabelle Kovacs

"Yeah, I'm a thrill seeker, but crkey, education's the most important thing." Steve Irwin

National Honor
Society 11; High
Honors 9, 11, 12;
Girls Lacrosse 9, 10;
Cross Country 10;
Boys Hockey
Manager 11; C-ABE
Convention 12;
Student Government
Association 9, 10, 11,
Vice President 12

Thank you to my
family and friends.



Nicole Kowalski

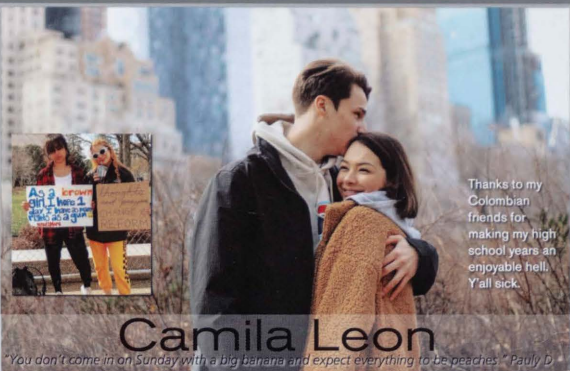
"I learned even temporary feelings, people, flowers" & "mint chocolate chip icecream will fix just about everything." Rupi Kaur



Band 10, 11, 12;
Jazz Band 10,
11, 12; Chorus
11, 12; Musical
11, 12

Jason Lambert

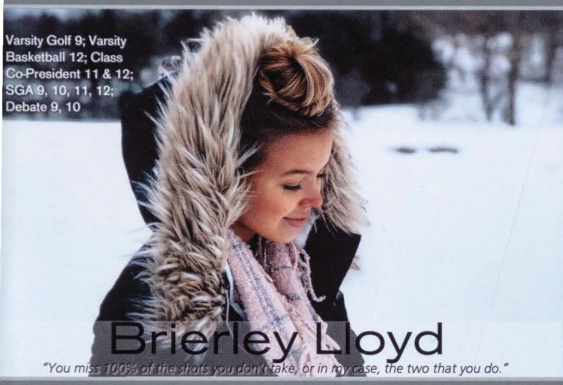
"Without music, life would be flat."



Thanks to my Colombian friends for making my high school years an enjoyable hell. Y'all sick.

Camila Leon

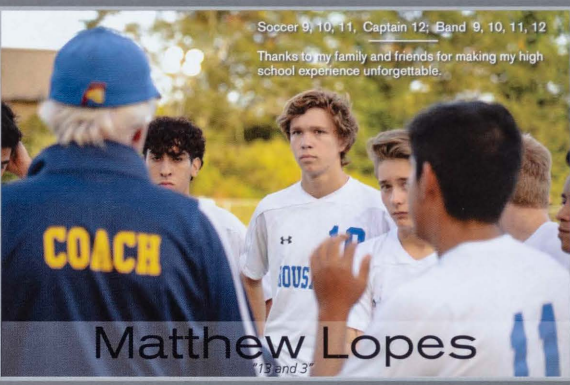
"You don't come in on Sunday with a big banana and expect everything to be peaches." Pauly D



Varsity Golf 9; Varsity Basketball 12; Class Co-President 11 & 12; SGA 9, 10, 11, 12; Debate 9, 10

Brierley Lloyd

"You miss 100% of the shots you don't take, or in my case, the two that you do."



Soccer 9, 10, 11, Captain 12; Band 9, 10, 11, 12

Thanks to my family and friends for making my high school experience unforgettable.

Matthew Lopes

"13 and 3"

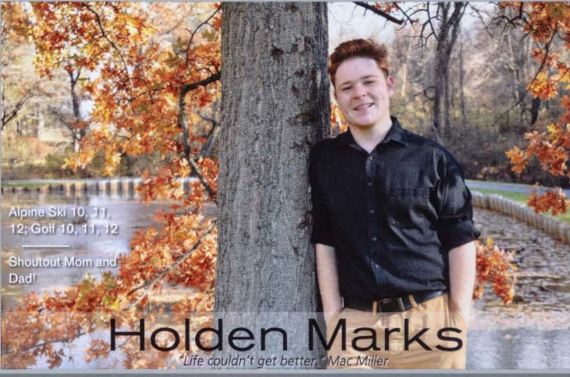


Art Department Treasurer 11, President 12; Theater Society 11; PRISM 11, 12

Housy has been quite the ride. However, did I have a blast? A little bit. I'm going to leave Housy with some good memories.

Emelia Luz

*"If you don't know Jurassic Park, you don't know s***"*



Alpine Ski 10, 11, 12; Golf 10, 11, 12

Shoutout Mom and Dad!

Holden Marks

"Life couldn't get better." Mac Miller



Soccer 9, 10, 11, 12; Swim 9; Ski 10, 11, 12; Tennis 9, 10, 11, Captain 12; Class Vice President 10; SGA 9, 10, 11, Secretary 12; Envirothon 9, 10, 11, 12; Night Choir & Sweethearts 9, 10, 11, 12



Ella Matsudaira

"It's pronounced 'Mat-su-da-ira'."



Thanks to my close friends who made these past four years memorable and fun. It wouldn't have been the same without you. And to my lower classmen friends: Don't let high school culture change who you are, because conforming makes you boring. Also, good luck seriously.

