2010

Color

2010 Commodores
Colors
by Rini
What are the colors of life?
Could be black for the endless strife.
Red symbolizes the color of the heart,
Where cupid strikes with his tameless dart.
The sky may be blue, maybe gray,
Shows how life can change day by day.
Yellow in sunlight & spring flowers,
I bask in them, hour upon hour.
Green as the emerald sea,
Brings peace of mind & tranquility.
Angels with wings of white,
Lift me off my feet to flight.

Can you tell me what are the colors of your life?

The Blue & White Yearbook is an expression of the collective memories, actions and activities of the VUHS COMMUNITY. The colors of our world shine in our minds and memories as we move forward and again the seasons change. Each class brings new hues and new shades to the complex mosaic of life at VUHS. Proudly we present COLORS 2010, a window into a year, a moment and time.
It is more than bricks and mortar.
It is the friendships shared, journeys taken, and pathways opened.
It is formulas, hypotheses and hyperbolas.
It is food, friends and days spent.
It is a brief window in time to share.
It is where futures open.
It is where change is a constant.
It is when growth occurs.
It is measured in minutes.
It is a place we call home.
It is a stepping off point.
It is who we are and who we will become.
It is Blue & White.
It is played out on our fields, courts and in our halls.
It is Vergennes Union High School & We are proudly Commodore!
We've been together since we were
Just barely more than babes,
Holding onto Mommy's hand,
Missing two front teeth.

Some of us now have to wear
A bra and some to shave,
Adults in what our hearts demand,
Still children underneath.

Together we learned how to read,
Together learned to play,
To add and multiply our friends,
To give and to receive.

Our teachers taught us how to lead,
To put our tears away,
To separate our means and ends,

To work and to achieve.

And now we step across a line;
Our childhood is gone.
Soon, just like a morning dream,
The memories will fade.

But if we turn out good and kind,
Rejoicing in the sun,
We'll know to thank these sheltered years
Where our first joys remain.
Jackson Alexander
Jacks, Jackbutt, J-Dawg, Boot
"Jackson, we will miss watching you on the court and in the field—it was so much fun! Follow your passions and let them lead you down many roads. And don't forget: 1. In life, say "yes" more often than "no." 2. Go out of your way to be friends with those who most need a friend. 3. Wear sunscreen. 4. Call your Mom and Dad. You will always be in our hearts. Love, Mom and Dad

Tyler Alger-Racicot
"You can fool too many of the people too much of the time."
~James Thurber
"Unhappiness arises from the difference between the way things are and the way we believe they should be."
Band 1, Homecoming Float 1, German 2 - 3, Math Team 3 - 4, DUO 3 - 4, Germany Trip 4
The day is here for you to spread your wings. Always expect great things of yourself and for yourself. We love you and are very proud of you. Love, Mom, Dad, and Lauren

Courtney Andersen
Court, Zu Zu
"Never be the first to believe. Never be the last to deceive." ~Jim Rohn (Chief)
"Never forget! Never forgive!" ~Sweeney Todd
Musical 1, Chorus 1-4, Dellsich 3-4, Correspondence Singer 4, Drama Club 4, Fitness Club 4, Nutrition Committee 3-4, Yearbook 3-4, History Club 3-4, History Day 3-4, State Champion 3, Lions Club Speech 3-4, Rotary Speech 4, VW Speech 3-4, National Honor Society 4, VETERANS Day Assembly 4, ISAAC 3-4, Prom Committee 3, Project Grad 4, Winter Ball Committee 4, Graduation Committee 4, Student Council Representative 3
Courtney.
you are amazing. every time we think we couldn't be prouder of you, you make us more! we are grateful for all your accomplishments and amazing resolve throughout your high school career. we know you will go far with the ambition that guides you! love, mommy and daddy
To my second niece, whose sandwiches always had to be cut perfectly even. Courtney, you have talent, skill, and drive. Many wishes are sent for your continued success in fulfilling your dreams. I am still very proud of you. Love, Aunt Nancy
Courtney.
We know you will follow your star to success. We are so proud of you.
Love, Grandma & Pop Pop
Marissa Andersen
Ree Ree, Rissa

“If you want to make the world a better place, take a look at yourself, and then make a change.”

National Honor Society 4, Student Council 2-4, Prom Committee 3, Project Graduation Co-Chair 4, Winter Ball Committee 4, Graduation Committee 4, Choir 1-4, Choromotive Singers 3-4, Districts 3-4, Nutrition Committee 3-4, Other, Class Box History Club 3-4, Lion’s Speech 3-4, VFW Speech 3-4, Rotary Speech 4, Memorial Day Assembly 3-4, Veteran’s Day Assembly 4, Vermont History Day 2-4, State Champion 2-4, GHS Delegate 3-4, Yearbook 3-4, University of Rochester Merox Award for Innovation and Information Technology 3, SSAATC 3-4, Superhero Fit Club 4

Marissa, it seems like only yesterday we were chasing the school bus on your first day of kindergarten. We don’t know if we can promise that we won’t do the same when you start college. You have brought us immense pride and joy and thank you for every moment! With your many talents, we know you will go far...

Love, Mommy and Daddy

To my first niece, whose crayons were always dirty on the bedroom walls! Marissa, you have achieved so much and developed so many skills. May you continue to succeed at everything you choose to do. I am so very proud of you.

Love, Aunt Nancy

Marissa, we are so proud of you. We know you will succeed in everything your heart desires. Love, Grandma and Pop Pop

Daniel Charles Averill
Dan

Rowing 1-4, Baseball 1

Stephen Babcock
Babs

“Wheels up, we left the city.”

Baseball 1, 3-4, Tennis 1-2, Hockey 1, 2, 4, Crew 1-2, Crew Captain 2, GSA 4, NSLC 2
Ethan Baldwin

'Discovery consists of seeing what everybody has seen and thinking what nobody has thought.'
-Albert Szent-Gyorgyi

Rowing 1-4, Lacrosse 1-4

Dear Ethan,

What a great person you have grown to be. Kind and happy. Always a bright spot in everyday for the last 18 years! We know you will succeed wherever you choose to go and whatever you choose to do. You're gonna fly! Remember you are always loved by us. Love, Mom and Dad

Kristina Benoit

'To be nobody but yourself in a world which is doing its best, night and day, to make you everybody else means to fight the hardest battle which any human being can fight, and never stop fighting.'
- E.E. Cummings, 1955

'I used to be scared of uncertainty; now I get a high out of it.'
- Jensen Ackles

Chorus 1-3

Gavin Bicknell

'Barn's burnt down, now I can see the moon.' - Masahide

' Piglet sidled up to Pooh from behind. 'Pooh? he whispered. 'Yes, Piglet?' 'Nothing,' said Piglet, taking Pooh's hand. 'I just wanted to be sure of you.' - A.A. Milne

Homecoming 1-2, Indoor Track 2, 4-H 1-4, FFA 3-4, National FFA Convention 3-4, Musical Crew 1-4, Vocational Center 3-4, Washington Leadership Conference 3

We are sure of you Gavi. Remember, be YOU (and show 'em your cowboy boots if you have 'em) With love and pride, Dad & Mom, Michaela, Isaac & Delaney


Meredith Anne Bienvenue
Mer, Merry-beth

"Pain is temporary. It may last a minute, an hour, a day, or a year. But, eventually it will subside and something will take its place. However, if I quit, it lasts forever."

Soccer 1-4, Prom Committee 3, Math Team 2-4, Band 1-4, Addison United 1-4

Kyle Raymond Birchmore

Basketball 1-2, Soccer 1-4, Captain 1, 3-4, Baseball 2,
Prom Committee 3, Homecoming Float 1-4, Student Council Rep 4, Band 1, Jazz Band 1,
Student Tutoring 3, Leadership Conference 2, 3

Congratulations! You made it! We are so proud of you. Your energetic personality and enthusiastic nature make you truly enjoyable to be around. Remember to stay on task, do your best, and make good choices. You have the potential to be successful in whatever you do. Enjoy life as you always have and know that we love you very much.

Love, Mom & Dad.

Congrats Kyle, Love, Tyler, Monica, Jared, Jacob.

Jennifer Balduc

Jenny

Watch me!

Band 1-2, Usher 2-4, Hannaford 3
Booska, Sausage

"You might be a fireman if you’ve said "She’s hot tonight" and not been talking about a girl."

Lacrosse 3-4, Fire Department 3-4, Voc 3-4, Vergennes Rescue 2-4

Molly Elizabeth Brigan
Molls, Mo, Mo Mo, Mo Mo Briggs

"Wherever you go, go with all your heart" - Confucius
"Time you enjoy waiting, was not wasted" - John Lennon

JV Soccer 1, Varsity Soccer 2-4, Varsity Soccer Captain 3-4, Varsity Softball 3, National Technical Honor Society 3, Prom Committee 3, VSADA Student Leadership Conference 3, Student Athlete Leadership Summit 2-4, Homecoming Float 1-4, Project Grad 4, LNA License Through PHCC 3

Dear Molly,

You are about to begin such an exciting time in your life and we know you are ready! I don’t know if we are ready for you to leave the nest, but we know you are. You have become such a focused, determined, hard working girl. You are caring, compassionate, independent, funny and smart. What good qualities you have for the nurse you want to become. You hold yourself to very high standards whether it be soccer, school, friends and family. You give it your all, and that is a quality we most respect. Never lose sight of those qualities and you will be just fine. We love you so much, and are so proud of you!

Love, Mom and Dad

Matthew Booska

Kameran Phelps Brooks

Brooks, Brooksy, Doc, Kammy

"I’ve failed over and over and over again in my life and that’s why I succeeded."
- Michael Jordan
"The perils of duck hunting are great—especially for the duck."
- Walter Cronkite

JV Soccer 1, Varsity Soccer 1, JV Basketball 1-2, Varsity Basketball 3-4, AAU Basketball 1-3, JV Baseball 1, Varsity Baseball 2-4, Babe Ruth Baseball 1-2, Fall Baseball 1-3

Kameron, enjoy every minute of your future. Be happy, break the rules, forgive quickly, kiss slowly, love truly. Laugh uncontrollably and never regret anything that made you smile. Life is short -- live it. It may not be the party we hoped for, but while we’re here, don’t forget to dance! And love the life you live. You hold a very special place in my heart. Love, Mom
I am writing this letter to tell you how extremely proud I am of you. Your impending graduation makes me so happy that I have difficulty expressing my joy. Your Academic career has been sometimes difficult for you and sometimes joyous but, through it all, you have persevered brilliantly. I know you have struggled at times but somehow you always managed to get through whatever difficulties presented themselves. The amazing thing about you is no matter what was happening, your personality always shone through the dark times. You make people around you happier and therefore better. Everyone likes you because you are a great person. Your personality and a little effort will bring you great success in life. Please remember, I will support you in whatever you do in the future. I am tremendously proud of you and I love you. Love, Dad

Joshua Thomas James Bushee

"You can't beat the person who doesn't give up." - Babe Ruth
"Great things are not done by impulse, but by a series of small things brought together." - Vincent Van Gogh

Basketball 1-4

Joshua. Always be respectful and caring. Treat others the way you would want to be treated. What can I say, you are my first born. It's been with great pride and happiness as well as a privilege to have you as my son. You have been a blessing to me each day of your life. I am so very proud of you and all your accomplishments. I take great pride in calling you my son.

Good luck and God bless you.

Dad, Mimi, Jake, Aunt Susan and (In memory of Uncle Carl)

Nicholas Bushell

Nick

Lacrosse 1-4, Snowboard Club 3, Hannaford Auto Tech 3, Hannaford Forestry 4

Even though we may not say it nearly enough, we are very proud of the young man you have become. We know your quiet, compassionate nature will help you succeed in whatever you decide to do in your future. We love with all our hearts. Mom, Dad and Ashley.
Tristan Bushey
Triscuit, Mooseface

"Don't sweat the petty things and don't pet the sweaty things."

Golf 1-2

You rock!

Ashley Butler

"To everything, turn turn turn. There is a season, turn turn turn. And a time for everything under the heavens."

