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Debate winners on to Nationals

by Gloria Kigonya
Fariha Nawar and Tullia Mamenga

Gloria Kigonya, Fariha Nawar, and Tullia Mamenga, students at Colchester High School and members of the Speech and Debate teams recently won their respective categories at the Vermont State competition, and earned the right to compete in the NCFE Grand National Tournament in Milwaukee in May. They need help in raising \$5,000 to cover the cost of the trip.

Gloria Kigonya, a freshman, is part of the Speech team. Earlier this year, she placed 1st in her category, Performance Poetry, at the Vermont State competition for Speech. This qualified her to compete in the National Tournament, in which she will be competing in Original Interpretation of Literature. As a freshman, she didn't know what to expect when she first joined the team, and never imagined that she would win and make it to nationals. Speech has been a very fun and rewarding experience and she has learned many valuable skills from it.

Junior Tullia Mamenga and sophomore Fariha Nawar are members of the Debate team. In March, they won 1st place at the Vermont State Public Forum Debate competition, qualifying them to compete at the National Tournament in Public Forum Debate. They both joined the debate team last year and have been participating ever since. Debate has taught them many skills such as public speaking, research skills, and how to communicate



CHS Debate and Speech photo

Kigonya, Nawar, and Mamenga display their winning trophies.

complex ideas effectively and efficiently.

Anyone can help them on their journey by helping raise \$5,000 for the cost of the trip. Cash donations can be made by writing a check to Colchester High School Speech & Debate, or through a GoFundMe. No contribution is too big or too small,

and any donation is highly appreciated.

Access the GoFundMe page by going to www.gofundme.com/send-chs-speech-amp-debate-to-nationals

Mr. Ellingson appointed new CHS Activities Director

by Lakeside Voice staff

Mr. Ellingson, current CHS Business Manager, was recently appointed as Colchester High School's new Athletic/Activities Director filling the vacancy left by Mr. Cieplicki who resigned in early March. In this role he will lead and oversee all athletics and clubs at CHS.

Ellingson has been working at CHS for twelve years and has often helped out in different capacities at athletic events from timing at basketball games, to administrative duties at soccer and football games. He also has served as the CHS girls' tennis coach for several years and as the Women's tennis coach at St. Mike's.

Ellingson will officially begin the position on July 1. Currently, Mr. Lang is serving as interim AD as Ellingson transitions to his new position at CHS.

Spring performance catches audience

by Keegan Davis

Setting sail on the high seas for Mollusk Island, April 11th, 12th, and 13th, the award winning Colchester Theater Company presented Peter and the Starcatcher. The show is a fun and zany backstory of J.M. Barrie's beloved character Peter Pan.

The play revolves around a poor orphaned boy who was never given a name. Played by senior Alex Ratkovitz, Boy meets Molly (Sophomore, Meghan Sheck), the daughter of a famous Starcatcher. Encountering mermaids, pirates, and Mollusk Natives, Boy and Molly must work together to defend a treasure trunk filled with magic star stuff from the notorious Black Stache (Senior, Andrew Barrows).

Auditions for the show were held in January, and students were informed of the casting a week later.

Directed by Victor Toman, the cast worked diligently Monday through Thursday after school until 5:00 pm.

Senior, Sam Burgess explained how, "It's really fun! This was [his] second time acting in high school and it was really cool [he] got to work with so many talented actors. It was a good learning experience!"

When asked what he thought about the show, senior Alex Ratkovitz responded, "It's a nice change from a musical. The last big play we did was Midsummer, so it's been a while since we've approached a more traditional



Photo by Keegan Davis

The cast of Peter and the Starcatcher on stage during a run-through.

play."

Many people went into making the show a success, including those working on tech and all the behind the scenes support such as costume design and set building.

Peter and the Starcatcher was the last show

for many seniors as they will move on to local community theater or experience drama productions at the college level.

All audiences for the three nights of the production were thrilled with the talent that was shown by the students.

Blood Drive set for May 1

by Owen Downes

The National Honor Society and the American Red Cross will be hosting a blood drive on May 1st. The blood drive will run from 9am to 2pm.

Those wishing to donate can sign up at red-cross.org.

In order to donate students must be at least 16 years old and weigh at least 110 lbs.

The blood drive will take place in the gym; the side doors will be unlocked for visitors. Students

who would like to donate without parental consent will have to be at least 17 or older. Students who are 16 must have parental consent to donate.

On average each donation can save three lives. The National Honor Society is the CHS organization sponsoring the blood drive and if have any one has questions they can be directed towards Mr.Philips, advisor of NHS.

Prom details announced

by Victoria Creamer

This year's Prom will be held at the Inn at Essex on May 18th from 7:30pm to 10:30pm. The theme for this year's dance is Enchanted Forest. Tickets go on sale May 6th and will be \$40 a piece and can be bought in the Attendance Office.

According to junior class adviser, Mrs. Carter, "The money from the ticket sales will go towards renting out the venue, snacks, drinks, decorations, pictures, and a magical evening."

Not sure what to wear? Local stores such as David's Bridal, Needleman's, Men's Warehouse, and many others are trained in helping students find the perfect outfit for this formal occasion. David's Bridal coupons are also currently available in the Attendance Office for both dresses and tuxedos.

There will be a photographer at the venue taking pictures of all students free of charge.

Underclassmen and students from other schools can be invited as long as they get proper approval by the school.

Visit Nostalgia Park

by William Stetson

Time to take a nostalgia filled trip down memory lane. Let's take a look at the original Jurassic Park (1991). Now, the foundation of a large multimedia franchise, it's often regarded as one of the best action films, and likely the best dinosaur film of all time. But how does it stack up more than 20 years later? Does it look dated and old? Have we been blinded by nostalgia? Or is still as incredible as we like to remember?

The movie builds itself slowly, only teasing at the main attraction for quite some time. This is a standard method for director Steven Spielberg, who pulled a similar trick in Jaws (1975). This creates an effective air of anticipation, making every dinosaur moment all the more satisfying. And there are plenty of them.

A T-rex attacks a pair of jeeps, and chases another through the jungle. Velociraptors menacingly stalk their prey. Brachiosaurus rise majestically above the treetops. The combination of practical effects and cgi still looks amazing, even today. It doesn't skimp on story either.

Through the film's premise of genetically engineered dinosaurs, we are treated to a story about corporate greed, human hubris, and the nature of life. Viewers are not just watching a movie about dinosaurs wrecking things, but also what that says about humanity.

The score by John Williams is iconic and awe inspiring. It swells with the wonder and picks up



Universal Pictures photo

Jurassic Park has become one of the top iconic movies in recent film history.

pace with the action. What is heard always enhances what's on screen.

If the movie does have one weakness, it's the characters. While the actors certainly give their all, particularly Jeff Goldblum as Ian Malcolm, they just can't compare to the rest of the movie. They can be entertaining to watch, yet are not very developed. Nonetheless, most, if not all, of the performances are strong. Even if they aren't the

most developed, they certainly don't take away from the movie.