Sarah Mauri

"If there is someone it feels like that person is right beside you, even if you're as far apart as the end of the land and the top of the sky." Giallo, Route 121

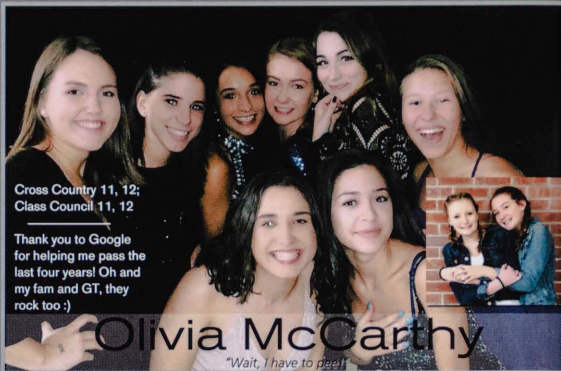


Soccer 9, 10, 11, 12;
Hockey 10, Captain
11 & 12; Baseball
9, 10, 11, Captain 12



Jack McAuliffe

"Dolce and Gabbana on my flip flops." Rich the Kid



Cross Country 11, 12;
Class Council 11, 12

Thank you to Google
for helping me pass the
last four years! Oh and
my fam and GT, they
rock too :)

Olivia McCarthy

"Wait, I have to peel!"



FFA Jr. Treasurer 9,
10, 11, 12;
Volleyball Manager
9, 10, 11, 12;
Student Council
Treasurer 9, 10,
11, 12; National
Honor Society 11,
12; Basketball 9

Just get it over with.

Susanna McCarthy

"The Office, season 7, Episode 19, minute 1:45"



Congress of
Future Medical
Leaders 10, 11

It's been real,
guys! I'm so glad
to meet, laugh
and grow with
you over 4 years.
I wish you all
good fortune in
your future
colleges and
careers!

Congress of
Future Medical
Leaders

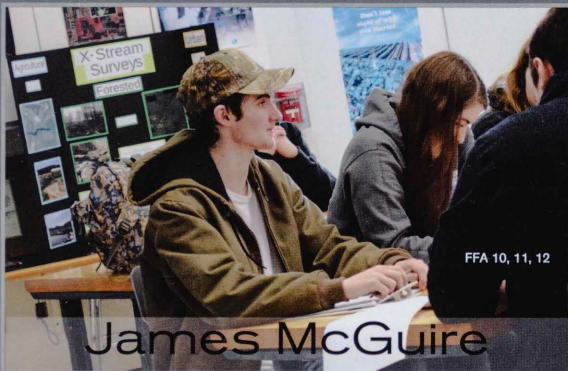
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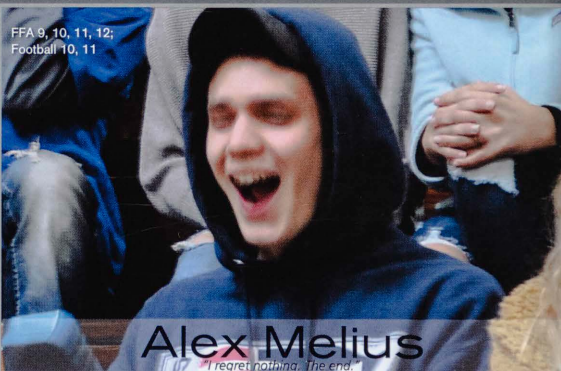
Donovan McCray

"Once something is a passion, the motivation is there." Micheal Schumacher



FFA 10, 11, 12

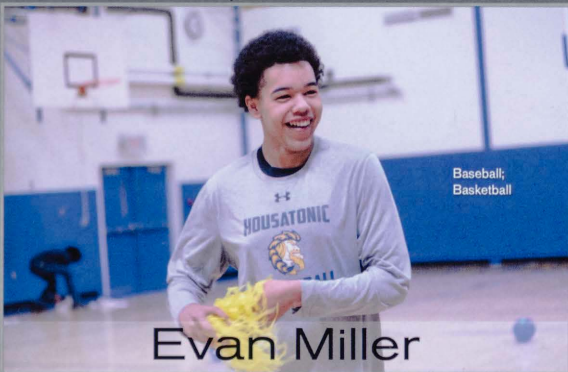
James McGuire



FFA 9, 10, 11, 12;
Football 10, 11

Alex Melius

"I regret nothing. The end."



Baseball;
Basketball

Evan Miller



FFA 9, 10;
Cross country 10;
EMR 9, 10, 11, 12

Brooke Minacci

"Not all those who wander are lost" - J. R. Tolkien



Soccer 9, 10, 11, 12

Sebastian Munoz



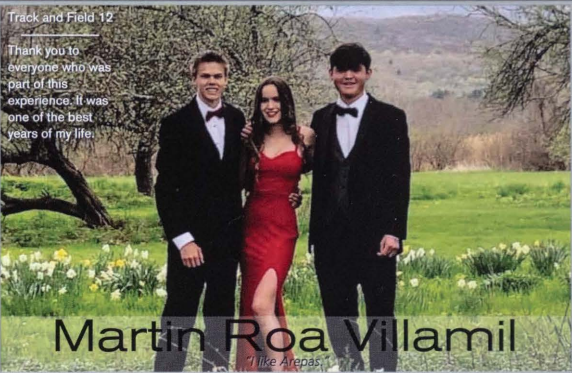
FFA 9, 10, 11, 12;
Night Choir 12

Lusanna Munson



Hockey, Baseball

Matt Murray



Track and Field 12

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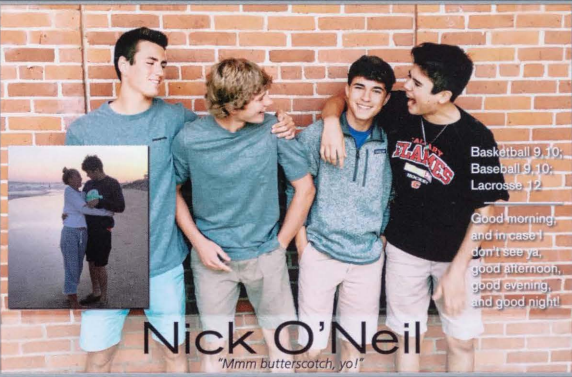
Martin Roa Villamil

I like Arepas.