Ashley, we are so proud of you. Keep up the good work in the future. Love Mom, Dad, and Family

Alaina Cannon

Anga, Springer, Dora too
John Deere, Simba, Nala, Blue
Christina, Nate, Basketball
Lily, Autumn, Baby Doll
Reggie Rocket, Pinky Swear
Chou Chou Holly, Fancy Hair
Peachy, Salsa, Millie May
Shimmer, Flowers, Linda day?
Nanny Goat, Side Table Drawer
I love you sunshine, more.
Mom
Dorothy Cassidy

"Inside every cloud, there is a silver lining."

Washington Trip 2, History Club 2, Vermont History Day 2

Rikki Cloutier

"Don't let your victories go to your head, or your failures go to your heart."

Things turn out best for those who make the best of the way things turn out.

JV Soccer 1, Varsity Soccer 2-4, Varsity Soccer Captain 4, Varsity Softball 2, Rowing 4, Prom Committee 3, Float Building 1-4, Athletic Leadership Conference 3

"Journey" is a means any course or passage from one state or experience to another. Rikki, you have grown up and soon you will be on your next journey of life. College. Always remember to give it your all and that's what God will use to guide you.

From the first time you cracked a ball, soccer has been part of your life. It's kept your "nose" out of trouble. Ha, ha. A broken nose and a few other issues haven't stopped your beautiful smile and great personality to shine through your life's journey.

Rikk, oh, babygirl,

"We love you now and forever, Mom, Dadd, and Keke-

Genevieve Cohn

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

- Albus Dumbledore

Student Council Representative 1-4, Student Council Secretary 1-4, JV Basketball 1-2, JV Basketball Captain 2, JV Soccer 1, JV Soccer Captain 2-4, Varsity Soccer Captain 4, School Board Representative 3-4, Jazz Band 1-4, Concert Band 1-4, Art Club 1-4, Art Club President 4, Math Team 3-4, Math Team Split Captain 4, Math Team Split Captain A, GSA 3-4, Tutor/Mentor 3-4, Pep Band 3-4, V-Town Tennis 1-4, AAU Basketball 1-5, Addison Unified Soccer 1-4, Class Monarch 3, State State Nominee 3, HOSA Leadership Conference 2, Sports Leadership Conference 2-3, National Honor Society 3-4, National Honor Society Secretary 4

Genevieve,
You make us so happy and proud to be your parents. Always a happy, creative, and positive child, you have enhanced our lives beyond the power of words. As you progressed from child to young adult, we watched as you developed into a great student-athlete and a sweet thoughtful person. Your positive, upbeat, sincere attitude have filled us with joy and confidence in the adult you will become and the potential to live the rich, full-textured life that makes us all happy and makes the world a better place.

Love, Mom and Dad
Justyn David Cousino
Stompy, Snackpack, Couz, Cousino

"Cry Havoc and let's slip the dogs of war!" - Julius Caesar

Prom Committee 3, Snowboard 3-4, Duo 4

Justyn from day one you have been a miracle from God that I thank him each and every day for! I'm truly blessed to have you as my son! You have made me very proud over the years overcoming all the obstacles you have been challenged with. I see such potential in you and know that if you truly believe in yourself and stay true, you'll do great things! Remember to always be kind, patient and compassionate, use your manners and always let your wonderful, loving personality shine through! Listen to "My Wish" by Rascal Flatts for all the things I wish for you always.

Love your proud mom! XOXO

Robert Danyow
Robbie, Rob, Bud

Theatre Arts 2-4

Well Robert, you have made it to graduation. I always knew that you would. You have a lot of potential and experience to go far, and I know that you will. You are a very smart kid, and I am very pleased with all that you have accomplished. Things come easy to you, but that does not mean not to still work at it. We are very proud of you and love you so much. You can and will conquer whatever you put your mind to. I love you bud with all my heart! Congratulations! Love ya.

Mom and Scott
Dustin Dotillio
Dut, Dutty

"Growing old is a must, growing up is optional."

JV Basketball 1-3, JV Soccer 1, Varsity Soccer 2-4, Snowboard Team 2-4

Dustin, it has been amazing to watch you grow in so many ways over the last 18 years. Your strong character, generosity, and values don't go unnoticed. You are a true leader. Whether it be skateboarding, snowboarding, or creating art, you share your many talents with younger children who see you as a true role model. As this door closes, many others will open. Make wise choices, have fun and enjoy the journey! We are so very proud of you! Love,
Mom, Kaylee, Kenadi, Chan, Gram and Pop

Troy E. Daudelin
Izzi

"Peace sells... but whose buying?" - Megadeth

"You can't kill rock n' roll, it's here to stay!" - Ozzy Osbourne

JV Golf 2

Jonathan Davis
Jo Nath, Homeschool

"Everyone has the gift to make something truly beautiful, what do I make? Conversation."
- Irene

"Democracy is two wolves and a lamb voting on what to eat for lunch. Liberty is a well-armed lamb contesting the vote." - Ben Franklin

Unschooler 1-2, Germany Conference 3, Walden 3-4, Jr Iron Chef 3-4
Madeline Delaney
Maddie, Madds, Mag Dog, Wild Thang

"Shower the people you love with love." - James Taylor

"For beautiful eyes, look for the good with others; for beautiful lips, speak only words of kindness; and for Polse, walk with the knowledge that you are never alone." - Audrey Hepburn

Walden 4, GSA 2-4, NHS 3-4, Young Writers Conference 3-4, Piano Class 1-4, chorus 1-3, The Breakfast Club Tiffany's Club 4-4, Prom Committee 4, Hikers Anonymous 2-4, Cross Country 3, Beekeeping 4, Science Club 3, The Noble Society 1-4

May your hands always be busy,
May your feet always be swift,
May you have a strong foundation when the winds of change whirr,
May you heart always be joyful,
And may your song always be sung.
May you stay forever young,
We love you, Mom and Dad.

Gabriel P. Delgadillo
Pappy, Twinkyman, Gabe, Audie, Gramps

"The fear of failing your buddy is a greater fear than death itself." - Unknown

"Show me a hero and I'll prove he's a bum." - Greg Boyington

Golf 1-3, Commodore Jazz 1, Musical 2, Recendo 4

As I sit here contemplating your childhood and the speed at which it passed, I must admit to breathing a sigh of relief. Gabe made it! Congratulations! (Although we didn't always see eye to eye on certain things, somehow we always managed to talk it out and even agree to disagree.) We would like to let you know that although you are beginning a new chapter in life we are and always will be there for you. Perfect parents, we are not, and in spite of that we tried to make the right decisions and do the right things always with your best interests in mind. We are very proud of you, Gabriel and encourage you to remember these things:

1. God before all else. (What would He say?)

2. Your family. When times get tough, always remember we are ready and willing to help you.

3. Be kind to yourself.

We love you, Gabriel! Mom & Dad.

Hilary JoAnne Delisle
Hila, Hil, Chinchilla, Sparkles

"Be the change you wish to see in the world." - Mahatma Gandhi

"The world is a dangerous place, not because of those who do evil, but because of those who look on and do nothing." - Albert Einstein

Musical 1-4, Basketball 1-4, Soccer 1-2, Cross Country 3, Commodore Singers 3-4, GSA 3-4, Math Team 2-4, Simultivity 3, National Honor Society 1-4, Vice President 4, Concert Choir 1-4, Librarian 3-4, President 4, Friar Bunking 1-4, AVID Basketball, National History Day 2, National Youth Leadership Conference 2

Dear Hilary,
Wow! Where has the time gone? It seems like just yesterday you were our leg-hugging, shy, little peanut with a twinkle in your eyes. We've come to recognize that twinkle as determination. You are determined to always do your best at everything you endeavor. And because of this, we are so proud of you! Hilary, you have blossomed into a beautiful, intelligent, and compassionate young woman! Your future is in your hands; do what suits you best, but know that we are here to support you in your decision-making. We love you more than words can express! Love, Mom, Dad, Ericka, Olita, Eliah, Sophie, & Dakota.
Jeremy Delisle
Steve

"Live life to its fullest."

"Time is money."

You did it! We know it's been a long journey, but it has been a real joy to see you overcome again and again. Your determination has finally paid off! We are so very proud of you. Always strive for the mountaintops, but remember to enjoy "the climb".

All of our love,
Mom & Dad

Josh Delisle
Tall Josh, Stretch

"To get anywhere in life, you have to earn it."

Freshmen Basketball 1, Snowboard Team 3-4

I am so proud of you son.
- Mom

Marlena Lauren Delisle
Marley, Marnnar, Molly

"Hakuna Matata." – The Lion King

Softball 2-4, Art Club 3-4, Rowing 1-2

Who knew what and where we would be at this moment when you and I started this journey so long ago. I could never have imagined the emotions that well up each time I stop to consider the person you have become. You continue to astound me with your insight, intelligence and beauty. It is time for you to share the gift you have given me with the rest of the world. Go forth and be wonderful!
- Hazel
Morgan Denton
Morgs, Fairchild, Denton-Kid

"You have one life. Make sure it's what you want to do before you do it and slow down."
- Taylor Vigne

Managed: Girls JV and Varsity Basketball 1-2, Varsity Softball 1, Girls Varsity Soccer 2, JV and Varsity Boys Lacrosse 3-4, Boys Varsity Soccer 3-4, Boys JV and Varsity Basketball 3-4, Prom Committee 3, Spirit Committee 1-4, Student Council 1-4, Homecoming 1-4, Graduation Committee 4, Project Graduation Committee 1, Winter Ball Committee 4, Tutoring 2-3, Blood Drive 3, Girls State Nominee 1, Science Club 3, Art Club 2

Morgan,
Congratulations! It's been a joy to watch you grow up into a beautiful, caring young lady. Continue to follow your heart, make wise decisions and enjoy life to its fullest. You have a bright future ahead of you. Always remember we are so very proud of you.
Love you lots,
Mom, Dad

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John Charles Dugan
J.C., Dugie, Dugan, Johnny Muhammed

"When you come to a fork in the road, you just gotta take it!" - Yogi Berra

J.V. Basketball 1-2, Varsity Basketball 3-4, J.V Baseball 1-2, Varsity Baseball 3-4

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Ashley Evriksen
Ash, Ashie, Dingy

"Don't worry 'bout me, I'm gonna make it alright, got my enemies crossed out in my sight, i take a bad situation, gonna make it right, in the shadows of darkness i stand in the light."
- Ronald

Softball 1-3, Yearbook 1, Rowing 1-4, Vergennes Area Rescue Squad 2-4

Dear Ash,
It seems like just yesterday I dropped you off at Kindergarten, coached your softball teams, went to numerous family functions, and watched your bowing meet with a tear in my eye. I am proud of you for your rescue work and the many other voluntary activities you do. I am more proud to be your father. Please always keep the "pizza in the bank" for me. Congratulations on all you achievements. I love you very much. LBT,
Dad

Much love also from Lois, Dale, Cheyenne, Autumn, Nano, Gramps, and the rest of the family.

Ash,
Congrats! Seems like yesterday you started school. We are proud of all your accomplishments. Good luck and keep smiling as you move to the next phase of your life.
Love, Mom and Dad
Simon Coty Flynn

"The man who smiles when things go wrong has thought of someone to blame it on." - Robert Bloch

Soccer 2-4, Wrestling 1-4, Baseball 1-4, Drama Club 4, Senior Homecoming Float 4

Simon, To a boy who wants to be college and a grandson that I am proud of.
Love, Your Grandfather

Jeffrey Fortune

What matters is not the road traveled, but the journey.

Wrestling 1-2, Soccer 1-2, Baseball 1, Fire Cadet 3-4

Great job, you’ve come a long way. Congrats and stay on task. “Work hard”. Love you and we are very proud of you.
Mom, Kevin, Alysia, Ryan

Paulita Fysh

Fyshie, Little Paul, Deputy Fysh

"Live today, Dream tomorrow, And love always"

Walden 3-4, History Day 3, Community Service 1-4
Preston Gage

"Look, I've never had a dream in my life cause a dream is what you wanna do but still haven't pursued. I knew what I wanted and did it 'till it was done." - Aesop Rock

Soccer 1, Baseball 1, Lacrosse 2-4, Snowboard Team 3-4

Congratulations! We are very proud of you! We wish you all the best in your bright future!

