CVU Celebrations
February 23, 2018

Dear CVU Community: We wish you a healthy and happy February break! A few scenes from our Winter Carnival...












...and, yes, this scene happened this week, too (yikes)



Note: Summer Course Sign Up: Summer Academy Registration Available Now! Enrollment open to current CVU students only (February 14 – March 7), and then made available to the public, for classes with space remaining. The registration deadline is April 11, 2018. Find the offerings online. Please click here.

Students:

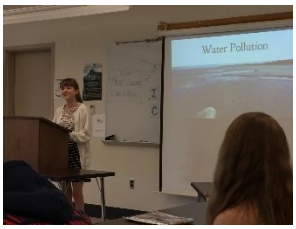
- Without question **MAYA PHELAN** and her rendition of True Colors was the hit of Winter Carnival. Words will not capture the moment or her courage, so I will just say THANK YOU!

- From Karen Needler: The week can't go by without recognizing sophomore Oliver Halberg, who designed our tee shirts, submitted "I Can See Clearly Now" as our song, and was one of 25 sophomore trike riders! In addition, congratulations to dancers Annabel Dilley and Christel Tonoki, the class council and the rest of the sophomore class!



- Congratulations Ninth Graders for the successful completion of the inaugural Impact Project. Well done!







- From Amy Wardwell: Kali Adams a CVU Junior and Nexus student was selected as one of about 15 students nationwide to participate in the Rustic Pathways "Race in America" program this summer.

- Addie Toensing getting some serious air with Blue (her horse).



- Paige Niarchos working faithfully on her Graduation Challenge: painting a mural that hosts our district mission statement.



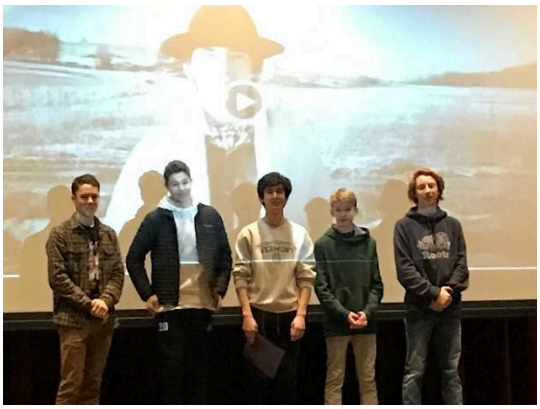
- From John Bennett: 2018 has already been a busy year for CVU's Scholars Bowl team. On January 12, CVU hosted 32 teams from 11 schools in a regional meet. CVU fielded six teams to go 25-5 overall at the event. On January 27, CVU participated in the first round of the State varsity playoffs as well as in the state JV championships, and came away with an advance to the final round and TWO JV State Championships. The varsity" A" team advanced to the quarterfinal round of the State playoffs, where they will meet Burlington on March 24. CVU B went 5-0 and won the JV A bracket, CVU C also went 5-0 and won the first ever JV B bracket State Championships. We have now won the JV State Championship 3 years in a row, and four out of the last five years. On February 17, CVU fielded a team at the VT History Bowl. Five team members participated, and the team went 4-2

against stiff competition to reach the finals of the event. In the individual History Bee, senior Henry Wilson reached the final round and CVU had four of the top 10 individual scorers. So far this season a record high number of 31 students have participated in Scholars Bowl events, and our teams have combined for a 104-25-1 record.

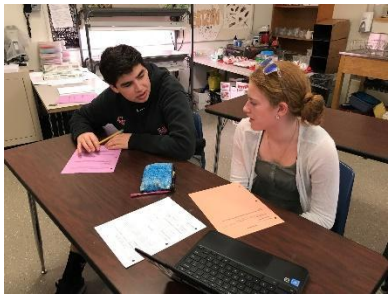
- From Nicole Gorman and Mary Mesirow: Congratulations to members of the CVU Neuroscience Club who participated in the Vermont State Brain Bee last weekend at the UVM Medical School. **Sophie Dauerman**, **Reagan Dufresne**, Alden **Randall**, and **Sunny Premsankar** represented CVU as they exercised their brains to answer written, practical and oral questions about neuroscience.



- From Genevieve Smith: Our first block class had the privilege of viewing the world premiere of "The Return of Lakysha" a French movie, created by students in Samantha Avant's French 2 class detailing 5 days in Paris! The movie was written, directed, produced by: Oliver Bijur, Henry Bijur, Erik Linseisen, Patcha Hennessey and Ashton Barbeau. These students were also actors in their production along with Sam Weese, Matthew Herberg, and Sam Zinner! Thanks to Gary for a smooth viewing this morning and Robin for being flexible!



- From Katherine Riley: Business students joining Integrated Biology to give feedback on Shark Tank Biomimicry Projects.





- Junior Max Barron spent this past weekend fencing foil at the Junior Olympics in Memphis, TN. This is the third year in a row that he has qualified for the Junior Olympics!



- Check out this great picture of Chiara Antonioli asking Julie Kantor a question at a recent dialogue around sexual violence.



- From an official at UVM: At the end of the track meet, we announced we could use some help getting cleaned up to meet UVM's timeline. Two teams and fan groups jumped right in - CVU and Essex. Obviously, some things are going well at your schools.