FFA 9, 10;
Historian 11, 12;
Soccer 9, 10, 11;
Basketball 9, 10;
Track and Field 9, 10

Alexa O'Connor



Basketball 9, 10;
Baseball 9, 10;
Lacrosse 12

Good morning, and in case I don't see ya, good afternoon, good evening, and good night!

Nick O'Neil

"Mmm butterscotch, yo!"



Soccer 11, 12;
Basketball 11, 12;
Track and Field 11, 12

Sierra O'Neil



Volleyball 9, 10, 11,
Captain 12; Basketball 9, 10, 11, Captain 12;
Softball 9, 10, Junior Captain 11, Captain 12

The 12 year Olownia streak is finally over!

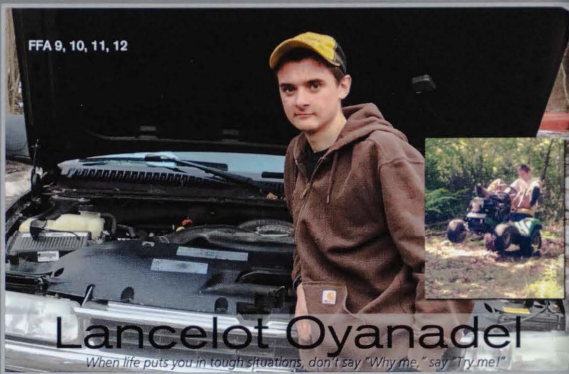
Madelynn Olownia

"Shut up, Dance out, Christina Year"



Basketball;
Soccer, Golf

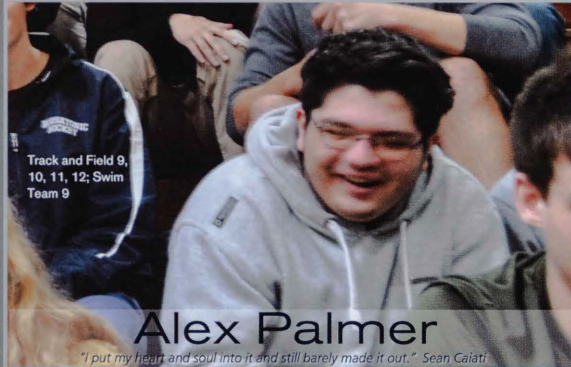
Zack Ongley



FFA 9, 10, 11, 12

Lancelot Oyanadel

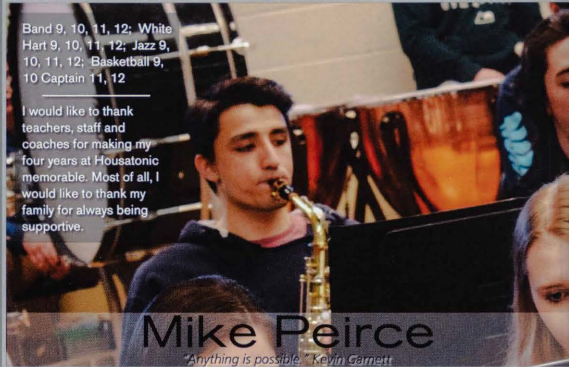
"When life puts you in tough situations, don't say 'Why me,' say 'Try me!'"



Track and Field 9,
10, 11, 12; Swim
Team 9

Alex Palmer

"I put my heart and soul into it and still barely made it out." Sean Calati



Band 9, 10, 11, 12; White
Hart 9, 10, 11, 12; Jazz 9,
10, 11, 12; Basketball 9,
10 Captain 11, 12

I would like to thank
teachers, staff and
coaches for making my
four years at Housatonic
memorable. Most of all,
I would like to thank my
family for always being
supportive.

Mike Peirce

"Anything is possible." Kevin Garrett

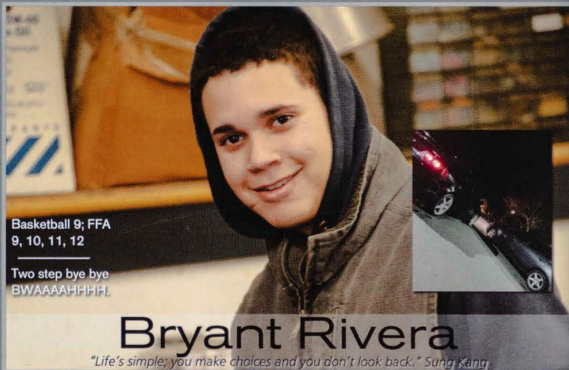


Tennis 10

Good luck!
Have fun!

Jack Rand

"It's been magical, but I'm done." Unknown

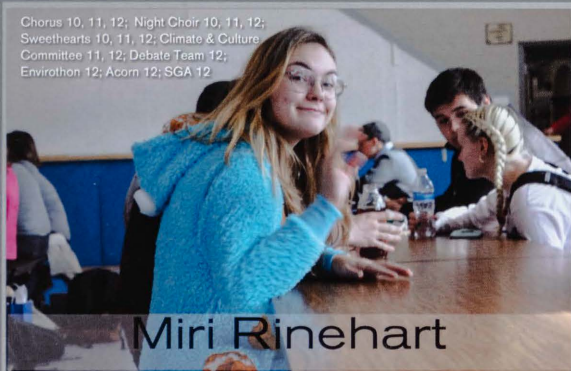


Basketball 9; FFA
9, 10, 11, 12

Two step bye bye
BWAAAAHHHH!