Overall, Jurassic Park is a movie that is still good now. While nostalgia certainly comes into play, it hasn't blinded us. This is a movie just as strong now as it was when it came out. A combination of wonder, terror, and exhilaration make this one of the best action-thrillers of all time.

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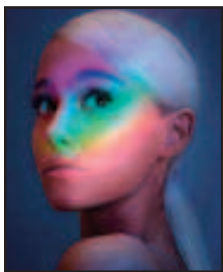
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Ariana performs to sold out crowds

by Victoria Creammer



Ariana Grande performing at One Love Manchester

Ariana Grande, a professional singer/actress, is considered to be one of the most influential people in the world. Her current net worth for 2019 is around \$50 million.

The professional singer came out with her new album "Thank U, Next" in February, shortly after releasing her album "Sweetener" in 2018.

Her song "7 Rings" quickly became one of the most listened to tracks in the world. She is one of the first artists that has ever held the top 3 song spots on the Hot 100 since

the Beatles back in 1964. The three songs were "Break Up With Your Girlfriend, I'm Bored", "7 Rings", and "Thank U, Next".

Her album "Thank U, Next" all had to do with moving on from her exes and starting a clean slate. Although, she still gets really emotional talking about certain songs from the album in interviews, she believes they all have a message that fans can relate to in their own lives.

She is currently on a North American tour doing concerts in both the U.S. and Canada. She has Normani, former Fifth Harmony member, and Social House opening for her shows.

Ariana's next three shows will be May 2nd in San Jose, CA, May 3rd in Sacramento, CA, and May 5th in Los Angeles, CA.

McEntire strong in talent

by Carter Berg



Reba McEntire performing at the Grand Ole Opry

Reba McEntire is one of the most successful women in country music history. She influences women all around the world with the thirty-three albums she has released. She started her music career in the late 70's and continued into the early 80's; she has been very successful throughout her career. Reba McEntire was born on March 28, 1955 in McAlester, Oklahoma.

Reba was fascinated with music and worked with her mom and siblings to make music. Her family created a musical group called the McEntires. Her dream was to become a music teacher but her dreams changed when she became famous due to her song "Fancy" released in 1990.

Her newest album "Stronger Than The Truth" was released on April 5. She writes about songs that touch her heart.

"When I started selecting songs for this album, I stuck with that same formula — go with the songs that touch my heart, and hopefully when you hear me singing it, they'll touch yours too," she says in a statement written in Rolling Stone, noting that the new music goes back to her country music and the Oklahoma ranching roots where she was raised.

"I grew up on an 8,000-acre family ranch singing at dance halls, honky-tonks and rodeos with my brother and sister. I haven't gotten to do that in a while, so I'm thrilled to pieces" (McEntire).

She tried to make her songs in her new album about empathy and that she brought back the old way she used to sing country music.

The song overall was alright; it was just a little bit repetitive. The positive parts of the song are that she made the song about her and she's trying to make the audience feel what happened and how the story relates to her. If one is looking for a song more upbeat than this isn't the song.

The song captures images in the mind and makes the listener feel relaxed and peaceful. It gets a seven out of ten. It is a great song, but it could've been more energetic and more upbeat.

What's Your Favorite Movie?

by Tyson Monaghan



Quentin Hoskins
Napoleon Dynamite
I like it because it is very funny.



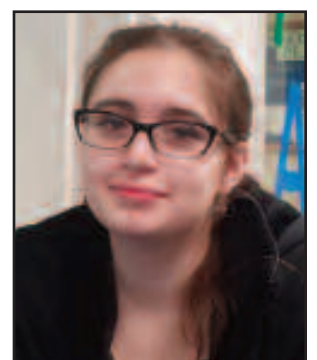
Owen Brooks
Jurassic Park 2
It is really funny.



Summer Hathaway
Moana
It is a great movie full of adventure and fun.



Mr. Strobel
Austin Powers
It's one of my favorite movies of all time.



Taylor Cohen
Mulan
Mulan was the first movie I remember watching with both of my parents.

A unique and engaging thriller

by **Sven Gangsei**

Technology and our lives are becoming more and more intertwined, and Aneesh Chaganty's 2018 "Searching", is reflective of this fact; all of Searching's footage comes through screen recordings of computers, televisions, and phones. This sometimes limits the film's storytelling, as everything is confined to a screen. This is the root of most of Searching's flaws, as even though it is a unique method of storytelling, it limits the movie in some ways.

It may take the viewer a while to become used to how the movie is presented, as its cinematography is much more interesting at the end of the movie compared to the beginning. This is also the case for the story, which starts out slow with a lot of exposition, but becomes much more interesting later. Even though the beginning of the movie is not as strong as its end, I never felt bored with Searching.

Overall, a very well-made film, it manages to add suspense through its limited method of presentation, and it also has several memorable shots and solid cinematography.

In addition to its production, its story is gripping, suspenseful, and full of twists, following single father David Kim on his search for his missing daughter, Margot. Information about her true location is slowly uncovered throughout the movie, keeping the viewer engaged and curious. Its story is full of shocking but realistic twists, making one feel like they never truly

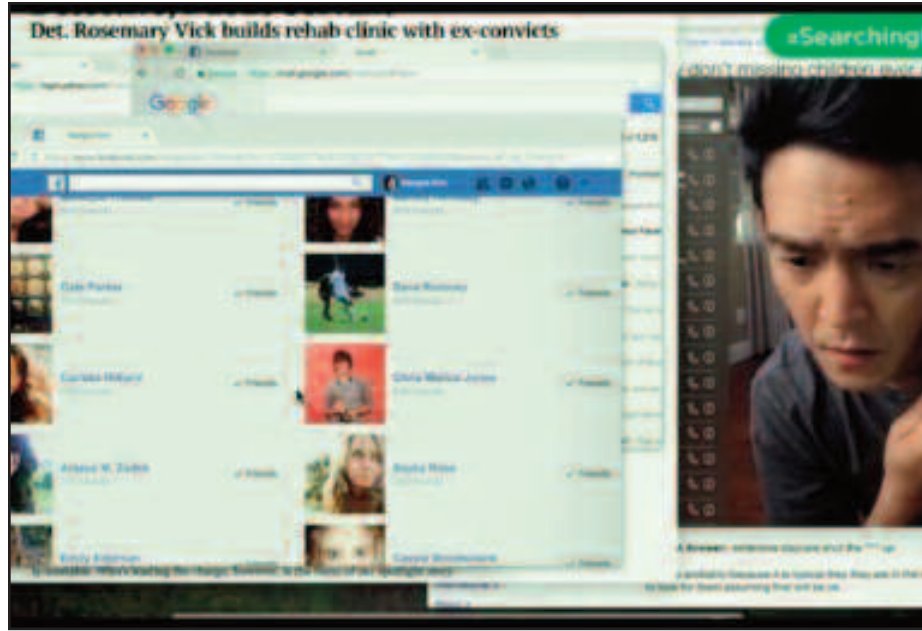


Photo contributed by Stage 6 Films

Protagonist David Kim searches for information about his daughter.

know the whole story up until the very end.

