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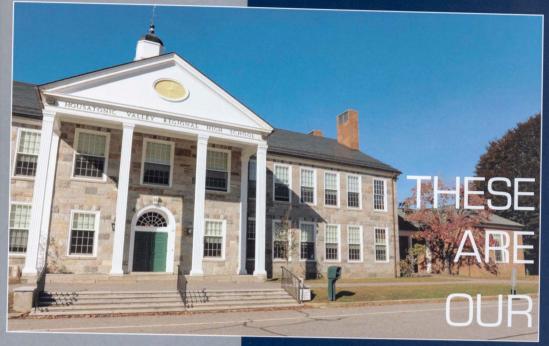
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# Out of the Blue [and Gold],





Life is filled with Moments that matter. The 2016 White Oak captures important events that took place during the 2015-16 school year.



# DEDICATION

To the person who has seen and been here for it all. Housy just would not be the same without her. From once being a coach, to now sticking around to help around the school, Marge, we could not thank you enough for your dedication to this school for all these years. The Class of 2016 is honored and privileged to dedicate this year's White Oak yearbook to

Mrs. Marge Stevenson.



# STUDENT LIFE

# Little

# Moments





Just watch this moment without trying to change it.



### TOP 10 SONGS OF 2015

- **UPTOWN FUNK** 1 CHEERLEADER TAKE ME TO CHURCH LOVE ME LIKE YOU DO 2 4 SEE YOU AGAIN HELLO
- LEAN ON
- HOLD BACK THE RIVER
- WHAT DO YOU MEAN
- SORRY

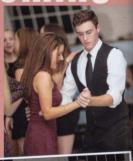
MARK RONSON ft. BRUNO MARS (FELIX JAEHN REMIX) OMI HOZIER **ELLIE GOULDING** WIZ KHALIFA ft. CHARLIE PUTH ADELE MAJOR LAZER ft. MO & DJ SNAKE JAMES BAY JUSTIN BIEBER JUSTIN BIEBER















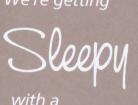
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The Class of 2016 takes first place!











25th Annual TURKEY OLYMPICS

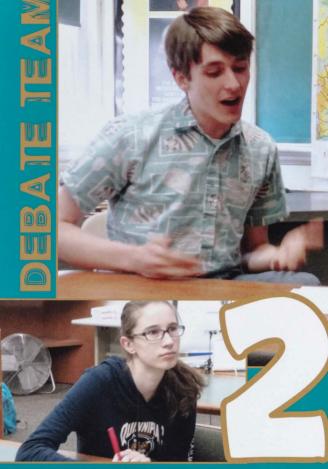








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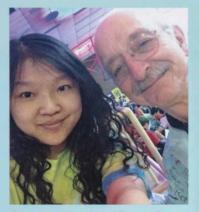


The HOOPS 4 HEART events began with a round of competitive knockout. As knockouts proceeded, Mr. Lizzi axed everyone in his path until only he and Max Vadakin remained. Mr. Lizzi gloriously defeated Max for the knockout title. The three point contest proved to be very competitive. Three players emerged as dominant. Max Vadakin, Pat Considine, and Scott Dignacco moved on to the next round. Competition remained close between Max and Pat. Max prevailed as champion after he hit a winning shot in the closing seconds. The 3-on-3 round robin tournament was the main contest of the afternoon. The placement games were fierce, leading to an exciting playoff bracket. As competition proceeded, the only teams left standing was the team of Max Vadakin, Ben Wilson, and Sabrina O'Brien against the team of Scott Dignacco, Anthony Cattelan, and Mara Dorsey. The game was a nail-biter until the final minutes where Max and his "Juicy" jean shorts drained multiple shots to obtain a commanding lead. As the final buzzer sounded, the team of Max, Ben, and Sabrina remained victorious. The real winner was the American Heart Association which netted nearly \$500 in donations for this event. "Max 'Fist Full of Danger' Vadakin and Ben 'Skinny Little Girl' Wilson









This year Team 716, The Who'sCTEKS, was challenged to play the game FIRST Stronghold. We come together and built "Beyoncé," a beast of a robot to traverse defenses and quickly toke down the enemy's tower. The team grew closer through overcoming design, machining, and programming challenges. Our first competition was at WPI where we advanced to the quorterfinols as the 7th ranked alliance. We then went to Pine Tree Regional in Lewiston, Moine where we mode it to semifinals on the 3rd ranked alliance. We bid a fond farewell to our four seniors: Kionjoi Huggon, Alex Callinan, LeShowno Togninalli, and Coelyn McCarthy and extend a huge thank you to our mentors, sponsors, parents, and school.











CREATIVE MINDS



The Envirothon teams competed in the State Competition at Indian Rock Nature Preserve against 43 total teams. Our wildcard team of Grace Herde, Liam Sweeney, Olivia Wood, Victor Flores, Samantha Starr and Lilian Culbreth placed first in the wildcard division. Our HVRHS team placed third overall with members Marina & Ella Matsudaira, Lauren Murtaah, Dean Saccardi and Micah Danforth. Our Agriscience Team of Jamie Long, Kevin Massey, Eve & Mari Cullerton and Noah Watson earned top honors in the Current Issue and Wildlife sections of the challenge and placed first overall with the privilege of competing at the North American level in Ontario, Canada in July.









To North America's greatest Envirothon Team. Thank you to all for a wonderful year! Appreciatively, Your Advisor, Mr. Moran



A. Kheir, A. de la Fuente Gil & L. Mastrandrea

Hosted by the Downs family in Falls Village Ahmad Kheir was the first Lebanese AFS student at HVRHS. He considered HVRHS to be a huge school physically until he noticed it had about 430 students unlike his school in Lebanon that has 2,000 students in a physically smaller campus. Both schools are similar in that both are there to enrich its students with a high level education and both have amazing teachers. In Lebanon, students stay in their classes while the teachers move from class to class. There is a more theoretical curriculum while Housy has a more hands on curriculum. Ahmad enthusiastically recommends participating in the AFS program because they deserve to experience a new culture that enriches them with knowledge and appreciation for other cultures. When it comes to challenges, food is an issue he feels every single exchange student should talk about. Ahmad says he became a more self-reliant person. In addition, AFS allows students to build special relationships with the HVRHS community. "Chicago The Musical" and the Mr. Housatonic competition were the biggest impacts on his school year since they were his first stage experiences. "I would like to thank HVRHS, its community, AFS and my host parents for being so hospitable and caring. I love v'all so much!" Ana de la Fuente Gil arrived from Spain to spend the year living in Sharon with the Kovacs-Nelson family. When she first arrived she felt as though she was in a movie. The houses, the people, everything looked like a giant Sims game or an MTV show...at least until she arrived in Sharon! "I couldn't believe it was a town, it looked so small and peaceful. I couldn't believe there were people living there," Ana says. But HVRHS was also one of those "this country is huge and full of huge things" moment. This school is twice as big as her school in Spain although her Spanish school has three times more students. Students cannot bring their phones to school and spend a great deal of money on books. Teachers are referred to by their first name, although no one would ever dare to joke with a teacher. Most people think the biggest challenge is the language, but Ana feels the biggest shock comes when you see how, although you've been getting ready for the experience

for months, speaking the language is the smallest of your concerns. You just keep staring at people when they talk, not because you don't understand what they are saying, but because you don't understand why are they saying what they are saying! She learned that it is not as easy as it seems and a little extra help is always welcomed. She believes one of the biggest contributions of AFS is not only diversity, but the opportunity to experience how big this world is yet how similar the people are who occupy it. Also, hearing people from abroad talking about their home countries makes one want go to those places and creates a desire for traveling, which she thinks is one of the best things a person can do with her time.

























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# Earning to Live, Living to Serve