Bryant Rivera

"Life's simple; you make choices and you don't look back." Sung Kang



Chorus 10, 11, 12; Night Choir 10, 11, 12;
Sweethearts 10, 11, 12; Climate & Culture
Committee 11, 12; Debate Team 12;
Envirothon 12; Acorn 12; SGA 12

Miri Rinehart



Cross Country;
Golf; SGA

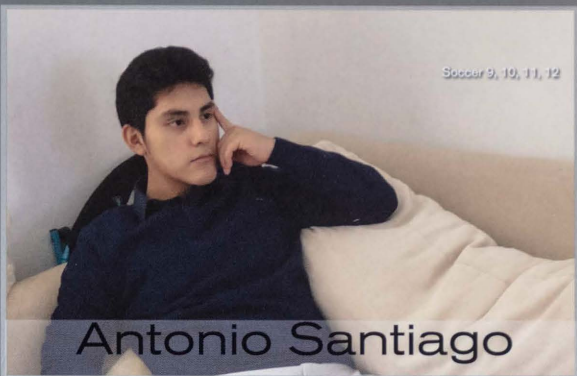
Dean Saccardi



FFA 9, 10, 11, 12

Jameason Russin

"If you're not on fire, you're ok." Joe McElroy



Soccer 9, 10, 11, 12

Antonio Santiago

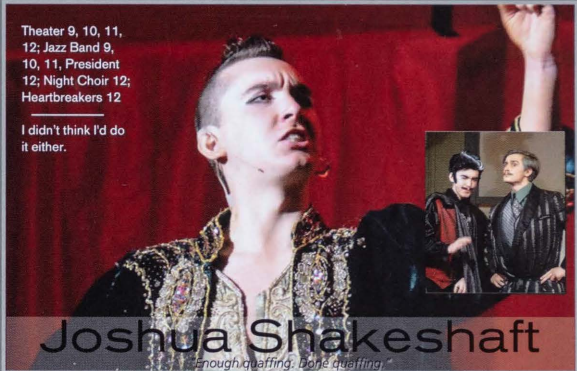


Swimming
9, 10, 11, 12

Special thanks
to my Mom,
Mark, John
Mulaney, and
Mr. Prindle.

Brynn Scharte

"Rubs dub dub."



Theater 9, 10, 11,
12; Jazz Band 9,
10, 11, President
12; Night Choir 12;
Heartbreakers 12

I didn't think I'd do
it either.

Joshua Shakeshaft

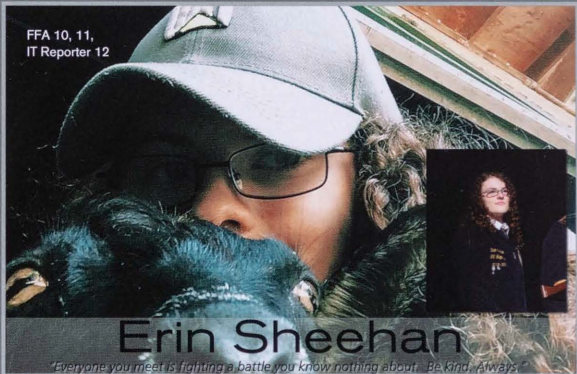
"It's not enough quaffing. Done quaffing."



FFA 9, 10, 11, 12;
Basketball 9;
Volleyball 9

Delaney Sheehan

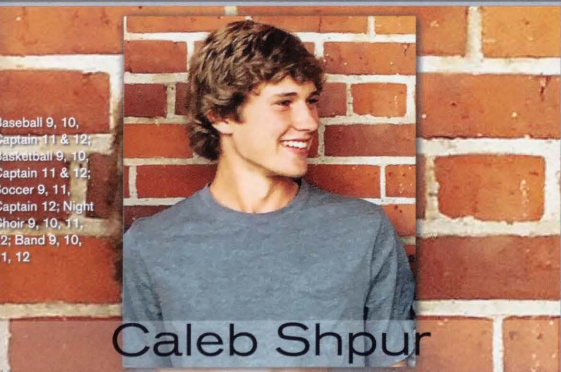
"Smoke tires, not drugs."



FFA 10, 11,
IT Reporter 12

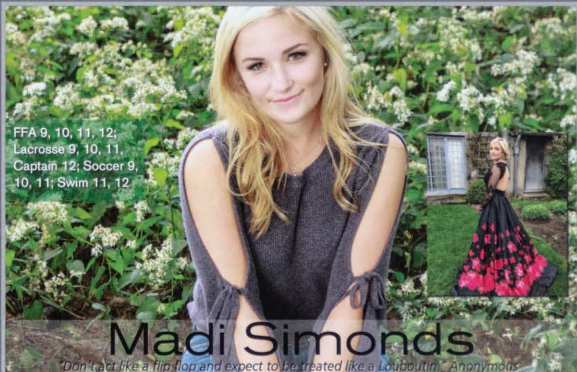
Erin Sheehan

"Everyone you meet is fighting a battle you know nothing about. Be kind. Always."