Searching's story, in addition to its acting, are its strongest points. The movie's best performance comes from John Cho in the role of David Kim, who gives the role a great deal of emotional authenticity. Cho's performance gives the film its most memorable scenes, and he is consistently solid throughout. David Kim is a likeable and sympathetic protagonist, which can be

attributed to both John Cho's performance and the movie's writing.

Overall, anyone who likes thrillers, dramas, or mysteries will enjoy Searching. It provides an engaging and unique story, with several great acting performances, and many memorable scenes.

Art Show runs May 7-10

by **William Stetson**

Just what is art? Is it an immaculate sculpture, carefully handcrafted for days? Or is it a short comic, designed to bring a laugh to the viewer? Perhaps, we each decide what art is ourselves. And soon, students around the district will have the chance to show off their own interpretation of art.

On May 7, the Colchester District Art Show will be opened. It will be held in the gymnasium at Colchester High School, and feature art pieces from every school in the district.

Students' works will be on display from May 7th through the 10th. Every year the event showcases art pieces from all grade levels and from all types of artistic mediums.

The art will be on display each day from 8:00 - 4:00. An artist, community, and family reception will be held on May 9th from 6:00-8:00 to celebrate the event.

No excuse to not exercise

by **David Campbell**

Exercise has proved its importance countless times. There have been thousands of studies on the benefits of exercise, and as a result, the U.S. government recommends all citizens to participate in 60 minutes of physical activity per day. CHS has a plentiful amount of facilities where physical activity is able to take place including the gym, track, fields, and a weight room. However, many students fail to utilize these facilities.

Often, individuals either lack the motivation to use them or believe that the facilities are designated to, and only to, sports teams. This is not the case. This common miscon-

ception roots in the fact that the weight room is occupied by the football team every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday after school. Though the weight room is being used by the football team, the weight room is not reserved for the football team. It is an open space where all students, and adults, are able to exercise. In fact, the students at Colchester High School are encouraged by the faculty to exercise and utilize the facilities.

The weight room is the optimal place for students to participate in physical activity. This is because it has a range of equipment and materials that individuals may use. The weight room can be used for strength training and cardio. The room has countless weights, bikes, and a stair machine. If a piece of equipment is missing, students often use their creativity and are able to rig up equipment in such a way that a new exercise can be done. The weight room is also beneficial in the fact that the athletic trainers use it for rehabilitation of student-athletes.



Photo by David Campbell

Jackson Miller, a Colchester High School student, makes use of the facilities the weight room offers.

Big Apple Deli delights

by **Tyson Monaghan**



Introducing the new hot spot in Colchester, Big Apple Deli.

Opened in July, of 2018, the shop is owned by a husband and wife from New York City. The husband was an executive chef in New York City for many years and his wife was a server and bartender in NYC, as well.

The reason they chose Colchester was because they felt Burlington had too many restaurants and places to eat compared to Colchester where there isn't a lot to do and not a lot of places to eat.

"We didn't want to open a full restaurant, we wanted to do something more casual. We were kind of over the

nightlife, we felt that it wouldn't fit in the town; it needs more of a daytime restaurant place."

Students at CHS who have tried the deli all speak highly of it and feel it offers a great selection at reasonable prices with excellent taste.

A few students spoke about their experiences at Big Apple and the overall response was very good.

CHS senior, Chris Conant said, "This is easily the best sandwich I have ever had; it tastes best right after a game."

Big Apple also offers catering for any corporate event or party an individual or company might host.

The owners get their vegetables, meats and cheeses from a small butcher they have contact with in Brooklyn. They drive up every Monday to deliver a fresh supply of inventory. When they said they wanted to have a New York type food spot, they really meant it.

Dangerous consequences

by **Kylie Aubin**

High school teachers, and the administration are experiencing a problem that has become almost uncontrollable, not only at CHS, but throughout the country. Many students are Juuling in classrooms, and in bathrooms, not realizing the health hazards associated with the habit.

A Juul is a small device that looks like a USB drive. Many students like it because it's small and easy to hide. The smoke that comes out of a Juul is clear, and many teachers don't always see it. It has come to a point at Colchester High School that the bathrooms have to be locked during the day, or monitored to prevent things like this happening.

Students still find a way around to Juul, because it's such a strong addiction.

PE teacher and coach, Mr. Perry spoke about how he feels about having to monitor the bathrooms as his duty assignment, "I think it's embarrassing, you would think that by the time people get to high school, they would know how to use a bathroom appro-

priately."

More than 30% of high school students use e-cigarettes. This means that students are more likely to use e-cigarettes than adults are.

The amount of nicotine in one Juul pod is equivalent to a pack of cigarettes. People can become exposed to unsafe levels of nicotine when they go through a pod a day.

There are tiny particles of plastic inside the Juul pod that users can't see, and when inhaled the tiny particles of plastic are going straight into the lungs.

Any kind of vaping can lead to a higher risk of cigarette smoking. More than 30 percent of vape users go straight to using cigarettes within 6 months.

Vermont legislators are considering laws that will raise the purchase age to 21, tax products the same as tobacco products and make it illegal to buy online. Many legislatures around the nation are considering similar forms of legislation to stop and prevent this dangerous health risk many teens have adopted.

Music students chosen to attend NE Festival

by Keegan Davis

Early on March 21st, nine students from Colchester High School rolled their suitcases to the door. Minutes later, they took off for the New England Music Festival in Woodstock, Connecticut.

New England is a three day festival that was hosted by Woodstock Academy, Thursday, March 21st; to Saturday, March 23rd.

Students auditioned for the festival back in December, and were informed of their acceptance weeks later. Auditionees could choose from a list of suitable pieces to perform, as well as small group performances. Students were invited based on their solo and ensemble adjudication rating. Once accepted, choir students were required to practice their 8 pieces during AT so they would be ready for the choral rehearing that took place at 11:00 AM on Thursday.

Students were housed with host families in local homes.

Students chosen from Colchester were freshman, Thomas Buckley; sophomores, Blayne Fitzgerald, and Megan Scheck; and seniors, Emily Bissonette, Sam Burgess, Keegan Davis, Betty Faul-Welfare, Paige Paradise, and Alex Ratkovits.

Plastic bag ban in VT

by Molly Echo

Across the United States many major cities like Washington D.C. and San Francisco have banned the use of plastic bags, according to earthday.org. Recently, this has been a widely talked about topic because of the negative environmental impacts the bags can have. In the U.S. 100 billion plastic bags are used each year, according to the Center for Biological Diversity. Many states, including Vermont, have proposed the ban of not only plastic bags, but also plastic straws and styrofoam containers, as well.

As of late, two bills have been proposed in the Vermont Legislature, and even Brattleboro has become the first town in Vermont to ban plastic bags.

NBC 5 reported that, "The people of Montpelier voted 78 percent in favor of the ability for the city to make an ordinance around single-use plastic, particularly plastic bags".

With this poll, it is clear that people around Vermont are willing and wanting to make a shift towards more environmentally friendly substitutes for things like plastic bags and straws.

In the CHS community many students seem to be in agreement with what the bill proposes, in terms of banning plastics bags and plastic straws.

