

# WINOOSKI SCHOOL **DISTRICT NEWS!**

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congratulations Class of 2014!





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### Presenting... The Class of 2014!

- Ahmed Abdulkhaleiq
- \*† Indra J. Acharya
- \*† Januka Acharya
- Kyle William Bigelow \*† Sean W. Carpenter Silas Carpenter
- Cara Casier \*† Matthew Chamberlain Michael Cross
- \*† Duc Hong Dang
- \*† Andrew Decarreau Tucker Robert DiMasi Dakota Marie Duffey Thomas Nevin Elston
- \*† Luke Hamilton Fountain Sunita Gurung Ahmed Hassan Waris Hassan
- Sarah Haylette ‡ Tiera Tishalee Herron Cory Hemingway Krysta Marie Jacobs Jacob Learned Sarah M. Lind

- Fatuma Ibrahim Maalim \*† Austin R. Mayo
- Adan Kumane Mohamed Farhiyo Mohamed
- \*† Naima Mohamed Asha Monger Farhiya H. Omar
- \*† Kevin Q. Pham
  - \*† Serina Thuy Phuong David Joseph Poss III Nia Prentiss Kassian Rashied Prior Chantho Sam Brandon A. Shortsleeve Jesuela Lughendo Siriwayo Mirnesa Talic Steven Truong Cheyanna Tyler
  - Ku Say Wah
  - \* Honor Student
- † National Honor Society Member
- **‡** National Technical Honor Society



Commencement speaker Katherine Levasseur, UVM Graduate dedicated to service, politics and advocacy.

# **Congratulations to all 2014 Scholarship Recipients!**

Here is a list of the the members of the Class of 2014 who were honored with financial awards at the graduation ceremony:

### **GREEN AND GOLD SCHOLARSHIP** -

The University of Vermont awards this full-tuition scholarship for eight semesters provided that fulltime enrollment and at least a 3.0 GPA are maintained. The



student who has attained the highest academic distinction at the end of their junior year shall be the recipient. The Green and Gold Scholar for Winooski High School is **Cara Casier**:

### CLASS OF 2003 SCHOLARSHIP -

The class of 2003 scholarship, cosponsored by Dollars for Scholars, is presented to a senior who has demonstrated dedication to his/her class, and exhibited genuine care and respect for Winooski High School. The 2014 recipient of the Class of 2003 scholarship is Austin Mayo.

#### WINOOSKI EAGLES SCHOLARSHIP

- The Winooski Eagles Scholarship is presented to a deserving student continuing his/her education. The 2014 recipient of the Winooski Eagles Scholarship is **Farhiyo Mohamed**.

**SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP -** The Service Scholarship, sponsored by Dollars for Scholars, is awarded to a student who volunteers dependable and wellorganized assistance within the school and/or within the community. The 2014 recipient of the Service Scholarship is **Sarah Lind**.

#### MAIDA F. TOWNSEND SCHOLARSHIP

- The Maida F. Townsend Scholarship, sponsored by Dollars for Scholars, is given to a student who has demonstrated a love of learning, an openness to the richness of differences among people, and a willingness to use his/her time and talent in service to others. The 2014 recipient of the Maida F. Townsend scholarship is **Januka Archarya**.

#### **VFW COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD –**

The VFW Community Service Award is presented to two graduates in recognition of outstanding community service. The 2014 recipients of the VFW Community Service Award are **Kyle Bigelow** and **Luke Fountain**.

### ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP - The

Academic Scholarships, co-sponsored by Dollars for Scholars, is presented to two students who excel academically. The 2014 recipients of the Academic Scholarships are **Cara Casier** and **Serina Phuong**.

### **VERMONT HONOR SCHOLARSHIP -**

The Vermont Honor Scholarship, initiated by the Vermont Legislature, is presented to a student with outstanding academic achievement going on to college. The 2014 recipient of the Vermont Honor Scholarship is **Kevin Pham**.

### THE ABBEY GROUP SCHOLARSHIP -

A scholarship given to a student pursuing a post-secondary education in the culinary field. Sponsored by The Abbey Group.The 2014 recipient of The Abbey Group Scholarship is **Tucker DiMasi**.

#### STUDENT COUNCIL SCHOLARSHIP

- The student Council Scholarship, co-sponsored by Dollars for Scholars, is presented to a student who has made notable contributions to bettering WHS, who has served his/her community, who is active in school activities, and who handles responsibilities willingly and efficiently. The 2014 recipient of the Student Council Scholarship is **Cara Casier**.

#### **BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS**

**AWARDS -** These awards, co-sponsored by Dollars for Scholars, are presented to two graduates who who have shown the most improvement during their four years of high school. The 2014 recipients of the Board of School Directors Award are **Naima Mohamed** and **Januka Acharya**  **WOODY AND SUSAN MARTEL SCHOLARSHIP -** The Woody and Susan Martel Scholarship, co-sponsored by Dollars for Scholars, is presented to a student with financial need who is pursuing higher education and who has participated in athletics, attained good grades, and been a good school and community citizen. The 2014 recipient of the Woody and Susan Martel Scholarship is **Kevin Pham**.

### WINOOSKI EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

**SCHOLARSHIP -** The Winooski Education Association Scholarship is presented to an individual entering the field of education in recognition of exceptional contributions to school activities and all around excellence in academics. The 2014 recipient of the Winooski Education Association Scholarship is **Luke Fountain**.

### NORTHFIELD SAVINGS BANK

**SCHOLARSHIP** - The Northfield Savings Bank Scholarship, sponsored by The Northfield Savings Bank, is given to a senior enrolling in an accredited post secondary school who will be majoring in finance, economics, or another business related field. The 2014 recipient of The Northfield Savings Bank Scholarship is: **Ku Say Wah**.

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

**SCHOLARSHIP** - The Winooski Knights of Columbus, a Catholic fraternal organization, supports Winooski High School graduates who aspire to continue his/her education at a Catholic college or university. The 2014 recipient of The Knights of Columbus Scholarship is **Austin Mayo**.

#### WINOOSKI BUSINESS DEPARTMENT

**SCHOLARSHIP** - The Winooski Business Department Scholarship is awarded to students who have excelled in Business classes and are pursuing a degree in business or a related field. Recipients will have demonstrated a desire to learn about business, by challenging themselves to learn beyond the classroom and contributing their knowledge to class discussions. This scholarship is paid for by fundraisers done in the Winooski High School Business Department. The 2014 recipients for the Winooski Business Department Scholarship are **Andrew Decarreau**, **Austin Mayo**, and **Kyle Bigelow**.