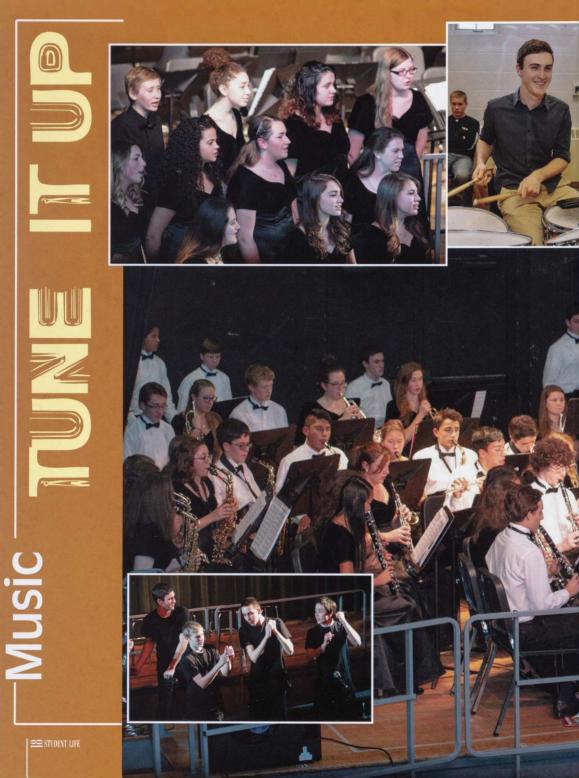


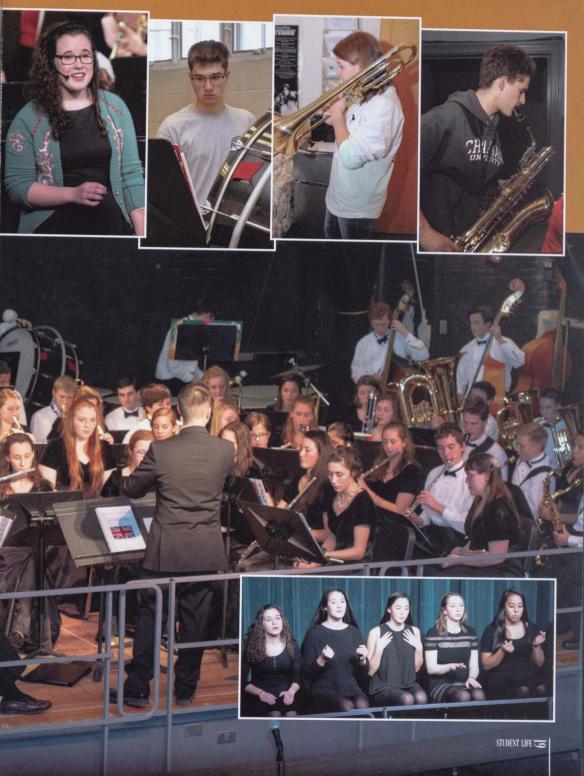








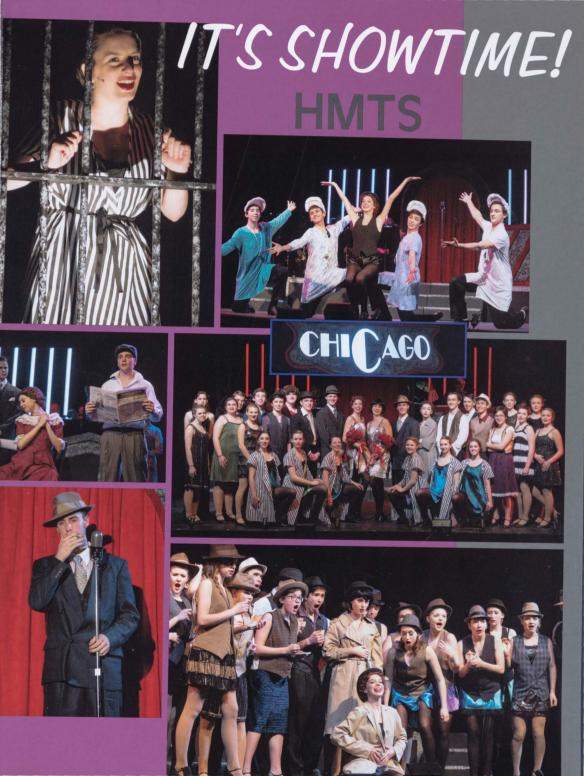






The Housatonic Musical Theatre Society presented "Chicago: A Musical Vaudeville" in March. This sharp-edged satire won the 1997 Tony Award for Best Revival of a Musical. Directed and musically directed by Michael Berkeley with assistant director/production manager Lori Belter and with choreography by professional dancer and Rockette Amber Cameron, the cast featured 28 students and a live orchestra of ten professional musicians. Students in the cast were: Soren Clulow, Sofia Garner, Liam Grimaldi, Griffin Harney, Sophie Lake-Ginouves, Rebekah Larson, Joshua Shakeshaft, Benjamin Upson, Mairead Hodgkins, Ahmad Kheir, Olivia Wadsworth, Emily Abbott, Carianne Callinan, Jala Cooke, Konnor Curtis, Abigail Dodge, Brooke Olownia, Ted Perotti, Madison Simonds, Johanna Whittlesey, Dean Saccardi, Malcolm Scott, Abbey Hansell-Baumgarten, Eli Hill, Katherine McGuire, Maureen McGuire, Ryan Nugent, Marijke Stiffler. Other production support was provided by students in non-performing roles include backstage help, set building, videotaping, and graphic design.

STUDENT LIFE



## Blue & Gold @ The White

Lakeville's White Gallery displayed Housy's annual student art exhibit and the walls were covered with student creativity for the 2016 show. The talent pool was deep, with over seventy student's works represented. Pieces on display included drawings in pencil, pastel, charcoal, and India ink, as well as paintings in acrylic, water color and egg tempera. Sculptures in various mediums were on view. Photography was especially strong, revealing a myriad of subject matter. Best in Show honors went to Maggie Sullivan for her painting depicting Native Americans on a buffalo hunt. Other students receiving honors were Kyra Cullerton, Eve Cullerton, Melissa Mallem and Marijke Stiffler. An annual supporter of the HVRHS art program is The Sharon Women's Club. The SWC awarded two art prizes in the form of generous scholarship





# You can't spell Heart without Art





STUDENT LIFE

## MOMENTS OF achievement Newly Elected Members

Seniors: Ashlee Baldwin Morgyn Gasperini Olivia Geiger Grace Herde Mairead Hodgkins Chelsea Kearns Emily O'Connor **Juniors**: Grace Beddingfield Paris Beddingfield Katelyn Bellanca Molly Benack Eve Cullerton Kyra Cullerton Mari Cullerton Chloe Dakers

Haley Gulotta Amanda Jacquier Morgan Jacquier Ahmad Kheir Katherine McGuire Ryan Nugent Michael O'Connor Brooke Olownia Margaret Riccardelli Jacob Shpur Katherine Starr Kathryn Stoddard Emily Sullivan Margaret Sullivan Angela Tabor Katherine Tortorella Sara VanDeusen Noah Watson

### Previously Elected Members

Alex Callinan Ashley Coon Kianjai Huggan Abigail LaFontan Jamie Long Marina Matsudaira Hannah McGuire Ted Perotti Clelia Tufts



### National Honor Society

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STUDENT LIFE



boys soccer front row: J. Diaz, F. Bambery, J. Gomez, S. Dignacco, M. Lopes. middle: M. Labbadia, J. Gregory, E. Hill, B. Rawlings, E. Gabrielson, B. Buckley, M. O'Connor, D. Maddock, J. Shpur, B. Humiston, back: C. Richards, J. Diamond, J. Bentley, L. Grimaldi, S. Sherwood, J. Altamirano, M. Sakr, K. Sakr, Coach J. Terrall.

### girls socce:

H. Quiroz, A. Tabor, M. Horosky, M. Dowd, A. Besmer, G. Lancto, J. Horosky. middle: S. Grusauski, L. Segalla, A. Jacquier, E. Geyselaers, V. Hesterberg, T. Lynch, C. Dakers. back: Manager A. Ovitt, L. Wilks, A. Bosio, M. Matsudaira, L. Gilderdale, A. LaFontan, Manager G. Herde, Coach T. Segalla.

#### jv football

ront row: A. Fallon, S. Foley,
D. Sanchez, E. Brinson,
C. Gwinn. middle:
J. Bartram, J. Bartram,
A. Gwinn, T. Perotti,
Z. Larson, W. Hurley. back:
Coach Gwinn, Manager
S. Coolbeth, Coach Gwinn,
C. Ackerman, C. Pratt,
A. Vernali, M. Elserafy,
S. Barry, E. Wilkinson,
Manager A. Johnson,
Coach Richardson.







#### volleyball

front row: A. Sears, B. Olownia, H. Gulotta, H. Berrell, A. Coon. back: Coach Fitch. M. Dorsey, T. Worthington, B. Dodge, A. Baldwin, M. Riccardelli, A. Labbadia, M. Baldesseri, Coach Foster.





#### boys cross country

front.row: C. McGuire, M. Hernandez, M. Holderman. middle: H. Riley, J. Scarpa, B. Soper, J. Santiago, J. Lambert, B. Upson. back: M. Scott, P. Bannister, K. Curtis, A. Dillon, J. Randall, Coach GT.

#### girls cross country

front: J. Spencer, J. Whittlesey, N. Gorat, K. Galgano, M. Spencer. middle: S. Clulow, K. Starr, M. Cullerton, C. Kearns, P. Beddingfield, E. Cullerton, K. Cullerton. back: O.Wadsworth, S. Starr, A. Holmes, G. Beddingfield, M. Sullivan, E. Sullivan, Coach GT.

#### field hockey

front row: A. Aragi, H. McGuire, M. Gasperini, M. Ackerman. middle: V. Merrill, J. Wilson, A. Kovacs, A. De La Fuente Gil, H. Aragi. back: Coach McAuliffe, G. Cohn, M. Simmons, M. Sheldon, S. Rincon, Coach O'Connor.

# WE RUN FOR FUN

### **CROSS COUNTRY**

This was the first time in Housy girls Cross Country history the team finished the regular season undefeated with a record of 9-0. The girls ended up finishing second in the league due to some unfortunate circumstances at the BL championship race. Our fourth place runner was out with an injury and then our third place runner went down during the race with an extremely serious injury. As a result we came in second overall to Nonnewaug. Two girls were named league All-Stars, Mari Cullerton who came in 2nd overall in that race and Eve Cullerton who came in 8th overall. Katherine Starr was also named second team for her 16th place finish. This girls team had phenomenal team chemistry. They pushed each other to be their best and were each other's biggest cheerleaders. We hope for another great season next year as all of our runners but except senior Chelsea Kearns will be returning.

The boys team struggled through another difficult season finishing the season 0-9. Several key losses contributed to this record. The boys' worked hard and we expect to look for continued growth next year.





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"I wish I had joined the team earlier." ~Johanna S.

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"Our sport is your sport's punishment." ~ Malcolm S.

SENIOR CAPTAINS Marc Hernandez, Malcolm Scott, amd Chelsea Kearns.

Captains Hannah & Morgyn











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"Don't let the skirts fool you." ~ Morgyn G.



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"Field Hockey is one of those teams where it's very small and close knit. We may not have the best record, but we have the best friendships." ~ Megan A.

### **FIELD HOCKEY**

Senior captain Hannah McGuire led the lady strikers in scoring this season. She had the game winning goal against Somers. Hannah was also named to the Berkshire League second team. Senior captain Morgyn Gasperini along with Abby Aragi led the the team in defense this season. Goalie Megan Ackerman averaged over 15 saves a game and was named to the Berkshire League first team. Through some tough games the team always stayed positive. Their outstanding sportsmanship earned them the Berkshire League Ted Alex Award.



SENIORS Abby Aragi, Hannah McGuire, Megan Ackerman, and Morgyn Gasperini.