Senior Kelsey LeClair says, "I would be okay with the ban of plastic bags, many stores



Photo from greenmatters.org

With the ban of plastic bags, hopefully more people will look to use reusable bags over even paper bags that they would be charged.

already offer reusable bags, and if the ban were to be put into place, I think there would definitely be a decrease in plastic pollution.

As of March 29th, lawmakers voted to ban plastic bags, styrofoam containers, and plastic straws, however this wouldn't take into effect until July, 2020. One important note is that this bill would not completely ban the use

of straws, but customers can get one by request.

According to WCAX, New York is likely to put into place this same type of bill with the state budget that is due, but for now California is the only state with a ban in place.

Students travel to France

by Lauren Baillargeon



Students to visit the Eiffel Tower

Over April Break, French 5 students will embark on a nine day trip to France. The students will be accompanied by French teachers Madame Loiseau and Madame

Hanna.

After flying out of Montreal on April 18th, the students will arrive in Paris, France and stay there for the first four days of the trip, where they plan to explore the city, and visit various main attractions. Some of the attractions they will visit include The Eiffel Tower, the Chateau of Versailles, Luxembourg Gardens and

more.

Following the time in Paris, the group will travel to Avignon, where they will visit the Palais des Papes and the Pont d'Avignon.

The French 5 students are more than excited for their trip. "I'm so grateful for this opportunity to visit France. I'm most excited to be immersed in French culture and visit the Palace of Versailles," French 5 student Ayla Buerkett stated, "we've worked so hard for this trip to be able to happen. Since the end of last year, our class and Madame Loiseau have held French food bake sales, sold cookie dough, and worked at the Vermont Teddy Bear Factory. We are all more than ready to begin our trip."

The students and teachers will additionally visit Aix, a city in Southern France, before they depart back to Vermont on the 26th of April.

The working student

by Molly Echo



Students learn to balance school and work.

Having a job in high school can be beneficial for teens but also have negative effects on life in and out of school. Students balancing both school and having a job can learn time management skills, but if students work

excessively, it won't leave enough time to socialize during weekends or after school.

According to Walden University, "It can hurt academic achievement. While the correlation between working and grades is not easy to measure, researchers have learned that students who work upward of 20 hours a week suffer from reduced academic performance".

However, if students have a job, it allows them to have their own money, which they can use for a variety of things like paying

for a car or cellphone.

Many students at Colchester high school have jobs, working at places like The Village Scoop, Dick Mazza's, Zachary's Pizza, and many more.

Senior Sophia Brigante says, "You need to be very aware of time management and self evaluation is the most important thing, in order to also be a good student".

Time management skills help a student balance grades and work and seems to be the most common challenge among students.

Another senior Lizzie Graeter talks about making time for socializing between school and work, "You have to sacrifice a lot of your free time".

Even though students want to go out with friends after school or on the weekend, sometimes there is just time for that at the end of day.

While having a job as a student can have its challenges, it teaches life long skills like time management and can prepare students for a career in the future.

Senioritis season

by Hans Nedde

Senioritis is a serious medical condition that affects almost every senior in high school. The main symptom of senioritis is a severe lack of motivation to complete school work. Students with senioritis see a decrease in grades and an increase in tardies.

Junior year in high school is the most difficult, and most important year in high school because colleges tend to look at grades from junior year. Therefore, students in junior year work the hardest and keep the best grades.

When senior year comes around, the last thing students want to do is put the same effort into school as they did junior year for a year

where grades are not as important.

Seniors are diagnosed with senioritis at many different times during the year. The most severe stage of senioritis happens when students find out that they got into college. All the effort and diligence that the students exhibited in the past four years were in order to get into college. Now that the goal of getting into college is achieved, the effort and diligence no longer exists.

According to a study, 78% of students in the US have self-diagnosed themselves with senioritis.

Self diagnosed CHS senior, Dino Ayer describes the effects of senioritis as, "having less motivation to do the work that needs to be done".

Many more students at CHS would self diagnose themselves with senioritis and would describe the symptoms similarly. Although some students think that the work does not actually need to be done because it will not affect their college applications.

Senioritis is an unfortunate aspect of senior year and will always be a challenge to overcome for students.



Photo by Hans Nedde

Seniors Tyson Monaghan and Sven Gangsei experience senioritis.

FEATURES

Dates to note on the CHS student calendar

by Lakeside Voice staff

April 19 - Fitness Gram Testing

April 29-May 3 - Fitness Gram Make-Up

May 1- NHS Blood Drive

May 4- SAT Test Date

May 6- District Art Show Set Up

May 7- 9 - District Art Show

May 6-17 - AP Testing

May 17- 60 Minute AT

May 18- Prom

May 22- Sports Awards Night

May 23- Pops Band Concert

May 27- No School-Memorial Day

May 28- Honors Banquet

May 30- Underclassmen Awards

June 11- B1/3 Exams

June 12- B4/B5 Exams

June 13- A1/A3 Exams

June 14- A4/A5 Exams

June 11-13- Graduation Practices

June 14- Class Night

June 15- Graduation

June 15- Project Grad

June 17- Make Up Exam Day

Teachers' hobbies

by Carter Berg

Ms. Eldred- Beekeeper, gardening, taking care of Animals, Genealogy, and Cooking.

Mrs. Carter- Reading, Being active, and Spending time with family

Ms. Lenox- Walking the Dog, Reading, and Spending time with Family

Ms. Keep- Listening to music, Dancing to music, Going on hikes, Photography and Animal Care

Ms. Murphy- Reading, Photography, Listening to music, and Walking the dogs

Ms. Middleton- Hiking, Reading, Listening to music

Mrs. Vilmont- Volleyball, and Snowshoeing

Ms. Barnes- Reading, Doing anything outdoors, and traveling

Mr. Perry- ANYTHING OUTSIDE

Mrs. Mulcahy- Walks with kids or dog, Field hockey, Snowboarding, and Going to the beach

Ms. Wolf- Running/Racing, Coaching, Reading Recipes, Hiking, and Free reading

Ms. Brookes- Painting, Yoga, hiking, Kayaking, Biking, and Watching TV

Mr. Ellingson- Making Pizza, Grilling, and Playing tennis

Mr. Phillips- Mountain biking, Running, and Watching Hockey

Mr. Sharkey- Tennis, Barbecuing, and Skiing

Ms. Simons- Running, Cross stitching, and Gardening.

Ms. Walz- Reading, Movies, Photography, Make-up, Hanging out with friends, Cooking/baking

If you could re-visit any time in history?

by Basmala Fadel

Carley Goedkin- 20s, so I can party like Gatsby.

Lauren Baillargeon- 20s, they were all rich and there were big parties.

Mr. Perry- 50s, I would like to see what they were actually like.

Megan Mulcahy- 50s, I like their clothes.

Summer Hathaway- 60s, seems like a fun time.

Mrs. Carter- 60s there was a lot happening with the civil rights movement. It would be cool to be an activist.

Nora Tetrick- 70s, everyone is really creative and it would be really interesting to live with all that creativity.

Ben Knapp- 70s, so I can wear an Afro.