Love,
Mom, Dad, and Shelby

John L. Gilbert
Johnny-G

"Romans 8:38 - For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor heavenly rulers, nor things that are present, nor things to come, nor powers, 8:39 nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord." John 3:16

Lacrosse 1, 3-4, Rowing 2, Snowboarding 3

Mitchell Gayette

"Defeat is not the worst of failures. Not to have tried is a true failure."

Lacrosse 1-4

Congratulations on a job well done. With your graduation, one chapter of your life closes, and another one opens. We wish you the best in all you do.

Love, Mom & Joe
Gary A. Grant
Grant

"Whatever floats your boat."

"Go big or go home."

FFA 4, Football 3, Football Captain 4, Lacrosse 3-4, Captain 4

Gary - What a wonderful young man you've become. We are very proud of you and your accomplishments. Your laid back, respectful, and charming attitude has brought us many smiles over the years. Remember to always strive to be the best you can, don't sweat the small things in life, always look at the positive, and remember where you came from. If you put your heart into life the way you have with football and lacrosse, you will have a very successful future.

We Love You, Mom, Dad, Geoffrey

Sean Michael Hagen
SHAGEN

"Exercise is the yuppie version of "Bulimia" - Barbara Ehrenreich

"No matter that patriotism is too often refuge of scoundrels. Dissent."

Walden 2-3

Your family wishes the best always. Well done Sean!

Samuel Hartley

Band 2-4
Tucker Harwood
Tucker Tate, Tux

"The idiot, the Indian, the child, and un schooled farmer's boy, stand nearer to the light by which nature is to be read, than the dis tinguished, or the antique." - Ralph Waldo Emerson

"The one thing that we yearn for in our living days, that makes us sigh and groan an ond and it is the remembrance of some lost bliss that was probably experienced in the womb, and can only be reproduced in death." - Jack Kerouac

Indoor Track 1, Peace One day 3-4, New England Young Writers Conference 3-4, wicked 4, Musical 3, Yearbook 3-4, Jazz Band 3-4, Music 1-4, Creative Thinking 2-4, Elbit Dietary Needs 3-4

Dear Tucker,
Always remember
When the seas get wild
And your ship is tossed
Let your salk to your heart
And you'll never be lost
Love,
Mom and Ailen

Cody Alan Hawkins
Hawk, Caawkins, Cawk, Big Guy

Basketball 1-4, FFA 2-4, Varsity Golf 1-4, Mentor 1, Varsity Football 1-4

Cody, Here you are about to take the next step in life's journey! The changes I have witnessed over the past few years make me so proud of you and your accomplishments and the way you are developing into an amazing young man and leader. Anyone would be lucky to be able to know you, but I have the privilege to be able to call you son as well as friend. I love and support you.
Always, Dad

Tara Healy

What is that HELL you've made out of my Troufles tull?" - The Lorax

"If you want to view paradise, simply look around and view it! Anything you want to, do it. Wanna change the world? There's nothing to it." - Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory

"Of all the gin joints in all the towns in the world, she walks into mine." - Casablanca

GSA 2, VT Playwright's Festival 2-4, Commodore Singers 4, History Day 3, Project Grad 4, Drama Club 4, Musical 1-4, Superhero Fit Club 4
Wrestling 1-4

Kristine Lynn Jackson
K, Pearl, Charlotte, Ginger

"If you want your dreams to come true, the first thing you gave to do is wake up."

FFA 1-3, Softball 2

Kristine, continue to be compassionate for what you love to do and for those who need your compassion the most. You do make a difference!

I am proud of you!
Love Mom

Ashley Ann Jarger

"Don't pretend to be someone you're not, be who you are, not what others want you to be." - Ashley
"Love is in the air..." - Mrs. Taylor

"You made it Ashley! I'm so proud of you!"
Love Mom

"Little girls grow up so fast. I'm proud of you. I love you." Love Dad
Virginia-Lynn Jayat
VL, Valparmesan, Opal

"I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."
- Phil 4:13 KJV

Art Club 2-4, Softball 1-4, Rowing 1

Princess, you've grown up way too fast. We are very proud of you in what you have accomplished, and the decision that you have made to further your education.

We love you,
Mom and Da

Jonathan Ronald Kauffman
Jon, JonJon, JonJonJon

"Character matters; leadership descends from character." - Rush Limbaugh

"A word to the wise aint necessary – it's the stupid ones that need the advice" - Bill

Baseball 1-4, Basketball 2, Cross Country 4, Cricket 2, Indoor Track 4, Cricket 2, Math Team 3-4, Captain 4, Catty Impressive at Life 1-4, Musical 4, Band 1-4, President 4, Drum Major 3-4, Commodore Jazz 2-4, District's 3-4, Rep Band 3-4, Captain 4, Mentoring/Tutoring 3-4, National Honor Society 4, Boys State Delegate 3

Jon Jon.
It seems like yesterday you were peeking into the school windows. What you are accomplishing and becoming on the journey has made us very proud. Your loyalty, ambition, wisdom, discipline, vulnerability, humor (sarcasm), and growth have blessed and amazed us. We also love the fact that a Kauffman has finally cracked the 6pm! Keep trying new things. Remember to "seek those things that are above." (Col. 3:1) Like always, when I grow up, I want to be just like you.

Love,
Dad and Mom

Jeremy Todd Kelley
Jer-Bear, Mickey-Licky-No Hair

Philippians 4:13 - "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."

"I came, I saw, I conquered." "Vedi, Vini, Vick."

German

As you Jeremy are ready to graduate from highschool, may you know that this time in your life is like no other time. Be strong as an ox, courageous as a lion, sharp as a fox, and wise as an old owl. You can only accomplish this if you hold true to your faith in God, as He holds you in His hand.
Margaret Alice Kerschner
Margy, Wubbie

“It ain’t over til it’s over” - Yogi Berra

“When I set a goal, I work hard to achieve it” — Lisa Leslie

Margy, What joy you have brought to all of our lives. We are constantly amazed at your energies and talents. Your zest for life will always guide you to the good times and will help you through the hard times. We all love you.

Dad, Muth, and Beth.

Brian Kilbride
Kilbs, Ginger Kid, Texty, Padiddle, GP

There are big ships and small ships. But the best ship of all is friendship
— Unknown

Lacrosse 1-4, Soccer 1-4, Snowboarding 1-4, Math Club 2-4, WSC 2-4, Science Club 2

Dearest Brian, to our favorite son!
It’s been a pleasure watching you grow into such an accomplished young man. Your love for people is shown in the lasting friendships you have made during high school. Trust in yourself, hold your friends in your heart, and meet life’s challenges with a smile. You are destined to succeed.

Love ‘n’ hugs. Mom & Dad

Travis Kilburn
Trav

“One more road to cross, one more risk to take, gotta live my life like there’s one more move to make” — DMX

Varsity Wrestling 1-2, Baseball 1-3, History Day 2, Vocational 2-4

Good job Trav!
Reilly LaBerge

"Life is either a daring adventure of nothing at all."

Band 1, Snowboarding 3-4, Lacrosse 4

Reilly – Bob and I are very proud of all you have overcome and the person you are today.
Love, Debbi & Bob

Reilly, you are an incredible young man. It makes me proud to be your father. I love you! Dad

Shauna Lofave

Shaunayella

Soccer 1-4

Well, baby girl, you have done what I couldn’t do. All I can say that I am so proud of you. You have grown into a beautiful, intelligent, loving, and respectful young woman. I am proud to say that I am your mother. I love you! Mumma

Shauna, you were my first. We sure have learned a lot together! Whose baby are you? Daddy loves you! Go get ‘em kid!

Devon Elizabeth Lane

Dev

“It’s my life and I’m not sitting on the sidelines watching it pass me by.”
– Katy Perry

“Courage is grace under pressure.” – Ernest Hemmingway

Varsity Softball 1-4, Varsity Basketball 4, Student Council 1-4, Student Council Treasurer 1-3, 4-H 1-2, Prom Committee 3, Commodore Singers 4, Chorus 1-4, Winterball Committee 4

May you always thirst to learn more but may you stay forever young. May you appreciate a gray and cloudy day the same as a day filled with sun. May you look at life’s problems only as hurdles that you can overcome. But may you stay forever young. Love, Mom & Dad
Reid T. Lumbra
Stretch, Flash Jr., Lumbra

"Loyal to Duty." - Vergennes Fire Department

"To be old and wise, you must first be young and stupid." - Unknown

Vergennes Fire Department 2-4, Vocational 3-4

Reid,

Hold your head high and live your dreams to the fullest
- We are so proud of you
Love Dad, Tammie, Phillip, Taylor and Ross

Aaron Christopher Maloney

"Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things you didn't do than by the ones you did do. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover." - Mark Twain

"Be who you are and say what you feel because those who mind don't matter and those who matter don't mind." - Dr. Seuss

Dearest Aaron,

May your unique personality, kind spirit, sharp wit, unwavering sense of integrity and determination to achieve be an inspiration to those around you today and in the future. Stay focused, choose wisely, enjoy life, and always be yourself. You have made us proud and we love you dearly. - Mom, Dad & Izzy

Samantha Jean Marcelle
Sam, Sammy, Mansa, Mantha

"Life is short, break the rules, kiss slowly, love truly, laugh uncontrollably, and never regret anything that made you smile."

People to People Ambassador To Austrailia 3
Jason Marshall
Hellen, Smarshal, Marshall

"Nothin' runs like a Deere."

"Riding...because golf, baseball, and soccer only require 1 ball."

FFA 1-4, Rowing 1-2, Band 1-2, Snowboarding Team 1-2. VOC Forestry 3. VOC Intro to Tech 1, VOC Diesel Power Technologies

Jason, what a rollercoaster ride it has been for us all my son, but I always knew that you could do it. Now you are off to do bigger and better things. You are quite the young man and I am very proud of you. You have had to deal with things no one could ever possibly relate to or understand and I know that it has not always been easy for you, but you keep truckin’ on. You have such a big heart under that tough exterior and it really shows when you are in that Fire Department. I wish you the best of luck my "Little Fire Fighter". Congrats! You are out of here! Love Always, Mom xo xo.

Kori Martell

"Can you take me high enough to fly me over yesterday."

"Ooh Rah!"

School Play 2, Wrestling 1-4

Kori, remember the end of the school has come, now go out and take the world by storm. You can accomplish anything that you put your mind to. We are very proud of you and you should be equally as proud. You are a great young man. Love Mom, Dad, and the family

Joseph Martin
Joey, Joedawg

"The miracle is not to fly in the air, or to walk on the water, but to live well on the Earth."

Vermont History Day 3

I am so proud of you and who you are becoming as an adult. You are a kind, considerate, and responsible young man and hope you the best for the future. Love, Mom
Ginger Matthews
Jazzy

"And so we ran, like the waver were biting the inhibitions of their prey, keep them near screaming, smash my back, and I will stab you in yours. So I chose to feel this life alone, without the teeth wars don't preach, it's never to take me" " - circle takes the square.

"With all the fun to have, to live the dreams we always had, then the songs to sing, when we at last return again." 
- Led Zeppelin

(K) Soccer, (2) Art Club (3-4), GPA (1-2), 4. Dominic Sister, 2.4 Musical (2-4), Peace One Day Committee (5-6), (1). Freestyle Boxing (1-2), George School 9, Party 3, Coalition in Java 3, Equine 1-4, Vago 1-4, GHRC Revolutionaries 1-4

Ginger;
Carpe Diem Skilum!
Follow your dreams and stay true to what means the most to you.
Love you tons, MaMa
PS: Eat more vegetables!

Ben Mauer
B.F.E.M

"There can be no light without a dark."

It seemed like it was only yesterday that I rocked you in the middle of the night. Then I turned around and discovered you'd grown into a wonderful young man. The best times are just around the corner, Ben. Have fun and do right for this world. I love you more than you know.

Joseph Campbell once said "The privilege of a lifetime is being who you are." If that's true, then the second privilege of a lifetime must be the journey of parenthood.