**CHALLENGE SCHOLARSHIP -** The Challenge Scholarship, sponsored by Dollars for Scholars, is presented to a well-rounded, highly motivated student (in the top 25% of the graduating class) who has overcome

obstacles in achieving his/her success. The 2014 recipient of the Challenge Scholarship is **Sunita Gurung**.

#### PTO SCHOLARSHIP - The PTO

Scholarship, co-sponsored by Dollars for Scholars, is presented to a student who is pursuing a career in education and who has displayed community involvement through school or work experience. The 2014 recipient for the PTO Scholarship is **Sarah Lind**.

#### FRIENDS OF WINOOSKI SCHOLARSHIP

- The Friends of WHS Scholarship, co-sponsored by Dollars for Scholars, is given to two students who have shown an over-all commitment to and involvement with the high school in multiple and varying ways. The 2014 recipients of the Friends of WHS Scholarship are **Andrew Decarreau** and **Cara Casier**.

#### ALS FRENCH FRYS SCHOLARSHIP - Al's

French Frys Scholarship, co-sponsored by Dollars fo Scholars, is presented to a graduate with financial need, planning on a 4-year post-secondary program. The 2014 recipient of the Als French Frys Scholarship is **Thomas Elston**.

#### THE BOB WEIS SCHOLARSHIP - ${\rm A}$

scholarship awarded to a student who demonstrates his/her curiosity about the world through asking questions and demonstrating determination in the pursuit of understanding. The 2014 recipient of The Bob Weis Scholarship is **Serina Phuong**.

**VFW SCHOLARSHIP -** A scholarship presented to a student with a GPA of a 3.0, pursuing a degree, who has fulfilled their community service and has been involved in sports and other extracurricular activities. The 2014 recipient of The VFW Scholarship is **Ku Say Wah**.



Winooski Chorus singers Brianna Knox, Oo Mai Be, and Merrie Awn perform at graduation.

#### LINDA L. GELINAS MEMORIAL

**SCHOLARSHIP** - The Linda L. Gelinas Memorial Scholarship, sponsored by the Gelinas Family and co-sponsored by Dollars for Scholars, is awarded to a student who is interested in pursuing a 4-year degree in nursing or education, who has been involved in the community, and who has demonstrated strong leadership skills. The 2014 recipient of the Linda L. Gelinas Scholarship is **Naima Mohamed**.

#### CAROL L. KESSLER, R.N. MEMORIAL

**AWARD -** The Carol L. Kessler, R.N. Memorial Award is presented to a student or students who are in the upper 25% of the senior class and who have demonstrated a love of life, acted as role models or mentors to peers, and who, preferably, are intending to continue their education at any accredited postsecondary institution to pursue a career in healthcare or a related field. The 2014 recipient of the Carol L. Kessler, R.N. Memorial Award is **Fatuma Maalim**.

**LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP -** The Leadership Scholarship, sponsored by Dollars for Scholars, is given to a student who has demonstrated outstanding leadership qualities and exemplified positive attitudes. The 2014 recipient of the Leadership Scholarship is **Austin Mayo**.

#### **PART-TIME SCHOLARSHIP** - The part-time scholarship, sponsored by Dollars for Scholars, is awarded to a student in the top 25% of of the senior class, who have financial need, and a dedication to pursue a post-secondary degree on a part time basis. The 2014 recipient of the Part-Time Scholarship is **Farhiyo Omar**.

#### CLASS OF 2013 SCHOLARSHIP -

A Scholarship for a senior who has demonstrated dedication to his/her class and exhibited a genuine care and respect for Winooski High School. This year's recipient of The Class of 2014 scholarship is **Cara Casier**.

#### **ROUSSELLE/FLAHIVE**

**SCHOLARSHIP** - The Rousselle/ Flahive Scholarship is awarded to a deserving student who is representative of the "Winooski Experience," having been a longtime member of the Winooski School Community. The 2014 recipient for the Rousselle/ Flahive Scholarship is **Kyle Bigelow**.

JOHN J. MALCOVSKY COMMUNITY SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP - The John

J. Malcovsky Community Service Scholarship is given to a deserving student who has participated actively in community service. The 2014 recipient of the John J. Malcovsky Community Service Scholarship is **Luke Fountain**.

#### WINOOSKI BOOSTERS SCHOLARSHIP

- The Winooski Booster Club Scholarship awards four athletes who participated in sports throughout high school, especially their senior year, and demonstrated outstanding leadership qualities on and off the playing field. The 2014 recipients of the Winooski Boosters Scholarship are **Sarah Lind**, **Kyle Bigelow**, **Kevin Pham**, and **Andrew Decarreau**.

#### MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

**SCHOLARSHIP -** The Mayor and City Council Scholarships, co-sponsored by Dollars for Scholars, are presented to one male and one female student who have shown the most improvement over the four years of high school. The 2014 recipients of the Mayor and City Council Scholarships are **Januka Acharya** and **Kyle Bigelow**.

### **Governor's Community Forum on Opiate Addiction**

#### By Sean McMannon, Superintendent of Schools

What are opioids? According to the Vermont Department of Health (VDH), opioids such as prescription painkillers and heroin are powerful drugs. They slow breathing and heartbeat, and act on the brain to relieve pain and increase feelings of pleasure. Drug-related deaths involving opiates such as prescription painkillers and heroin in Vermont has skyrocketed from 39 to 68 in the past four years. (HealthVermont.gov/adap)

You have probably heard a lot in the press lately about the "opioid addiction health crisis." Five New England governors agreed earlier this year to work across state borders to address a surge in drug overdoses, promising to better monitor the prescription of opioid painkillers and to expand access to addiction treatment. Vermont Governor Peter Shumlin stated "I don't think there's a discussion more essential to preserving our quality of life than the one we're having now. None of us have the answers, but all of us are trying. But, we have made it possible to talk about addiction and recovery, to talk about what we're doing well and not doing well, and what Vermont needs to do to get things right." (Rutland Herald, June 17, 2014)

I had the honor of being on the Planning Committee for the Governor's Community Forum on Opiate Addiction which was held at the Statehouse on Monday, June 16th. The group is a

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dedicated, creative and passionate group of people across professions who know that ameliorating this health crisis requires collective and coordinated community action sustained over time. This forum was a first step. The purpose of the forum was to bring together leaders from different sectors of the community and share community-based solutions to tackle opiate addiction. Attendees were local community members working in prevention, treatment, and recovery, business leaders, town officials, law enforcement, health care providers, educators, parents, students, artists, and, of course, those struggling with addiction and recovery themselves. In addition to large- and small-group presentations on strategies to address opiate addiction, the forum included time for the teams to engage in action planning in order to bring what they have learned home. Each community team, with the support of their District Office, is expected to host a regional follow-up event to engage the broader community in implementing their action plan.

