

Laconia Christian School offers enriching theatre program

LACONIA—Beginning in 2009, Laconia Christian School has been enriching its unique classical curriculum with an integrated theatre program.

LCS has made its debut back into the world of theatre with five successful productions and participation in the New Hampshire Educational Theatre Guild. In 2009, "Far From Home," an original Christmas Civil-War drama written by Director Stephany Cameron, raised more than \$750 to send gift boxes to our local troops over-

seas. This was followed in the Spring of 2010 by an Agatha Christie spin-off entitled "Murder By the Book," last year's Greek myth productions of "Pandora," "Demeter and Persephone" and their award-winning production, "The Apple of Discord."

Most recently, Laconia Christian School presented "Robin Hood of Barnsdale Wood," courtesy of author Scott-Lynch Giddings, at Laconia High School. This latest LCS production was very enthusiastically received. Attendees of all ages comment-

ed that "Robin Hood" was "fantastic," "the best play I've ever seen!" LCS will again be participating in the NHETG festival this March.

Last Spring, LCS's production, "The Apple of Discord," was awarded 'Best Performance' at the New Hampshire Educational Theatre Guild's 2011 regional festival, with freshman Andrew Burke receiving one of only two 'Best Actor' awards. Sets and costumes were also recognized by professional adjudicators as "lovely and expertly realized." Director

Stephany Cameron's intent is to involve students in all aspects of production while integrating their study of Theatre Arts with the classical curriculum at LCS.

With this in mind, LCS will be presenting a hilarious, family-friendly adaptation of "The Canterbury Tales" by Bernice Bronson at Laconia High School on March 9 and 10. Four of Chaucer's most-loved tales will take us back to medieval England, giving us a peek into life as it was then. LCS will also be presenting The Can-

terbury Tales at NHETG's regional festival with high hopes of continuing on to the State level and the New England competition. Students, Director Stephany Cameron and parent volunteers are collaborating to make this our strongest production to date.

Please be sure to join us in supporting this unique, community collaborative effort. Quality productions and par-

ticipation in festivals such as NHETG are an integral part of education. We invite you to show your support for the Arts in Education by attending this exciting, educational and exceptional production of "The Canterbury Tales." Join us March 9 and 10 at Laconia High School, 7 p.m. at The Tabard Inn for an memorable evening!

Laconia Adult Education seeks volunteer tutors

LACONIA — The Adult Tutorial and Adult Learning Services Program for Belknap County is looking for individuals with time on their hands who have a desire to help adult learners improve their math and reading skills, prepare to take the GED Exam or to work with people living in the Lakes Region from a foreign country who need to learn to speak, understand and improve their English skills.

Volunteer tutors do not have to be teachers. They are individuals that have a sense of humor, patience, and the desire to help adult learners become more employable, read to their children, be able to read the labels on the cans and boxes at the grocery

store and turn their lives around.

There is no typical adult learner. Adult Literacy Programs have both male and female adult students who age range from 18 to 80-plus. Students come from various ethnic, religious, economic backgrounds and they represent all the possible family structures existing in the community. School experiences will range from none to 12 or more years. Some adult learners may hold responsible jobs, while others are unemployed or may have just become laid off due to the current economic downturn.

Some have stable home lives while others are burdened with social problems. Volunteer tutors can be certain of

two things when working with an adult learner: your students want to improve their Reading, Writing, Math and English speaking skills, and they need your help.

The ability to read and write does not necessarily indicate the lack of intelligence. Many non-readers are intelligent and very creative in finding ways to compensate for their lack of being able to read.

As one student commented, "I don't have trouble thinking. My trouble is just reading."

Adult learners differ from children in terms of their range of life experiences, personalities, habits, attitudes and interests. Most adult learners know what

they want from an education and have rich personal experiences on which to build, and can be motivated to try and learn different approaches. Adult learners are not blank slates. They need the help of a volunteer tutor to encourage them to use the adaptability and creativity that they have demonstrate in other areas of their lives in order to develop good Math and Reading skills in order to achieve their goals in life.

For more information on becoming a volunteer tutor, please contact Jane Gallant or Peggy Selig at the Laconia Adult Education Office at 524-5712. Volunteer tutors can make a huge difference in the lives of adult learners.