Mr. Bishop- 70s, that's when the best music was coming out.

Quentin Hoskins- 80s, that fits my personality the most. And my hair would be in.

Alex Ratkovits- 80s, for the music and culture.

Sophia Brigante- 90s, I feel like I would thrive in the 90s

Sam Fath- 90s, to meet older family members.

Lizzie Graeter- Dinosaurs, because there were no people.

Bella Miller- Dinosaurs, I would like to ride one.

Mrs. Sharkey- Dinosaurs, because I wanna see dinosaurs up close and personal.

Ms. deLaricheliere- Wild West, I like the idea of wide open opportunities.

Mr. Beaudoin- Revolutionary war, I like the way they dressed back then.

Mr. Samler- The ice age, because there was lots of snow.

Courtney Rocheleau- Jurassic era, I wanna see a trex.

Evan Lamothe- Renaissance, there were cool kingdoms and knights.

Mr. Marlow- Civil rights movement, to be an activist.

Mr. Lang- Beginning of industrial revolution, that was when science and technology were expanding



Photo by Basmala Fadel

Lauren Baillargeon (Senior) would like to go back to the extravagant 20s.



Photo by Basmala Fadel

Ben Knapp (Freshman) wants to try a new hairstyle in the 70s.



Photo by Basmala Fadel

Sophia Brigante (Senior) feels like she belongs in the 90s.



Favorite Memory:
Football games
-Megan Mulcahy



Favorite Memory:
Mr. Cole's THEE
class
-Owen Chamberlain



Favorite Memory:
Pops Concert 2018
-Lexi Ratkovits



Favorite Memory:
Junior Prom
-Conroy O'Donnell



Favorite Memory:
Making it to the
soccer State
Championship twice
-Ani McMannon



Favorite Memory:
Cross Country
Running
-Zach Goad

The Last Hu-rrah

Seniors begin their final days of high school



Yearbook staff photo

The Class of 2019 gathers for their class picture after winning the annual Spirit Week Pep Rally in October.

Coming to a Close *The Quarter 4 Countdown*



Some members of the senior class captured at the senior table for a photo during their last chapter of high school together.

by K. LeClair and A. Nault

The final quarter has begun for the Class of 2019. With less than two months remaining, it is time to look back on the memories and to celebrate accomplishments.

The senior wall in the cafe displays all the names of the 2019 class, or even numbers for the sports they participated in during their years as a Laker. Soon, students will be putting which college they will be attending or future plans on sticky notes next to their names.

As the final sports season begins, seniors prepare for their final games as a Laker. Senior baseball players hope for another shot at the D1 Baseball State Championship. This would cap off a great athletic career for the seniors as the girls' soccer and boys' hockey made it to the finals, as well.

Students are also getting ready for their final prom which will be taking place on May 18th, at the Essex Inn. This is a new location for CHS and students are eager for memories to be made on this special night.

Following graduation students will attend Project Grad. Students will participate in events for one last time all together before everyone goes off to do their own plans. The purpose is to keep students safe on the night of their graduation.

The past four years have been unforgettable for the class of 2019. The students hold excellent potential for the future.

The countdown begins. Enjoy the final days seniors!

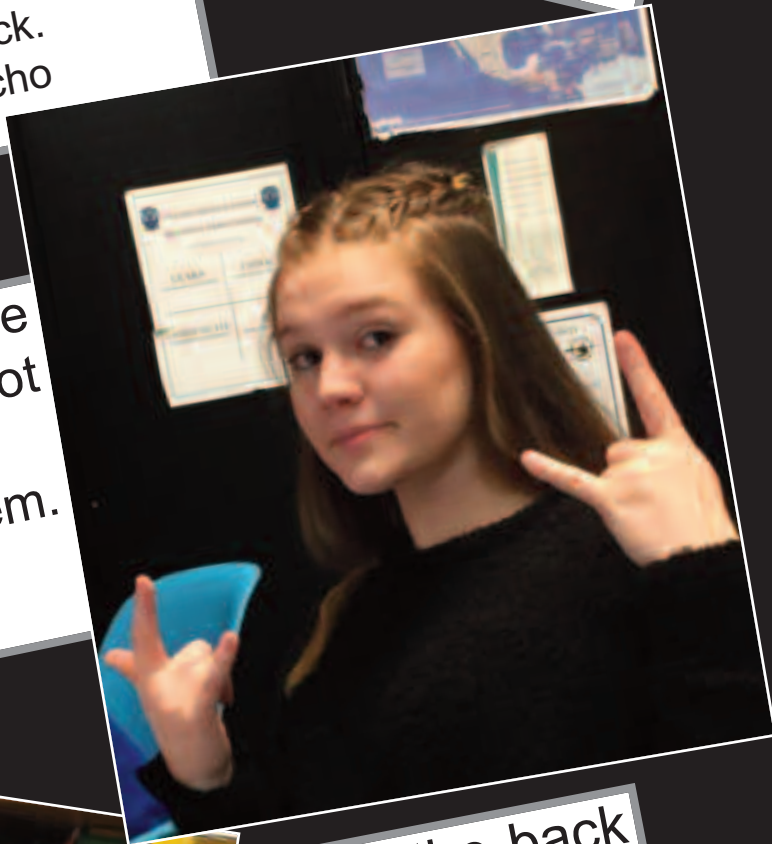
April Fool's Pranks



Put ketchup packets under the toilet seat so they explode when somebody sits down.
- Sven Gangsei



Tell everybody you are moving to California and not coming back.
- Molly Echo



When somebody is in the shower and they are not looking, turn the water really hot and burn them.
- Kelsey LeClair



Sit in the back of a police car and send a picture to your mom.
- Chris Conant

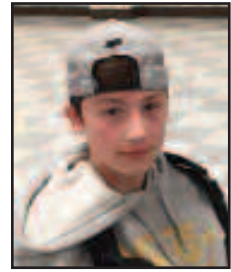


One that always works, put Saran Wrap over the toilet.
- Basmala Fadel



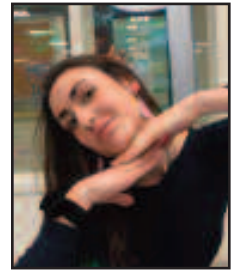
Give a student an old phone without the class knowing and pretend to yell at the student to put it away and then smash it on the ground.
-Mr. McCannell

Laugh it up Favorite joke ideas



Connor Couture

Super glue quarters to the pavement



Sydney Bedard

Paint all the teacher parking spots yellow.



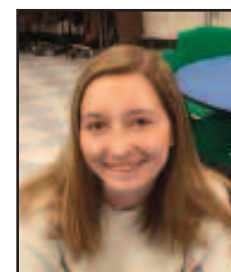
Mrs. Robinson

Call a family member saying you need to be bailed out of jail.



Sam Fath

Put a cup of water upside down on a table so it spills when somebody picks it up



Chloe Echo

Remove the cream from the an Oreo and put in mint toothpaste.



Kylie Aubin

Show up to your house in the back of a police car.