Baseball 9, 10,
Captain 11 & 12;
Basketball 9, 10,
Captain 11 & 12;
Soccer 9, 11,
Captain 12; Night
Choir 9, 10, 11,
12; Band 9, 10,
1, 12

Caleb Shpur



FFA 9, 10, 11, 12;
Lacrosse 9, 10, 11,
Captain 12; Soccer 9,
10, 11; Swim 11, 12

Madi Simonds

"Don't act like a flip flop and expect to be treated like a Louisvuiton." Anonymous

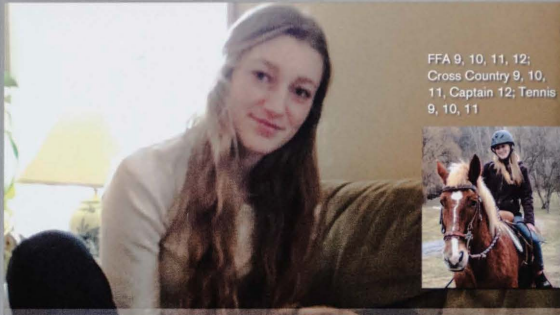


Swimming 9, 11,
 Captain 12;
 Lacrosse 9, 11,
 12; FFA 9, 10;
 SGA 12

Thank you to all
 of my friends and
 teachers who
 have helped me
 through my years
 at Housatonic!

Maebel Spencer

"Kindness is the language which the deaf can hear and the blind can see." Mark Twain



FFA 9, 10, 11, 12;
 Cross Country 9, 10,
 11, Captain 12; Tennis
 9, 10, 11



Sammy Starr



FFA 10, 11, 12

EST. 1977

Dylan Sterpka



Soccer 9, 10; Tennis 10, 11, 12; Band 9, Section Leader 10, 11, President 12; Chorus 9, 12; Jazz Band 9, 10, 11, 12; Night Choir 11, 12; Sweethearts 11, 12; Theater 9, 10, 11, 12; Academic Bowl 9, 10, Captain 11, 12; Yearbook 12

It's taken me four years to figure this out, but I finally found the key to high school: get really close to a couple teachers-those'll be the ones who will let you fall asleep in class.

Marijke Stiffler

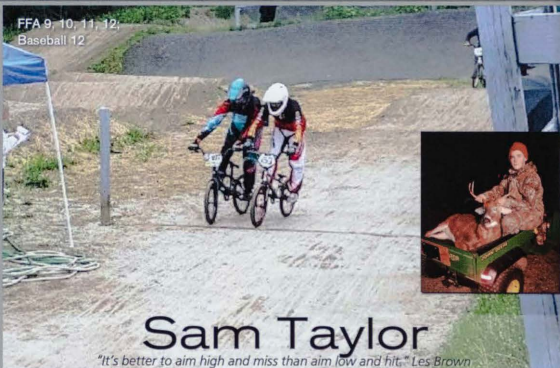
"but love is the sky and i am for you / just so long and long enough" e. e. cummings



Skiing 9, 10, 11;
 Cross Country 10, 11

thANKS HOUsY

Noah Strid



FFA 9, 10, 11, 12;
 Baseball 12



Sam Taylor

"It's better to aim high and miss than aim low and hit." Les Brown



Although I may
 be gone, my
 contraband lives
 on in the APO.



Jad Tindall

"I should've burned this place down when I had the chance." Michael Scott, The Office



Soccer 9, 10,
 11, 12;
 Softball 9, 10,
 11, 12; Swim
 11; Art Intern
 9, 10, 11, 12



Tianna Togninalli

"Giving kindness does as much good as receiving it." Piero Ferrucci

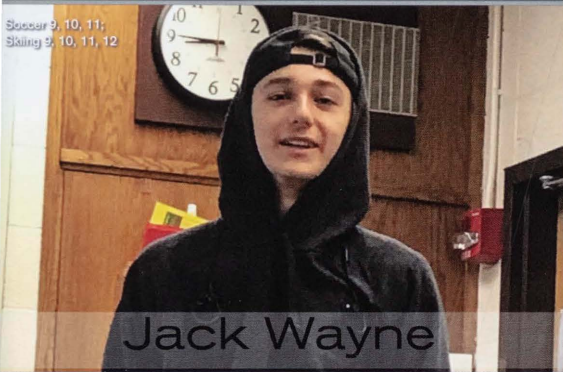
It was a really long four years, but I somehow did it. Along the way, I've met some great people who have helped me get to this point. I will forever be grateful for all of them and the memories that we've made.



Carly Tygart

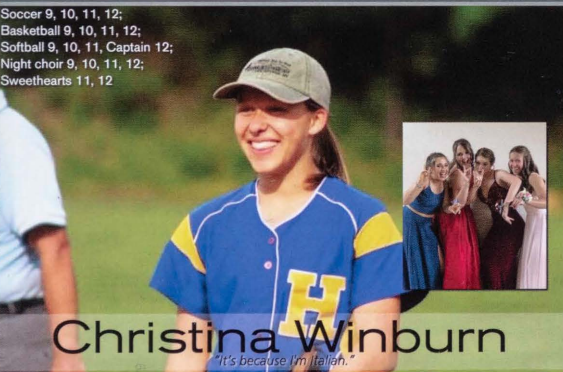
"To hate is an easy lazy thing but to love takes strength everyone has but not all are willing to practice." - Rupi Kaur

Soccer 9, 10, 11;
Skiing 9, 10, 11, 12



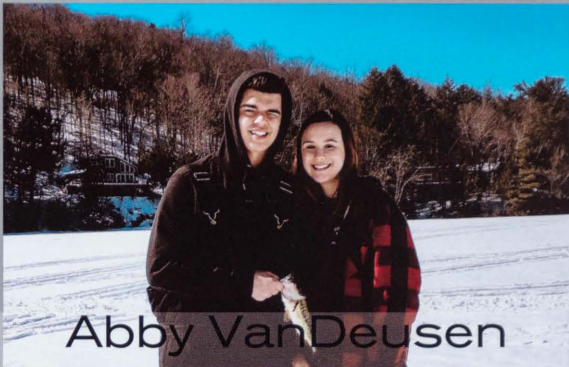
Jack Wayne

Soccer 9, 10, 11, 12;
Basketball 9, 10, 11, 12;
Softball 9, 10, 11, Captain 12;
Night choir 9, 10, 11, 12;
Sweethearts 11, 12



Christina Winburn

"It's because I'm Italian."