"As the Governor has said, we can't arrest our way out of this challenge. Communities need to come together to address public education, prevention, intervention and treatment strategies," said Martha Maksym, Executive Director of the United Way of Chittenden County. So, what can we do as Winooski community members to combat this health crisis? I have the following suggestions:

#### Engage in prevention activities...

• Volunteer as a mentor (United Way: Email- info@unitedwaycc.org or Phone: 802-864-7541)

#### Talk with your children

• Children who learn about the risks of drugs and alcohol from their parents are half as likely to use than those who do not (visit http://kidshealth. org/parent/positive/talk/talk\_about\_ drugs.html)

#### Advocate...

- Post info about treatment and recovery services (http://www. wsdschools.org/parents/parentresources/)
- Speak up at community events about substance abuse (visit http://wcspc. blogspot.com/p/programs.html)
- Join a regional partnership or local coalition by contacting local VDH District Office: Burlington: AHS. VDHOLHBurlington@state.vt.us, Phone: 802-863-7323 option 5

Please consider joining the effort to mitigate the effects of opioid abuse and all substances so our community is safe and healthy for all!

### Summertime!

#### By Jen Corrigan, Board of School Trustees

First of all - our congratulations to the Class of 2014! It's hard to believe that summer is here, another school year has gone by.

As I think about the past year, I am very proud of Winooski School District and our community. We have had tremendous success this year. The iLab had a very successful first year, giving our students the ability to connect and own their learning. The Board was able to close the support staff contracts and while it was a close vote, we were able to pass the budget the first time around.

One of our main goals this year was to work on our Ends Statement: "All students will graduate from the Winooski School District (WSD) college and career ready at a cost supported by a majority of the Winooski community. WSD students will lead healthy, productive and successful lives and engage with their local and global community." To this end, we have been gathering information from our community, colleges and business and will continue to move forward with the progress. We were able to meet with college professionals about what "college ready" means to them. It was an awesome round table conversation. This summer, we will be reaching out to businesses to learn what *they* feel our students will need to be successful when leaving WSD. I encourage you to contact Mike Decarreau if you are interested in attending any of these conversations. Email him at mdecarreau@wsdschools. org. The information we gather will help us provide a successful outcome to every student that leaves our district.

Thank you to all of our District Leaders, Staff, Students, Parents and Community for all the hard work you do.

### Apply to Join the Partnership for Change Steering Committee Today!



- Are you committed to shaping a bright future for our youth and our community?
- Do you believe all Winooski students can and should succeed?
- Do you want to help redesign education for today's world?

If you answered YES to any of these questions, consider joining the Partnership for Change Steering Committee!

The Partnership for Change was established in 2012 by the Winooski and Burlington School Districts along with their communities. A research and innovation arm of the two districts, the Partnership supports the work of remodeling our education system for the 21st century.

The Steering Committee is a multistakeholder group of educators, learners, parents, and community members who are mutually committed to the mission and vision of the Partnership for Change. Members are charged with communicating with and on behalf of their stakeholder groups to ensure the progress and coordination of our work across both districts. Steering Committee members are also the keepers of a bold, student-centered learning agenda for our communities.

If you are interested in learning about, talking about, and contributing to the work being done to move our schools forward, the Steering Committee is the place for you. All members must be fully committed to shared learning, partnership with diverse stakeholders, and to the overall mission and vision of the Partnership for Change. Please note that member supports in the form of stipends will be available as needed to allow for your participation.

To apply, follow the instructions at <u>http://partnershipvt.org/about/positions/</u> OR send your answers to the following questions to:

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### **A N N O U N C E M E N T S**

### The Winooski PTO Thanks You

### By Tammy Cusson-Ducharme, PTO President

As school comes to an end and summer vacation for the children is in full swing, I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to the members of the PTO for all of their hard work this year. We are a small but mighty group and accomplish many things throughout the year including continuing to provide end of the year field trips to students in K - 8, organizing monthly dances for middle school students to enjoy, and sponsoring our teacher-run Fun Fair for JFK students. The PTO also provides teachers with a little additional grant money to purchase items for their classrooms and the list goes on.

I would also like to thank the many teachers, parents, community members and business, as well as former PTO members who continue come back and help out. We couldn't do what we do without all of you!

The JFK PTO serves students in grades K-12 and is always looking for new members. If you are interested, new to the community or just have questions, please check out our information at the school website (www.wsdschools.org) or call me at 923-6670. Happy Summer Everyone!

### Remember the 2013-2014 School Year with a JFK Yearbook!

JFK Yearbooks are now on sale for \$10.00. They can be purchased in the JFK office during the summer or from Mrs. Goetz in room 15 once school starts again in the Fall.

## **Please Help!**

The PTO is continuing to collect Box Tops this year. Please save them over the summer and bring them to school.

This year we earned \$1,795! Please note: We no longer collect Campbell's Soup Labels. Thank you!

## **Athletic Banquet Held**

#### By Dennis Barcomb, Athletic Director

A school-sponsored banquet is held each year to honor all athletes who participated in the high school program throughout the school year. The banquet, a potluck dinner, has been an annual event for 70 years. In addition to sharing a meal together, special athletic awards are presented. Coaches nominate athletes based on their performances during the year. The athletic council made up of all the coaches, vote on the candidates.

Athletes who have been dismissed from a sport by a coach, have quit a team, or remained academically ineligible, are not eligible for nomination for any awards. The 2014 awards were as follows:

**Freshman Awards:** Presented to a boy and a girl in the freshman class for achievement and contribution to the athletic program in their first year of eligibility. Winners: Eddy Lamson and Riley Corrigan.

**Sophomore Awards:** Presented to a boy and a girl in the sophomore class for achievement and contribution to the athletic program in their second year of eligibility. Winners: Brandon Bigelow and Oo Mai Be.

**Junior Awards:** Presented to a boy and a girl in the Junior class for achievement and contribution to the athletic program in their third year of eligibility. Winners: Conner Drown and Amanda Nattress, Avah Eaton, and Micheala Metivier (3 way tie).

**Senior Athlete Award:** Presented to a boy and a girl voted as the top senior athlete in the class. Winners: Ganesh Rai, Andrew Decarreau, and Austin Mayo (3 way tie) and Sarah Lind

**Scholar Athlete Award:** Presented to a senior for excellence in academic and athletic achievement. Winner: Cara Casier.

