The Student Recognition Breakfast for Quarter 2 was held at the Glass Onion on Tuesday, March 5, 2013. Ten students were nominated for awards by members of the faculty for a variety of reasons, including improvement in academic achievement, positive attitudes, motivation, and notable service to the school. These students serve as role models for other students and are helpful to their peers. The event was attended by Dr. Carol Fenimore, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Development and UD#3 Board Chair, Leonard Barrett. Principal William Lawson congratulated all the students, addressing the recipients, their families, and the nominating teachers, before presenting the award certificates. The students recognized were as follows:

CareyAnne Howlett was nominated by Liz LeBeau for music.
Wyatt Laberge was nominated by Perry Lessing for math.
Janelle Mandigo was nominated by Jeff Clark for world history.
Zoe Parsons was nominated by Cathy Stodert and Tara Martin for the Interdisciplinary Studies.
Hunter Quesnel was nominated by Christine Giorgio and Linda Henley for geometry.
Jonah Supernovich was nominated by Carl Engvall for chemistry.
Jakob Trautwein was nominated by Michele Forman for world history.
Domenica Vazquez-Macias was nominated by Marshall Eddy for art.
James Whitley was nominated by Karen Greene for English.
Austin Wyrocki was nominated by Cindy Atkins for chemistry.
The Rensselaer Medal Program

The Rensselaer Medal Program recognizes outstanding juniors at high schools around the country. The criterion for this award includes:

- In the top 10% of the junior class
- Excel in advanced math and science courses
- Exhibit significant involvement in extracurricular activities
- Demonstrate potential for success

Additionally, students who receive this award and enroll at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute will receive a scholarship worth $15,000 a year for four years. See Mr. Thuma in the guidance office for more details.

The Clarkson Leadership Program

Each year, The Clarkson Leadership Program offers two scholarships to Middlebury Union High School juniors. The Clarkson Leadership Award, worth $11,000 a year and the Clarkson Achievement Award, worth $9000 a year are awarded to two students who are:

- In the top 15% of the junior class
- Demonstrates outstanding leadership qualities
- Have an academic interest in Engineering, Business, Science or Liberal Arts
- Be recognized by students and faculty as having been a positive contributor to our school and Community

In order to receive these scholarships, the recipients must enroll as full-time students at Clarkson University and remain in good academic standing. Interested students should see Mr. Thuma for more details.

The Governor’s Institutes

The Governor’s Institute of Vermont is offering a summer program for students in grades 9-11. The Governor’s Institutes are programs for students with a passion for or interest in the arts, engineering, world cultures and events, math, science, technology, or activism. Students who enjoy GIV tend to have a strong intellectual or artistic curiosity, possess academic skills equal to or above their grade level, and function well in a highly independent learning environment. Application forms can be picked up in the guidance office. The deadline for applying is March 20, 2012.

Green Mountain Girls’ State

Each summer, young woman from around Vermont will attend the Green Mountain Girls’ State conference. This program offers training in the practical processes of self government and good citizenship as practiced in a democratic society. This year, the conference will be held at Vermont Technical College in Randolph Vermont from June 17th through June 21st. Eligible candidates must be juniors at their respective high school. Applications are available at the guidance office and must be returned by March 15th. Contact the guidance office for more information at 3982-1195.
**Virtual High School Courses**

Over the past several years, MUHS has had many students enroll in an online class with Virtual High School. These online classes offer enrichment opportunities for our students to explore subjects ranging from Screenwriting to Biotechnology. Students interested in taking a VHS class should stop in the guidance office to talk with their counselor and pick up a registration packet. Completed registration forms need to be returned to the guidance office. A list of classes is available in the guidance office or at [www.goVHS.org](http://www.goVHS.org)

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**SAT Updates**

The College Board has made some changes with respect to registering for the SAT’s. Effective with the March 2013 test, students will be required to provide a photo to register for both the SAT and SAT Subject Tests. For those students registering online, this means uploading a picture when registering.