Popular conspiracy theories

by Sven Gangsei

Conspiracy theories have been around for a long, long time, and they likely aren't going anywhere. Although the majority of people do not believe these ideas, those who do are a vocal minority. Because of this, many conspiracy theories are spread around and garner attention on the internet, regardless of whether people genuinely believe them or not.

Some such theories are that birds are government drones, the United States' Moon Landing was faked, and the government is poisoning the water with chemicals. Many conspiracy theories are fairly nonsensical and can be confidently proven as false, but that has not stopped people from believing them. One question, though, is why?

One popular conspiracy theory in modern times is that vaccines cause Autism. This has been debunked, but some people still believe it.

The roots of this conspiracy theory are easy to trace, and provide insight into why people believe it. The idea that vaccines cause autism is based in a 1998 study by Dr. Andrew Wakefield, claiming that vaccines contain chemicals which cause children to develop autism. The validity of this study has always been questionable, and the study has since been disproved.

Wakefield selectively used and withheld data to "prove" his hypothesis, and gain more prominence in the field of medicine - a mistake that wound up harming his career. Still, regardless of Wakefield's motivation and credibility, this study spawned the idea that vaccines are more harmful than they are helpful.

"Anti-Vax" conspiracy theories, as they are now known, have become increasingly controversial and prominent, prompting some countries to consider legislation that would require parents to vaccinate their children. Similarly to how Wakefield ignored data that disproved his ideas, "Anti-Vaxxers" ignore studies that disprove their own, instead looking to pseudoscientific studies such as Wakefield's to reaffirm their beliefs.

The idea that the Earth is flat has been around for thousands of years, and was the prevailing theory for much of human history. However, this was because technology at the time was not capable of determining whether the earth truly was flat. Since then, modern technology has provided scientists with the ability to prove that the Earth is round. Still, these studies have not stopped some people from believing that the Earth is flat. These people have been dubbed "Flat-Earthers". Like many conspiracy theories, distrusting the government is a strong precursor to believing the Earth is flat. Many studies into the Earth's shape are government-



funded, causing the "Flat-Earthers" to claim that the government is lying about the Earth's shape. Supposed reasons for the government's dishonesty vary, but one thing is constant between them: they're all speculation.

In general, many conspiracy theories are based in pseudoscience, while others are just pure speculation. Conspiracy theories can often be definitively proven as false, but that has never stopped some people from believing them, and the internet has made it easier for conspiracy theorists to spread their ideas.

Photos from flatearthers.com
Above is one model of what a "flat earth" would look like.

Public cameras invasion of privacy?

by Vincent Lai

As our need for more security continues to rise, the amount of public cameras have also increased. Today, it seems that a person is always on camera from the moment they step out of their house. Whether we are walking down the street, driving in our cars, or hanging out with friends, we are constantly being monitored.

Of course there is no doubt that these cameras are helping to protect us by making sure that crimes will always be noticed, but recently there are concerns being raised about whether these cameras are violating the privacy of citizens and whether or not it is even worth having them placed in public.

When asked about the concerns with surveillance cameras in public places, public opinion is often split. People who don't mind the cameras believe that they help to improve public safety as well as lowering the amount of crime that occurs in the area. They believe that it is not a violation of privacy since these cameras are out in public. Their opinion is that if people want privacy they should just stay on their own property rather than being outside. They say that surveillance cameras are meant to keep people and their property safe, not to stalk them.

There is a higher chance of catching criminals since the cameras allow for authorities to see where the crimes are happening. Even if the criminals are not caught on camera, authorities have an easier time looking for clues as they can search through footage around the area. With all of these benefits, many believe that it is worth having these cameras in our daily life.

Those who are against the cameras believe that having these cameras constantly tracking the daily activities of



Photo by Vincent Lai

Security cameras seen near entrance of Colchester High School.

citizens is a violation of privacy. They believe there is no point in filming innocent people in public places. The placements of cameras could also cause violations of privacy if the cameras are able to see into people's property. These cameras could also be abused by people as there is not enough control over them. We don't know who might be watching through these cameras or where this footage might end up.

Along with privacy issues, other problems brought up by people include the idea that the cameras might not be as effective as people have hoped. There have been times when these cameras haven't done anything to help people that needed

assistance. They don't believe that these cameras have enough benefits to counteract the problems that they bring with them.

No matter what thoughts people have on these cameras, they seem to be here to stay, at least for now. It is hard to argue against the usefulness and efficiency that they bring with them, but the privacy of the citizens is also something that should be considered.

Public surveillance cameras and civil liberties can most definitely be able to coexist if these cameras are implemented and employed responsibly. It's a big balancing act between security and privacy, and hopefully we'll be able to find a good balance soon.

What jobs have teachers had, other than being a teacher?

by Lauren Baillargeon

Mr. McCannell: DJ

Mr. Perry: Pizza delivery guy

Mr. Deane :Tour guide at a national park

Mr. Hammond: Summer camp counselor

Ms. Dixon: Cashier at Friendly's

Ms. deLaricheliere: Chef

Ms. Carter: Waitress at Mimmo's in Essex

Ms. Barnes: Factory worker, spinning wires

Mr. Beaudoin: Jeffrey the Giraffe at Toys r Us

Ms. Renadette: Drug store cashier

Ms. Wolf: LUND family counselor

Mr. Samler: Canoe and kayak river guide

Mr. Phillips: Psychiatric aid trainee

Ms. Pedrin: Program director for youth health campaign



Photo by David Campbell

Colchester High School Student, Dale Colley, wears his CHS football long sleeve shirt and shorts.



Photo by David Campbell

Braden Schalk wears a CHS golf hat and hockey sweatshirt.



Photo by David Campbell

Ben Valley wears a CHS baseball shirt.



Photo by David Campbell

The Laker logo was painted in 2017.



Photo by David Campbell

Jake Baird shows support for the CHS lacrosse team with his shorts.



Photo by David Campbell

Senior, Megan Mulcahy, represents the CHS tennis team with her sweatshirt.



Photo by David Campbell

Senior, Sophia Brigante, supports the CHS women's lacrosse team with her jacket.



Photo by David Campbell

Stephanie Trepanier represents the CHS speech team by wearing her Laker gear.



Photo by David Campbell

Tyler Roberge wears his lacrosse jersey in preparation for the next CHS men's lacrosse game.

Bumpman digs deep as volleyball champions

by Eben Provost

Colchester's 13th Annual Volleyball Tournament has ended, and the all senior team "Bumpman" is at the top. Twenty-one teams entered the tournament, and the 188 players represented faculty, and all grades at CHS.

For the last two years, players have registered their teams by bringing in canned goods; CHS was able to donate more food this year than the previous year. This event is a great example of CHS community and spirit.

Bumpman was started by a senior in 2016, Teagan Alderman. The team wore trademark gold, and later silver tights. In 2016, Bumpman won best uniforms, however a first round playoff loss brought the tournament to an end. The Bumpman legacy was passed to the underclassman of the team, Tabor Reen, Eben Provost, and Jacob Dell.

The next two years, Bumpman was able to go further and further in the playoffs. Losing the quarter final game in 2017, and the semi-final game in 2018.