**Ralph Lapointe Award:** Presented in memory of Winooski High School's most notable graduate to an athlete for outstanding contribution and achievement in the athletic program and equal characteristics in all aspects of school life. Winner: Kyle Bigelow.

**Spartan Award:** Presented to Winooski High School's most outstanding male athlete for achievement in qualities as expressed by the words used to describe the Spartan spirit. **S**acrifice - **P**erseverance - **A**ggressiveness - **R**espect - **T**olerance - **A**ttitude - **N**ever Say Die. Winner: Kevin Pham.

Lady Spartan Award: Presented to Winooski High School's most outstanding female athlete for achievement in qualities as expressed by the words used to describe the Spartan spirit. Sacrifice - Perseverance - Aggressiveness - Respect - Tolerance - Attitude - Never Say Die. Winner: Amanda Nattress.

**Mona Williams Fan of the Year Award:** Presented in memory of Mona Williams for continuous support and encouragement of school athletic activities. Winner: Ken and Judy Atkins.

### Rice Memorial students inducted into National Honor Society

By Susan Cain O'Brien '76, Alumni Relations and Advancement

Rev. Msgr. Bernard W. Bourgeois, principal at Rice Memorial High School, located in South Burlington, proudly announces the following students, who are residents of Winooski, were inducted into the 2014 Rev.

Morgan Sleeman and Jenna Flint

Raymond A. Adams Chapter of the National Honor Society. Criteria for acceptance into the NHS is based on Scholarship (four-year GPA of 90 +), Leadership, Character and Service to Others.





# **Free Preschool**

### By Robin E. Hood, Ed.D., Director of Student Support Services

Looking for free preschool for your 3 – 5 year old? Champlain Valley Head Start and the Winooski School District are pleased to announce the planned opening of our new Head Start classroom for the 2014-2015 school year!

We currently have openings available for this new program that will run Monday—Friday, 8am to 12pm and will include free breakfast and lunch for all children. If you live in Winooski and are interested in enrolling your child, please contact Jessica Benoit at 651-4180, x204. For more information about Head Start eligibility and programming, please visit our website at http:// champlainvalleyheadstart.org.

## Farewell to "Ma" Leary

### By Marc McQuinn

Priscilla Leary, a beloved English teacher at WHS for over 20 years from the late 1960s through the 1980s, passed away on May 4, 2014 at the age of 88. "Ma" Leary, as she was affectionately known by her students, pushed them to achieve high standards well before this age of high-stakes standardized tests. One of her students, Susan Lemieux, wrote on Priscilla's guest book - remembrance page that "Ma Leary was one of the few teachers that really pushed me to think and reflect about what I read and what I wrote. She never let me get away with good enough but made me strive for my best." Michelle (Gosselin) Spence shared that "She was such an inspiration to me and I have remained appreciative that she always expected nothing less than the very best of us."

Collegue Susan Flahive recalled how, "Mrs. Leary was a true model for those in the teaching profession." While Jim DeFilippi asked, "Who was ever classier than this classy lady?" Although her time at WHS has long since passed, her impact on the lives of those she touched here is still strong. "Ma" is probably somewhere peering over those glasses at her former students they way she always did, making sure we live up to her expectations. Lisa (Dorey) Myers summed it up best, "She was simply the best!"

### ALUMNI CORNER: Where Are They Now?

### Interview by Heidi McLaughlin, VSAC

Our fifth alumni featured is WHS Alumni Ashley Higgins! Here are our questions and her replies.

#### How many years did you attend Winooski schools? 13 (K-12)

# Were there any adults in the Winooski schools that had a really positive impact on you? (teachers, coaches, etc.)

Ms. Townsend (French) and Mrs. Lawson (English) both inspired me to work hard and strive to learn something new every day.

# What was your favorite learning experience during your time in the Winooski schools?

Exchange with a group of French students. They stayed with us for a couple of weeks and then we went over to France to stay with them. This was the first time I had left the country and when I caught the travel bug!

### Did you feel prepared for college? work/career?

Yes. The VSAC Outreach program helped a lot with the college application process, which can be really overwhelming. Since graduating, forcing myself out of my comfort zone and into challenging situations has made me confident in most situations professionally.

### Where do/did you got to college? What did you study? Degree?

I went to college at Salve Regina University, a small private school in Newport, Rhode Island. I finished my Bachelor's with a double major in French and International Studies. I also completed a 5-year accelerated Master's program by starting to take graduate courses during my senior year so I could complete my Master's in Global Business with one extra year of study.

#### Where do you work? What do you do (job responsibilities)?

I work at the gaming company SEGA in their mobile division in San Francisco. I am responsible for all advertising within the SEGA mobile titles, balancing revenue generation with game integrity. I also manage cross-promotion between our titles – engaging our users to try different titles within our portfolio of games. It's a really fun industry to be in and getting paid to play games on my iPad is pretty awesome. :)

# What advice would you give Winooski high school students about college and career if you knew then what you know now?

Get outside your comfort zone! If I hadn't moved to California, I never would've had the sorts of opportunities I have now. Also, try to explore lots of different career paths (do internships if possible). I didn't really have a clear idea of what I wanted to do professionally while I was in college and no really forced me to think hard about it. If I knew then what I know now, I would've chosen a completely different set of classes to prepare me, particularly for the more technical/analytical aspects of my job.

# What other activities were you involved in during college? Did you try anything new? What did you learn about yourself in college?

I was involved with orchestra (I play the viola) and also studied abroad in France for a semester during my junior year. For me, college was a great opportunity to figure out who I was and what was most important to me. You can even reinvent yourself since no one knows anything about you or your background. Coming from Winooski where everyone had known me since kindergarten, this was a really big change! **Did you study abroad, travel or have any other experiences since graduating that you would like to share?** 

Since graduating, I travel as much as possible. I'm also a big animal lover, so I try to fulfill that through my travels since I don't work with animals day-to-day. My favorite experiences so far were probably visiting Hawaii where I went in a shark cage in the Pacific and paddle-boarded with giant sea turtles and visiting South Africa where I got to bottle feed and care for baby lions, hyenas, and monkeys.



Ashley Higgins

### JFK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS

## **July News from JFK Elementary**

By Mary O'Rourke, Principal

The last weeks of school brought us many reasons to celebrate. Certificates of Successful Achievement, which represent their time here at JFK, were presented to all fifth grade students as we said good-bye to them in an end-ofyear barbeque. Parents and family members joined us, and we closed the evening with three video presentations. We will miss our fifth grade students as they transition to middle school.