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**Sophomore Career Day**

On the morning of May 14th, our sophomores will be participating in a half day workshop to learn more about careers. We surveyed students to find out what their top career interests are and will be bringing in speakers to facilitate workshops in those areas. Each student will participate in two interactive workshops of their choice. We would love to hear from you if you know of friends/colleagues/parents that might be interested in facilitating a workshop. They need to be dynamic, able to engage with teens, and willing to put together a workshop activity! The fields we are looking for are:

- Engineering
- Applied Arts
- Architecture
- Human Services
- Sports Athletic Training
- Veterinary / Animal Science
- Health
- Entrepreneurship
- Agriculture/Natural Resources
- Law

The event will kick off with Colin Ryan ([www.economyofme.com](http://www.economyofme.com)), a comedian and financial literacy/motivational speaker in the auditorium. This event is part of the [Learn to Earn Program](http://www.LLLvt.org), which is coordinated by [Linking Learning to Life](http://www.LLLvt.org), a non-profit in Burlington that specializes in providing schools with career and college readiness programs. Over 50 schools throughout VT host these events. Please [e-mail any presenter suggestions to Mark Thuma at mthuma@addisoncentralsu.org](mailto:mthuma@addisoncentralsu.org) by March 15th. Lindsey Lathrop from Linking Learning to Life will be coordinating and training presenters. Please let Mr. Thuma know if you have any questions. Thank you!
The Alternative Education class has been doing some really cool projects. In our Science class, we have been learning about sustainability. We had to do a project about community sustainability. We planned and organized a project that was sustainable socially, economically or environmentally. Chris Price and I worked together on a project. Our project was to plan and organize the community supper at the Congregational Church in Middlebury. Chris and I both picked meatloaf, mash potatoes, peas, brownies and ice-cream to serve at the supper. We figured out how much food we were going to need for the supper. We, then, went and shopped for the food and prepared it. We had seven other students volunteer to help us. We served over 200 people at the church that night. Our project connected to sustainability because we helped bring the community together and also saved energy by cooking for a large number of people.

I really liked helping out at the Community Supper, and think it was a great experience. We would like to see more people get involved. The Community Supper is every Friday around 5:30 p.m.

Rachael Carter
It is festival season and MUHS music students have finished auditions with most all being accepted into different ensembles. Congratulations to the following students:

**District Concert Choir:**
Zaidie Barnard-Mayers
Nick Beauchamp
Sarah Byers
Olivia Cacciatore
Eleanor Eagan
Elliot Franklin
Michael Gyukeri
Ryan Gyukeri
Nathalie Ingersoll
Emily Stone
Seth Wright

**All State Orchestra:**
Gawain Usher-Viola
Mark Pettit- Percussion

**All State Band:**
Sophie Saunders-Flute
Thomas Crowne-Bass Clarinet
Maxon Moulton-Baritone Saxophone
Nikolas Shashok-Trumpet

**New England Chorus:**
Elliot Franklin

**New England Band:**
James Pecsok-Baritone Saxophone

**District Concert Band:**
Sophie Saunders-Flute Elliot Franklin
Thomas Crowne-Bass Clarinet
Nathan Cobb-Alto Saxophone
Jonah Lefkoe-Tenor Saxophone
Maxon Moulton-Baritone Saxophone
Luke Benz (1st chair) - Trumpet
Nikolas Shashok-Trumpet
Samuel Ferguson-Trumpet
Ryan Jensen-Trumpet
Haven Tate-Trombone
Mark Pettit-Percussion

**District Jazz Ensemble:**
James Pecsok-(1st chair) Alto Saxophone
Nikolas Shashok-Trumpet
Luke Benz- Valve Trombone

**All State Choir:**
Sara Byers
Michael Gyukeri
Ryan Gyukeri
Adam Joselson
Elliot Franklin
James Pecsok
Five Latin students took a tour of Greece and Italy over February break, led by their teacher Christine Heagy. The group visited such sights as the Acropolis in Athens, which features the Parthenon, Delphi, Pompeii, the Vatican, and the Roman Forum. Rome was especially exciting, because students used their Latin skills to read monuments! The picture features the students on the Aeropagus in Athens overlooking the Agora, the Athenian marketplace.

