



**CVU Celebrations
June 9, 2017**

Dear CVU Community: Is it selfish if I cancel graduation simply because I really like the seniors and don't want to see them go? Maybe I could convince the Board to accept a last minute change to the number of credits required to graduate?

Fine. Bad idea. I get it. Time to gracefully accept that you are ready to move on. Time to be appreciative of the *time* we did have. Time to cheer as you embrace the next...and the beyond...and the future.

But that doesn't mean I have to like it...even if we are all proud of you!

As this is the final Celebrations of the 2016-17 school year, I want to thank all those who contributed, read, or celebrated our community. While I organize this publication (which is way too strong of a word), typically I am not the one who notices our values in action; I copy and paste the moments you create and witness. Thank you for noticing the stuff that matters most! **And a big thanks to my loyal editor, Debbie Seaton!**



-Adam

Students:

- I don't really have the words to capture the poignancy of the vigil for Connor. I can only share the sense of relief and the sense of a burden shared that I experienced. We are always saying to the students: *Take care of yourself, Take care of each other, Take care of the place*. At times, I repeat the phrases so often that the words sound like questions: "Will they take care of themselves? Will they take care of one another? Will they take care of the place?" Last night, a soothing thought articulated itself in my mind: They do. They will. They are." Thank you to **Jackson Konowitz, Karolina Sienko, and Ryan Underhill**. Thank you to the many, many parents who have been partners in this past week.



- From Glenn Fay: **Kate Gruendling, Mia Brumsted, Abigail Harkness and Delaney Brunvand** received an Honorable Mention recognition from the Toshiba Exploravision Competition. Their project was recognized to be in the top 10 percent of thousands of teams in the international competition.



- A big thanks to the Principal's Advisory Council for their wisdom (and humor) this year. **Jimmy Jiang** is missing in this photo, but we drank his midnight mocha madness for him.



- Our new goat friends have surprised me (maybe a new mascot...CVU Goats?). First, they are functional. I've never seen poison parsnip so easily removed from a landscape. Second, I really like watching people watch the goats. That's my favorite part. When I thought of sustainability, I had always thought in terms of climate science and food insecurity. I hadn't considered emotional sustainability. But our goats, in the past week, have been more therapy animal than work animal. I'm thinking that the chickens won't have the same impact, but you never know!



- From Tamie-Jo Dickinson: **Carly Alpert**, creator of The Flow, was the second place winner of the Vermont Real Entrepreneurship Video Pitch Contest. This is an event open to students from across Vermont and is sponsored by the Small Business Development Center. Carly was chosen as a winner due to her innovative and viable idea of starting a food boat business on Lake Champlain. In addition, she delivered her pitch with knowledge, poise, and professionalism, which impressed this year's judges. This is a highly competitive event. Congratulations, Carly!



- From Sarah Malcolm: I would like to celebrate my AP Chemistry classes hard work all year, preparation for and completion of the national exam, and for engaging in chemistry engineering tasks when that was over. The winner of our SURVIVOR in STAR WARS challenge was Methyl- Red 5, a group of juniors that included **Andrew Silverman, Scott Stanley, Matthew Silverman, Chiara Antonioli, Grace Hemmelgarn, Zach Loiter, and Anna Cornish.**



- Congratulations to all of our CVU music students. From Hugs and Roses to the Jazz Fest, you inspire us with your art. Check out [this video](#) to get a sense of CVU in action. The 2017 Vermont All State Jazz Band opened for the Robert Cray Band as part of the Burlington Discover Jazz Festival on June 3rd on the Flynn MainStage! All-State Band and Chorus listed below.
 - o While on the topic of music, here is what Karen Needler had to say about the Wednesday night's concert: *On Wednesday evening, the annual Hugs and Roses concert took place in the CVU Theatre. The Full Chorus and Symphonic Winds impressed the audience with their performances, and senior Nate Bamberger soloed on french horn. Seniors in chorus and band each received a hug and a rose from Carl Recchia or Andrew Miskavage respectively, as the combined chorus and band sang and performed "You'll Never Walk Alone". Recognition was awarded to seniors **Devan Lussier, Abba Weimer and Marc Wheeler.***