All of our students had the unique experience of being in

the gymnasium with the entire student body from the middle and high schools. They were brought together for a wellness gathering that included one minute of silence. Imagine over 800 people in a gymnasium and being able to hear a pin drop!! Mr. McMannon's mindfulness exercise was a huge success. The event ended with all kids being treated to ice cream and going outside to enjoy the last few minutes of the day.

Lastly, thanks to a generous donation from the PTO, the elementary school was turned into a carnival!!! Our stars earned 200,002 stars for the year and were treated to a day fun. It started with a magic show and ended with ice cream. In between there was

face painting, balloon sculptures, popcorn, button making and a whole blue trunk full of fun activities. What a great way to show students that rewards happen when they persevere and work hard.

Carnival 2014 photos:













### Second Grade visits ECHO Center

#### By Angela Moulton

Second graders enjoy learning about the Lake Champlain water basin. They built a model and incorporated humans, pollution, wildlife and mountain ranges. They had a great amount of fun. They also learned about the immediate world around them in a very hands on way.











### **Homemade Books!**

Third graders from Mrs. Goetz's class read homemade books to Mrs. Laforce's kindergarten class, celebrating their love of reading!







*Right: Mrs. Laforce's class show off their homemade animal hats.* 

# Career Day In First Grade

Written by the First Grade Team

On Friday, June 6th, the first grade proudly presented their career day. The children researched and wrote speeches about a career they might like in the future. They read their speeches to friends and family, and dressed as their career choice. We were all very proud of this successful day!











### **MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS**

# **Creating a Community of Learning**

### By Leon Wheeler, Principal, WMHS

I love the Winooski Middle High School: our students, our staff, our parents, our larger community! The work that's underway here to personalize learning structures and build important life skills (our graduation expectations, or GX) is truly inspiring. We're in the process of creating a community of learning where "each diverse human gift will find a fitting place."

I'm writing this the week after graduation, which is also the first week of summer break. Typically, educators are shifting gears and taking some time off from their school year planning. Our middle and high school teachers, however, have chosen to dig deeper into our school transformation, with virtually everyone participating in either our GX training and planning week (June 16-20), our Personalized Learning Plan training and planning week (June 23-27), and in some cases, both weeks. "If we are to achieve a richer culture, rich in contrasting values, we must recognize the whole gamut of human potentialities, and so weave a less arbitrary social fabric, one in which each diverse human gift will find a fitting place."

— Margaret Mead

This level of dedication is profound! We are eager, chomping at the bit to learn from our achievements and stumbles of 2013-14, and to begin to make plans for making corrections and improvements for the 2014-15 school year.

Thinking back over the past 10 months, here are a few of our notable improvements.

- Middle school students became increasingly active and engaged through Spartans In Motion (SIM)
- Students in several middle and high school classes led what have traditionally been the "parent conferences" this past spring.
- Students in high school humanities voted on one of the courses that would be taught during the year.
- All middle school and some high school students had classes that included "blended learning:" ReadingPlus; Duolingo; and Khan Academy.
- K-12 students had public celebrations of their learning in Spring Into The Arts (SITA) which is in it's 2nd year.
- HS students served as mentors to younger students through the business classes, and in connection with ReadingPlus.
- Personalized and proficiency-based learning took shape through our new iLab and their Share It Nights three times during the year.
- HS science students ended the year with a project-based learning unit, and demonstrating their learning at the final Share It Night.
- Classrooms from the elementary, middle, and high school partnered up to build connections and celebrate with interactive wellness activities.
- And our seniors class had articulate, engaging, and skillfully developed senior projects as a capstone of their high school experience! They have reason to be proud of their work, and we share that pride, and wish them the best!

These and so many more things have evolved during this past year, as we've intentionally embedded a more student-centered focus in all our work. We are on an exciting journey, and look forward learning and growing together in the summer, and years ahead.

# 8th Graders Receive "Moving Up" Awards

The following awards were given to 8th grade students "moving up" to high school next year. Congratulations to everyone!

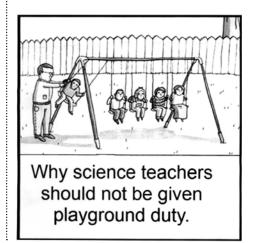
Vermont Association for Middle Level Education - Scholar Leader Awards - Public recognition to students who have distinguished themselves in outstanding scholarship and leadership. Awarded to Dhan Maya Dhamala and Olivia Treadwell.

**Almedina Orucevic Award -**Recipient demonstrates qualities of friendship, musical talent, helpfulness, thoughtfulness and loyalty. Named after a former 8th grade student who passed away. Awarded to ThaZin Aye.

**Little Spartan Award -** Spartan stands for: S = sacrifice, p = perseverance, a = positive attitude, r = respect, t = tolerance, a = ability, n = never say die. Awarded to Jarod Fountain.

**Resiliency Award** - Established by Lynn Granger, retired teacher, and given to individuals who have overcome adversity in their lives. Awarded to Brianna Holton, Dylin Traverse, and Cheyenne Pearce-Eaton.

**Good Citizenship Award -** Given to students who inspire enthusiastic school spirit, strengthen student self-esteem, promote appreciation of the rights and responsibilities of citizenship, and build responsible, knowledgeable citizens. Awarded to Kaitlinn Little and Jaret Chagnon.



## Winooski Dollars for Scholars President Morgan Kelner "Graduates"

fundraiser as Winooski

Dollars for Scholars is the

recipient of Mr. Malcovsky's

Silent Auction, which we've

for years at the Elks club. It

was generously supported

by community businesses

who provided items for door

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hard work and dedication. Our annual Calcutta and

By Cathy Resmer, Dollars for Scholars President

At the 2014 high school graduation in June, Winooski Dollars for Scholars awarded 20 scholarships to graduating seniors pursuing higher education. Congratulations to all of the winners!

But June was a bittersweet month for us — we said goodbye to our longtime president, Morgan Kelner, who Mo stepped down after 11 years of service as a board member. Morgan doesn't work with Winooski students, but for nearly a dozen years she's been raising money on their behalf, soliciting donations from local businesses and individuals, recruiting volunteers and running the meetings for our volunteerrun organization.

During Morgan's time on the board, our nonprofit has given away more than \$160,000 to Winooski students. We asked her to reflect on her service and what she learned from it in this month's *District News*, with the hope that she might inspire other parents and community members to join us or make a donation.