Education is an essential human right, but in Honduras, where 13 members of the Student Coalition on Human Rights (SCOHR) traveled during February vacation, only a third of working children complete elementary school. There are many more problems in the education system, such as a lack of supplies. SCOHR’s goal was to make schooling more accessible to Honduran children. Accompanied by club advisor’s Gayle Weiss and Larry O’Connor, group members volunteered at two different sites in villages near Trujillo and built a classroom at each site, laying bricks and mortaring. They also visited several classes in session to create prayer flags, to decorate the classrooms and donate school supplies. Everybody loved interacting with the kids, whether at work or at play, and will always remember their joy and enthusiasm, and their generosity in helping build the classrooms. In their free time, SCOHR members enjoyed everything Honduras has to offer, from beautiful mountains and beaches to downtown Trujillo, dancing to snorkeling. Everyone was sad for the unforgettable experience to come to an end, though heartened by the contributions made to the Honduran communities.

Cat Craven-Matthews
Students Flock to Town Hall Theater

Generously underwritten by ACEEF (Addison Central Education Endowment Fund), 150 students attended a March 7th showing of *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time*. This previously broadcast staging was performed by the National Theatre in London. Approximately 150 other students attended a showing of this production in the fall. With this semester’s English classes now having attended, almost all 9th and 10th grade students have now had the same opportunity. The English department looks forward to future endeavors with the Town Hall Theater, and one of those will come in April when many more students will attend a collage of Shakespeare scenes put together by Melissa Lourie and the Middlebury Actors Workshop.

Ninth Graders find First Grade Reading Buddies

This semester’s ninth grade English students in one of Tim O’Leary’s classes have met every other week with Elizabeth Moeyken’s first grade class at Mary Hogan Elementary School. During each visit, one ninth grade student groups up with two or three first graders. They each share a book they’ve selected and ask each other questions about what they have read. All of the students are building confidence in their ability to read aloud and working to prepare thoughtful questions about the stories they share that ask others to think creatively. For our next visit, the first graders will be hosting a “publication party” where they will read from the realistic nonfiction stories they are currently writing.
Parent / Athlete Meeting

Monday March 18th @ 7:00 pm

in the MUHS Gymnasium

This is a required meeting for students participating in athletics this spring and their parents. This meeting will provide an opportunity for parents and players to meet with the coaches to hear their expectations and philosophies for the season.

If you have questions about this meeting or for some reason you are unable to attend, please contact Sean Farrell in the Activities office at 382-1192. We look forward to seeing you all there on Thursday the 21st to start off a much anticipated spring season.

Thank You.

Sean Farrell
Activities Director
Congratulations to Olivia Cacciatore, winner of the MUHS Poetry Out Loud qualifying contest! Her recitation of “Writing” by Howard Nemerov and “In a Dark Time” by Theodore Roethke on Tuesday, February 12, has earned this champion a place at the State Finals. The state contest will be held at the Barre Opera House on March 13, where Olivia will recite an additional poem, “To Autumn” by John Keats. Addison Wales is runner-up. Other school competitors were Anders Bright, Jacob Klemmer, and Eric Shambo.

Poetry Out Loud is supported by the National Endowment for the Arts and the Poetry Foundation, and partnered with the Vermont Arts Council. This contest encourages students to learn about great poetry through memorization and recitation, and helps them master public speaking skills, build self-confidence, and learn about their literary heritage. English teacher Cathy Stoddert is the MUHS Poetry Out Loud advisor.

State Finals winners receive $200 and an all-expenses-paid trip with an adult chaperone to Washington D.C. to compete for the national championship. The state winner’s school receives a $500 stipend for the purchase of poetry books. The first runner-up in each state receives $100, with $200 for his or her school library. A total of $50,000 in awards and school stipends is awarded annually at the National Finals. Good luck, Olivia!
Save the Dates - Success Saturday

Success Saturday is back! The Learning Lab will be open for tutoring from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on the following Saturdays: **March 30**, and **June 1**. These dates were selected to correspond with the dates nearest interim grade reports and the end of each quarter. Students must sign up in advance in the Learning Lab. Snacks are provided. Success Saturday is a great way to stay caught up or to get caught up, to study for a test, to possibly redo a test, or to work on a paper.

The Learning Lab provides tutoring in a positive and supportive environment. Tutoring is available to all MUHS students for all subjects and classes. Tutoring is provided by two licensed teachers, peer tutors, Middlebury College students, and community volunteers.