Jazz Ensemble:

Devan Lussier
Hunter Smith
Hans Kindstedt
Ben King

Concert Band:

Annalise Kindstedt
Erica Bliss
Meara Heininger
Abba Weimer
Paige Thibault
Julia Higa
Marc Wheeler
Nathan Bamberger
Thomas Daley
Isa Kaplan
Eric Couture
Noah Tamas-Parris

Orchestra:

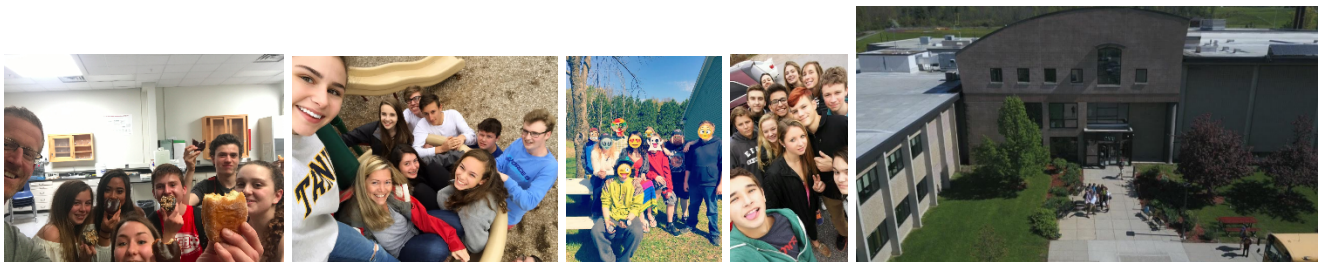
Erin Zubarik
Lila Carleton
Sam Koskinen
Emma Rosenau
Julia Hillier
Sophie Dauerman

Chorus:

Michael Casarico
John Delisle
Weller Henderson
Mishka Rehak
Sophie Roy
Marley Steen



- Some of our favorite advisory selfies:



- Javelin at school? Must be Mr. Greenwald's class...



- Advisory Love!



- From Gary Jedinak: This whole school year we have focused in social studies on Vermont history and present day. We have studied geography of Vermont, famous people of Vermont, cool and weird places in Vermont, weather of Vermont, traveled to most of the counties, bought artifacts from the counties and ate at local eateries-----like McDonald's in 6 different counties(LOL) We visited over 40 different places throughout the state. 15 different students participated in the curriculum. It was a super fun amount of work and the students loved discovering. This project also was part of my rolling classroom in our van this year. One of my professional goals of the classroom outside of the walls of CVU was met doing this project.



- From Charlie MacFadyen: Sophomore **Milo Cress** presented a keynote address to educators from around the state at the recent Dynamic Landscapes Ed Tech Conference. He spoke about his passion for computer science and the resources that allow him to pursue his learning. Here he is giving his address and with fellow keynote speaker Alisha Arshad (from Rutland HS).



- From Tammy Anthony: **Ali Bisaccia, Ashley Clark, Kate McAllister** and **Taylor Hoar** representing the CVU Golf Teams. Girls Golf took fourth in the State tourney!



- Annie and Ben, thank you for your leadership this year! We will miss your hearing your voices everyday (note the birthday boy photobomb in the back).



- From Anthony Spagnolo: This year in Nichols, the Tri-Wizard Challenge has a brand new physical trophy named in honor of Connor Lewis. "Connor's Cup" is shown here by most recent Tri-Wizard champion Willow Devoe-Talluto!



- Natural Resources welcomed a group of sustainability experts this week!