Senior Captains T. Perotti Z. Larson





"Take care of the little things and the big things will take care of themselves." ~Ted P.









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The 2015 Football team began its season with only 25 dedicated young men, but they worked hard, fought bravely and oved moments of athletic and personal achievement that would be the envy of virtually any high school football program the country, regardless of size. The fun they had, the trust they built in each other, and the lessons that only football can ach-pride, honor, the value of hard work, finding and utilizing one's inner strength-gave them skills and memories that will carry them through the rest of their adult lives.

The 3-7 season record does not reflect how hard and how well these young men played. Senior captain Ted Perotti demonstrated a noble and powerful work ethic every day and was The Mountaineers' "go-to" guy when yardage was olutely essential. Zack Larson, whose quiet, leadership-by-example performance gave the younger players strength when it s most needed, and Dave Sanchez's "I got this" attitude, carried the team through many hard workouts and tough games. nchez started in seven different positions and excelled in them all. Juniors Evan Wilkinson and Spartan of the Year Billy urley, and freshman Eli Brinson were the backfield engines that pulled the train all season. I was, and continue to be, very proud of what these outstanding young men have accomplished, and I thank them all. –Doug Richardson, Head Coach



#### **GIRLS SOCCER**

Another remarkable season for the 2015 Girls Soccer team as they finished 16-2 overall, 15-1 as Co-Champions in the Berkshire League, first in the state for Class S and made it to the State Tournament Quarterfinals. One of the many highlights of this outstanding season included Lauren Segalla breaking the record for most career goals ending her season at 109. Graduating are six seniors this year, led by Tri-Captains Lauren Gilderdale, Madeline Horosky, and Marina Matsudaira; Ann Bosio, Abigail LaFontan, and Lauryn Wilks. Team honors included Honorable Mention: Lauren Gilderdale and Molly Dowd; 2nd Team All-BL: Chloe Dakers and Emily Geyselaers; 1st Team All-BL and All State: Amanda Jacquier, Lauren Segalla, and Madeline Horosky.



Captains: M. Matsudaira, M. Horosky, Coach Segalla, and L. Gilderdale.



"True champions aren't always the ones that win, but those with the most guts." ~Mia Hamm

Seniors: A. Ovitt, L. Wilks, A. Bosio, M. Matsudaira, M. Horosky, L. Gilderdale, A. LaFontan, G. Herde.







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# **BOYS SOCCER**

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Seniors C. Richards, J. Diamond, J. Bentley, L. Grimaldi, S. Sherwood, J. Altamirano, M. Sakr, and K. Sakr.



The boys soccer team finished the season 5 -10-1. Led by senior captains Jason Diamond (MVP), Seth Sherwood, and Liam Grimaldi, the boys put themselves in position to qualify for the state tournament only to lose to BL Champs Lewis Mills on the final day of the season. Seniors James Altamarino, James Bentley, Chris Richards, and brothers Kareem and Moustafa Sakr fought hard throughout the season and all contributed to continuing the successful soccer tradition at Housatonic. Sophomore Matthew Lopes earned BL 2nd team honors and will be back anchoring the midfield next year.



"We jelled as a team and that is what matters." ~ Chris R.



Captains B. Rawlings, J. Diamond, L. Grimaldi, S. Sherwood, Coach Terrall.

## DIGGING DEEP

### VOLLEYBALL

Girls volleyball racked up a final record of 3 wins and 14 losses for the 2015 season. Our three wins were against Gilbert, Amistad, and Mt. Everett. Our captains were Senior Ashley Coon, Junior Marge Riccardelli and Junior Haley Gulotta. The Most Improved Player was Mara Dorsey and Most Valuable Player was Haley Gulotta. The Tyburski Award was presented to freshman Anna Coon and the Sportsmanship Award went to Ashley Coon. We will miss our graduating seniors but look forward to improving our record next year with key returning players Haley Gulotta, Brooke Olownia, Brooke Dodge, Marge Riccardelli, Mara Dorsey and Megan Baldesseri.



SENIORS A. Sears, A. Baldwin, A. Labbadia, and A. Coon







CAPTAINS M. Riccardelli. H. Gulotta, and A. Coon.







"The two years I spent with this team was such a great experience. I'm so glad I got to be a part of it! ~Alyssa L.

boys basketball front row: P. Considine, J. Brinson, M. Peirce, K. Sprague, Z. Larson. back: C. Hickey, M. Vadakin, J. Dean, H. Lyle, A. Kellner, J. Shpur, Coach S. Magyar.



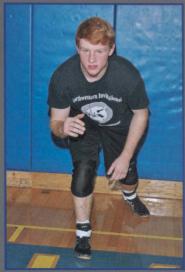
girls basketball front row: C. Dakers, K. Reilly. middle: E. Geyselaers, L. Wilks, M. Dorsey, A. Jacquier. back: Coach Hadsell, C. Hurlburt, H. McGuire, O. Forstmann, C. Kearns, Coach Hall.



ice hockey front row: J. Burcroff, B. Gaura, K. Diamond, M. Lynehan, N. Mierzejewski. second: M. Murray, A. Robarge, N. Stoddard, S. Sherwood, E. Wilkinson, G. MacLaren, F. Bambery, N. Swanson. third: E. Johnson, C. Wilhelm, C. Richards, B. Rawlings, C. Toffey. back: Coaches S. Banffy, R. Diamond, D. Diamond, C. Bellanca.







#### alpine skiing

front row: J. Wayne, P. Kennedy, E. Gabrielson, N. Strid, M. Winburn. back: S. Luminati, A. Karrick-Kovacs, T. Perotti, A. Vernali, K. Massey, M. Dowd, C. O'Connor, Coach B. Gold, A. Coon, N. Winburn. Missing: A. Kovacs, A. Bosio. wrestling W. Fallon.



#### wimming

ront row: L. Murtagh, B. Olownia, G. Beddingfield, P. Beddingfield. second: E. Calhoun, A. Budney, M. Spencer, J. Spencer, R. Larson. third: A. Palmer, A. Dillon, M. O'Connor, J. Bartram, J. Bartram, M. Riccardelli, Coach .. McAuliffe. back: L. Parker, G. Herde, C. Tufts, M. Matsudaira, A. Coon, E. Cowgill, E. Hennessey, S. Christinat, Coach J. Rice. Missing: K. Bellanca, A. De La Fuente, E. Matsudaira, K. Starr, O. Woods.

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"Although not being able to play much of my senior year due to a broken wrist, I will always remember all the great times out on the court and most importantly my teammates. Throughout my four years of playing varsity basketball I can honestly say that without my teammates and support from coaches, family, and friends I would not have had such a successful, enjoyable basketball career at Housatonic!" ~ Chelsea K.





SENIORS C. Kearns, H. McGuire, and L. Wilks.

#### **GIRLS BASKETBALL**

The Lady Mountaineers, led by Seniors Hannah McGuire, Chelsea Kearns, and Lauryn Wilks, Juniors Chloe Dakers, Amanda Jacquier, Kailyn Rielly, and Mara Dorsey. Sophomores Emily Geyselaers and Olivia Forstmann and Freshman Caroline Hurlburt, had a very good year despite many injuries. Still, the girls never gave up! They finished with a respectable 11-9 record for the regular season, putting the team in the Berkshire League and State Tournaments. In the BL tournament we traveled to Wamogo and lost a hard fought battle 43-41. In the State tournament we were ranked #17 out of 32 teams and were paired against #16 Lyman Memorial. We played an inspiring first half, holding the lead at halftime 23-22. Lyman came out in the second half and outscored Housatonic 33-20, giving them the victory 55-43. A real high note for Housatonic was placing three girls on the 2nd team all BL team: Hannah McGuire. Amanda Jacquier and Chloe Dakers. All in all, hats off to the Housy girls who gave their fans a lot to cheer about this season!

"We did what we could with a great group of girls and it was a lot of fun getting close with everyone!" ~ Hannah M.









CAPTAINS Max, Justin & Pat

#### **BOYS BASKETBALL**

The 2015-16 season was an up and down year for the boys basketball team. The Mountaineers finished with a 6-14 record, earning their last win on Senior Night. Led by seniors Pat Considine, Justin Dean and Max Vadakin, the Mountaineers defeated Berkshire League rival Shepaug, spoiling their hopes for post season play. "Shoot Shoot Shoot!" ~Justin D.



SENIORS P. Consdine, M. Vadakin, J. Dean, H. Lyle, Z. Larson and K. Sprague.



"Five games in we had a winning season, five games later... we didn't." ~ Zack L.











The Housatonic/Northwestern/Wamogo Varsity Ice Hockey Team finished the season with an overall 11-10-1 record. They made it to the second round of the CIAC State Tournament for the first time since 1998. They had a dramatic victory on Senior Night vs Norwalk/McMahon scoring at the sound of the buzzer for a 3-2 victory. They also won the coveted Berkshire Cup for the 10th consecutive year against rival Shepaug. The team was led by Captains Jason Diamond, Seth Sherwood, Garett MacLaren, Finn Bambery and Senior Chris Richards.

## **ADDICTED TO THE ICE**

The boys and girls swim team was led by Captains Ashley Coon, Ellen Cowgill, Marina Matsudaira, and Clelia Tufts.

Our team continued to improve over the course of the season, winning two meets. Swimmers dropped significant amounts of time each meet, especially during the Berkshire League Championships. We ended our regular season with a win against Lewis Mills on Senior Night. At the BL

Championships, 16 of our 27 swimmers qualified to compete. Although our team's record of 2–10 may not seem like a winning season, many best times were recorded every

meet. Our swimmers placed and medaled at the BL Champs. These faster times reflect the hard work and determination that our swimmers put into every practice and meet. Congratulations to the Seniors, they will be missed. Coach Jacquie and new Coach Lisa were pleased with the results of the season and look forward to coaching the team next year.

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#### **SWIMMING**



Captains: C. Tufts, M. Matsudaira, A. Coon, E. Cowgill.