The Learning Lab is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. and is located in room H-103. Please call Jim Burnett and Tammi Beattie at 382-1165 if you have any questions.
NEWS & EVENTS

March 2013

ACT is open to all youth in 7th to 12th grade from the ACSU school district. Through the Youth Advisory Council (YAC), ACT sponsors dances, fund raising events, community service projects and much more. ACT provides a fun, safe and welcoming place for teens to hang out, be with their friends, listen to music, play pool, board games, ping pong, do homework, and art projects.

Drop-in Hours
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday: 3 – 6pm
Wednesday and Friday: 3 – 7pm

UP-COMING EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Youth Advisory Council Meeting: Wednesday March 13th and 27th from 4:00 to 5:30pm (pizza at 5:00pm)

“DREAM - ACT - DO” is the motto of our YAC meetings. Teens decide what they want to see happening at the Teen Center and plan, organize and implement programs and activities.

Magic on Mondays: Every Monday from 4 – 6pm

Stop by Addison Central Teens every Monday from 4 – 6pm to play MAGIC the Gathering, trade cards, build decks, or learn how to play the game. Staff and experts will be on hand to answer questions, build decks or to simply play against. All levels and abilities are welcome and encouraged to play!

DJ SKATE NIGHT: Saturday MARCH 9th 8:00 – 10:00pm - LAST ONE OF THE SEASON!!!

Co-sponsored by Friends of Middlebury Hockey and Addison Central Teens. Enjoy classic roller rink style skating on the ice at the Memorial Sports Center, 296 Butterolph Drive, Middlebury. All ages and abilities welcome - $5 adult - $3 students. Skates are available for rent and the concession stand is open.

5th Annual Vermont Chili Fest: Saturday March 9th

Once again ACT will be participating in the Annual VT Chili Fest! Come help us defend our 2012 title for the vegetarian chili category. Our award winning cooking crew led by none other than Chuck “DJ Dizzle” Root will be making chili on Thursday March 7th at the Addison County Parent Child Center from 3:30 – 6:00pm. The Chili Fest includes activities for all ages and award-winning chili, located all on the streets of historic downtown Middlebury! The downtown will be overflowing with chili from restaurants, caterers and non-profits from around the state.
Community Supper:  April 5th from 3:30 – 7:00pm

The community supper is a Friday Night tradition at the Congregational Church in Middlebury. Help Addison Central Teens choose a menu, cook and serve members of our community. This is a really fun event and a great opportunity for community service. In December of 2012, Addison Central Teens helped serve over 200 meals to members of our community.

SPRING FLING!  April 5th from 8:00 – 11:00pm

Keep an eye out for posters and additional information for the 2013 SPING FLING dance! The dance will be hosted in the Municipal Building Gym with guest DJ, DJ Dizzle.

Second annual CLOTHING SWAP & SHOP hosted by ACT!  Spring 2013

Clothing Swap & Shop at MUHS:  Tuesday, March 19 and Wednesday, March 20

Addison Central Teens is hosting a Clothing Swap and Shop at MUHS in the hallway outside the main office 11:30 am to 3 pm (for students only) and 3 pm to 7:00 pm (open to the public). Bring in teen friendly, gently used clothing, accessories, jewelry, CD’s and knick-knacks and swap for “new” used items. No clothing to swap? Bring your money and shop! Everything very inexpensively priced. For more information call or email Jutta at 802-989-8934 - jutta@addisonteens.com

Clothing Collection at MUHS: Tuesday, March 12, Wednesday, March 13, and Thursday March 14th

The clothing collection will be held in the MUHS cafeteria during lunch hours from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm. Come and bring us your gently used clothing, accessories, jewelry, CD’s, DVD’s, and knick-knacks. Tired of your prom or formal dresses from past years? We take those too! For your items you will receive point cards that you can trade in for new items during the clothing swap. Most items are between $1 and $10. Some special items might be marked up to $20. Donations are welcome too. You can also drop of your items at the ACT teen center in town every day after school from 3 pm to 6 pm. The teen center is located in the basement of the Middlebury Municipal Building. Enter on College Street through the beige awning. For more information or if you like to volunteer, please call or email Jutta at 802-989-8934 - jutta@addisonteens.com


Co-Directors:  Colby Benjamin: colby@addisonteens.com

Jutta Miska: jutta@addisonteens.com

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