



CVU Celebrations May 26, 2017

Dear CVU Community: I've rewritten this intro four times. Everytime I think I've captured the essence of Graduation Challenge Presentation Day, I think of another reason why we love this day so much: it's the community who make the day possible; it's the growth we see in students; it's the passion made visible; it's the juniors who leap to help their classmates; it's the seniors who are celebrating years of education; it's the families; it's the relationships between advisor and advisee; it's the the recognition that difference is not something to be feared, but distinctive strengths that should be honored and celebrated. Okay, I'll stop. Just look at the pictures. You'll get it.





Students:

- From Dave Richardson: **CVU's Unified Bocce Team** had a fantastic time at the Unified Schools State Competition on Thursday. A day full of friends, food, medals, and an impromptu electronic dance party! Thank you to the many students from BFA St Albans who hosted and staffed this fun event!



- Mercedes Murphy**, I can't believe you actually made me a tie. It's my favorite and will be worn to Convocation. You rock!



- The following students performed with the Hinesburg Community Band in the Spring Concert on Sunday, May 21st at the CVU Theatre. The Hinesburg Artist Series recognizes the seniors for their participation throughout their high school years, and sends their best wishes in their endeavors!
Devan Lussier, Anna Needler, Marc Wheeler, Zach Schaw, Nate Bamberger



- **Alex Merrill, Isaac Goldman, and Jack Merrill**, competed in the VT-NH sailing state championships last Saturday at UNH. In a competitive ten boat fleet they placed first out of the Vermont boats and Second overall.



- Looks like our students value reading!



- From Helen MacAndrews: It's been a busy week for the **CVU Rowing club**. We had our spring season race on Saturday. Our Novice crew finished 4th and our Intermediate crew finished 2nd! Thursday, Rowing club members **Finn Wheeler, Emily Mason, Julia Kahn, Morgan Blaine, Wiley Simard, Curren Simard, Nathan Songer, and Megan Rogers** represented CVU by attending the boat launch of the Maritime Museum's newest 32' pilot gig (the 6-oared boats we row). This boat was built in cooperation with the Middlebury High School Diversified Occupations Program which serves students with physical and intellectual disabilities. These 9 students worked for 5 months learning the craft of boat building while persevering through challenges. We were honored to be a part of the boat launch and its inaugural row. The pictures below show:
 - o the CVU Rowing team alongside the students from the DO Program in the newest gig named the "Mad Martha";

- o Mad Martha on the water with another gig which is showing respect by "raising oars" as it is welcomed into the fleet.

Finally, we sadly say goodbye to **Coach Linda Burden**, who retires from coaching after 9 amazing seasons. She was the glue that kept the team alive for many, many years. We will miss her caring spirit, infectious smile and kind soul. We can't thank you enough for everything you have done for CVU Rowing.

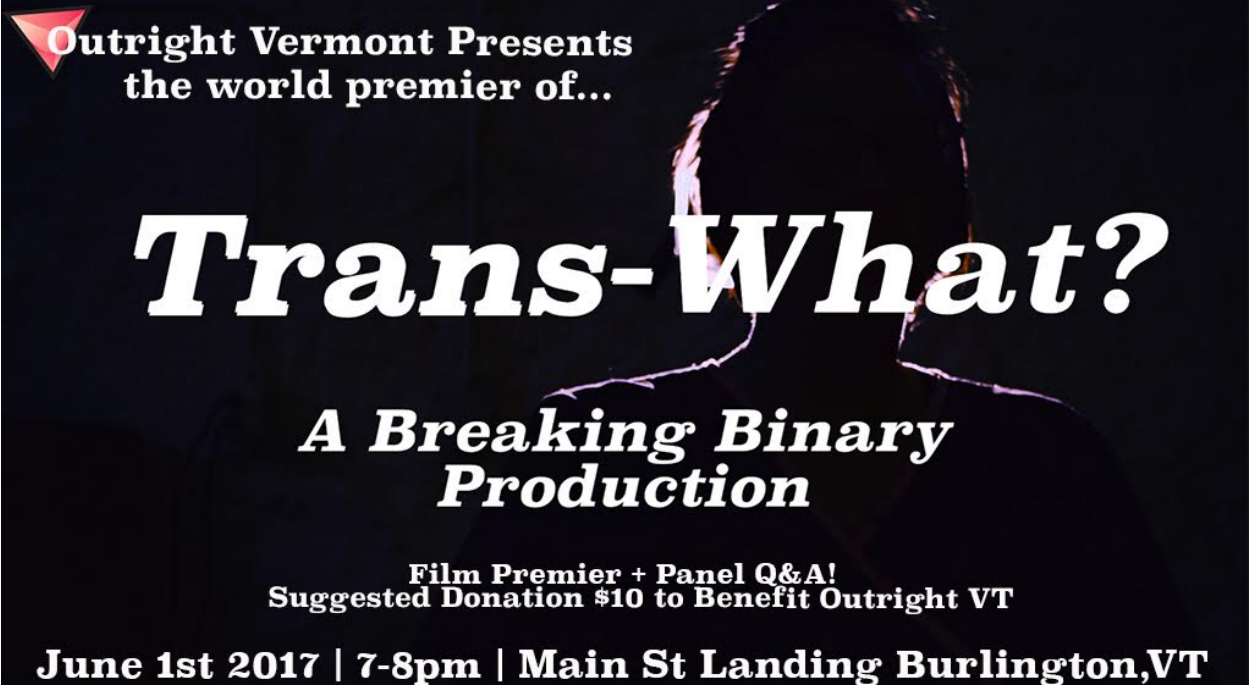


- From Dr. Andrea Green: I wanted to thank the CVU Refugee Outreach Club members, **Emma Hoechner, Sadie Hoechner, Megan Mahoney, Lauren Polk, Emma McMahon, Maggie Warren, Bella Rieley, Phoebe Sarandos** and **Tali Giubardo** for volunteering today at the UVM Children's Hospital New American Safety Day. The students fit bike helmets and helped with other safety related activities. Their work with the refugee children in Chittenden County is very appreciated.



Faculty/Staff:

- **Jamie, Seth, and Tim**, you are always willing to go the extra mile (or miles on unscheduled trips to Essex) for our kids. Thank you for your constant kindness and spirit!
- **Annie, Brittany, and Nick** a lot of work went into today. We are very thankful for your commitment to Grad Challenge and to personalized learning. **Brittany**, what a day to have a birthday! **Graduation Challenge Committee**, none of this happens without you, either!



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Note:

School counselors have been meeting with each student individually to create a schedule for next year. After Friday, June 2nd, there will be no further changes to student schedules until add/drop in the fall. The only exception to this would be to accommodate a fall dual enrollment course or to ensure that a graduation requirement is met.