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"We may have only won two meets, but we are still the best team at Housy." ~Ashley C.

Seniors: Leah, Grace, Clelia, Marina, Ashley, Ellen, Emily, Sofia















"We swam fast, we took chances." ~Clelia T.

ATHLETICS 🚼



## A FUN-SLOPE

Mother Nature was at her warmest. Local ski areas did not open until 12.31.15. For the first time a ski race was canceled due to rain. Despite these weather related problems, the Alpine Ski team shined once again. Each season ends with a league championship meet where we race both in the morning (Giant Slalom) and afternoon (Slalom). After a challenging day, awards were handed out for the season and championship. The HVRHS ski team won first place both for the overall season and the BHSL (Berkshire Hills Ski League) Championship Cup! This year's ski team was an excellent group of skiers. Outstanding among them were seniors Kevin Massey (3rd overall season and 2nd slalom championship, team co-captain), 1ed Perotti (4th overall season and championship co-team captain), Molly Dowd (first overall girls Slalom & Giant Slalom season, and championship) Alex Vernali (2nd overall season & 3rd both GS & S championship) plus a strong group of 7 freshmen, 3 sophomores and 2 juniors. This year's winter sports awards went to MVP's Kevin and Ted, and the Tyburski Award was given to Jack Wayne.



"Coached by the incredible Bill Gold, the absence of winter did not stop the ski team from achieving their goals."  $\sim$  Ted P.

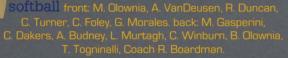


Captains K. Massey, T. Perotti.

boys lacrosse front row: O. Lauzier. middle: W. Hurley, E. Bushey, J. Burcroff, N. Burcroff, L. Mastrandrea, B. Rawlings, B. Humiston. back: D. Sanchez, Z. Wilkinson, G. MacLaren, S. Barry, M. O'Connor, C. Hickey, E. Wilkinson, E. Hill, T. Perotti, J. Bartram, Coach S. Pener, Asst. Coach F. Hayden,









**golf** Z. Ongley, M. Labbadia, L. Grimaldi, B. Lloyd, Coach J. McGuire



girls lacrosse front row: A. Dodge, J. Tittman, M. Horosky, M. Dowd, D. Torres, G. Lancto, N. Kowalski. middle: G. Cohn, N. O'Dea, K. Buckley, A. Bosio, T. Sherwood, M. Spencer, M. Simonds, S. Grusauski. back: Coach J. Foster, A. Humiston, B. Dodge, O. Forstmann, A. Jacquier, L. Wilks, Coach S. Magyar.



#### baseball

front row: A. Zucco, K. Sprague, J. Dean, Z. Larson, S. Sherwood, E. Scimeca, S. Foley. back: Coach Morhardt, F. Bambery, A. Cattelan, A. Vernali, C. Toffey, J. Shpur, S. Dignacco, Managers A. Sears, A. Daalhuwzen



 Coys tennis front: M. Vadakin, M. Sakr, J. Miller, R. Considine: middle: J. Scarpa, J. Johnson, J.
 Weisman, M. Chin, M. Buxton. back: Coach J. Tripp, M. Elserafy, J. Gomez, B. Upson, J. Bristow.



**GITIS tennus** front: A. De La Fuente, K. Kinsman, J. Cooke, A. Coon, A. Kovacs. middle: G. Herde, J. Serna, E. Matsudaira, M. Dekker, A. Coon, M. Sheldon. back: M. Ackerman, S. Christinat, C. Tufts, M. Matsudaira, M. Riccardelli, T. Worthington, K. Starr, K. McGuire.



Track & Field, front row: J. Ross, M. Cullerton, N. Gorat, A. Tabor, J. Wilson, C. Desrochers, A. Besmer, R. Hernandez, middle: H. McGuire, H. Riley, A. Palmer, B. Soper, C. Kearns, E. Cullerton, A. Holmes A. Hansell-Baumgarten, K. Reilly, E. Geysalaers, M. Holderman, L. Gilderdale, back: M. Dorsey, A. O'Connor, A. Kellner, P. Ross, A. Dillon, J. Brinson, H. Marks, J. Bartram, A. Johnson, E. Brinson, J. Santiago, E. Santiago, M. Hernandez, A. LaFontan, L. Parker.

# THERE'S NO PLACELIKE HON

The baseball team this year started off the season 1-5 after losing three extra innings games in its first six contests. Then rebounded nicely winning 8 of its last 11 games and finished with a 10 and 10 record and a respectable 18th seed in the state tournament. Junior Scott Dignacco received 2nd team All-Berkshire League recognition and Senior Zac Larson was awarded Honorable Mention as both players had fine seasons at the plate and on the mound. With a strong core of players returning the team is very optimistic for next season.

## BASEBALL







"My favorite memory was when Seth pretended to be a deer during a rain delay in the last regular season game." ~Zach L.





SENIORS K. Sprague, J. Dean, E. Scimeca, S. Sherwood, Z. Larson.





"It was a great senior year working with a great group of girls and having them by my side. Going to definitely miss them and the sport next year. ~Lauren W.



The 2016 girls lacrosse season was historic. After finishing 5-10 last season, the girls rebounded with a 12-7 record, the second most wins in a season. The team finished second in their league, qualifying for the state tournament for the fourth time in the past five seasons. The season was capped with a road victory in the state tournament vs. Lewis Mills, ending their season and allowing us to host a state tournament game for the first

time. Although our seniors will be missed, the future of girls lacrosse is bright at Housatonic.

Senior Captains L. Wilks & D. Torres







Seniors: L. Wilks, A. Bosio, D. Torres, M. Horosky



## LOOKING TO STRIKE



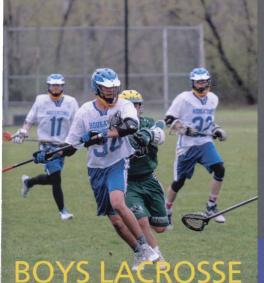
Captains: T. Perotti & N. Burcroff



Boys Lacrosse finished the season with six wins and nine losses. The Mountaineers were led by senior attackman and Captain Nate Burcroff (team MVP) and senior defenseman and Captain Ted Perotti who both received All-Conference Honorable Mention. Junior attackman Erin Bushey led the team in scoring and sophomore Brad Rawlings was the team's rock in goal. Sophomores Eli Hill, defenseman, and Colby Hickey, long stick midfielder, both shined as first year starters. The highlight game came in the conference playoffs losing an epic battle in overtime to #1 seed St. Paul Catholic.

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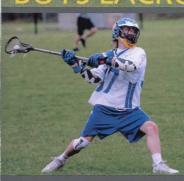
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Seniors: G. MacLaren, T. Perotti, O. Lauzier, N. Burcroff, Mastrandrea.

"I am forever grateful to have had the opportunity and privilege of playing the amazing game of lacrosse with amazing people for four years." ~Ollie L.













## SOFTBALL





M. Gasperini & G. Morales

"We had a really tough season, the important thing is we never gave up. That's what really matters." ~Morgyn G.

S ATHLETICS

Softball finished a tough 0-19 season after losing nine players from the previous year. Thank you to the parents and fans who supported these girls for what turned out to be a very challenging season. And thank you girls for giving your all each and every game. Chloe Dakers earned 2nd team All-Berkshire League honors.



"It was a rocky season, but our team made it through. We worked hard and kept improving." ~Chloe D.



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Captains M. Gasperini & C. Dakers



Seniors: M. Sakr, M. Vadakin, J. Miller, P. Considine



"I was privileged to be part of a conference winning team this year. Several times, we looked to be down and out, but we came back and snatched victory from the jaws of defeat, the opposite of what we did in past years." ~ Jonathan M.





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## TRIP

Boys tennis finished with a perfect 16-0 record and were Berkshire League Champions. Jonathan Miller won the BL singles title, was a BL All-Star for the 4th time, and won the Class S State Tournament Singles Championship. Max Vadakin and Mo Elserafy were 16-0 at #1 doubles and were BL All-Stars. Jack Scarpa was 9-7 at #2 singles, Pat Considine was 12-2 at #3 singles, Justin Gomez and Moustafa Sakr were 14-1 at #2 doubles.





## **OVER THE TOP**

Girls Tennis had one of its best years in several years, ending with a 7-9 record. Many matches were much closer than in past years and the girls played hard. Several seniors led the way. Captain Marina Matsudaira had a strong year at first singles and was our Most Valuable Player. Captain Sofia Christinat was most often paired with senior Ashley Coon at

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first doubles and won the sportsmanship award. Our third Captain, senior Megan Ackerman had a season ending injury before match play began, but came to practices and matches and fulfilled the role of Assistant Coach. Senior Grace Herde played in whatever position the team needed her and had another steady year. Junior Trisha Worthington won Most Improved Player in her first year of tennis. Tthe future looks bright as three freshmen stepped up and played key roles in varsity matches: Ella Matsudaira won the Tyburski Award, playing second singles and being the only team member to play in all 16 matches; Anna Coon and Maddie Dekker both had the best winning percentages on the team. They played great doubles together or filled in when needed at singles. Another important highlight of the year was winning the Berkshire League Sportsmanship Trophy, which is a real testament to the character of all the girls on the team!!



"There's nothing like hitting a winner and hearing your teammates cheering for you or playing in ninety degree weather with your teammates filling up water bottles just for you. The love and support I experienced on the girls tennis team this year is something I will truly miss and cherish." "Marina M.





Seniors: G. Herde, C. Tufts, S. Christinat, M. Matsudaira, M. Ackerman, A. Coon.

# GIRLS TENNIS







The girls tennis bus was probably one of the loudest places on earth. This team did so well this season. Thank you to Trisha for being the best doubles partner out there. ~Clelia T.