Congratulations! -Dad

Patrick McCarthy

"If you can't Dodge it, ram it."

Rowling 1-3
Natalie Anna Marie McClay

Nat, Nataliscious

“All that is necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing.” – Edmund Burke

Soccer 1-4, Captain 1, Prom Committee 3, Project Grad. 4, Band 1-4, NHS 4, Math Team 1-4, Addison United 1-4, Soccer Club 3-4

Natalie, you are such a wonderful blessing! From childhood, you displayed love and concern for those around you, always putting others before yourself. We could see that you were very special and God has great things in store for you. Remember to listen to Him and you will never lose your way. We love you! Love, mom, dad, Nicole, Patrick, Patrick Jr., Karrine, Ben, Danielle, Dominic, Alyssa, and Ciara

Brittany McGrath

This is my wish to you: Comfort on difficult days, smiles when sadness intrudes, rainbows to follow the clouds, laughter to kiss your lips, sunset you warm your heart, hugs when spirits sag, beauty for your eyes to see, friendships to brighten your being, courage to know yourself, patience to accept the truth, love to complete your life.

Brittany, we are so proud of you. All your efforts and hard work have paid off. Congratulations. We hope you experience many things in your life that you truly enjoy. We wish you success in whatever you choose to do. Enjoy life and be happy. We have no doubt that you will be very successful in whatever you do. You are a very beautiful, smart, loving young lady and we love you very much. Love, Mom & Dad

Whitney Menard

“I am not a vegetarian because I love animals; I am a vegetarian because I hate plants.” – A. Whitney Brown

“Games? Love games?” – Old Greg

Anime Club 2
Connor Merrill

Long Arms, Big C, Ron, Chinstrap

Varsity Basketball 1-4, Captain 4, JV Basketball 1, Symphonic Band 1-3, Jazz Band 3, Athletic Leadership Conference 3.

Shane Miller

"Follow your own path and make your own destiny."

Shane, you did a great job. I couldn't be more proud of you. You grew up so fast! Always be yourself no matter what. I will always love you.

Dream big. Accomplish bigger. I love you, Mom.

Shane,

18 & graduating already! Where has the time gone? We are so proud of you. You have grown up to be a fine young man. Good luck to you on all your future endeavors. We will always stand behind you and support your choices. We love you, Shane. Congratulations! Love, Dad, Angel, Logan, Sloan, Caleb & Nevaeh.

Shane,

Just to let you know, you have brought so much joy and happiness to our lives for the past 18 years. We are very proud of you. Stay always as you are now. Love, Nana and Papa Joe.

Brittany Ellen Nolan

Nolan, Brit, Britskin

JV Soccer 1-3, Track 2, Addison United 1, National Technical Honor Society 3-4

Brittany, it seems just like yesterday you were a bright eyed baby girl. You've done us proud. You've become a beautiful responsible young woman. We're sure you'll do great in the future, no matter your endeavors.

Love,

Mom, Dad, Kristen
Jacob Ouellette

Work Co-Op 2-4, Snowboarding Team 1-2, Vocational Auto Tech 3-4.

Jacob, you have grown to be a sensible, gifted, and an amazing young man. Keep on this path of learning new skills in all areas of life. The skills you have learned have made you this amazing person. You look at nature with such an incredible set of eyes. It has always amazed us. Keep your wisdom, beliefs, be a good listener, and have an open mind. Life moves fast so enjoy, work hard, and challenge your brain daily. Always remember the dirt, water and mud. They are gifts you have used well. You can always turn to us.

Dad and Mom

Christopher Parfitt

“People have been shot in Waltham for less.” - Mitch Jackman

“Two seconds is an eternity when you’re taking your pants off.”
– Jeff Kauffman

Varsity Cross Country 1-4, Captain 4, Jazz Band 1-4, Band 1-2, Band/Chorus 3-4, Musical 1-4, Commodore Singers 4, District Concert Band 1-2, District Wind Ensemble 3-4, District Jazz Band 3, Varsity Track and Field 1-4, Captain 3-4, GSA 3-4, Pep Band 2-4, Captain 4, Math Club 1-4, Boys State 3

Chris, Congratulations on a job well done. We are proud of your accomplishments, but it is your generosity, sense of humor, and determination that really make you special. Wonderful things await you, Chris.

Love, Mom and Dad

Ephraim Parker

“All endeavor calls for the ability to tramp the last mile, shape the last plan, endure the last hours toil. The fight to the finish spirit is the one... characteristic we must posses if we are to face the future as finishers.”
– Henry David Thoreau

Walden 3-4
Taylor Erin Pidgion
Cate, Taterbug

"Hold fast the dream to dream, for if dreams die, life is broken winged bird that cannot fly."

"Maybe I'm just a girl on a mission, but I'm ready to fly."

Rowing 2, Cheerleading 1, Voc Center 2-4, Early Childhood Ed

Taylor we are very proud of the young woman that you have become. Please stand tall and always follow your heart and do not be afraid of getting it broke because that is what makes us who we are.

Love Mom, Cory, Phillip, Reid and Ross

Chelsea Ploof
Chels, Chelsajo, Little Mama, Shot Out, Chelsa Girl

"God is great beer is good and people are crazy.~ Billy Curriington

"Life ain't always beautiful but it's a beautiful ride."~ Gary Allen

"Everybody dies famous in a small town" ~ Miranda

Chelsea my little angel, I knew you could do it! I love you and am so proud. The big congrats! Love Dad

Chels, we are so proud of you. We love you very much.
Dylan and Jack

Chelsaj, Your strength and courage are admirable. Keep moving through my friends I am so pleased you are Jack's mom.
Love Nicole

Kimberly Elizabeth Pratt
Kim, Kimmipiss, Kimpossible, Kimmi, Timothy

"The most wasted of all days is one without laughter."~ C.C. Cummings

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

Prom Committee 3, Soccer 1-4, Captain 3, Addison United 1-4, Math Team 3-4, Project Grad 4, Senior Privileges Writing Committee 4
Dylan Preston

You have come a long way, but have a long way to go!

Margaret Quinn

"It has been real." – Annie Cohn

"It does not do to dwell on dreams and forget to live." – Albus Dumbledore

J.V. Soccer 1, Varsity Soccer 2-4, History Club 2-4, National Honor Society 3-4, Prom Committee 3, Student Council 1-4, German Exchange 3, YRBS 3-4, Rotary Speech Competition 2-3, Athletic Leadership 2-3, Wrestling Manager 3-4, History Day 3, Addison United Soccer 1-4, Basketball Ticket Counter Salesgirl 3-4

Mom:

We are so incredibly proud of you. You have overcome obstacles and persevered to become a beautiful, intelligent, caring adult. Congratulations on a job well done. We know there are great adventures in your future. We will love you always. Mom & Dad

P.S. Woof - Caleb

To My Role Model,

"It's unbelievable how brilliant you are. In an unreliable world you shine like a star. It's unforgettable now that we've come this far."

Congrats on graduation and I love you very much. Rachel

Tiffany Jay Roberts

Tiff, Tiffie, Tiffer Bug

"Never regret something that once made you smile."

Softball 1, Hannaford Career Center 3-4, Hannaford Career Center Outstanding Student 3

The youngest of three, we hoped you could stay little forever. However, the reality is that you have grown into a very smart, beautiful, and caring young lady. We are very proud of you "Baby Girl".

Love always,

Mama & Paddy
**Trevor Sampson**

T-REV

Band 1, Lacrosse 1-4, Captain 4, Football 3-4

Trevor, we are so proud of you and we know that you will succeed in whatever you choose to do in the future. Love, Mom, Dad, Jason and Miranda

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**Hillary Joyce Sedelnick**

JuJu, Hilly, Hi-Lary, Hilga, Hill, Tinker-Bell, Nick, Nikky

"You have so many relationships in this life, only one or two will last. You're going through all the pain and strife, then you turn your back and they're gone so fast. So hold on the ones who really care. In the end, they'll be the only ones there. And when you get old and start losing your hair, can you tell me who will still care? Mmm boa, ba duba dopp, ba dopp. Boa dopp dopp, ba dopp. In an mmm boa they're gone, in an mmm boa they're not there."

- Hanson "MMMBop"

Softball 1, Track 1, Rowing 2-4, Swimming, Yearbook 1-2, Knitting Club 1, History Day 1 & 3, VOC 1

Hillary, you have always said I had you to entertain you. In many ways you are right. You have brought me so much joy in watching you grow up. To watch each phase you wandered through, each time you were a bit different but still great excitement. I know now much you have struggled and are in awe of your determination to get through it. Remember, a deep breath and then get through it. I love you, Your Toddler

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**Ryan Sheehan**

Ry

Band 1, Vocational 2-4

Ryan — We are very proud of you, of the man you are becoming. You can do anything you set your mind to. Aim high—your choices are endless.

Love, Mom, Bob, Shelby, and Grandpa
Ivy Sienkiewycz

"I am stronger than this glass mirror, and you are sweet as a kiss on the cheek. I am stronger than dark roast and you, you are sweet as dripping honey comb."

Walden 3-4

Joy

"I wish you roses in the spring
Fledglings on the wing
Fireflies that sing your name
I wish you joy!" (Janis Ian)

Congratulations, Ivy! We love you, Mom & Dad

Harry Smith

Hair Bear

"This God that I worship, this Demon I fear...conspire as one." – Randy Blithe

Lacrosse Club 1, Lacrosse 2-4, Drama Club 4

Fiona Perry Spencer

"I'm frightened by the devil and I'm drawn to those ones that ain't afraid." – Joni Mitchell

Walden 3-4, Art Club 3-4, New England Young Writer's Conference 3, Chorus 1, 2, 4, VUHS Musicals 3-4

I know parents usually love their kids and their kids love them and Fio and I are no different in that respect. The thing is, I really like Fiona. I like her a lot. She's just plain likable!
Mavis Stansbery
Moovis

"Be Kind – for everyone you meet is fighting their own battle."

Rowing 1-2, Yearbook 1, Art Club 4

Mavis,
You are a strong and independent girl. We have been through a lot together, and I could not be more proud of the young woman you have become. I know your strong will and determination will take you far! I love you, Mom

Michelle May Stark
Mieschi, Shell

"You don’t know what you have till it’s gone!"

JV Cheerleading 1, Varsity Cheerleading 2-4, Flag Team 2, Varsity Cheerleading Team Manager 3-4, Varsity Cheerleading Captain 3, Cheer Champion 2-3

Cody Benjamin Steele

"Don’t let the fear of striking out hold you back."
- Babe Ruth

JV Soccer 1-2, JV Baseball 1-2, Varsity Baseball 3-4, Babe Ruth Baseball 1-4, DUO 3, Homecoming Float 1-4, National Technical Honor Society

Cody... You’ve grown into such a wonderful young man. You’re kind, thoughtful, hardworking, and we couldn’t be more proud of you. We know you will go far and succeed at whatever you set your mind to. 98 and 3/4 guaranteed... You’re off to great places! Today is your day! Your mountain is waiting. So... get on your way! Oh, the places you will go... Always know we love you, support you and your decisions, and will always be here for you.

All our love, Mom, Dad, and Wade
Jacob M. T. Stepnowits

"The only dependable thing about the future is uncertainty."

"Superhuman effort isn't worth a damn unless it achieves results." Sir Ernest Shackleton


When the years pass in a blur and before my eyes you grow into a man both your father and I are proud of. You see with your heart; question with your mind; and plan with both for your future. In times of darkness you are a light and in all times you are an individual. And even a carpet snake, no matter where your path leads, remember the road home and the love that waits there. Thank you for being a blessing! With love, Your Mother and Father. J & Y. CST

Christina E. Stinchfield
Ninga, Ningalingadingdong, Ning Ning, Ninja turtle

"Don't argue with an idiot. They will only bring you down to their level and beat you with experience."

Bech: "He looks a little fuzzy there, why don't you pick him up and give him a cuddle?"
Brennan: "Just because I have breath doesn't mean I have magical power over infants!"