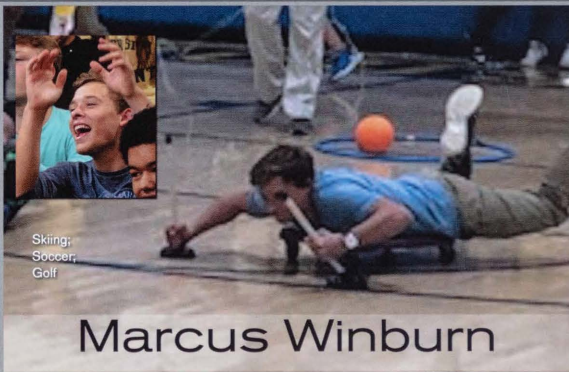


Abby VanDeusen

FFA, Hockey

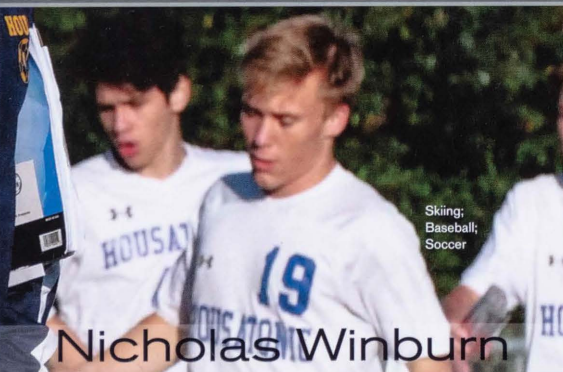


Tucker Whiting



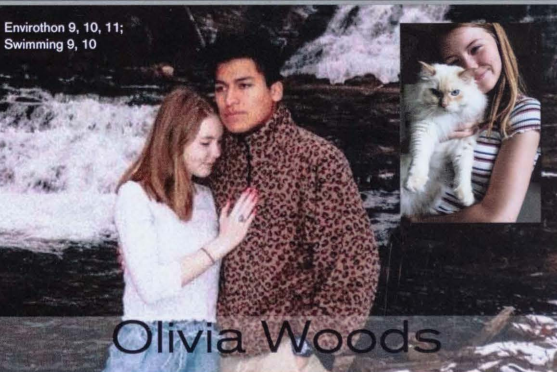
Skiing;
Soccer;
Golf

Marcus Winburn



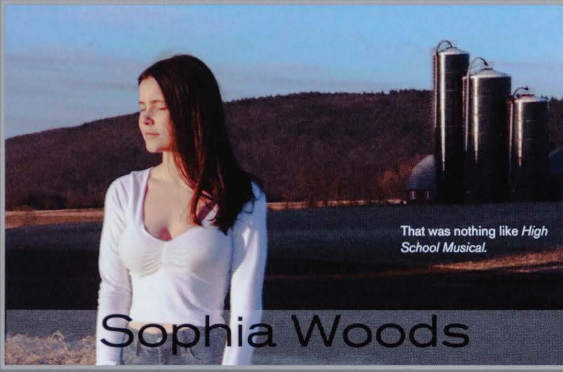
Skiing;
Baseball;
Soccer

Nicholas Winburn



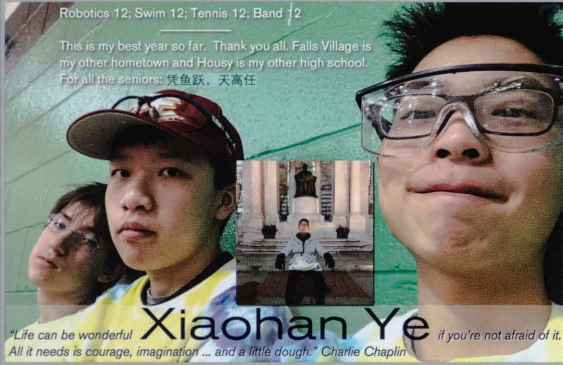
Envirothon 9, 10, 11;
Swimming 9, 10

Olivia Woods



That was nothing like *High School Musical*.

Sophia Woods



Robotics 12; Swim 12; Tennis 12; Band 12

This is my best year so far. Thank you all. Falls Village is my other hometown and Housy is my other high school. For all the seniors: 鲤鱼跃, 天高任

"Life can be wonderful if you're not afraid of it. All it needs is courage, imagination ... and a little dough." Charlie Chaplin

Xiaohan Ye



Soccer

Oscar Zapata





4 Years of Gratitude

Please Advise

by Anna Coon

The class of 2019 would like to thank our incredible class advisors, Anne MacNeil and Letitia Garcia-Tripp, for the countless hours and snacks they gave us. We were not always an easy group to work with, and we often had unrealistic plans, but Anne and GT stood by and supported us, no matter what we came up with. Since the day we begged them to be our advisors, they have given us an immense amount of time, effort, and love. Not only were they great advisors, but they became our mentors, as they may have given us even more life advice than they gave organizational advice. We are beyond grateful for our amazing advisors, and will miss them greatly next year.



Carianne,

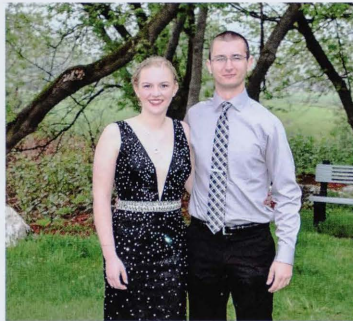
Congratulations!
Remember to always
reach for the stars!