# When and why did you get involved in Winooski Dollars for Scholars?

I am fortunate to be a parent of a student who received an excellent K-12 education in the Winooski schools. He thrived in the small supportive setting and was able to participate in sports throughout the year, as well as taking part in the band and orchestra. I became involved in Winooski Dollars for Scholars as a way to give back to Winooski schools and to show my appreciation for his education.

#### What was your favorite Winooski Dollars for Scholars fundraiser?

There were and are so many fun and community-centered fundraisers. Ms. Townsend's Flying Flamingos were great — we all delivered beautiful pink, plastic flamingos to donors in the middle of winter. The annual train show, continues to be an excellent



Morgan Kelner

prizes and the auction. Marc McQuinn brought in a 'ton' of Silent Auction prizes, which greatly added to our scholarship fund. It was great to see so many people in the community come together, share a meal and generously support Winooski students by outbidding each other at the silent auction and buying endless amounts of 50/50 raffle tickets.

# What was the most memorable donation you received?

There is not one single donation which is memorable, but I think the 2013 Halloween fundraiser at Sneakers Bistro was pretty incredible. Jenny Andrews, the current owner of Sloan Mercantile and Sneakers' management decided to sponsor a Halloween party with all donations going to Winooski Dollars for Scholars — thanks to Jodi Harrington's suggestion. Ms. Poquette's business class jumped in to make flyers; Sneakers provided a delicious free buffet, Winooski businesses donated door prizes and gift certificates — all in a two-week time frame. We were all amazed how quickly this came together and became a new fundraising model. As always we are so appreciative of the community support and donations. One Winooski couple left a \$500 check in the donation basket!

# What will you miss the most about this volunteer work?

I think one of the best things, for me, is meeting and working with competent, fun, dedicated people who want to make a difference in their community. Being part of DFS is a very direct way to support students in their ambitions for higher education by providing them with some financial support.

#### What are your hopes for Winooski Dollars for Scholars in our 20th year?

This year Winooski Dollars for Scholars has gone through many changes as we have attracted new board members; formed a real working partnership with WHS, due to Leon Wheeler's work as new board member/ school liason, and started to support students' personalized studies in the iLab. Our scholarship process has gone online thanks to Technology Chair Elizabeth Stillwell, Treasurer Lisa Graves and Scholarship Chair Karen Greene; we have a new tri-fold flyer which Secretary/Community Liason Laban Hill created in order for Dollars for Scholars to do further fundraising in the community. We also have a new forward-thinking leader, Cathy Resmer, who takes the helm as President/ Publicity Chair. In our efforts to create a wider range of scholarships, we will hopefully continue to increase funds for our part-time scholarships, as well as providing more Vocational Skills Scholarships in the future. I am hopeful these trends will continue and that DFS will have a greater connection and alliance with the larger community.

My sincere hope is that more parents and community members will join the board and continue the good work that has been going on for 20 years. There have been many wonderful and dedicated people who have previously been on the board and in order for DFS to be viable, we hope there will be many more. Thank you for this opportunity to be interviewed.

Feeling inspired? Please email DFS President Cathy Resmer at cathy@sevendaysvt.com to find out how to get involved, or visit our website: winooski.dollarsforscholars.org.

### **Guidance News**

By Emmy Charron, Guidance Counselor, Winooski Middle High School

It's hard to believe this year has already come to a close. I wanted to recognize some of the highlights and accomplishments of the 2014 Graduating Class and key everyone in to where our students are headed after they receive their diploma! (in no particular order)

Maine Maritime Lycoming College Emerson College Georgetown University New England Institute of

Technology Kellogg Community College Community College of Vermont University of Vermont St. Michaels College Onondaga Community College Johnson State College Maine College of Art Lyndon State College Culinary Institute of America Vermont Army National Guard Workforce

- Schedules should be sent out by early July at the latest. Please look for them in the mail. Schedule changes can not be made until after August 18th. Please call 655-3530 to make an appointment.
- Rising seniors interested in taking the ACT exam offered on September 13th will need to register at act.org NO LATER than August 8th.

Have a wonderful, productive and safe summer. See you all in August.

You can reach me at 383-6099 (direct), 655-3530 or at echarron@ wsdschools.org to set up an appointment.

Questions about financial aid? Contact VSAC Coordinator Heidi McLaughlin at mclaughlin@vsac.org. Also, you'll find lots of information about planning for college, grades and transcripts on the district website at www.wsdschools.org. Follow the links under the "Winooski HS" header tab, and you can get more information about graduation requirements, college resources, and much more.

# Coach's Report: WMS Baseball 2014

### By Coach Kyle Blindow

The middle school baseball team had an exciting year. We finished off the season 5-5. In addition to home games, we traveled all the way from Bristol to Swanton. The team was comprised of Bailey Miller, Charlie Cusson-Ducharme, Matthew Bailey, Damon Crowley, Jaret Chagnon, Evan Eaton, Devon Fisher, Dylan Ralston, Dylin Traverse, Wakeme LittleJohn, and Corbin Lawrence. Highlights include Matthew Bailey pitching a full 7 innings with under 85 pitches, 12 strikeouts and a win. Damon Crowley went 5 for 5 with 6 RBIs and 4 runs in a game. Damon Crowley, Bailey Miller, and Matthew Bailey all hit over .350 for the season. Our best game was away at Fairfax. We were down 4-3 in the top of the 7<sup>th</sup> inning, and our Winooski boys rallied off 5 runs, and Matthew Bailey finished off the bottom of 7<sup>th</sup> pitching 3 strikeouts to seal the Winooski victory, 8-4. Our seven 8<sup>th</sup> graders learned a great deal this year and should be ready for the Varsity level next year. The 4 others should be well prepared for hopefully another great year in 2015.

### **COMMUNITY NEWS**

# **Update from your City Council**

By Mayor Mike O'Brien

Happy Summer everyone!!

First of all - a heartfelt **congratulations to all our graduates**. We wish you all success in your future endeavors.



The **Farmer's Market** has started up again, I hope you've had a chance to check it out. The market takes place every Sunday from 10 to 2. This year there are have over 30 vendors, and live entertainment each week.

The **Planning Commission** has been working over the last few years on a zoning re-write. Our current zoning regulations date from 1981 and are in need of updating. Currently, the planning commission is looking at our gateway districts. The gateway districts include the main corridors into the city including East Allen Street, Main Street and Malletts Bay Avenue, outside of downtown. The planning commission will be looking at form based code for the gateway districts and welcomes your input. For more information see the planning commission's website at www.winooskigateways.com.