Soccer JV 1-2, Varsity 3-4, Student Council 1-4, President 1-4, YRBS 3-4, Health Fair 3, Snowboarding 2-3, JV Basketball 1, Golf 1-4, Wrestling Manager 2-4, Prom Committee 3, Newspaper 3, Girls State 3, Mentoring 4

Melinda Swenor

"If you have built castles in the air, your work need not be lost, that is where they should be. Now put the foundations under them."

Walden 4, Photography 1-4
Lillian Thompson
Lil, Lil-Bil

Once upon an egg sandwich. - JCL, LMT, BPT

Basketball 4, Relay For Life 2-4, Math Team 3-4, Project Grad Committee 4, Student Tutoring 4, Gay Straight Alliance 4

Jesse John Tyan
Tyan, T-Dizzle, Pepe

"You miss 100% of the shot you don't take." - Wayne Gretsky

Soccer 1, Basketball 1-4, Golf 1-4, Yearbook 3, Pingpong Club 4, Climbing Club 4

Kathleen D. Van Wyck
Kay

"There's bound to be rough waters and I know I'll take some falls, but with the good Lord as my captain I can make it through them all." - Garth Brooks

Vermont History Day 1, Basketball 1-4, AAU Basketball 2-3, Math Team 2-4, National Honor Society 3-4, Tutoring 2-4, Blood Drive Volunteer 3-4, Relay for Life 2-4, Young Peoples 3-4

Kathleen,
You are our special, beautiful daughter and it has been a joy and privilege to watch you grow into a young lady. We pray that you use your talents wisely and continue to grow in grace, truth and love.

Love, Dad and Mom
Brian J. Van De Weert
Brizer, Brizee, Bri-Man, Brizee-Boo-Boo, Brizee Bear

"It's all about fallin' down and gettin' back up. Your good times and hard luck. True love and Amazing Grace. workin' all week for a backache. Raisin' cane. Friday nights, Sunday church to set it right. They can write it on my stone. my life's been a country song." -Chris Coole

Basketball 1-4, NHS 3-4, Young Peoples 1-4, VBS Helper 3-4.

Brian,
We are so proud of you.
"You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself in any direction you choose. You're on your own, And you know what you know. You are the guy who will decide where to go." - Dr. Seuss

May God guide you in the journey ahead. Love, Dad & Mom

Shelley Renee Van De Weert
Shellbell, Muffin, Shelbert, Sherbert, Smiley

"So don't you sit upon the shoreline and say you're satisfied. Choose to chance the rapids, and dare to dance the tide." - Garth Brooks

"On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand. All other around is sinking sand." - Edward Mote


Shelley,
May your college days be ahead with much fun! We are so proud of you. Wherever you go, no matter what the weather, always bring your own sunshine. Love, Dad & Mom

David Viscido
Dave, Viseelo, Mosquito

VT History Day 1 - 2, Tutoring Program 3 - 4, Varsity Soccer 3, Project Graduation 4, Writing Committee 4, Snowboard Team 4
Brittany Esther Warner
B, Britt

"If you can dream it you can achieve it." - Unknown
"A dream is a wish your heart makes." - Cinderella

It has been a long road. We are very proud of you. We knew you could do it. You can accomplish anything that you set your mind to.
The world is ahead of you, go get it.

Love, Mom & Dad

Ellen Watkins
Elle, Elle-Belle, LN

"I would only believe in a god who could dance." - Iba

Musical 1-4, Band/Choir 1-4 (President 3-4), Student Council VP 1-3, Representative 4, Cross Country 1-3 (Captain 3-4), Outdoor Track 1-4, Nordic Skiing 2-4, Jazz Band 4, Commodore Singers 2-4 (Manager 4), National Honor Society 3-4 (President 4), Relay for Life 2-4 (Committee Co-Chair 3-4), Pep Band 3-4 (Secretary 4), Science Club 3, GSA 1-4 (President 2-4), Rotary Student Speaker 4, Peer Review 3, Peer Tutoring Summer at Brown 3, Indoor Track 1, Intern with FCS Drama 2-4

Darling Ellen,
Your grace, beauty and intellect surround your Virgin and speedy frame. Keep your passions, humor and belief in yourself as you navigate the exciting world about you before you. Like they say about Jonn, you’re a pretty good sister. (A pretty good daughter and sister, too!!)

We love you. Mom, Dad, Jamie, Peter and Sedna

Joshua Andrew West
Josh

FFA 3-4
Hans Westenfeld
Hansi

Baseball 1-4, Soccer 3-4

Hans,
As you journey through life, remember to work hard, be true to your friends, and loyal to family.
Wishing you success and happiness,
With much love, Mom, Tim, Stacy, Krista, and Timothy

Samantha Elise Willard
Sammi

Softball 1-2

Sammi,
Yes, you are ravishing! I am proud of you and I know you will continue to make me proud in anything you do. You have a good head on your shoulders and I trust you to make good life decisions. I love you, love Mom.

T. Stowe Miller
Stoweseph

The man who smiles when things go wrong has thought of someone to blame it on. - Robert Bloch

Time is a great teacher, but unfortunately it kills all its pupils ... - Louis Hector Berlioz

Commodore Singers 3, Drama Club 4, Musical 1-4

Stowe, we are so proud of you, you’re a talented young man and you’ll go on to do great things. We couldn’t have asked for a better son we love you.
Love Dad, Mom and Family.
"Some people want it to happen, some wish it would happen, others make it happen."

- Michael Jordan

Logan J. Williams

Varsity Basketball 1-4, Varsity Baseball 1-4, Captain 3-4, AAU Basketball 1-3, American Legion Baseball 2-4, Band 1, Math Team 4

Logan, I was there when you were born and now we are giving this message at your graduation. The years have flown by and you have grown into a person we are all so proud of. You can achieve things that we could only have imagined. You are destined for great things. We are so proud of you. I look forward to seeing how your future unfolds. We love you!

- Aunt Kim & Uncle Dave

Logan, we all look up to you. You are my hero. Anything you want will be yours. I love you! Love, Mom

Ending one journey. Beginning anew.
I close my eyes only for a moment

The Class

All my dreams pass before my eyes
And the moment's gone.

of 2010

In curiosity.
Prom 2009
Old Hollywood

Prom King:
Stowe Miller
Prom Queen:
Shelley VanDeWeert

Commodores 🎵 49 🎵
Class of 2010
Senior Superlatives

Most changed since 7th grade: Matthias Carmier & Maddie Delaney
Nicest Smile: Shally Van Den Vooort & Tana Westenberg
Most Infectious Laugh: Genaevia Cohn & Mitchell Goyette
Nicest Eyes: Connor Merrill & Molly Brigan
Most Likely to Succeed: Eliza Watkins & Brian Kilbane
Most Likely to Travel the World: Ginger Matthews & Spencer Howard
Most Artistic: David Viscido & Shauna Lafave
Most Musical: Margy Kerschner & Jon Kaufman
Class Clowns: Stowe Miller & Kristine Jackson
Most Athletic: Logan Williams & Rikki Cloutier
Most Likely to be on Broadway: Tate Noel & spicy Wilkins
Class Opposites: Margaret Quinn & Cody Hawkins
Most Fashionable: Simon Flynn & Hilary Delisle
Best Hair: Preston Gage & Kathleen Van Wyck
Neat Shoulders to Cry On: Stephen Wessner & Coby Parker
Drama King/Drama Queen: JC Oates & Ashley Jerger
Most Technologically Informed: Marissa Andersen & Tyler Alger-Racicot
Class Couple: Brittany McGrath & Jacob Ouellette
Most Random: Whitney Menard & Tristan Bushay
Most Likely to Star in a Reality TV Show: Courtney Andersons & Harry Smith
Quintessential Vermonter: Gary Grant & Tiffany Roberts
Most Spirit: Morgan Benton & Riley Laberge
Most Likely to be on a Magazine Cover: Justyn Cousino & Meredith Bevenue
Over Thirty Years Club
Commitment and Dedication to Students and Learning

Cathy Spaulding has been teaching here since 1975. During that time, over 4,000 students have crossed her room in grades 7-12. She has taught reading, English, Visual Literacy, Skills and Communication, College Composition, Short stories, and much more. All of those years she has been a devoted advocate for teachers and students at VUHS. All of those years she has strived to bring real world expectations and guidelines to her students. All of those years, she has stressed study habits, vocabulary acquisition and an appreciation for the classics. All of those years, she has mentored students and teachers alike. She has introduced more to Shakespeare and explained the intricacies of Romeo & Juliet each generation that has crossed her path. She has challenged, cajoled and demanded excellence from her students. Those who have had her as a morning meeting teacher have seen her love of holidays and celebrations of birthdays and milestones in the lives of her students. The 2010 Yearbook is proud to be a part of a milestone in her life and to celebrate her career and the new roads that lie open to her as she retires. Congratulations, Mrs. Spaulding and thanks for being a part of the education of VUHS for so long.
Where to start! When you add it all up, these individuals have served students and VUHS for over one hundred and sixty years of teaching experience. Each brings to the students their own special passion for learning, life and continues to show the school, community and other professionals what it means to be a life long learner and educator. We salute them and cherish their role in life at VUHS.

Let's us talk about energy!
Experience beyond compare!
Exuberance for life and learning!
Sometimes known to be on a tear!
Home town connected!
Over the moon with tennis is the word!
Right in your face if need be or your corner too!
Enjoy seeing people smile!
Yells for joy and with emphasis!

Pet friendly and animal lover!
A nimted about travel and kids!
Motivated to get her students the best!
A talented teacher of history!
A divider to countless classes!
Year 35 and going strong!
Over of diversity!
Out right funny!
Reaches out to each student!

Small in stature, but tremendous impact!
Unusual ability to teach over 100 at a time!
Experienced in competitions and musicals beyond belief!
Organized and created our existing band program!
Dedicated to her community in so many ways!
Always able to find one more instrument for a child to play!

Never settles for less than excellence!
Individuals have followed her path into music education!
Exceptional musician!
Loves all her charges both big and small!

Never could turn down a challenge!
Always looking for new ways to teach!
Never ending dedication to students and teachers!
Can you say triplets!!
Youthful and enthusiastic
Attention to each and every child!
Makes milk and cookies an art form!
Brings mathematics alive!
Remembers the connections between community and students!
Operates on a schedule most can not define!
She is queen of call-back!
Eager to take every generation on a journey into mathematics!
If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader."
- John Quincy Adams

If they are lucky, every person has someone in their corner that sees the best in them and pushes them to be it. Someone who inspires them to dream more, learn more, do more and become more; just by encouraging them and inspiring them to try. The Class of 2010 is very lucky to have this individual in their lives. Wherever you look at school, she is there. Whether it is a music event, the musical, a dance, a fundraiser or a Student Council function, she is there. With a smile, a slight accent (Miss Georgia) and a diligence that always perseveres and wins out. She shows us that we matter, that we can lead and that we have to try. For her zeal, dedication and outright pushing all these years to be our best, the Class of 2010 co-dedicates its Blue & White to Nancy Kuhns.

"The highest function of the teacher consists not so much in imparting knowledge as in stimulating the pupil in its love and pursuit."

Every trip we take in life and every journey we complete adds to our life and makes us who we are. Every one of us at VUHS has had the distinct pleasure of experiencing the powerful influence of this co-Yearbook dedicatee. In her honor, the following addition is being suggested to Webster Dictionary.

Morsed Verb: To be immersed in learning by guided hands. To search through books, periodicals and words for words and experiences to enrich one's life; To find staggering amounts of resources, anywhere, anytime, for anyone. To go above and beyond until it becomes the definition of how to do that job. For that and much more, the Class of 2010..."
Teacher of the Year

Riddle Me This: What makes a Teacher of the Year?

What comes in a pint size package, but packs a double punch of love of history and excellence? Need some more clues? Ok! Who takes you your freshman year and turns you into a student of history, and draws you back again and again for Psychology and AP European History? Who puts it all together year after year and has earned the respect and acclaim of her peers and students alike? The answer is one of the tiniest in size on the faculty, but one of the most powerful in delivery. The students, staff, and parents of ANWSU congratulate and celebrate Mrs. Becca Coffey. Historian George Santayana remarked, "the wisest mind has something yet to learn."