- From Abbie Bowker: Thank you to all those who contributed to the collaborative effort to raise funds and awareness for the Vermont Food bank! We raised well over our fundraising goal in this first year effort! Here is what Ceramic student **Ella Whitman** had to say in a reflection from class about her participation in this project: "Knowing that a product I made in ceramics class benefited someone in need feels very amazing. Along the way from our class to key club's sale, we were also able to provide several 10th graders with an opportunity to try something new: glazing and ceramics, as they explore different pathways they can take in their life. After they glazed our (combined!) work was sold to the community. This is a pleasing feeling because we had an opportunity to share with them what our art department is working on, it also strengthens the connection between outer community and school. Members might be more likely to support the Arts at CVU! I am very happy that we were able to use the money to donate so we can help those in need."
- Also from Abbie Bowker: Do you believe in Fairies? CVU Ceramics students do! Check out these Fairy Houses made by Ceramics and Advanced Ceramics classes this spring, and set up out in "Fairy Woods" this past week. We know the students of Annette's Preschool appreciated the magic of the woods - we hope a number of our own CVU students got a chance to tour the village as well! Here is what Andrea Sambrook from Annette's Preschool had to say about this year: "The tales and pictures of our Fairy House excursions are phenomenal! The houses are even more creative than last year - and in the stream too was an original. The kids were thinking that perhaps mermaid fairies lived there."
 - I am so appreciative of this collaboration and do hope we can make it a tradition-it brings such joy to kids and teachers alike. And while I prepped my teachers about the dates, the surprise for the children that the fairies came BACK was just too good to be true. ... Thanks again!"



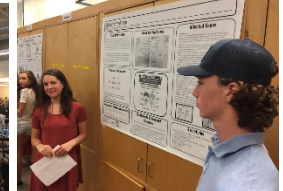
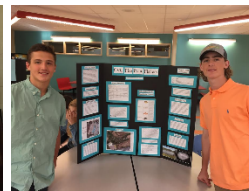
- From Jess Barnum: A shout out to Fairbanks freshman **Olivia Yandow** who when cleaning out her backpack realized she had three copies of Homer's The Odyssey and blurted, "What can I say, I'm an active reader!"



- From Leanne Morton: **Marc Hoepfner** and **Elias Sturim** created [this video](#) and wrote the rap to inspire their peers in the lower levels of Latin to study and engage with the material in class whether it be principal parts of verbs, their vocabulary or the bizarre story line or our textbooks series. It is certainly a wonderful send off as they graduate from CVU!

Faculty/Staff:

- Presentations, Exhibitions, and More! Thank you to the many, many faculty members who deepen content knowledge, hone skills, and instill an ethic of sharing learning!



- **Julie Bevins** always puts on a great end-of-year breakfast!



- **Jen Bickel-Hayes, Karen Needler, Pam Gover, Garrett MacCurtain, Glenn Fay, Kari Roberts, Anthony Spagnolo, Nick Molander, Michelle Fongemie**, thank you.
- A shout out to Coach Scott Bliss for his tolerance of really bad pre-race outfits.



Community:

- Thank you to our community of parents for the amazing support over the past week. From lunch on Friday to the many phone calls and kind words, we very much appreciate you!

Notes:

- **Scheduling:** CVU counselors are celebrating the end of the scheduling season! Students will be able to pick up their schedules from their House Offices starting on Wednesday of exam week (June 14th). Please note that student schedules might look a little different than they did when students met with their counselors. This is due to many factors, such as teacher re-assignment, new hires and evening out course enrollment numbers.

Further changes to schedules will not be made until the Add/Drop period in the fall. The only exceptions to this will be if a student needs to change their schedule to accommodate a college course in the fall, or if a student plans to drop an AP class and needs to ensure that graduation requirements will be met. (This should only impact AP English students.)

Thanks for your patience and understanding.

- **Yearbooks:** The 2017 CVU Yearbooks are here and are available for purchase in the main office. The cost is \$65.00 and checks should be made payable to CVU. But hurry - we have only 21 books left to sell.

We also have a limited number of 2016 yearbooks for sale at \$45. Already purchased one? Make sure your student has picked theirs up. We are finding that many students are not aware one has been purchased for them.