Love, Mom, Dad, Alex,
Nana, Grandma and
Grandpa



Alexa Elizabeth O'Connor

You are a shining star;
shine bright for all the
world to see.
We love you!
Mom, Dad & Michael



MATTHEW

Congratulations on your graduation! Keep trying new things and traveling to interesting places. We are very proud of you!
Love Mom and Dad



Victor Flores

The future holds... adventures in everyday opportunities in every challenge and possibilities in every dream.
You are a born fighter we are so proud of you!!
Siempre para adelante te queremos hoy y siempre,
best wishes from your family.





Sean Patrick

“We hope your dreams take you to the corners of your smiles, to the highest of your hopes, to the windows of your opportunities, and to the most special places your heart has ever known.” —Unknown

Our lives would be stupid without you!

We love you to infinity and beyond!
Mom & Dad



Emma Adam

Congratulations, Emma!
We could not be more proud of you!

Reach for the stars,
follow your heart,
and if you ever lose your footing, remember the solid ground of your humble roots.

Carry our faith in you,
always.

Love,
Dad, Mom & Abby



Josie & Sadie

We are so proud of our sassy, smart and sensational girls! We love you!!

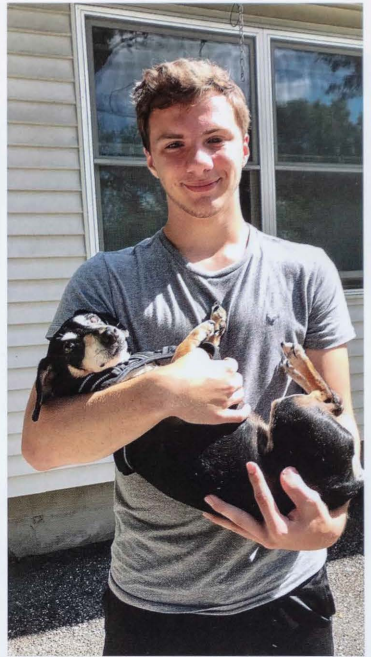


Eli Johnson

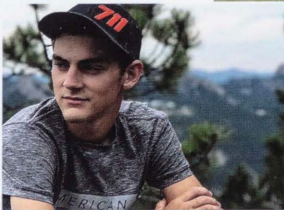
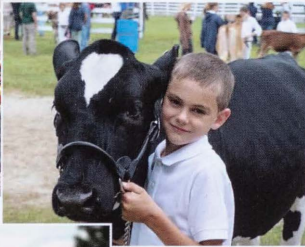
Dear Eli,

We wish you good health, prosperity and HAPPINESS in every turn you make and every path you take.

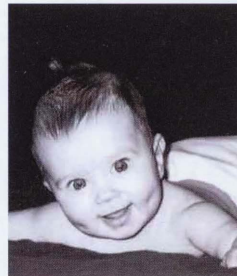
Love, Momma Bear, Poppa Bear and Sister Bear



Colby



Good Luck Colbs! We are so proud of you! We love you!
Dad, Mom, Morgan & Maisey



Maggie Mae Baldwin



Always remember...
you are braver than you believe,
stronger than you seem,
smarter than you think, and
loved more than you know.



We're very proud of you!

Good Luck

Love, Mom, Dad & Ashlee



Sean & Alyssa Holback

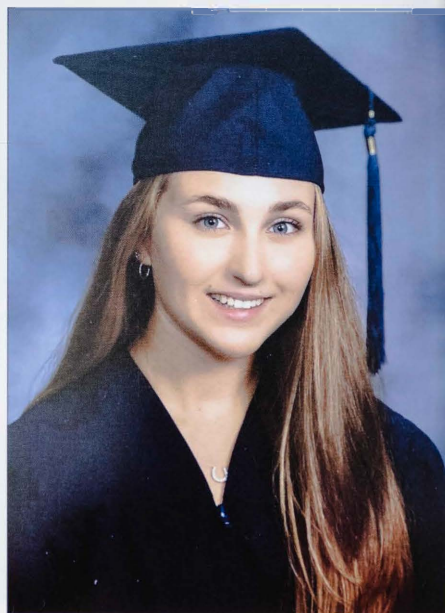
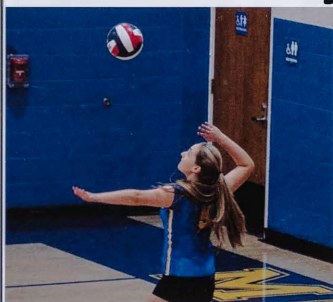
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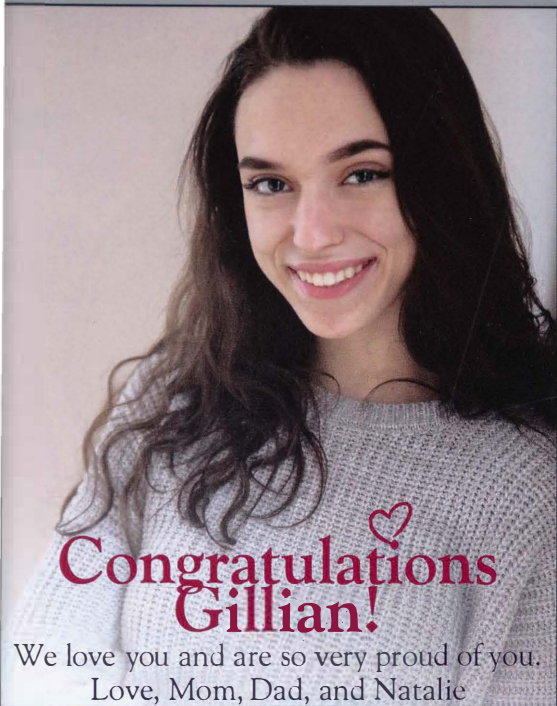
We are so proud of you both. We know whatever you put your minds to you will succeed.