VUHS proudly salutes Ms. Coffey as the VUHS Teacher of the Year 2009.
All I really need to know about how to live and what to do and how to be a member of a community, I learned in kindergarten. These are the things I learned:

- Share everything.
- Play fair.
- Don't hit people.
- Put things back where you found them.
- Clean up your own mess.
- Don't take things that aren't yours.
- Say you're sorry when you hurt somebody.
- Wash your hands.
- Warm cookies and cold milk are good for you.
- Live a balanced life
- Learn some and think some and draw and paint and sing and dance and play and work every day some.

- Take a nap every afternoon.
- When you go out in the world, watch out for traffic, hold hands and stick together.
- Be aware of wonder. Remember the little seed in the Styrofoam cup; the roots go down and the plant goes up and nobody really knows how or why, but we are all like that.
- Goldfish and hamsters and white mice and even the little seed in the Styrofoam cup - they all die. So do we.
- And then remember the Dick-and-Jane books and the first word you learned - the biggest word of all - LOOK.

And it is still true, no matter how old you are, when you go out in the world, it is best to hold hands and stick together.
"Life is partly what we make it, and partly what it is made by the friends we choose.

Searching Possibilities
Juniors are 2011 Dreaming

The real world is coming and school times seem to fly. I want to live it all and not let it just go by.

With senior year just months away, the junior class put on a prom to remember. With a theme of Under the Stars and a memorable site of the Basin Harbor Club, the class danced the night away to the music of DJ Charlie.

In classes, on the stage, in the orchestra and on the court, the presence of the junior class was powerful and spirited. Led by president Hannah DeGraaf, the class raised money, planned prom and even looked ahead to the hectic events of senior year.

With future paths beginning to show different journeys for the class, the dances, bonfires and community service projects take on new spirit.

Onward to graduation and 2011!
Shelby Sheehan
Monique Simpson
Anna Jo Smith
Hannah Smith
Rachael Smith
Arie Smits

Jazmin Spear
Timothy Staems
Daniela Stapleford
Morgan Stinchfield
Seth Stone
Hannah Sturtevant

Adam Terry
Katelynn Vial
Kelsey Wildasin
"The difference between school and life? In school, you're taught a lesson and then given a test. In life, you're given a test that teaches you a lesson."
SOPHIES

Sophomores show style, Curiosity and just plain wonder at the world around them. With a combination of play, serious study and adventure, they look at the world as one in motion and in change. It is a year of growth and some hardly resemble the photos from the year before. It is a year of new friends, new classes and finding their way in the halls of VUHS. Community service projects become a place to show their fierce competitive spirit and on the fields and courts of the sports teams. Their presence was felt in the musical and on the climbing wall. Looking up, and moving up is the Class of 2012
Brendan Duke
Nicholas Edwards
Dale Eriksen
Erika Evans
Nathan Fleming
Maxwell Flynn
Chelsea Grant
Geoffrey Grant
Lillian Haigis
Julian Hattler
Forrest Hentschel
Andrew Karzmarczyk
Matthew Karzmarczyk
Nathan Karzmarczyk
Alexa Kayhart
Brianna Lee Kelly
Mary Kittredge
Justin Lafountain
Sierra Lane
Marcy Langlais
Benjamin Lapell
Alexis Louko
Holly Macdougal
Emily Magoon
Hanna Mailloux
Alex McClellan
Jesse Morris
Natasha Moulton
Eddie Mullis
Katelyn Mullis

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AMAZING SOPHOMORES
FRESHIES Explore The Second Floor

The world looks different from the second floor. It is only one flight of stairs, but it represents a summer of growth and change. Looking at the world of high school with wide eyes, the Freshies move into the flow of life at VUHS. They are noticed immediately as they turn out in numbers for the first dance. They are quick to appear in all phases of life at VUHS and can be seen enjoying life to the fullest. While the deadlines and responsibilities of the second floor are new, the FRESHIES are up to the challenge.

Long Ago, in a galaxy Far Far Away the force known as the Freshies moved in to a new Universe called High School. There they battled the evil homework empire and even found themselves on the playing fields of music, sports, and clubs. Every where they went they were noticed in the Commodore Empire.
Learning to balance it all is a new experience!

May the force guide their path!

Molly Ambrose  
Simon Anguish  
Kristian Ashley  
Chase Atkins  
Erik Averill  
Abigail Baker  
Austin Beamish

Kenneth Bell  
Isaac Bicknell  
Elyzabeth Bodington  
Dustin Brace  
Alexandra Brinkman  
Casey Brinkman-Traverse  
Capricia Burbo

Gary Caldwell  
Nathaniel Cannon  
Shepherd Carter  
Hunter Casey  
Damian Chamberlain  
Caitlin Chaput  
Clara Childers

Morgen Clark  
Joshua Cook  
Amanda Cota  
Alexandria Crowell  
Ryan Crowningshield  
Christopher Dayton  
Edward Devino

Kelsey Dobson  
Andrew Edwards  
Christopher Fish  
Chelsea Fuller  
Abigail Gendreau  
Alicia Gendreau  
Justice Gilbert

Jordan Grant  
Rebecca Hardin  
Devin Hayes  
Cynthia Holler  
Brittany Huestis  
Alexander Hulfish  
Cody Hutchins

Joshua Hutchins  
Rachel Jaring  
Marissa Jochum  
David Johnson  
Timothy Johnston  
Casey Jones  
Karizma Joyal
All life is an experiment. The more experiments you make the better.
-Ralph Waldo Emerson
I still find each day too short for all the thoughts I want to think, all the walks I want to take, all the books I want to read, and all the friends I want to see.
Whether it’s Relay for Life, a 5K Run for Baby Charlotte, a call for funds and supplies for Haiti, or the needs of a community member facing cancer, the VUHS Community responds. Taking their cues from the adults in the community who serve, the 583 teens all kind ways to make a difference and to cultivate lifelong devotion to the needs of the community, state and world.
In the quiet of evening, or on a weekend day, you can pass VUHS and find some cars in the lot. These are from the staff of the Yearbook who spends over 600 hours annually working to create a collection of images, information, and documentation of the Year of Life at VUHS. For these people it is a labor of love and not of one of requirement. It is a small, tight-knit family that comes together to create their masterpiece, documenting the Colors of Life at VUHS for 2010. For Tucker, Marissa, Courtney, Will, Hannah, Daniella, and Step it is a creative journey documenting the school we love and the people we call COMMODORES.
If there were ever a time to dare,
To make a difference
To embark on something worth doing
It is now.
Not for any grand cause, necessarily —
But for something that tugs at your heart
Something that is worth your aspiration
Something that is your dream.
You owe it to yourself
To make your days count.
Have fun. Dig deep. Stretch.
Dream big.
Know, though,
That things worth doing
Seldom come easy,
There will be times when you want to
Turn around
Pack it up and call it quits
Those times tell you
That you are pushing yourself
And that you are not afraid to learn by trying.
Persist.

Because with an idea,
Determination and the right tools,
You can do great things.
Let your instincts, your intellect
And let your heart guide you.
Trust.
Believe in the incredible power
Of the human mind
Of doing something that makes a difference
Of working hard
Of laughing and hoping
Of lasting friends
Of all the things that will cross your path
Next year
The start of something new
Brings the hope of something great.
Anything is possible
There is only one you
And you will pass this way but once.
Do it right.—Author Unknown
Dancing the night away.

Karaoke!
Homcoming!

Not even the glare of the evening makes this boy lose his shades.

Two hours to decorate! You have got to be kidding.

Come one come all, we're having a ball.

I won't look, I won't.

Smile for the camera!

Looking to have some serious fun.

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By creating your own personal commitment
For VUHS Students, Peace One Day is more than a reason to gather on the lawn. It is a student movement asking all to make a personal commitment, and to see Peace move closer into all of our lives.

with my enemies. I'm ready to live with my memories and ready to live with my enemies Lay your arms down And put them round each other Because you know I've been there brother I have been there brother.

Written and performed by Ginger Matthews & Fiona Spencer

"Peace is its own reward" Gandhi
"The more you sweat in peacetime, the less you bleed during war."  
Chinese Proverb

"When the power of love overcomes the love of power, the world will know peace."  
Jimi Hendrix

Lay Your Arms down  
And put them around each other.  
Because you know I've been there  
I've been there brother  
I've been down before  
And now that I'm back from war I'm ready to live my live with my memories. Ready to live.

"Peace is not something you wish for, It's something you make, Something you do. Something you are. And something you give away."
R. Fulghum
"Consider yourself at home!
Consider yourself one of the family!"
Based on the book *Oliver Twist* by Charles Dickens, Oliver is a young orphan in a large workhouse who draws a great deal of attention to himself when he asks for more at the dinner table. No one likes a greedy orphan, so Oliver finds himself sold to an undertaker. He runs away, and is taken in by a group of pickpockets who try to teach the innocent boy to be a thief. Eventually he escapes from the clutches of the crime ring and finds love, happiness, and a home.

Food, glorious food! We're anxious to try it. Three banquets a day—our favorite diet!
For us to be with the Maritime Museum in the fall and the spring it works well because they know what we are capable of and we know what they expect. The relationship also allows us to know the organization and those who work in it well.

Matt DeBlois

We were born to unite with our fellow men and to join in community with the human race.

Cicero
In its third year, the Community Service Learning Days have grown to incorporate the goals of establishing strong bonds between youth and their community, providing open doors ways for learning about programs and businesses in the area, fostering planning and thought around post high school educations by visiting eight different colleges and offering the classes a chance to develop experiences and community projects that transcend the classroom and school year.
BLOOD DRIVES MEETS NEEDS

VUHS has a long tradition of helping the community and providing for its needs. Science teacher Mark Powers began a tradition that has become an annual link between students, community and the real identified need for blood. Working with the Red Cross and his Anatomy & Physiology Class, the Blood Drive brings in over 80 pints of blood at each drive. Student run and publicized; it is real world interaction with vital results. One drop at a time, the blood saves lives.
The members of the National Honor Society all share a commitment to excellence in academics, leadership and community involvement. Each strives to make a difference in the town they call home. Some take classes at the college level, some lead the school student body, some perform hundreds of hours of community service, but all share a passion for excellence that makes them stand a part. The members of NHS from the classes of 2010 and 2011 are Class of 2010: Courtney Andersen, Marissa Andersen, Meredith Bienvenue, Molly Brigan, Morgan Denton, Jonathan Kauffman, Margaret Kerschner, Natalie McClay, and Chris Parfill. Class of 2011: Hannah DeGraaf, Margaret Johnston, Greata Krahn, William Kuhns, Isabelle Langrock, Nathan North, Allison Provost and Hannah Sturtevant.
Over 50 participants researched and presented history.

Exhibits, skits, documentaries and web sites.

Making connections from the past to the present.

Some journeys lead to Washington and Nationals.

Princess Diana rules in our book!

The History Club involves students in US History competitions, and many others in speech contests around the state. This year over 60 spoke in six different contests. Club leaders, Marissa Andersen, Courtney Andersen, Mill Kuhns and Nate North were very active all around the school and state.
"Learning to lead while still in school"

"Working hard to create and plan events for the school" Nancy Kubis: Advisor

Look out world, here comes the Class of 2010 Ellen Watkins

Senior Officers checking out the weather and getting plans together
Future Farmers

Working toward a future for the planet and careers for themselves the Vergennes FFA works with Mr. Vandeweer and Mrs. Buck

Logging miles to learn, see and experience

Projects large and small bring us together
Gay-Straight Alliance

"Gay" Is Not Tolerated As An Insult In This Space
Art Club

Math Team!
Always on the lookout for new members and new project! VUHS Clubs Rock
Local-vore Lunch!