Captains S. Christinat, M. Matsudaira & M. Ackerman





ATHLETICS 🗐

Boys track ended their season with a 2-8 record and a sixth place finish at the BL Championship meet. Freshman Eli Brinson made his mark winning the MVP award in recognition of his season accomplishments, winning Gold, Silver, and 2 Bronze medals at the league Championship, qualifying for the Class S meet in four events, and winning Gold in the Decathlon. Team Sportsmanship award went to Phil Ross, Most Improved to Hunter

Riley, and Eli was also awarded the Tyburski Award for outstanding performance by a freshman. The girls finished their season with an 8-2 record, second place overall in the BL Championship, and fifth place in the

Class S State meet. The team was led by senior captains Hannah McGuire, Abigail LaFontan, Lauren Gilderdale, and Chelsea Kearns. At the Championship meet, Sophomore Emily Geyselaers took home four Gold

medals in the 100, 200, and 400 meters as well as in the Long Jump. Other meet All Stars included Angela Tabor in the Shot Put and Hannah McGuire in Pole Vault. Medal winners included Lauren Gilderdale, Leah

Parker, Abigail LaFontan, Annie Besmer and distance runner Mari Culterton. During the two day festival, Lauren and Angela won Gold and

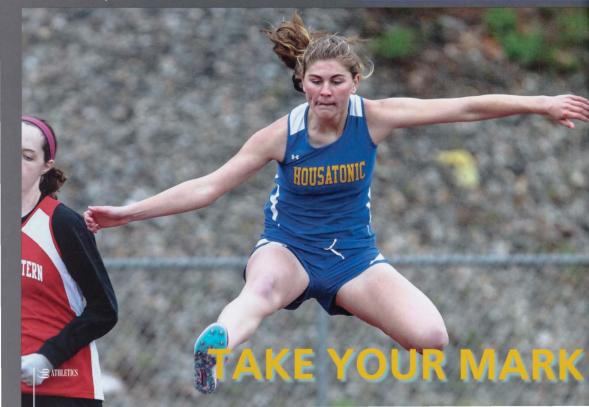
Silver in the Hammer Throw, Mari won Bronze in the 2000m Steeplechase, and Emily Geyselaers won Silver in the Heptathlon setting a new school record in the event. Medal winners at the State meet included Lauren in Hammer, Hannah and Leah in Pole Vault, and Emily in the 200 and 400 meters. Emily went on to compete in New England's in the 400 meters. This year's MVP was Emily Geyselaers, Most Improved was Angela Tabor, Sportsmanship Award went to Nicole Gorat, and the Tyburski Award went to Alexa O'Connor.

## TRACK & FIELD



Captains: H. McGuire, L. Gilderdale, C. Kearns, A. LaFontan

"Track is unique in that you learn the significance of your individual success. Athlete of all different skill type are motivated by each other to get the team that win. Thank you all for an amazing four years and thanks to LJ for introducing me to triple jump!"<sup>~</sup> Abigail L.



"This was one of the best seasons of track and field I've ever participated in. It was a privilege to be part of such a hard working and determined team." ~Hannah M.



Seniors: L. Parker, H. McGuire, L. Gilderdale, C. Kearns, A. LaFontan, M. Hernanadez





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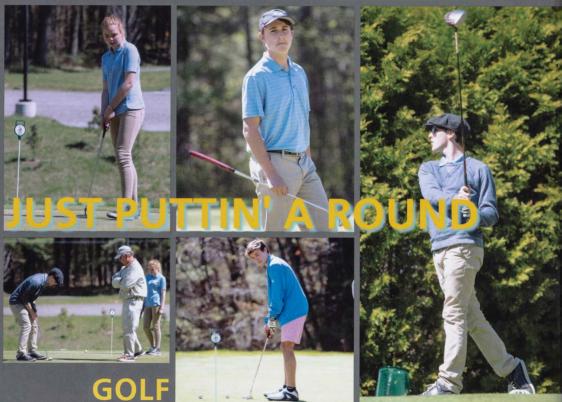
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"The season was a fun one with lots of teamwork and people with strong work ethic. My favorite part was achieving a personal best in the 800 meter at BL's." ~Marc H.

The 2016 golf team experienced a down season posting a 3-13 record. One of the highlights of the season was the emergence of freshman Zach Ongley, who was the top scorer for the team in 8 of 11 matches. Zach also qualified for the BL Tournament. He gained valuable experience which should help him in the future. In addition, freshman Brierley Lloyd became the first female to play in a varsity match for Housatonic in many years, if ever. So we are looking to build on the foundation we built this year and come back strong next year.



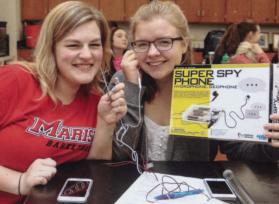
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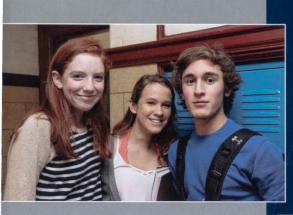






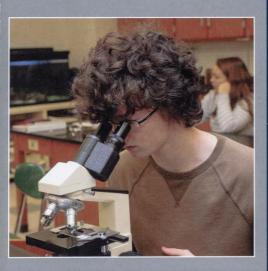


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## UNDER CLASSMEN

### Aspiring Moments





Sometimes you will never know the true value of a moment until it becomes a memory.

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Hannah Berrell Anna Besmer Jonathan Bristow Blake Buckley Cameryn Caruso Anthony Cattelan Caitlyn Cecchinato-Flint

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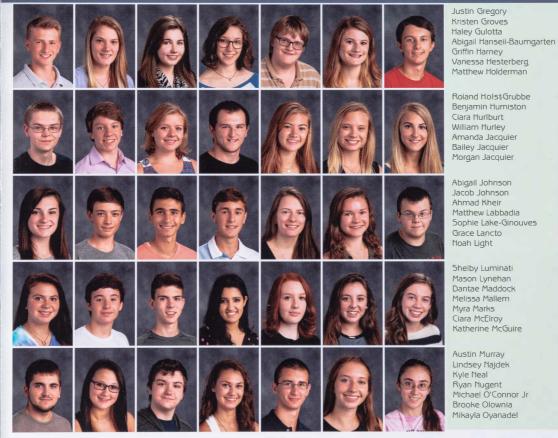
Justin Fitch Erin Fleming Christopher Foley Samuel Foley Elliot Gabrielson Olivia Gelger Justin Gomez





# GLASS OF 2017

Junior Class Officers: Co-Presidents A. Hansell-Baumgarten, K. Cullerton, S. VanDeusen.



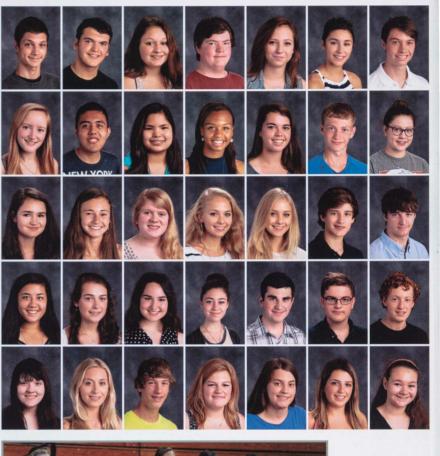
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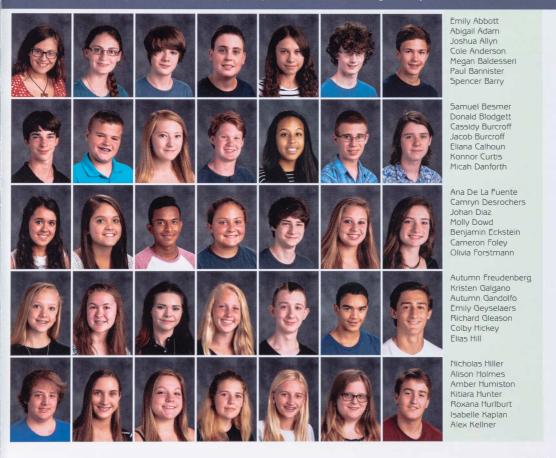








Front Row: N. O'Dea, T. Sherwood, E. Calhoun, O. Forstmann. Middle row: Ms. Eisenberg (Advisor), L. Murtagh, S. Rincon, C. Foley, J. Wilson, M. Dowd, A. Humiston. Back row: J. Serna, C. Turner, A. Holmes, C. Reid. Not pictured: Ms. Salsman (Advisor), T. Merrill, A. Freudenberg, N. Suby-Brown.





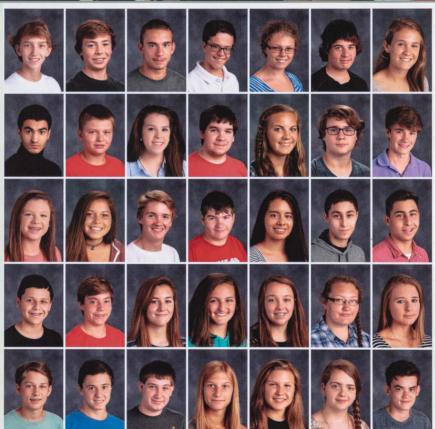
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Juan Sanchez Jack Scarpa Sydney Sears Jessica Serna Taylor Sherwood Abigail Silvernail Molly Simmons

Thomas Soderstrom Benjamin Soper Nolan Stoddard Alyssa Strattman Chelsea Swaller Kimberly Tarala Caleb Thompson













Juliana Tittmann Connor Toffey Chloe Turner Karyna Tymchuk Benjamin Upson Ewa Urbanowicz Alex Vernali







Ryan Washburn Austin Wiggins Zachary Wilkinson Samuel Williams Jada Wilson Ayden Zucco



# CLASS OF 2019

Freshman Class Officers: V. Flores, M. Kosciusko, S. McCarthy.