Bumpman had a busy offseason before the 2019 tournament. Losing graduate Jacob Dell, left only Reen, Provost, and 2017 pickup Josh Wefers on the roster. The addition of Jayden Walters, Quentin Hoskins, Tyler Desjardin, Saul Minaya, and manager Ryan Lavigne, gave Bumpman the offseason lift they were looking for.

"Bumpmans all about the team. It was started to have fun with friends, and that's how we want it to end," says Tabor Reen of Bumpman.

Games started on March 6th, and the

playoffs ended on the 15th. A total of 284 games were played, completing 126 matches. Bumpman was able to make it to the playoffs in first place, losing only 2 games, one match, to Globo Gym.

"By far our biggest test of the season came against Bumpman. We ended up giving it our all, and it worked out for us," says Justin Dattilio of Globo Gym.

Unfortunately, Globo Gym did not make the playoffs so there was no rematch.

There was only one upset in the volleyball tournament this year, when the #5 seed "The Stompers", upset the #4 seed "Two Bump Chumps" in the quarter final round. From there, the bracket stayed true.

March 15th, the number one seed Bumpman, faced off against two seeded "Soggy French Fries" in the Championship game. Bumpman winning, ended an impressive two year run for "Soggy", finishing in 2nd place in 2018 and

2019.

"Winning isn't everything. I have a great time playing with my friends, and seeing everyone enjoying themselves", Lucas McClanahan of Soggy French Fries said.

From the CHS students, we want to thank Mr. McCannell for taking so much of his time to plan out the whole tournament. From planning the schedule, setting up the courts, and much more, the tournament would not happen without Mr. McCannell's commitment.

"Mr. McCannell is one of the great examples of Laker pride within CHS. We're saddened to see him leave. The Laker spirit and school pride he leaves behind will be passed through the students forever." - Bumpman

"Bumpman's all about the team. It was started to have fun with friends, and that's how we want it to end"
-Tabor Reen



Lakeside Voice photo

Left to right: Eben Provost, Jayden Walters, Tabor Reen, Quentin Hoskins, Ryan Lavigne, Josh Wefers, Saul Minaya, Tyler Desjardin

Winter sports end at the Gut

by Sam Fath

As the 2018-19 Laker winter sports came to an end, it was highlighted by the boys' and girls' hockey teams as the Lakers proved they can compete in all winter sports.

The boy's hockey team ended the season 17-5-1, the first time the team has gotten double digit wins in over 4 years.

"Are the Lakers still to young for the moment?" said Austin Danforth.

Many people thought the team was too young to make a deep run in the playoffs, but that did not stop coach Andy Corrans team from reaching the finals for the first time since 2012.

The BC SeaLakers (Burlington-Colchester) girls' hockey team reached the semi-finals for the first time in four years and proving to be a strong force in the coming future. The girls' hockey team has showed strong efforts in recent years and show they have a deep promising group for next season.



Burlington Free Press photo

Lakers huddle before the championship game at the Gut.

The boys' basketball team had a first round exit from playoffs falling to Rice. While the girls' basketball team lost to BFA in the opening round to close out their season.

The Nordic and alpine ski teams also had a successful season and showed strong individual efforts by many strong seniors.

Through all the fun from winter sport, the dance team was able to represent the school very well at various basketball games and reached New England's showing off many hours and dedication to something they love doing.

Winter sports has amped up around CHS with deep runs in the playoffs from both hockey teams. Everyone is already excited for next year's winter sports season to see what CHS can do with amazing talent and athleticism. Congratulations to all teams and good luck to all the seniors in the future.

Show me the money

by Eben Provost

In the last year, there have been some monster paychecks go out to players. Major League Baseball has seen the bulk of those contracts. Four of the world's top 10 paying contracts have been signed in the last year, all for the MLB.

Taking the number 7 all time, Nolan Arenado who signed an eight year, 260 million dollar contract with the Colorado Rockies. Manny Machado also saw a big contract in 2019, being paid 300 million by the San Diego Padres over 10 years. At the time, Machado's contract was the biggest ever seen by the MLB. That record was soon broken by Bryce Harper. Harper signed a 330 million dollar, 13 year contract with the Philadelphia Phillies. A few weeks later, another record broken. The biggest contract of all time, goes to 2018's Silver Slugger, Mike Trout. Trout signing a 12 year, \$426,500,000 contract extension with the Los Angeles Angels.

These four contracts have opened the eyes of players around the league. Free agents will want a bigger paycheck, now that they have seen what teams are willing to dish out. Franchise players will want

contract extensions with a large pay increase to stay with their current teams.

The cause of these enormous paychecks, is the success of the sport. These big names players are making the franchise so much return money from ticket sales and merchandise being sold, that it is worth signing them to such large contracts. We can expect to see some large contracts from a variety of sports in the years to come.



USA Today photo

Mike Trout now holds the largest contract in major league sports.

Madness overtakes March

by Tyler Desjardin

March is a time of year for college basketball; teams from around the nation play for the title of champion. The tournament provides some of the most historic moments in basketball history and this year was no different. From teams making their first tournament appearance to teams becoming a Cinderella story to players breaking records.

There were two teams that made the tournament for the first time in school history (Gardner-Webb and Abilene Christian). Their historic seasons in their school program's history sadly ended in the first round of the tournament, but that doesn't mean their season wasn't great.

Every year there seems to be a Cinderella team that surprises the nation, this year was not any different. 12 seeded Oregon surprised the nation by making it to the Sweet 16 even though

many people thought they were going to have a first round exit. Auburn, a 5 seed, made it all the way to the Final Four even though they were suppose to lose second round. Auburn had a lot of tough matchups going against number 4 seed Kansas in the second round and upsetting them, beating number 1 seed North Carolina in the Sweet Sixteen, and beating number 2 seed Kentucky in the Elite Eight to advance to the Final Four.

This tournament also brought an historic season for junior Purdue guard, Carsen Edwards. He broke the records of most points in 4 games in the tournament and most three pointers made in a tournament, sadly his season ended in the Elite Eight.

This March was one of the most exciting March's in tournament history, with 3 out of the final four teams making it for their first time with Virginia beating Texas Tech in OT to win the National Championship.

by Anna Nault and Tyler Desjardin

Tryouts for spring sports began mid-March, and now that April is well underway, teams are shaping up, underclassmen are showing of their skills during the first few games; maybe even for the first time in their high school career, while key returning players are taking on a leadership role. All of these teams are working really hard to be successful this 2019 season. Upcoming games are listed below, be sure to attend and support your peers and CHS athletics!