Menu

Bacon and Spinach Quiche
Leek and Cheddar Quiche
Potato and Lentil Soup
Vegetable Soup
Apple and Spinach salad
Bread Rolls
Carrots
Apple Crisp

All local food was provided for lunch by the Nutrition committee, Cooking with Science class, and the Walden program. Lots of the food was donated for this lunch that was provided to students for a mere $2.
Community service never feels like a responsibility to me, or an obligation. I love it. Never do I feel better about how I have spent my time than at the end of a day of service.
DUO means Do Unto Others. In reality, it means a chance to step outside your self and see the world as a woven tapestry of connections and lessons to be learned. It is about growth, sharing and learning. It teaches life skills and lasts far beyond the confines of a school day. Under the leadership of Dennis West, it links school, community and students in a way that makes all benefit.

Community service isn’t about padding one’s resume, it isn’t about doing things so that one might be proud and arrogant about it. But it is the dawning realization of to the greater understanding our humanity, our fragility and a greater appreciation of the great lives that so many of us lead and deem to be “normal” – when it pretty much is extraordinary in its own respect relative to many other individuals around the world.
Academics
Shakespeare calls to him,
And with the classics he is at home.
On the football grid he was tested,
And many a player he did coach.
In the classroom he explored antiquity,
challenging each new class to shine.
In the administrative office,
His vision is of 80% going on to college,
and redefining our graduation requirements.
Words like palindrome and catawampus
Roll of his tongue.
But we are here to relate.

VUHS is a stronger and better organization
because Principal Ed Webbley steps up to
home plate.

“To accomplish great things, we must not only act, but also dream;
not only plan, but also believe.”
Anatole France
"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world." Nelson Mandela

Superintendent of Schools: Thomas O'Brien
Administrative Assistants: Sally A. Bushey, Linda Douville Alyson Crita
Co-Directors of Curriculum & Staff Development: Carol Spencer, Elizabeth Lewis
Good morning, this is Vergennes Union High School. How can we help you? How many times and in how many ways do each of these special people help us each in a year? They give, support, and carry out tasks with diligence, excellence and a sense of humor that is legendary. We honor our secretaries and know they are a part of the heartbeat that makes VUHS a strong and caring community.
It starts with the smile that greets,
Every time someone walks in.
It continues with each person,
Each paper, each file and each day.
When excellence is the norm for all
who stay.

When we think of ANSWU one name
Comes to mind,
Miss Sally Bushey has steered the ship
Through superintendents galore.

With each decade and each day,
Sally's excellence and caring is the same.
She never failed, she never balked.
She took each turn and turned it into promise.

When we think of hard work,
dedication
and setting the bar for excellence, par none.
Miss Sally is the one.

ANWSU will open next year without her hand,
But her legacy is one that will always stand.
Treat others as you wish to be seen,
And never give less than 100 percent.

For all of those who crossed your path,
And felt your caring,
Thank you seems so lacking.
So little for all you have done.

But you never wanted thanks,
You never asked for praise.
You side stepped accolades
And didn't even want printed your name.

Well, this time is different,
For the writing will forever stay
And carry with it the thanks of generations,
Who have been touched in so many ways.

We are what we repeatedly do.
Excellence, then, is not an act,
but a habit.

Aristotle
Special Ed

Commodores
Hm... did you hear about
at game?
rs. Kuhns did you see my last
grade?
rs. Buck how did my testing
be?
rs. Chamberlain do I have
are on this assignment to go?
rs. Clark did you watch me
in that test?
rs. Griswold, do you really
ink I can?
s. Hallock I want to thank
in.
s. Hatch taught me so much
at I know now I can,
even if I don't say it, each
day every day, thank you for
ning me reach my potential in
ny different ways.

I am not a very important man, no; importance
is commonly rated; I do not have great wealth,
consequence, or occupy a position of
great honor or authority.

Yet I may someday could destroy. Far is it written,
my power to become the most important man in
the world in the life of a boy. And every boy is a
potential atom bomb in human history.

A humble citizen like myself might have been
the hypnotist of a troop in which an unhappy
Austrian led by the name of Adolf
might have found a peaceful haven, fill of the
shades of brotherhood, goodwill, and kindness.
And the world would have been different.

These men would never have known that they
had turned away tragedy; yet actually they
would have been among the most important men
who ever lived.

A hundred years from now it will not matter
what my bank account was, the sort of house I
lived in, or the kind of car I drove. But the world
may be different, however's more important is
the life of a child.

- Mark Twain

Whether it is a
listening ear, a
helping hand, or
focusing students
on goals and tasks,
the clinicians are a
valuable member
of the student
support team at
VUHS. We salute
their dedication
and skill!
The Abbey

The Bus Driving Team
When you look at the faces of the people that make up the lunch, bus, and custodial team at VUHS you see caring people who span the gamut for experiences. Each person brings to the job and the school a wonderful sense of support and dedication to the students, community and beautiful facility that we call VUHS. Many are from this area and have themselves walked the hallways of this building as students. Many others are parents, police officers, sheriffs, devote countless hours to civic and volunteer organizations. When it was written that it "takes a community to raise a child," they had this special group of people in mind.

VUHS Salutes all who work here and strive for personal excellence day in and day out.

Mr. VUHS? That would be Roland Guyette. No one has spent more time here and in more capacities than Mr. Guyette. He has taught generations to drive, coached generations and served as our timer and soda machine individual since his official retirement. He has ran the local pool and assisted teens longer and in more ways than anyone can really count. So, thanks Mr. VUHS. We notice and we love you.
There are applications, deadlines and forms, credits and courses, and oh yeah much more. What do you want to do? Who do you want to be? How can we help you? How can you try and see? When can you see us? How about right now? Looks like a bad day. Looks like a great one too. Looks like career choices are getting closer for you. Every day and in every way the Guidance Department reaches out to the students of Vergennes Union High School to help them find paths to the future and beyond.

"As a single footprint will not make a path on the earth, so a single thought will not make a pathway in the mind. To make a deep physical path, we walk again and again. To make a deep mental path, we must think over and over the kind of thoughts we wish to dominate our lives."

"In helping others, we shall help ourselves, for whatever good we give out completes the circle and comes back to us." Flora Edwards
Supporting someone happens in more than one way. Supporting someone includes helping them to find and live a healthy lifestyle. Supporting someone includes helping them find, set, and reach goals. Supporting someone means helping them to see rules and boundaries and learning to function with in them. Supporting someone means helping them find and use their voice and speech. Supporting someone is about helping them with substance abuse and even helping them to see the power of each person. Supporting person is tiring and takes a lot of love.

Supporting the students and adults of VUHIS is what the people on these pages do every day for everyone at VUHIS.

We thank them and know inside that we are all better people because of their time and caring.

"The more I help others to succeed, the more I succeed."
Ray Kroc
Through the English department at VUHS students are awoken to the long human tradition of written and spoken word. From the romantic, to transcendentalist, students learn about the proper use of words and grammar, and the innate power that their usage holds. Students at Vergennes Union High School leave with the knowledge and skills to use language properly, and the unstoppable drive to look at the world in a questioning and analytic fashion.

As students enter the realms of Tim Maynes, Matt Schlien, Cathy Spaulding, Mike Thomas, Chris Wyckoff, or Karl Steen, they are often unprepared for the depth and breadth of the journey they are about to take. Whether they explore literature through classics like Catcher in the Rye, When Things Fall Apart, Midsummer’s Night Dream, Beowulf, The Great Gatsby or are challenged to draft, revise, edit and publish their own works on subjects from autobiographies to the analysis of works and grammar, VUHS students are taught to be strong readers, writers and communicators. They stretch their minds, their skills, and open doorways into career paths and life long learning goals that had never previously occurred to them. They often write for pleasure, and attend challenging symposiums like the Bread Loaf Writer’s Conference at Middlebury College. No matter which they take World Literature, Voices, Skills & Communication, Humanities, British Literature Visual Literacy, Speech or others, the students all learn to grow on individual paths as readers, writers and communicators.
"The ability to read awoke inside me some long dormant craving to be mentally alive."

The past seems so long ago, yet it impacts the daily lives we live. It teaches and reminds us of who we are, and where we have come from. At VUHS students explore connections between themselves and themes that run throughout history. They link the past to the present and to themselves as the future citizens of functioning democracy. The classes allow a lot of individual choice, reflection, and performance assessments that are aligned to the school standards and state plans.

The Social Studies department at VUHS shocks those students who arrive expecting history to be facts, figures and names of people long deceased. It is offered to the students in the form of stories of people who transformed their lives, and the lives of those around them. It is presented in the form of the big ideas and concepts of geography, economics, political science, art, music, and looks into the connections between the past, present and future. Students learn concepts, reflect on whose story it is, and demonstrate their new learning at a variety of levels with performance assessments that tie the teens to the lessons of history and their role in it as citizens.

With required courses including US History, World Cultures, and electives that include Civics & Current Events, Psychology, World Conflicts, Vermont Designs, AP European History, AP US History, World Geography, Native American Studies, African-American Studies, Economics, Global Issues, Personal Finance, and more, Pamela Taylor, Becca Coffey, Mike Whalen, Cookie Steponaitis and Steve Orzech take students on an odyssey through the history of their city, town, state, nation and world. Linking with civic organizations and individual community members, the students experience history as a living, breathing tapestry.
"Civilization is a movement and not a condition, a voyage and not a harbor."

-Arnold J. Toynbee
The Science department at VUHS offers students the tools to explore the world they live in from the perspective of scientists. They teach students to use tools, to gather data, to pose hypotheses, and to search for connections. Some classes focus on the world that surrounds us everyday, while others focus on the human body, and still more delve into the stars and the universe. Whether studying the atom or the infinite stretches of the cosmos, students are challenged to be inquisitive and to use tools and technology to learn. The department faculty of Judy Wiger, Mark Powers, Elisabeth Jameson, and Sarah Thompson have diverse backgrounds and passions. All share a desire to open the eyes of their students. VUHS students have science labs that allow the room to learn and teachers with a passion to teach not only the process, but the wonder of science.

"Scientific work must not be considered from the point of view of the direct usefulness of it. It must be done for itself, for the beauty of science, and then there is always the chance that a scientific discovery may become like the radium, a benefit"

-Marie Curie
Why do we study French?
“You will develop basic conversational and writing skills. You will also develop a cultural awareness that includes idioms, customs as well as the many countries and facets of the Francophone World.”

Why do we study Spanish?
“Discover the world. Explore your community. Experience a new perspective. Create career possibilities.”

Why do we study German?
“We dissect nature along lines laid down by our native language. Language is not simply a reporting device for experience but a defining framework for it.

With each conversation, each inquiry, and each new tense and verb learned, VUHS students get closer to the goal of being citizens of a global community. One where ideas can flow freely and the tools of communication are the skills learned in not only speaking and understanding in one tongue, but two.

Travel, exchanges and many other cultural opportunities make the World Language program at VUHS a growing community of students of the world. The World Language Faculty of Matt DeBlois, Janet Kepes, and Kristine Kirkaldy teach more than parts of speech. They teach a respect for cultures of the world and share a desire to explore them.
Physical Education is important and that it most certainly is "NOT Gym". The physical education department at Vergennes Union High School has obtained a large grant that has allowed the purchase of new technology and equipment to boost the personal work of each student at VUHS. Heart monitors, a high and low ropes course, and new fitness equipment have allowed faculty Ed Cook, Sarah Cook, and Lisa Newhard to reach each student and challenge them to set both personal fitness and academic goals as well. With courses like physical education, personal fitness, and health, students work alone and in groups to learn the human body and how to live a healthy and physically active life. Supporting the athletic teams at school as well as the after school program, all students work toward their own goals and demonstrate their learning in their own fitness plans and lifestyle choices.
Students as Technicians of Technology

I like my new telephone, my computer works just fine, my calculator is perfect, my twitter is tweeting, my Face book is sublime, by GPS just got me lost, but Lord, I miss my mind!

-Author Unknown

As technology continues to advance at a staggering rate, students at VUHS are instructed in the use of technology, software, and mastering the Internet as a tool for sponsoring the layers of learning in any school day. Mr. Heller, Mr. Orzech, Ms. Cusson and Mr. Jansen teach courses including Global Civic Issues, CAD Drafting, WEB Design, and work with teachers to include Power Point, Excel, Word, Audacity, Moviemaker, and In design and other software programs to streamline and help students focus their learning. Many of the courses stress research and presentation skills using Open office, web pages, web sites, wikis, blogs, and podcasts. The issues researched include poverty, world hunger, human rights, global warming, career choices, and require many hours of work on line.