Local student named to Bryant Dean's List

SMITHFIELD, R.I. — Marissa Donovan, a Senior Accounting major from Belmont, was named to the fall semester Dean's List at Bryant University.

Since its founding nearly 150 years ago, Bryant University has developed the knowledge and character of its students in order to help them achieve success. A unique integration of business and liberal arts defines the Bryant educational experience, and provides skills in technology, critical thinking, and communication that are needed to compete in to-

day's global environment. Located in Rhode Island, the University has more than 3,650 full- and part-time undergraduate and graduate students. Bryant is accredited by NEASC - New England Association of Schools and Colleges, and the College of Business is accredited by AACSB International - The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business. The University's business outreach centers offer a wealth of resources to professionals and businesses in this region.

Locals named to Framingham State Dean's List

FRAMINGHAM, Mass. — The following local Framingham State University students were named to the Dean's List or the President's list for the Fall 2011 semester:

* Daniel Kaar of Sanbornton was placed on the Dean's List.

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Dean's List. To be selected for the Dean's List, a student must earn a Quality Point

Average (Q.P.A.) of 3.25 or higher. To be selected for the President's

list, a student must have been named to the Dean's List for three consecutive semesters.

Sanbornton resident named to Bentley Dean's List

WALTHAM, Mass. — Bentley University President Gloria Cordes Larson, along with Dean of Business, Roy (Chip) Wiggins and Dean of Arts and Sciences Daniel L. Everett, recently announced the names of local residents who were honored for their outstanding academic achievement in the fall 2011 semester, including Kaitlyn Hooper of Sanbornton, who made the Presi-

dent's List. To be named to the President's List, a full-time student must have a grade point average of 3.7 or higher with no course grade below 3.0 during the term.

To be named to the Dean's List, a full-time student must have a grade point average of 3.3 or higher with no course grade below 2.0 during the term.

Sanbornton resident makes Clark Dean's List

WORCESTER, Mass. — Julia F. Kelley-Vail, a resident of Sanbornton, has been named to first honors on the Clark University Dean's List. This selection marks outstanding academic achievement during the Fall 2011 semester.

To be eligible for first honors, students must have a grade point average of 3.8 or higher, of a maximum of 4.3 (all A+'s).

Since its founding in 1887, Clark University in Worcester, Mass., has a history of challenging convention. As

an innovative liberal arts college and research university, Clark's world-class faculty lead a community of creative thinkers and passionate doers and offer a range of expertise, particularly in the areas of psychology, geography, urban education, Holocaust and genocide studies, environmental studies, and international development and social change. Clark's students, faculty and alumni embody the Clark motto: Challenge convention. Change our world.



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Unsung hero

Lakes Region Community College (LRCC) Medical Office Assistant graduate, Cynthia A. Burns (left), is shown with LRCC President, Dr. Scott Kalicki (right), after learning that Burns is to receive the 2012 Unsung Hero Award from NH Children's Trust, Inc. at the State House on Feb. 21. Burns is one of 29 individuals that will be honored with the distinguished award. "I am truly honored to receive the State's Unsung Hero Award," says Burns, who completed her studies at LRCC in December. "Thanks are in order to all of the agencies, the College, my family, and others that have supported me over the past several years. All have attributed to my success." More than 50 individuals statewide were nominated for the Unsung Hero Award. In a letter of congratulations from Strengthening Families Director, Julie Day, she states, "Thanks for all you do for your family, school and community. You make a difference." For additional information contact NH Children's Trust, Inc. in Concord at 224-1279.



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Food For Thought

Lakes Region Community College (LRCC) Culinary Arts student, Ethan Finck (Exeter), happily checks out the Chicago deep-dish style pizza just prepared at LRCC's Food for Thought Café in the Belmont Mill. The Food for Thought Café will be opening for the Spring Semester 2012 on Tuesday, Feb. 7, 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. The Restaurant will be open to the public on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays during that time. In addition, The Food for Thought Café will be open Thursday evenings from 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. "Students are finalizing their preparation for the opening this Tuesday," says LRCC Hospitality Department Coordinator, Pat Hall (Concord-not pictured). "The public is cordially invited to experience outstanding food, drink, and top quality service at exceptional prices!" Reservations are recommended and may be made by calling 267-1155. Walk-ins are also welcome.

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