Cameron Ackerman Faedi Emma Adam Hope Aragi Tresa Ashman Maggie Baldwin John Bartram Elisabeth Besmer

Manuela Bonett Ethan Boyle Troy Brazee Elijah Brinson Joshua Brinson Kaitlyn Buckley Amelia Budny

Matthew Buxton Sean Calati Carianne Callinan Calpurnia Carter Matthew Chin Sydney Clark Eleanor Clulow

Allison Cole Brandon Coolbeth Anna Coon Lilian Culbreth Naomi Dalmida Taryn Davis Madeline Dekker

> Aldan Dillon Abigail Dodge Ryan Duncan Nathan Farwell Amber Flint Victor Flores Megan Foley







































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Caroline Hurlburt Colby Jacquier Elijah Johnson Zachary Kay 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 Maureen McGuire



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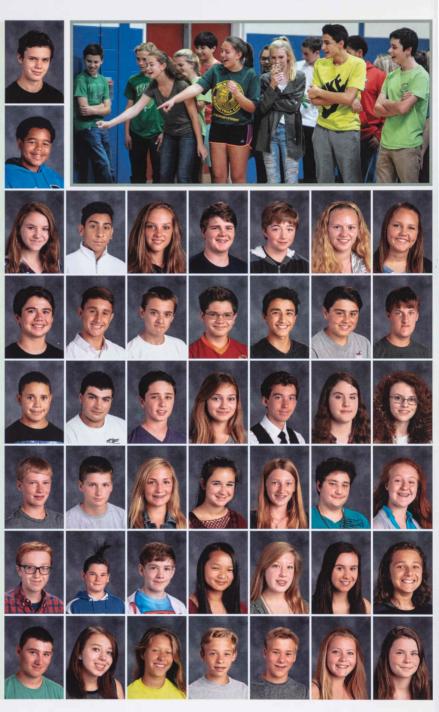
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Noah Strid Samuel Taylor Jad Tindall Tianna Togninalli Carly Tygart Abby Van Deusen Jack Wayne

Tucker Whiting Samantha Whittlesey Christina Winburn Marcus Winburn Nicholas Winburn Olivia Woods Sophia Woods



#### Teachable Moments



# FACULTY

& STAFF

It's the "Ah Ha!" moments with laughter, sincereity and the unexpected, that keep us on our toes.

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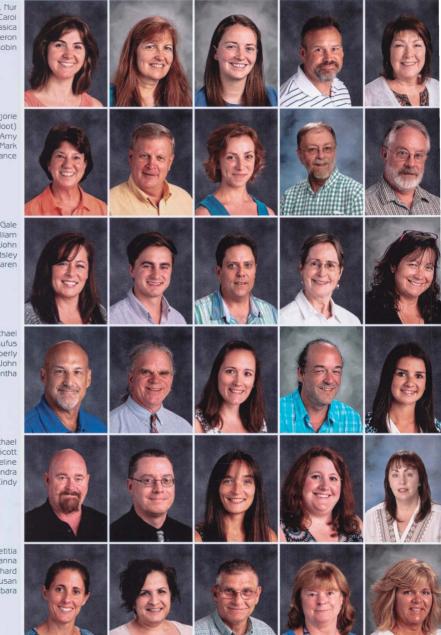
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Caruso, Gale Casey, William Christinat, John Colligan, Lindsley Davenport, Karen

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Ellington, Michael Fellows, Scott Fenn, Jacqueline Ferraro, Alexandra Fuller, Cindy

Garcia-Tripp, Letitia Gizzie, Danna Greco, Richard Harris, Susan Johnson, Barbara





Krupa, Beth Anne Krupa, Thomas Lang, Julie Lazzaro, Mike Lizzi, John

Lloyd, Sara Lovejoy, Alan Macneil, Anne Marsicano, John McLeod, Kim

Membrino, Darlene Monico, Taylor Moody, Bonnie Moran, David Nanni, Rosemarie

Nunez, Tristana O'Reilly, Liam Osora, Damon Peck, Laurence Peterson, Peter

Porter-Collins, Ashley Prindle, Warren Reel, Lisa Rice, Jacquie Salsman, Sarah

Saporito, Marie Schiesel, Candice Shippa, Jennifer Simonds, Kristina Thompson, David













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### This is our Moment



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## SENIORS

They are coming... They are here... and then they are gone. Each moment is a procession from the future into the past and the sweet sport is always the present.



CLASS OF 2016





Megan Ackerman



Sierra Agard



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**James Altamirano** 



Abigail Aragi







**James Bentley** 



**Alex Callinan** 



Ann Bosio



Ariana Castagna



Nathaniel Burcroff



**Chanel Clark** 

88 SENIORS



**Celeste Conlogue** 



**Patrick Considine** 



**Ashley** Coon



Markenzia Couser



Ellen Cowgill



Anneka Daalhuyzen



**Justin Dean** 



**Julien Del Tufo** 



**Jason Diamond** 

Olivia Geiger



Jacob Eckstein



**Alexander Fredenburg** 



Morgyn Gasperini



Liam Grimaldi



Lauren Gilderdale



Karl Grannan

SENIORS 3



**Austin Gwinn** 



**Emily Hennessey** 



**Grace Herde** 



Marc Hernandez



**Tyler Hesterberg** 



**Mairead Hodgkins** 



**Taylor Hoefer** 



**Madeline Horosky** 



Kianjai Huggan









Alyssa Labbadia



Abbigale Karrick-Kovacs



Abigail LaFontan



Zachary Kayser



**Eric Lallier** 



**Chelsea Kearns** 





Zackery Larson



**Oliver Lauzier** 



Joey Lebeda-Hall



Jamie Long



**Hunter Lyle** 



**Garett MacLaren** 



**Kevin Massey** 



Marina Matsudaira



**Caelyn McCarthy** 



Hannah McGuire



Jonathan Miller



**Reece Morrone** 



**Amber Ovitt** 



**Juliette Negron** 



**Hailey Nitsche** 



Sabrina O'Brien



Leah Parker



**Theodore** Perotti



**Jennifer** Petrone



**Brittany Pinette** 



**Christopher Richards** 



Gina Rocha



Shawn Rochford



Karem Sakr



Moustafa Sakr



Amanda Sears

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David Sanchez



Seth Sherwood



Elias Scimeca



**Glenna Silk** 



Malcolm Scott



Mackenzie Silk



**Riley Simmons** 



**Daniel Soderstrom** 



**Kirk Sprague** 



**Andreanna Stossel** 



**Rory Taylor** 



LeShawna Togninalli





**Clelia Tufts** 



Max Vadakin





**Emily White** 



**Johanna Whittlesey** 

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Lauryn Wilks





**Benjamin Wilson** 











Very good Seniors and farewell.

Field Hockey 10,11,12;

FFA 9,10,11.





"Do not go where the path may lead, instead go where there is no path and leave a trail..." - Ralph Waldo Emerson Ashlee

Thank you to everyone who stuck by my side throughout these four years: LeShavna, Kiaa, Ivan, and Lena. To Mrs. Schiesel, who helped us form one of the best organizations here, if the smallest. To Mr. Krupa, who took us on life changing trips and believed in all of us. To my parents and Maggie, thank you for everything. Volleyball 10, 11, 12; Band 9, 10, 11, Treasurer 12; Flute Choir 10, 11, 12.

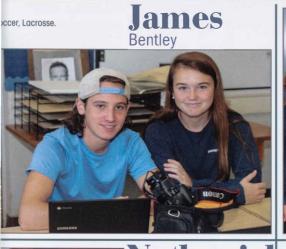
Soccer



"My dreams become my weapons, while the wounds I carry become my medals."















Robotics.



Basketball, Tennis, Heartbreakers.







riana Castagna





atrick Considine



Swimming 9, 10, 11, Captain 12



"I'm a big french fry in a tough world." - Briana A

Football 9,10,11 Basketball 9,10,11 Captain 12 Baseball 9,10,11 Captain 12 Band 9, 10, 11, 12



- Yogi Berra

Varsity Soccer 10, 11, Captain 12, Varsity Hockey 10, 11, Captain 12, Varsity Lacrosse, 10, 11.



"You can curse the darkness or light a candle. The choiceis yours. - Patrick Kane







"I am running away from my responsibilities, and it feels so good." -Michael Scott

#### Anneka



"Happiness can be found, even in the darkest of times, if one only remembers to turn on the light." - Albus Dumbledore

Julien

**Del Tufo** 



School Musical 12:

Varsity Baseball Manager 12.

I would like to thank my

bed for always being there

for me at the end of the day and my parents for their

undying support throughout

Justin

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Cowgill

I don't have the emotional capacity to write a sappy senior message. Hove my friends. Hove my girlfriend. I felt awkward as I typed this and I will never feel the same. WWAB\_10/10 soonic

Thank you to my family for always being supportive. Also thanks to my friends, teachers, coaches and teammates for all their guidance and support over

the last four years. I couldn't have done it without you. And a special thanks to Sierra Agard, you're the best!



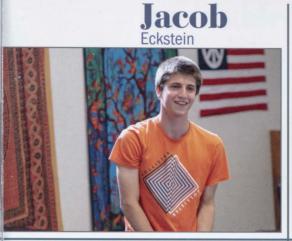
#### Jason

To my family - Thank you for everything. ML JB CR BH WG great times at the pool house. LP been a blast

since little scholars, SS GM LG OL NB Never

going to forget the Salisbury days, BR my bash bro for two years, EB best wingman ever, FB dynamic duo, looking forward to the NHL.

SENIORS



Cross Country; Track & Field.



HMTS, SGA, AFS, Soccer, Hockey, Golf, Jazz Band, Night Choir, Berkshire League Choir, Mr. Housatonic.



When our lives are knocked off course, we imagine everything in them is lost. But it's only the beginning of something new and good. If there is life, there is happiness.

iam Grimaldi

Lauren







Debate Team.





"I swear to God I had something for this ..." - Archer





"We cannot become what we need to be by remaining what we are" - Max De Pree















I part my hair down the middle now. I find time when I have none. I separate insults from ignorance...I found some of myself in the middle of nowhere.