The City is starting up our **Public Safety Commission** and we are still looking for a few volunteers to fill out the commission. Meeting notices will be posted on the city website at www.winooskivt.org. Everyone is invited to attend to give input about our public safety departments including the police department, fire department and code enforcement. If you are interested in serving on this commission, or if you'd like more information, please drop a line to John Audy at jjaudy@winooskivt.org.

The last of our commissions will be the **Public Works Commission** that will begin recruitment in the next couple of months. Like the other commissions, we are seeking 5 members and 2 alternates. Please consider joining.

**Redstone/Youkel** recently purchased a second lot in the downtown and will develop Phase 2 of the Riverhouse project. The new 56 unit apartment building will be called River Run and is planned to be finished by next June.

As always, if you have any questions about what's going on in the City, feel free to contact any of the city council or call city hall at 655-6410. And again, thank you for your support!

# Summer Food Program Continues through Aug. 8

#### By Ethan Hausman

The 2014 Summer Food Program in Winooski continues throughout July and early August.



All children 18 years of age or under will be served meals or snacks at the locations and times listed below, Monday-Friday. Meals will <u>not</u> be served on Friday, July 4, due to the holiday.

**Children do <u>not</u> need to be enrolled in any recreational or childcare program in order to receive free meals.** Meals will be provided to all children without charge, and no child will be discriminated against on the basis of race, color, gender, age, religion, national origin, or disability. Please contact Ethan Hausman in the Youth Programs Office (655-1392 x21 *or* coordinator@winooskivt.org) for more info.

Funded by the USDA, the program is designed to ensure that children who rely on low-cost meals during the school year continue to have access to healthy food throughout the summer.

### **MEAL SITE LOCATIONS & DATES**

Winooski High School	June 16 - August 8	
60 Normand Street	Breakfast 8:15 - 9:00am (Mon-Fri)	
Winooski, VT	Lunch 11:30am - 12:30pm (Mon-Fri)	
O'Brien Community Center	June 16 - August 15	
32C Malletts Bay Avenue	Breakfast 9:00 – 9:30am (Mon-Fri)	
Winooski, VT	Lunch 12:30 - 1:00pm (Mon-Fri)	

### **SNACK SITE INFORMATION**

Winooski Memorial Library	June 17 - August 15	
32D Malletts Bay Avenue	Afternoon Snacks 3:00 - 4:00PM (Tues-Fri*)	
Winooski, VT	*please note: No snacks available on Mondays.	

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City Manager Deac Decarreau	deac@winooskivt.org	802-655-6410		
Visit the city website at winooskivt.org or call 802-655-6410.				

Keep up to date with announcements and news about City activities: LIKE US ON FACEBOOK We are "City of Winooski - Government" FOLLOW US ON TWITTER We are @winooskivt

## Missed a Meeting? Watch it Online or on TV

Channel 17/Town Meeting TV regularly covers and airs **Winooski City Council** and **Development Review Board meetings**. Tune in to Channel 17 on Thursday nights at 8 for regular Winooski community content or visit www.cctv.org/watch-tv/ municipalities/winooski.

# Join Us at Movie Night

By Sister Pat McKittrick

Fletcher Allen Health Care, Hunger Free Vermont and WCSPC will be cosponsoring *"A Place at the Table"*....

There will be 2 showings at the O'Brien Community Center: July 17th at 2 PM and July 22nd at 6:30 PM. There will be a discussion following the film and light refreshments!

A Place at the Table is a 2012 documentary film directed by Kristi Jacobson and Lori Silverbush, with appearances by Jeff Bridges, Raj Patel, and chef Tom Colicchio. The film, concerning hunger in the United States, was released theatrically in the United States on March 1, 2013.

"In "A Place at the Table," we meet a Philadelphia mother unable to feed her two kids, an overweight yet undernourished girl in rural Mississippi, and a fifth-grader in Colorado who imagines help from a reality TV show. "Have you heard of the 'Extreme Makeover Home Edition'?" Rosie asks. "I always have a dream almost every night. I just wish they would come and actually rescue us from our house."

Meanwhile, food banks nationwide numbered 200 in 1980. Now there are 40,000. Where is our government, ask anti-hunger activists. Back in 1968, CBS correspondent Charles Kuralt stated in the doc "Hunger in America" that "the most basic human need must become a human right."

Hunger is a crisis "our own government is ashamed of acknowledging," argues Bridges. "If another country was doing this to our kids, we would be at war. It's just insane." (*Source: http://www.rogerebert.com/reviews/aplace-at-the-table-2013*)

## Got Coffee? Tea?

Please join us from 9:00-11:00 am on Fridays! Come have coffee, tea, sometimes juice, and a bite-size pastry, courtesy of Starbuck's on Williston Road.

Also, there are free blood pressure screenings by Fletcher Allen on the first Friday of every month! The next one is July 11th from 9am - 11am!

# July Fun at the Winooski Senior Center!

By Jahnine Spaulding, Director, Winooski Senior Center



"Are ya havin any fun? Whatcha getting out of livin'? What good is what you got, if you ain't havin' any fun?"

These familiar lines, from an old Tony Bennett tune, sum up the attitude of everyone at the Winooski Senior Center this summer. Whether its playing Bocce in the cool of the evening, taking a trip to the Montreal Botanical Gardens, or cruising on the Lake, we are determined to savor every wonderful, warmth soaked, summer day!

We began our summer sojourn with a traditional cook-out on June 3rd. After BBQ, folks happily joined the Winooski High School Chorus (lead by Cathy Mander-Adams) in song, and tried their hand at Bocce. Many hands make light work- thanks to George V, George C, and Roland D for ensuring our hotdogs and hamburgers were perfectly grilled on our fabulous new grill! More thanks to the Hospitality Team of Blanche B, Theresa K, Rita M, Brenda D, Elaine r, Gail H, Theresa C, and Sue M for ensuring everything ran smoothly in the kitchen and dining room. We have lots of other great days planned – why not join us?

The Winooski Senior Center (WSC) is open every weekday morning until 12:30PM. Stop by and check us out, or call 655-6425 to find out what kind of fun we are having this month.