Best of Luck Always!

Love, Mom and Dad

Ryan Elizabeth Duncan





Congratulations Gillian!

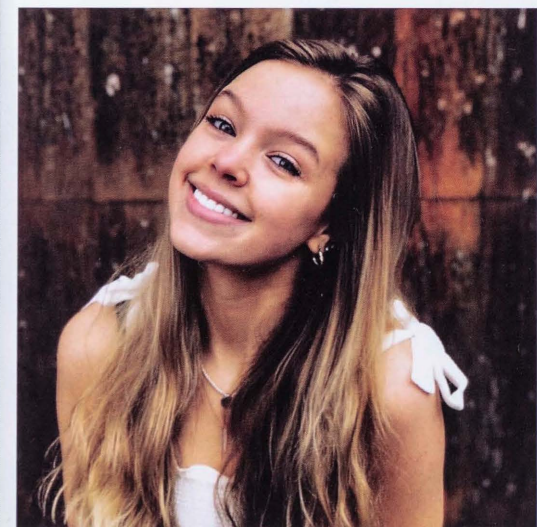
We love you and are so very proud of you.
Love, Mom, Dad, and Natalie



Madi Simonds

"Follow your arrow, wherever it points."

Congratulations, we are so incredibly proud of you.
Love, Mom, Dad, and Jacob



Brierley Lloyd

Congratulations! You are an inspiration.
Mom, Scott, Dad & Joni



Tresa, Marijke, Calpurnia & Erin

Thank you for your willing help, insights, and
unique perspectives. You made my year!
Best wishes for a bright future,
Ms. Costa

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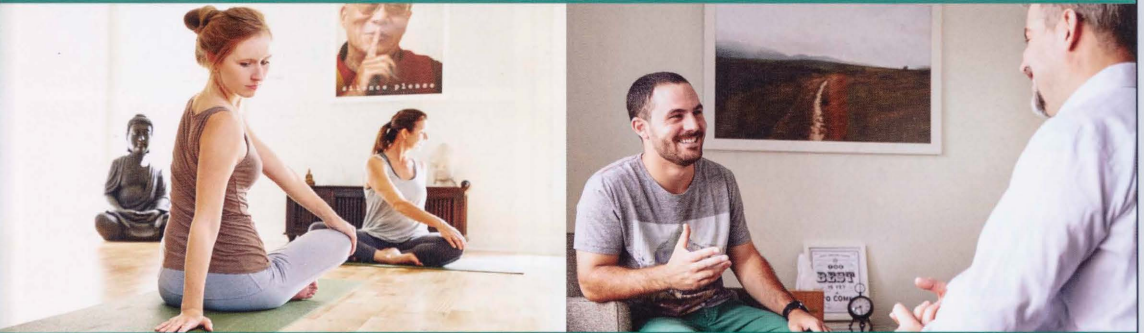
Like all of you, we look forward to embracing new challenges and charting new paths forward.

Congratulations and best wishes on the next phase of life's adventures and discoveries!

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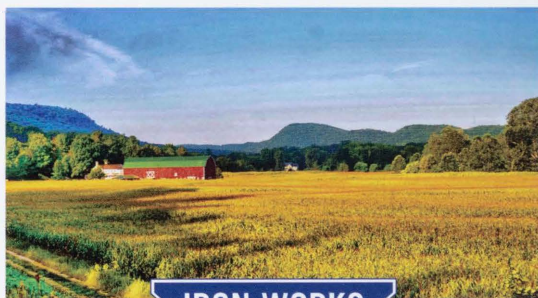
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White Oak 2019, Volume 79 was produced by the yearbook club at Housatonic Valley Regional School in Falls Village, Connecticut. The book was printed by Herff Jones, Inc. in Edwardsville, Kansas. The account was serviced by representative Sonja Henke and customer service adviser Jill Camburako. The yearbook adviser was Rosanne Costa. The theme for the yearbook is *Now is the Time, Make it Happen*. The visual theme, including the cover, endsheets, opening, and divider pages, was designed by HJ artist Muriel Fogarty, Rosanne Costa, and Sonja Henke. The cover incorporated a four-color lithograph printed on white permocote base material with matte uv coating. The endsheets are printed in full-color process on VC-01 white material.

The yearbook club of nine students helped build the 160-page book, and all 160 printed copies of the book were purchased by students and staff members. The pages were printed on 100# bordeaux paper stock. Body copy was in 10 pt. AHJ Craft Gothic Regular. Captions were in 8 pt. AHJ Craft Gothic Regular. The headline font was in 36 pt. AHJ Serific Bold. Subtitles were written in 18 pt. AHJ Craft Gothic Extended font. All caption headings were in bolded 10 pt. AHJ Craft Gothic. Quotes not within body copy were written in 8 pt. AHJ Cartogothic Light Italic.

Now is the Time, Make it Happen was produced using eDesign on a Dell Optiplex 990 computer and several student chrome books. Photographs were taken using a Canon Rebel T3i digital camera, student and parent submissions, and the yearbook staff's personal digital cameras. Professional portraits, team photographs, team action photographs, and some event photographs were taken by Life Touch in Cranston, Rhode Island with some taken by yearbook staff members.

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