Robotics 9, 10, 11, 12; FFA 10, 11, 12; Class Secretary 9, 10; Tennis 9.



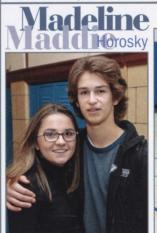
"Uuhhhhhhh...." -Tina Belcher

#### Mairead





"Wait, how do you say your name again?" -Everyone





FFA 9, 10, 11, 12.

Tennis 9,10; Golf 11;

Class Council 9,10,11,12.

Cross Country 11; Hockey Manager11,12;

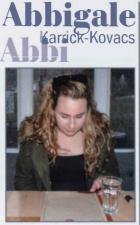


"Take pride in how faryou've come. Have faith in how far you can go. But don't forget to enjoy the

Swim Team 9,10; Band 10,11; Tennis 9,10,12; Ski Team 12; Chorus 9,10, Section Leader1 1, President 12; Class Council 9,10,11, Treasurer 12; Prayer Group 12.



"I am someone who can see the light, I am someone who will make my light shine brighter." - Roland Whitley



Brian

Killen

FFA 9, Reporter 10, 11, 12; Cross Country 10, 11, Captain 12; Varsity Basketball 9, 10, Captain 11, Captain 12; Track & Field 10, 11, Captain 12.

Although my time at Housy has come to an end, it has been a great experience. It is crazy to think that after this year I will be starting the next chapter of my life as a college student. Although I am going to miss

Housy, I can't wait to see what the future has in store for me! Chelsea Kearns



"Enjoy the little things in life because one day you'll look back and realize they were the big things." ~ Kurt Vonnegut

Chorus 9, 10, SL 11, VP 12; Swimming 10, 11,12; Volleyball 11,12; SGA 11,12; Class Council 10,11,12.

Thank you to my friends, family and Emmy for always loving me.



Alyssa Labbadia



"You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself in any direction you choose." - Dr. Seuss





Soccer 9,10,11,12; Track 9,10,11, Captain 12; Band 9,10,11,12; Jazz Band 9,10,11,12; Class VP 9,10; FFA 11.

To all my teachers, mentors and coaches, Thank You. We had quite the adventure, and now I am prepared and excited to pursue my dreams. To my friends, thank you for being there for me since day one (Madeline literally you) and for inspiring me everyday.

"We do not need magic to change the world, we carry all the power we need inside ourselves already: we have the power to imagine better." - J.K. Rowling









JQ.



Soccer; Lacrosse



Class Council 9, 10, 11, 12; Concert Choir 9, 10, 11, Section leader 12; Envirothon 9, 10, First team 11, 12; Student Government Association 9, 10, 11, President 12.



"Be about ten times more magnanimous than you believe yourself capable of being. Your life will be a hundred times better for it." -Cheryl Strayed







Football 9; SGA 11, 12; German Exchange Club 10, 12; Ice Hockey 9, 10, 11, Captain 12; Lacrosse 9, 10, 11, 12.

I would like to thank my family, friends, and teachers, as well as the entire Ice Hockey and Lacrosse coaching staff for helping me improve as a person, student, and athlete.

"The more I learn about people, the more I like my dog." - Mark Twain







"It always seems impossible until it's done" - Nelson Mandela

Robotics ; FFA 10, 11, 12; Alpine Ski Team.





Soccer 9, 10, 11, Captain 12; Swim 9, 10, 11, Captain 12; Tennis 9, 10, 11, Captain 12; Envirothon 9, 10, 11, 12; Band 9, 10, 11, Section Leader & Vice President 12; Flute Choir 9, 10, 11, 12; Night Choir 9, 10, 11, 12; Sweethearts 9, 10, 11, 12;



SGA, 9; Class Council, 10, 11; FFA, 10, 12; Robotics, 12..

At Housy, I gained friends and experiences that will stay with me for the rest of my life. Thank you everyone for a memorable four years.





If you don't believe in yourself, who will?" - Ridley Pearson onat

Miller

Academic Bowl 11, Captain 12; Debate 10, 11, Captain 12; Night Choir 11, 12; Tennis 9, 10, 11, Captain 12.

As Coach Tripp would say, "It's been a great ride."

P.S. Thanks to everyone who did not beat me up for my political views.



Volleyball 11. Lacrosse 11





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"The privilege of a lifetime is being who you are." -Joseph Campbell





"I'm not even gon lie to you. I love me so much right now." - Kanye West

Field Hockey 9, 10, 11, Captain 12; Basketball 9, 10, Captain 11, 12; Track and Field 9, 10, Captain 11, 12; SGA 9, 10, 11, Executive 12: Class Council 9, 10, President 11; National Honor Society 11, 12.

AL you're not S.A. yang, EO sassy girl, LP keep calm vault on, MH baked potato, LW baby, OF Yoo-hoo butterfingers, CD sista. AJ v dubs éripé. GC troublemakers, AJ leave it just like that, KS kisses, MS dennis!. SG honey baby, JL this is the script, NW bae love you all. Shoutout to Beth and Trish and Ralphie...and Connor.





"I like people that enjoy life, 'cause I do the same." -Lil Wayne

Gabriela

Morales

Softball 10.11.12: Chorus 12: Class Council 11,12.

I'm in love with Abbi Kovacs.



Learned more from Grey's Anatomy







"Once you get to college I'm not paying for your friends anymore." - Dad

SENIORS

#### Soccer 9, 10, 11: Basketball 9, 10: Softball 10,



"Around here, we don't look backwards for very long ... we keep moving forward, opening up new doors and doing new things because we're curious and curiosity keeps leading us down new paths." - Walt Disney

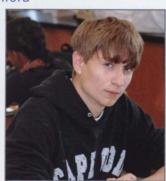


During my time at Housatonic I was a part of many activities from football to the annual musical. I made some great friends and would like to thank all of my advisers, teachers, coaches, especially Coach Bayer who helped make me into the person I am today





"It's gonna be Huugggeee!" - The Donald





Football 9, 10, 11, 12; Ski team 9,

10, 11, Captain12; Baseball 10; Lacrosse 10, Captain 12;

SGA Historian 11, Vice President 12; HTMS 10, 11, 12;

Mr. Housatonic 10, 11, 12; NHS.

Parker

Leah Soccer 9 10; Swimming 10, 11, 12,. Track 9, 10, 11, 12,

Shoutout to my friends that have been there since kindergarden, JD since Little Scholars. I probably won't miss Housy :)

"I never thought Leah would change...She did." - Jason Diamond



FFA 9,10, 11, 12,



The best view comes after your hardest climb."







Soccer: Tennis



Cross Country 9, 10, 11, Captain 12; Swimming 9; Lacrosse 9,10; Track 11: Mr. Housatonic 12.

Goodbye and thanks for all the work.



Ice Hockey; Baseball; Mr. Housatonic.





Malcolm

49 "A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step" - Confucius

Moustafa

Sakr

Scott

Wrestling 9; Baseball 9, 12; Germany Trip 12; FFA 9,10; School Store 12.





"I never make such big decisions so long from sunset and so far from dawn" - Frank Underwood

Volleyball 9, Captain 10, 11, 12; Band 9,10,11,12; Disney Trip 10; Flute Choir 12; Baseball Manager 12; School Store 12.

"It is good to love many things, for therein lies the true strength. and whosoever loves much performs much, and can accomplish much, and what is done in love is well done." -Vincentvan Gogh









Thank you to my wonderful family who helped and encouraged me to do my best from the first day of high school to the last. I can't imagine a life without them. Thanks too everyone who was nice to me the past four years, you made it possible to come back the next day with a positive outlook. The most important thing I learned in high school was to be yourself and never change for other

people.

SENIORS

Debate Team 12.

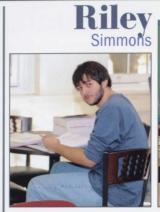




"Always be the leading lady of your own life." -Audrey Hepburn







"Socialism never took root in America because the poor see themselves not as an exploited proletariat but as temporarily embarrassed millionaires." - Ronald Wright



FFA:



"This moment will just be another story someday." - Stephan Chbosky













SENIORS

Swim Team 9,10,11 Captain 12; Tennis 10, 11, 12; Band 9,10,11,12; Jazz Band 10, 11, 12. Tufts





Clelia

"If every pork chop were perfect, we wouldn't have hot dogs." -Greg Universe















FFA 10; HMTS Musical 12; Cross Country 12.

I spent ~324,000 minutes of my life in this building for a piece of paper and a handshake.







"Be excellent to each other, and party on, dudes."



Soccer 9,10,11,12; Basketball 9,10,11,12; Lacrosse 9,10,11, Caption 12; Chorus Section Leader 12.