Here's are some summer highlights:

#### NEW:

- Trip to Montreal Botanical Gardens with lunch – details TBA – Call for details
- Gourmet lunch and Lake Champlain Cruise August 8th.
  \$20 pp includes transportation from the WSC, lunch, and 90 minute cruise. Call for details.
- Monday Games and Crafts Day-2:30 PM- 4:30 PM FREE- Bring your friends and your crafts and enjoy some time together. Light refreshments and AC provided : ) STARTS JULY 15th



### FREE Weekly Playgroups offered at Winooski Family Center!

Playgroups are an opportunity for children to build social and literacy and skills and engaging in fun activities that will help build a foundation for future learning and Kindergarten readiness. It is also a place where parents can gain support, learn about and access resources and meet other parents from their community. Our Thursday Playgroup includes a nutritious lunch prepared by "Fresh Foods". Our playgroups are funded by Building Bright Future and the Children's Trust Foundation.

All parents, caregivers, grandparents with children 0-5 years are welcome. Playgroups are held Mondays from 10-11:30am and on Thursdays from 11am-1pm at the Winooski Family Center in the O'Brien Community Center at 32 Mallets Bay Ave. Please call us at 655-1422 or email <u>karenp@howardcenter.org</u> for more information.



• **Safe Driver's Course** - 5:00 PM JUNE 24th presented by AARP at the Winooski Senior Center. Cost: \$15 for AARP members, \$20 for nonmembers. Taking this course could reduce your overall maintenance and insurance costs. RSVP by June 20th. 655-6425

### ONGOING

- **Bocce** every Tuesday at 5:30 PM no experience necessary
- Walking Groups 9:30 AM or 6:30 PM meet every Tuesday and Friday FREE at the Winooski Senior Center – call for details
- Horse shoe groups 5:30 PM every Wednesday at WSC FREE!
- **Game Night!** Last Friday of the month from 3 to 5 PM at the WSC Bring your friends and play board or card games. What a relaxing way to start the weekend! FREE!

# Winooski Farmers Market Offers POP Club for Kids

The Winooski Farmers Market is pleased to be offering The Power of Produce - POP Club for a 2nd year in a row! Kids ages



5-12 are invited to sign up, get a Passport to Health, participate in the weekly activity and \$2 worth of tokens to use to purchase fresh vegetables, fruit or edible plant starts. Each week a club member returns, they get a stamp in their passport and \$2 worth of tokens.

We encourage kids to make their purchases and show our Winooski Farmers Market POP Club interns and then participate in the activity of the day for kids of all ages! We invite you to join us, We'd love to meet you!

# Thrive Summer Program Reaches Capacity

#### By Kirstie Paschall, Children and Family Programs Manager

Dear Families, thanks to you, the 2014 Thrive Summer Program is off and running! Due to high interest and participation, this was our first year EVER with a waiting list. Unfortunately,, we are no longer accepting enrollment for the 2014 Summer Program. For those of you still interested in spots in the Summer Program, please contact Kirstie at thrive@winooskivt.org or 802-316-1552, to inquire about possible waiting list spots and future participation in Thrive programming.

Missed out on Thrive but still looking for a fun way to stay engaged with the school community, reading, and learning? Join us on Monday, July 14th at 3pm for our Children's Literacy Foundation Summer Readers Event!! CLiF's founder, Duncan McDougal, will be hosting a storytelling event with a book give away. Thrive children will participate, and we invite Thrive families and all Winooski families to join us!

Lastly, it may be July, but our thoughts are already turning towards September and the new school year! Have you thought about your children's plans after school? Are you interested in joining Thrive for the 2014-2015 school year? We will be announcing our enrollment process in August, and will have enrollment forms available shortly thereafter.

With questions about the Thrive Summer Youth Enrichment Program, our Storytelling event with the Children's Literacy Foundation on Monday, July 14th, or questions about the 2014-2015 Thrive Afterschool Program, reach out to Kirstie Paschall any time at thrive@winooskivt.org or 802-316-1552.

Thank you for coming together to help us run an exciting summer! We couldn't do it without your participation!

You can reach us at thrive@winooskivt.org, kkpaschall@ winooskivt.org, or by phone at 802-316-1552.

## WCSPC Update

*By Kate Nugent, Winooski Coalition for a Safe and Peaceful Community* 

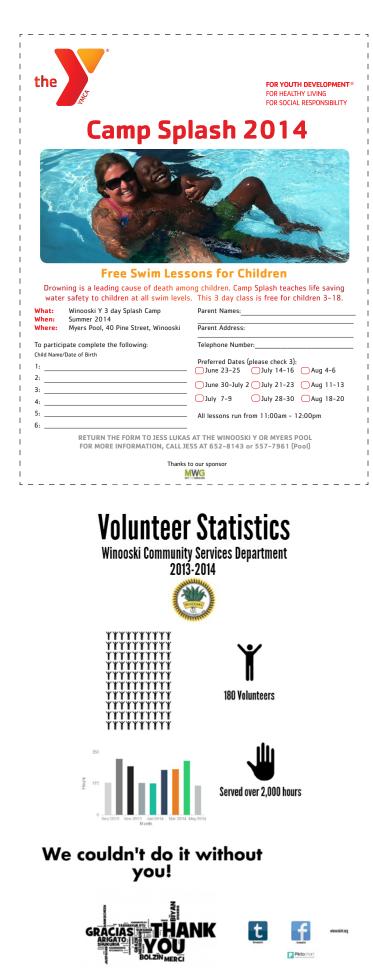


The Winooski Coalition has had a wonderful year and wants to extend a big thank you and recognition to the City Youth Programs staff for their support of youth anti-tobacco internships. We would

also like to thank and recognize the Winooski School District for their ongoing support of programming and working together to create a safer, healthier community. We look forward to next year!

The Winooski Coalition is currently recruiting new board members. Are you passionate or inspired about the impact a strong community prevention program can have in the community? Please contact us for more information at 802.655.4565 or katenugent@wcspc.org (note new email address!).

Sign up for our e-newsletter! Call 802.655.4565 | 32 Malletts Bay Ave, Winooski, VT 05404 | wcspc.org



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#### WSD ENDS STATEMENT

All students will graduate from the Winooski School District (WSD) college and career ready at a cost supported by a majority of the Winooski community. WSD students will lead healthy, productive and successful lives and engage with their local and global community.

#### **ABOUT OUR DISTRICT**

The Winooski School District is a PreK through 12 system that is housed in one educational center. At press time, there were 405 students attending JFK Elementary (grades PreK-5), 155 attending Winooski Middle School (grades 6-8), and 227 attending Winooski High School (grades 9-12).

One of the most diverse school districts in the state of Vermont, Winooski's teachers and staff are highly involved in professional development programs that help increase student achievement, address the needs of a diverse student population, and allow students to thrive in an engaging environment with high expectations.

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