



## **Superintendent's Report**

**June, 2022**

### **Congratulations Graduates!**

As the school year draws to a close, please join us in celebrating all the students who are preparing to graduate! Graduation represents a “climbing of a step, or stepping toward something,” and we are proud of the work that our students have accomplished, opportunities they have chosen, and challenges they have overcome, especially in the past two years.

Special thanks to our parents/caregivers and all of our school staff and administration for supporting our youth in such a strong way throughout the pandemic. We have so much to collectively celebrate.

### **Commencement Celebrations**

Plans for high school graduation are underway. Students are very excited and looking forward to the next steps in their college and career.

The North Country Scholars program recognizes the valedictorian and salutatorian from each northern New Hampshire high school as well as an outstanding student from each of the region's career and technical education (CTE) centers. The year 2022 marks the 17th anniversary of this regional celebration sponsored by North Country Education Services and the North Country School Administrators Association. White Mountains Regional High

School hosted the event on May 26th which was attended by our students, parents, and administrators from SAU 7.

Congratulations to our students who receive Valedictorian and Salutatorian academic honors this year:

Colebrook Academy Valedictorian Olivia Barba

*Plans and Aspirations:* Olivia will study English. She is interested in journalism, creative writing, political science, and perhaps education.

*Accolades, Achievements, and Awards:* President of Student Council and National Honor Society, Currently in LNA program and CCNH, Musical/Play director and counselor for Colebrook Recreation Dept., Highest average three times, NH Scholar Academic Excellence four times, Student Sage Award, St Michael's Award, St. Anslem Award University of Rochester Bausch & Lomb Honorary Science Award, Excellence in Visual Arts Award, Excellence in Running Start Chemistry Award, Excellence in Running Start Anatomy & Physiology Award, Excellence in Civics Award

Colebrook Academy Co-Salutatorian: Matthew Crawford

*Plans and Aspirations:* Matthew plans to attend New Hampshire Technical Institute for criminal justice and then transfer to Norwich University. He aspires to work for the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

*Accolades, Achievements, and Awards:* National Honor Society, Academic Excellence (4 years), University of Rochester Xerox Award, Varsity Soccer-4 years, Student Council-2 years (Treasurer, 1 year), Class President-1 year, Excellence in Civics Award, Excellence in Running Start Anatomy & Physiology Award, Advanced Game Design Award.

Colebrook Academy Co-Salutatorian: Ramsey Rancourt

*Plans and Aspirations:* Ramsey will be attending Southern New Hampshire University to study accounting.

*Accolades, Achievements, and Awards:* NH Scholar STEM emphasis, National Honor Society, Excellence in Introduction to Literature, 30 College Credits,

University of Rochester George Eastman Young Leader Award, Excellence in the online-learning award,  
Varsity Soccer-4 years, Varsity Basketball - 2 years.

Pittsburg School Valedictorian: Landen Phillips

*Plans and Aspirations:* Landen plans on attending White Mountains Community College to earn certifications in advanced welding and pipe welding

*Accolades, Achievements, and Awards:* National Junior Honor Society for three years, Key Club for four years, Athletic Council for three years, Student Council, Varsity Soccer-Captain 2 two years and Coach's Award, Varsity Baseball, Varsity Basketball, Employment, and Volunteering

Pittsburg School Salutatorian: Zaberie Carney

*Plans and Aspirations:* Zaberie plans to join the United States Marine Corps and become a Military Police Officer.

*Accolades, Achievements, and Awards:* Received honors and effort honors, US Marines Delayed Entry Program, Employment

*Graduation Schedule - Reminder\*:*

Colebrook HS Graduation: Thursday, June 9, at 6:00 pm.

Pittsburg HS Graduation: Friday, June 10, at 6:00 pm.

Stewartstown Eighth Grade Graduation: Tuesday, June 14, at 5:00 pm.

*\* All Board members are invited to attend.*

### **Farewell to Our Retirees**

Cheryl Covill, Business Administrator, retires this year after 38 years of service to SAU 7.

Richard March, Tech Ed Teacher, is retiring after 28 years of service to Colebrook Academy.

Megan Miller, Special Education Teacher, is retiring after 32 years of service to Stewartstown Community School.

We honor our retirees and thank them for their many years of service to our school community.

### **Staff Appreciation**

Our staff has expressed their thanks for the school board gifts for staff appreciation week. We cannot thank our school staff enough for their hard work during this challenging year. We have weathered the COVID - 19 pandemic well.

### **School Safety**

We are all saddened by the school violence that has occurred in recent weeks. Our schools in SAU 7 strive to create and maintain a community where individuals feel accepted, welcomed, and cared for, and we reject hate and violence in any form. Our vision does not change in that we are consistently and thoughtfully working towards being the kind of community that is welcoming and that provides people with a strong sense of belonging and safety. I would like to share the sentiment from a parent in our community, who beautifully wrote, and I paraphrase, “we need to counter acts of violence and hate with acts of love”.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Taylor, PhD.  
Superintendent

*“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has.”*

- Margaret Mead