### These MOMENTS in time... changed us forever.



















































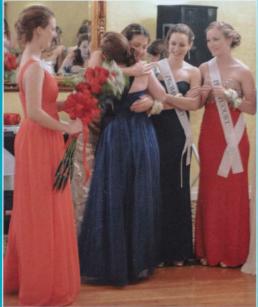














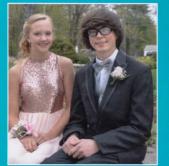


A Moment in Time



# The Roaring Twenties JUNIOR PROM



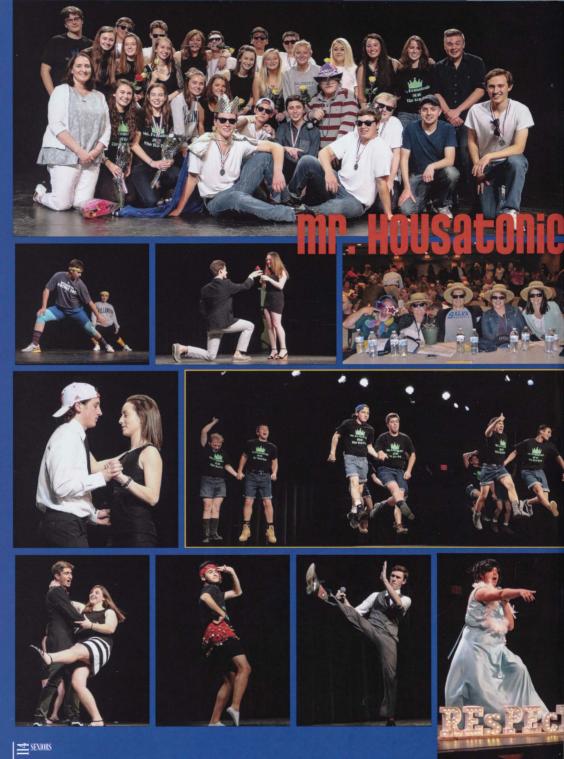


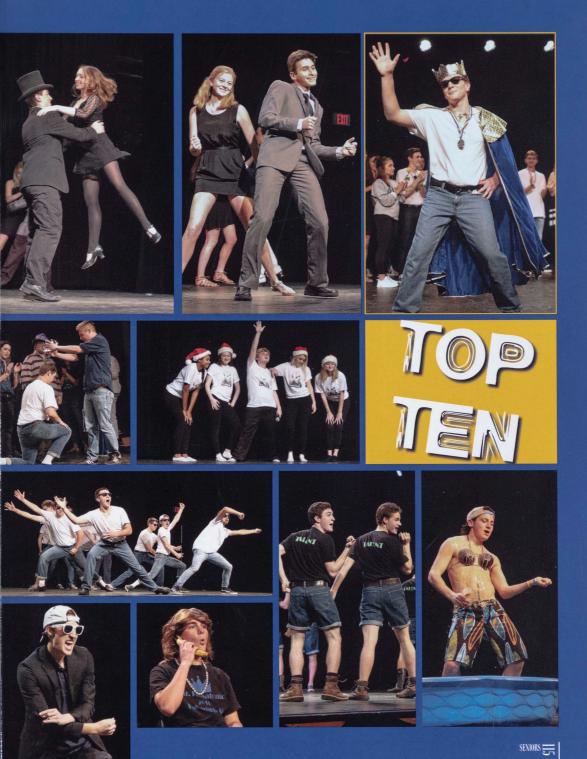






Prom Court Garett MacLaren James Bentley Liam Grimaldi Justin Dean Hannah McGuire Emily O'Connor Marta Canini Leah Parker Emily Hennessey - Queen Seth Sherwood - King











Most Likely To Be On Broadway



Most Likely To Need A Ride





Most Likely To Be Late For Their Own Weddings



Least Changed Abigail & Dan



Ollie & Gabriela

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Clelia



**Best Bromance** Josh & Max



Everyone's Best Buddies Grace & Ivailo



Sierra & Justin



Hannah & Jason

Don't Mess With the Best



Gina



Most Likely To Be On Comedy Central

Karl & Sophia



Most Talkative

Hannah & Eric



Maddie & Julien











Most Spirited Ted & Hannah



Nate & Alyssa



>Julien & Ashley



Max & Emily

SENIORS





Senior



















SENIOR WEEK















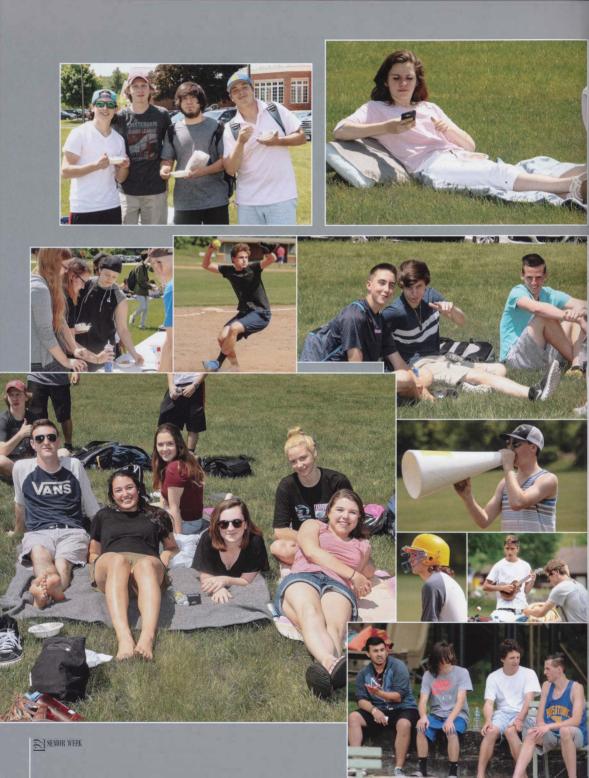


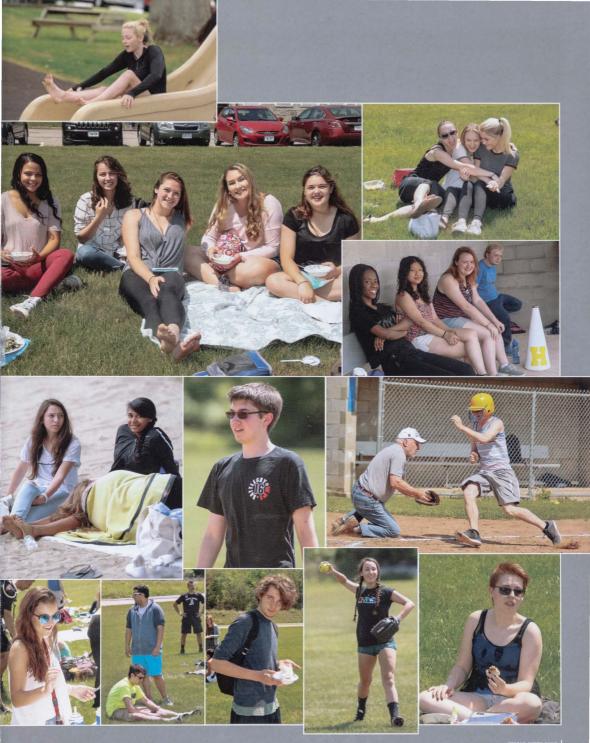












SENIOR WEEK 🔁



















CRADUATION





















GRADILATION 5

### **DEFINING** *MOMENTS*

#### June 14, 2016



senior class president Liam Grimaldi





community award of merit Roberta Willis



graduation speaker James (Cricket) Jacquier





# 77th annual COMMENCEMENT



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salutatorion Jonathan Miller



essayist Jamie Long



essayist Karl Grannan



afs student Ana De La Fuente Gil



afs student Luca Mastrandrea























"Thus, in all these, we will transmit this community, not only not less, but greater, better, and more beautiful than it was transmitted to us."























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# Extreme Challenge





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### Thank You to our Advisors



The Senior Class would like to thank our Class Advisors, Mr. Larry Peck and Ms. Linda McMillan, for donating their time and effort to make every class event a huge success. Without their help we would not have been able to accomplish all that we did, and we are truly thankful for all they did to help make our high school years so memorable.

Credits

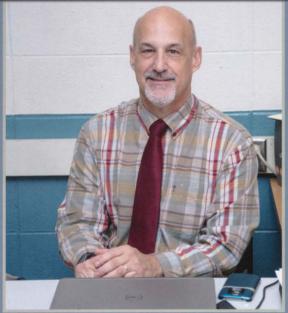
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In his journey through life, Mr. Belter says he has had some people who impacted his life in such a positive way. As a graduate of Housatonic, some of those people who impacted him worked at this school. In choosing his career, one goal he always had was to honor those who helped him along the way. "It is my hope that I have met that goal. It was an honor and privilege to have had the opportunity to work at Housatonic as a school counselor and coach."



# \_EAVING A LEGACY



Mr. DeMazza began teaching Social Studies at HVRHS in 1985. During his 31 years here, he taught United States History but also taught many years of Social Studies 9. He served as a Class Advisor twice, was the head baseball coach for 24 years and assistant football coach for 21 years. He also organized and traveled to Europe with the Housy Foreign Travel club for 14 years. His fondest memories are of being hired and mentored by Ed Kirby, when Jack Mahoney was principal, developing many friendships with the faculty and staff, meeting his wife Ashley here, and having his daughters Kate and Emily graduate from from this school. While he most definitely will miss the feeling of community and the friendships, he is not going to miss the early wakeups, grading essays, and the end of summer -- "THIS summer never



When the dreams you're dreaming come to you, and the work you've put in is realized, let yourself feel the pride, but always stay humble and kind. When you get to where you are going, don't forget to turn back around, help the next one in line and always stay humble and kind... ~With Love~ Mom. Dad & Maggie

LEX

#### Ashlee Hope Baldwin

Our lives were forever changed for the better the day we welcomed you into this world. We are so very proud of the beautiful young woman you have become. Now as you venture ahead on your own just remember...





We love **Ted** FROM Mom, Dad, Mary & Will



Courage is

## Congratulations

Alex!

We are so proud of you!

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

#### Chelsea

Congratulations on your graduation from HVRHS. Your work ethic during senior year was impressive. The high standards you set for yourself should assure you a promising future. Best Wishes, Papa

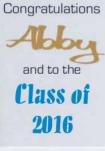


Congratulations **Julien!** We are so proud of you and know you will continue to follow your dreams Love. Mom. Dad & Bianca

**Congratulations Abigail!** We love you,

Mon and Dad







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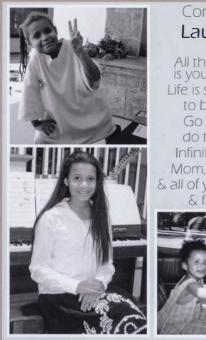
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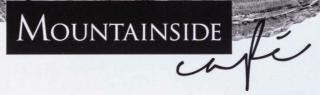
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AND WE ARE JUST GETTING STARTED...



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