- From Andrew Miskavage: Congratulations to the following students who have been accepted to the Vermont All State Music Festival, which will take place in May, in Essex Junction:
    - Chorus - Weller Henderson, Pete Spasyk
    - Jazz Ensemble - Ben King*, Hans Kindstedt*, Peter Antinozzi*
    - Orchestra - Baker Angstman, Lila Carleton, Lily Ledak, Sunthoshini Premsankar, Sam Koskinen*, Layla Morris*, Emma Rosenau, Julia Hillier, Sophie Dauerman
    - Band - Erica Bliss, Paige Thibault, Natalie Durieux, Zach Schaw, Adam Zuchowski*, Seamus Greenwood*, Emma Hawko, Thomas Daley*, Ethan Duncan, Isa Kaplan, Eric Couture

  * = These students earned the highest score IN THE STATE for their instrument/audition type

- Every 2 years - the CVU Theatre Program presents - Student Directed One-Acts in March. This year's directors, Brenna Comeau, Weller Henderson, Alexa Kartschoke and Halina Vercessi are directing four comedy one-acts that will be performed the weekend of March 16th through the 18th, with Friday & Saturday night shows at 7:30 and a Sunday matinee at 2:00. Mark your calendars! You won't want to miss this evening of hilarious comedy one-acts. Tickets will be going on sale after Vacation.



- This was a nice surprise to find in my inbox this week. Great work, Milo Cress!
    - From Mike Bailey: *Milo Cress presented to the House Energy and Technology Committee yesterday afternoon regarding a bill that would establish an Artificial Intelligence Commission. His presentation was outstanding, and a credit to the schooling he has received in your school district...The Committee Members were all quite impressed by his composure and the maturity of what he had to say. Every member made comments that Milo's presentation was one of the best they had experienced, from anyone.*

- Luca Scheid shows my advisory what my guitar sounds like when played by a real musician:



- Check out the Champlain Valley Chronicle! Kudos to our hard working journalists and editors: Bay Foley-Cox, Bella Curtis, Leah Boget, Elena Crites, Carly Laudenslager, Thomas Daley, and Isaac Cleveland.

- Carol Fox caught some Valentine happenings on camera this week! Miranda Hamlet, Julia Baker, Jamie Bouchard, Brynn Hutchins, Maya Phelan, Moira Buxton, Ethan Lisle, Leah Lambrecht ; CVU Love - Emily Friedrichsen - 10th





- Speaking of Emily: This poster is part of Emily Friedrichsen's work for the Miss Vermont's Outstanding Teen Scholarship program and Nexus. Her platform is to promote teen self-esteem and self-confidence and as part of that work, she organized and implemented this advisory activity last week. Her next endeavor is to host a character dessert party for children! If you know any little ones who would like to attend check out this flyer below!

- To future CVU student and SCS 7th grader Kate Boget for ordering a singing telegram to be delivered to older sister Leah on her birthday.

- From Sarah Strack: As a thank you for taking such good care of CVU skier Clark Schmitt, CVU Nordic raised and donated $1000 to the UVM Children's Hospital. The team is sporting their "I ski for Clark" bracelets as we head into the Championship races.




Faculty/Staff:

- Seth Emerson spreads some chocolate and good will on Valentine's Day!



- Thank you Core Teachers for your work to bring meaning and purpose to the Impact Projects!

- From Jessica Barnum: TJ Mead has mastered the art of mindfulness: reading while walking! Ask him about the book series he's reading!



Community:

- **SPRING Sports "Meet the Coaches Night":** Reminder, the "Meet the Coaches Night" for all SPRING sports is Wednesday, March 14 at 6pm in the main gym. This is a REQUIRED meeting for ALL athletes (and at least one parent) planning to try out/playing a SPRING sport. The meeting will begin with an overview of the athletic department philosophy and protocols presented by Dan Shepardson, CVU's Student Activities Director, and then there will be "breakout" meetings for the individual sports. If you have any questions, please contact Dan Shepardson: dshepardson@cvsdvt.org or at 482-7113.

- From ReSource:

Can we count on you to volunteer this Sunday or Wednesday?

ReSOURCE and community is stronger because of the generosity of individuals like you. This Sunday beginning at 8:00 AM and again Wednesday beginning at 10:00 AM we are looking for willing and able bodies to assist us as we move our household goods store inventory out of our 266 Pine Street store to our remaining Burlington store at 339 Pine Street and to our new location at 329 Harvest Land, near Taft Corners in Williston.

I am going to be there and I hope you'll join us. Even an hour makes a difference! Job details include packing and moving everything from glassware to furniture. So if you have an open window of time (from 8 AM-5 PM, Sunday or 10-6 PM Wednesday), please consider lending a hand.

When you volunteer for ReSOURCE you help reinforce our mission of empowering individuals and strengthening Vermont communities through workforce development, poverty relief, and environmental stewardship.

ReSOURCE would be most grateful if you, your organization, and friends would respond to this request. **Contact Volunteer Coordinator Jim Robinson at jrobinson@resourcevt.org** to sign up today! Thank you and **see you Sunday or Wednesday**!

PostScript - While Sunday and Wednesday are going to be busy moving days, you are always welcome to volunteer any day next week, or beyond.