Track & Field
Wednesday, May 1 @ Essex 3:30pm
Wednesday, May 8 @ CHS 3:30pm
Saturday, May 11 @ Burlington 10:00am

Girls' Lacrosse
Thursday, May 2 vs. Spaulding 4:30pm
Saturday, May 4 @ BFA 3:00pm
Monday, May 6 vs. MMU 4:30pm

Boys' Lacrosse
Friday, May 3 @ CVU 4:00pm
Tuesday, May 7 vs. Middlebury 4:00pm
Friday, May 10 @ BHS 4:00pm

Ultimate
Wednesday, May 1 vs. Milton 4:00pm
Friday, May 3 @ SB 4:00pm
Tuesday, May 7 @ VT Commons 4:00pm

Baseball/Softball
Thursday, May 2 vs. North Country 4:30pm
Tuesday, May 7 @ St J 4:30pm
Thursday, May 9 @ MMU 4:30pm

Girls' Tennis
Wednesday, May 1 @ Harwood 4:30pm
Friday, May 3 vs. SB 3:30pm
Thursday, May 9 vs. CVU 3:30pm

Boys' Tennis
Wednesday, May 1 vs. Harwood 3:30pm
Friday, May 3 @SB 3:30pm
Thursday, May 9 @CVU 4:30pm



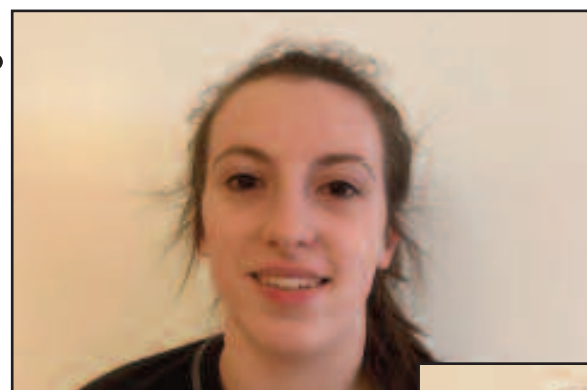
Varsity Ultimate player, Max Anderson prepares for his final season at Colchester High School.

The Final Season

Varsity Softball

Senior, Victoria Creamer

"I hope we beat Essex this year and take home the 'ship."



Varsity Baseball

Senior, Eben Provost

"We're a talented team, I think everyone's excited to see what we can accomplish this season."

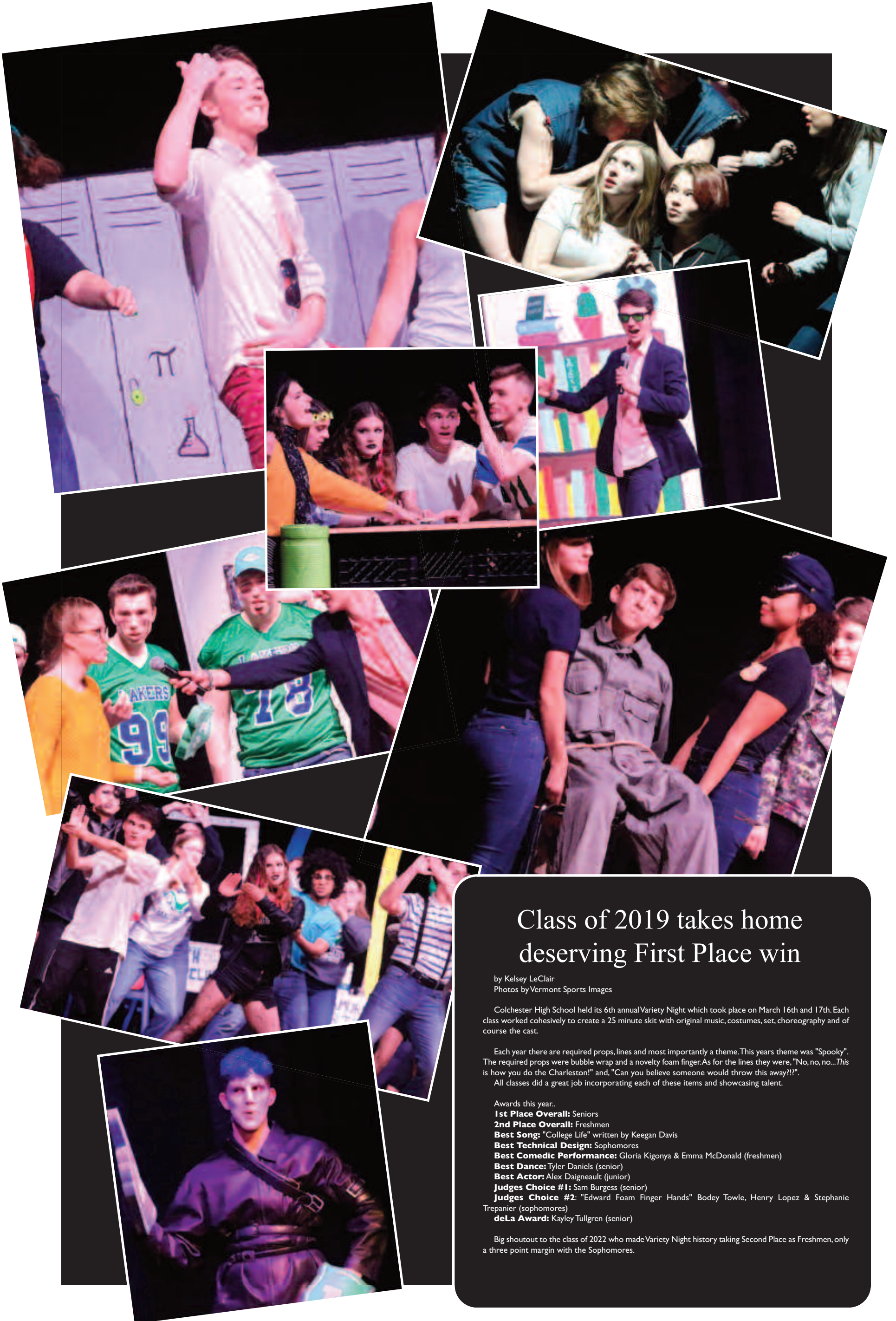


Girls' Lacrosse

Senior, Kelsey Leclair

"My expectations for the season are that we keep the season consistent and finish it and make it good."

VARIETY NIGHT 2019



Class of 2019 takes home deserving First Place win

by Kelsey LeClair
Photos by Vermont Sports Images

Colchester High School held its 6th annual Variety Night which took place on March 16th and 17th. Each class worked cohesively to create a 25 minute skit with original music, costumes, set, choreography and of course the cast.

Each year there are required props, lines and most importantly a theme. This year's theme was "Spooky". The required props were bubble wrap and a novelty foam finger. As for the lines they were, "No, no, no... This is how you do the Charleston!" and, "Can you believe someone would throw this away!!?"

All classes did a great job incorporating each of these items and showcasing talent.

Awards this year..

1st Place Overall: Seniors

2nd Place Overall: Freshmen

Best Song: "College Life" written by Keegan Davis

Best Technical Design: Sophomores

Best Comedic Performance: Gloria Kigonya & Emma McDonald (freshmen)

Best Dance: Tyler Daniels (senior)

Best Actor: Alex Daigneault (junior)

Judges Choice #1: Sam Burgess (senior)

Judges Choice #2: "Edward Foam Finger Hands" Bodey Towle, Henry Lopez & Stephanie Trepanier (sophomores)

deLa Award: Kayley Tullgren (senior)

Big shoutout to the class of 2022 who made Variety Night history taking Second Place as Freshmen, only a three point margin with the Sophomores.