Technology & Library Media

Some of the courses are paperless. All courses challenge students with performance assessments to produce original projects that bring together skills, creativity and technology.
VOHS students are challenged to excel in every aspect and level of art. Faculty members Jeff Spencer and Leah Hammond teach the basics to all students and the individual skills needed to each year take future professional artists to have their portfolios assessed. Whether in basics skills or advanced art, students explore all different mediums and rise to high standards set by Mr. Spencer and Ms. Hammond. Each course and each assignment is multi leveled and makes the student directly in charge of their own level of performance and their own understanding of the purpose and goals of art.

People around the world make art to:
• seek personal enjoyment and satisfaction. • express personal thoughts and feelings • communicate with others.
• create a more favorable environment. • Make others see more clearly. • provide us with new visual experiences.
• Record a time, place, person, or object. • commemorate important people or events. • reinforce cultural ties and traditions. • seek to affect social change. • tell stories. • heal the sick. •

* create an illusion or magic. • predict the future or remember the past. • earn a livelihood. • do something no one else can (or has yet done). • amuse themselves (or make us laugh). • make the ordinary extraordinary. • increase our global understanding.

"The purpose of art is washing the dust of daily life off our souls. Pablo Picasso"
Theater Arts takes students places they never imaged they could go. Each skit, each blocking, and each exercise makes the individual think about who, what, where, and why things are the way they are. Theater is about discovering uncharted destinations and finding new places. Not on the map, but inside.

Stephen Babcock, Morgan Stinchfield, Shelby Sheehan, Zach Castillo, JC Dugan, Kyle Birchmore, Dylan Lorraine, Hans Westenfeld, TJ Simpson, Anthony Preston, Margie Kerschner, Cody Hawkins, Isabelle Langrock, Hillary Delisle, Shane Miller, Dan Hawkins, Shauna Cooke, Rikki Cloutier, Jesse Bunde, Maggie Johnston, Kelsey Dobson, Travis Kilburn, Catherine Parker, Meridith Bienvenue, Lillian Haigis, Abby Marshall, Molly Ambrose, Abigail Gendreau, Agibail Baker and VL Joyal all took a journey into the world of Theater Arts and the deep recesses of the mind of Karl Steen. Exploring both, the cast of 30 Characters treated VUHS audiences to yet another masterpiece of live performance. The question posed was one of solace in the fact that we are not some one-dimensional characters drawn up at the creative whimsy of a hapless playwright! With that thought, let the stage lights come up and the journey begin.

Tristan Bushey, Ben Maurer, Colin Babcock, Andrew Lucia, Chris Parfitt, Robert Danyow, Preston Gage, Jeremy Kelly, Alyka VanderWey, Amanda Delphia, Latelyn Vlau, Christina Stinchfield, Devon Lane, Gary Grant, Brandon Hoose, Harry Smith, Dan Averill and Jeremy Greenhaus presented a journey into gender re-definition and the creation of the manliest Boy Band of all Time. Yet another bunch of mad scientists set the creation of transformation of the sexes, Man Band asked some age old questions about the sexes and even addressed what happens with The Feminizer and the Mafinator clashed. The result was pure belly laughing fun and proof yet again of the vistas opened and growth of all the participants of the Theater Arts class.
Theater

"All of the arts, poetry, music, ritual, the visible arts, the theater, must singly and together create the most comprehensive art of all, a humanized society, and its masterpiece, free man"

-Bernard Berenson

Mr. Karl Steen

Mr. Chris Wyckoff
Mathematics has been vital to the development of civilization; from ancient to modern times it has been fundamental to advances in science, engineering, and philosophy. As a result, the history of mathematics has become an important study; hundreds of books, papers, and web pages have addressed the subject in a variety of different ways.

Chaired by Nancy Ambrose, the Mathematics Department comprised of Leo Racht, Lynn Kayhart, Glenn Story and Teresa Smith daily make connections for students into working with math, which is interwoven to all parts of life in and out of school.

Math

The Mathematics department of VUHS has been on the cutting edge of technology use in the school for the past two years. With the use of Smartboards, the department has involved the students with math in an active learning process.

Not only has the faculty taken on a rigorous academic program in the evenings, but the planning and execution of the Mathematics curriculum has undergone many layers of change and evolution. Students at VUHS are offered many courses and opportunities to explore math beyond the classroom in competition and design.
"Pure mathematics is, in its way, the poetry of logical ideas."

- Albert Einstein

Mr. Glenn Story

Mrs. Lynn Kayhart

Mrs. Teresa Smith

Mr. Leo Racht

Mrs. Nancy Ambrose
PRESENTING:
The WALDEN PROJECT

FEATURING

Matt Schlein
Becky Ebel
GUEST STARRING

Kelsey Stetson
Kelsey Haigh
John Hunt

WALDEN X
“Rear view blinker blindspot”

“Clear, clear, GO!”

“Stop before the line, not after the line.”

“LOOK AT THOSE TURKIES!”

“Come on kids, we’re going on the road.”

For many students at VUHS, Driver’s Education is a right of passage. It involves getting a drivers license, learning the rules of the road, and being more independent. It involves study, practice, and intense concentration. A stickler for accuracy and skill, Ms. Chicoine loves to have fun, but is serious about learning to operate a vehicle. The readings, tests, road hours and exams all add up to a **YELLOW** card. Drivers education represents the transition to adulthood, and equips students with the tools to be smart responsible citizens.

It takes 8,460 bolts to assemble an automobile, and one nut to scatter it all over the road. 

I feel like I am diagonally parked in a parallel universe.

The best car safety device is a rear-view mirror with a cop in it.
Sandy Chicoine and her charges take to the road!
Flute
Casey Lynn Brinkman, D
Kaitlyn Cusson, D, DUO *
Laura Dam
Marissa Jochum
Maggie Johnston, Lib.
Alyssa Kilburn
Greta Krahn, D
Logan LaFleche
Ashley Martin
Natalie McClay, Lib.
Jesse Morris
Austin Nary *
Lois Rood, D *
Rachel Smith
Abbey Stearns
Megan Stearns

Bass Clarinet
Morgan Clark, D

Alto Saxophone
Isaac Bicknell
Genevieve Cohn
Chris Parfitt, DM, D
Charlie Stapleford

Tenor Saxophone
Jeremy Greenhaus
Devan Roberts
Justus Sturtevant

Baritone Saxophone
Jarrett Clark, D
Kyle Darwin, D
Alex Hulfish

Trombone
Andrew Edwards
Sam Hartley
Alex Russett

Baritone
Eddie Devino
Jonathan Kauffman,
Pres., DM, D
Ben Parsons

Percussion
Ann Clancy *
Michael Danyow
Hilary Delisle *
Tommy Lee Hodsdon *
Tim Johnston
Steve Sawyer, VUES

* Guest Percussion
D - Districts!!

Oboe
Becca Hardin
Allison Provost, D

Clarinet
Merideth Bienvenue, Lib.
David Clancy, D *
Lexa Higbee, Lib.
Will Kuhns
Emily Magoon
Jennifer Morley
Daniela Stapelord, D

Trumpet
Chase Atkins
Shep Carter
Damian Chamberlain
Lillian Haigis, D
Margy Kerschner, Treas, D
Anthony Preston
Chelsea Ross
Harry Senesac
Ellen Watkins,
B/C President

Commodores 353
Soprano
Daisy Alexander
Molly Ambrose
Courtney Andersen
Marissa Andersen
Elyabeth Bodington
Ann Clancy
Alexandra Crowell
Hilary Delisle
Amanda Delphia
Justice Gilbert
Lillian Haigis
Devon Lane
Kaitlin Leroux
Ginger Matthews
Jodi Moore
Gabrielle Mutini
Megan Paquin
Allie Provost
Lois Rood
Rachel Sorrell
Jazmin Spear
Fiona Spencer
Kelsey Wildasin

Alto
Michaela Bicknell
Alexandra Brinkman
Abby Campono
Hannah Curler
Tabitha Danyow
Hannah DeGraaf
Tara Healy
Shara Kauffman
Morgan Kimball
Mary Kittredge
Isabelle Langrock
Megan Saathoff
Daniela Stapleford
Katelyn Stone
Cara Strona
Ellen Watkins

Tenor
Isaac Bicknell
Dustin Booska-Moulton
Will Kuhns
Alex McClellan
Austin Nary

Bass
David Clancy
Kyle Darwin
Jack DeVos
Kelsey Dobson
Chris Parfitt
Commodore Singers
Under the Direction of Karen Jordan

Soprano
Courtney Andersen
Marissa Anderson
Ann Clancy
Devon Lane
Hilary Delisle
Ginger Matthews

Alto
Abby Campono
Hannah DeGraaf
Tara Healy
Ellen Watkins

Tenor
Will Kuhns
Alex McClellan

Bass
David Clancy
Kyle Darwin
Jack DeVos
Stowe Miller
Chris Parfitt
All in a Year
and the Crowd Goes Wild
On the field, the court and the mat, VUHS athletes put in hundreds of hours of practice and personal training to reach their goals of success. This past year the Commodore sports programs were more popular than ever and new levels of programs were added. Under the leadership of Athletic Director Peter Maneen, Commodore Sports is recognized around the state for its sportsmanship, leadership and incredible facilities. The BLUE & WHITE salutes all the athletes and Mr. Maneen for his unfailing devotion to all Commodore athletes and programs.

Knowing you can...means everything
Playing as a team...means selflessness
Giving all you’ve got...is heart
Playing bloody and hurt...is courage
Taking chances...is guts
Keeping your head up...means confidence
The move forward when times are tough...is Life

In my world, There are no losers, Only competitors still on their way, And spectators waiting to be inspired.
Vergennes

Varsity Soccer
Commodore soccer starts long before the leaves turn on the trees and the buses signal the return of school. Many players go year round and work on the skills that they need individually to strengthen the team. They play hard and work hard to achieve. Each player sets individual and team goals. Each strives to reach champion level.

"A champion is someone who does not settle for that day’s practice, that day’s competition, that day’s performance. They are always striving to be better. They don’t live in the past.”

-Scurry
Soccer is a sport that has its own language. When you are not shooting, you are passing, trapping or heading. While keeping your wits about you, use your head to send the ball flying or really put yourself out there with a diving save. Players talk about dribbling and shooting the ball at the same time. They also practice power and accuracy. Commodore Soccer players take their sport very seriously and all strive for the power to move on the field as one solid team.

"I am a member of a team, and I rely on the team, I defer to it and sacrifice for it, because the team, not the individual, is the ultimate champion." - Mia Hamm
Vergennes JV Soccer
Vergennes

Varsity Track & Field
VUHS track and field, cross country, and indoor track and field teams teach students the importance of teamwork and commitment. The athletes dedicate their time, blood, sweat, and tears all while holding a strong sense of comradery. In a sport that is largely based on the individual, the team is still maintained, and success is key.
Vermilion

Varsity Basketball
Varsity Boys Basketball's season was about teamwork. The senior leadership of the team had played together for years and with the help of talented underclassmen brought the crowds at the VUHS gymnasium to their feet many times during the season. Entering the playoffs ranked seventh, the team brought the crowd to a frenzy as the same night that Connor Merrill earned his 1000th career point, the team shut down Springfield to advance to the quarter finals.
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Varsity Basketball
Varsity Girls Basketball works on teamwork and increases the home crowd size. Everyone is used to seeing lots of cars outside VUHS in the winter, but what has changed in the last decade is the size of the crowds for home girls’ basketball games. With a devoted following, the bleachers were full this year as the Lady Commodores took on team after team. With an emphasis on teamwork, the Lady gave the crowds many memorable moments and the seniors a season to remember.
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Varsity Wrestling
Wrestling is a true sport. In other sports, when contact is made, they blow the whistle to stop the action; in wrestling, when contact is made, we’re just getting started. No other sport requires more sacrifice then wrestling. The individual, through self-denial, offers more of his character than ever be explained here. It is something he carries with him throughout life, and through every trial, test, and tribulation.
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Varsity Cheerleading