



## **Superintendent's Report**

**June, 2023**

### **Congratulations Graduates!**

*Your graduation is just the beginning of the exceedingly joyful journey into adulthood. Congratulations and best wishes for all the adventures that lie ahead.*

As the school year draws to a close, please join us in celebrating all the students who are preparing to graduate! 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 2023 marks the 18th 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 - Tyler Young

Valedictorian: Tyler Young

Parent(s): Benjamin and Tanya Young

Plans and aspirations: To attend Columbia University in the fall and major in Biology with a Pre-Med track.

Accolades, Achievements, and Awards (limited to the space below, can be bulleted list or paragraph form):

NH Scholar, Silver Cord Recipient (Over 100 hours of community service)  
President of Key Club Grade 12, President of NHS Grade 12, President of Student council Grade 12, Class President Grades 9-12, National Honor Society, Student Council 9-11 (Treasurer), Key Club 9 - 11 (Pres), AP Scholar with Distinction 2022, National Merit Scholarship letter of commendation 2021, NH Scholar, National Rural and Small Town Recognition Scholar 2021-22, Empower Coos Youth Pgm 10, Sch Svc Award 10, Highest Sch-Wide Avg 10 & 11, Music Commendation 10 & 11, Highest Avg X 3, Student Sage Award, Saint Michael's College Book Award, Saint Anselm College Book Award, University of Rochester George Eastman Young Leader Award, Rensselaer Medal Recipient, Baseball 10 - 12

Colebrook Academy Salutatorian: Garrett Hodge

Plans and aspirations: To attend UNH in the fall and major in Engineering/Architecture

Accolades, Achievements, and Awards (limited to the space below, can be bulleted list or paragraph form):

NH Scholar, Silver Cord Recipient (Over 100 hours community service), National Honor Society, Excellence in Business Math, Excellence in

Investments, Academic Excellence Web Design, Highest Avg RS Accounting, Highest Avg RS Physics, Highest Avg RS A&P, Highest Avg Pre-Calc, Highest Avg American Literature, Highest Avg Sociology, Highest Avg Spanish III, Univ. of Rochester - Bausch & Lomb Honorary Sci., Key Club 10-11, Class Treasurer 9, Empower Coos Youth Pgm, World Ocean School 9 - 12, Highest Avg X3, Academic Excellence X4

North Point CTE Center Outstanding Student Award: Kaiden Dowse

Plans and aspirations: To attend New England College in the fall and major in Elementary Education with a focus in math.

Accolades, Achievements, and Awards (limited to the space below, can be bulleted list or paragraph form):

Soccer 10-12 Basketball 9 - 12, Baseball 10-12, 2nd Team All State Basketball 10, Class VP 9 - 10, Academic Excellence, Junior Improvement Award, Highest Avg in PE.

Pittsburg School Valedictorian: Jada Fyshe

Plans and aspirations:

Jada will attend the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Science in Boston for her Bachelors in Pre-Medical Health Science and then continue in their Masters of Physician Assistant Studies Program. She plans on becoming a Physician's Assistant.

Accolades, Achievements, and Awards (limited to the space below, can be bulleted list or paragraph form):

Jada moved to Pittsburg and started attending our school in the fifth grade. She immediately became a wonderful addition to our school and has always been actively involved in everything she could be.

Jada has been an active member of Student Council, Key Club, Honor Society, and her Class. She has been President for all those clubs and her class throughout high school. Jada has always been a student that would help in any club or for her class. You could find her volunteering for roadside cleanup, helping with the elementary students, or anything else that was asked of her. She has also starred in our Musical Theatre presentations. She will be remembered the most for her role as Donkey in Shrek the Musical!

Jada has always excelled in her academics and has received High Honors and Effort Honors every quarter of her high school years. She was always in the running for the highest GPA's in high school. She has taken several college courses and will be graduating with 24 college credits. Jada successfully completed the Licensed Nursing Assistant course at the Coos County Nursing Hospital and became a certified LNA during her junior year of high school. Outside of school you can find Jada traveling around the world, snowmobiling, shopping, and spending time with her friends and family. She has also kept herself busy while working at Moose Alley Cones, The Burg, Coos County Nursing Hospital, and Upper Connecticut Valley Hospital.

When asked, teachers used service oriented, hardworking, focused, driven and dedicated to describe Jada.

#### Pittsburg School Salutatorian: Jennifer Bolton

##### Plans and aspirations:

Jennifer will attend White Mountains Community College in Berlin, NH for a year in their Health Science Program and then will be transferring to their Nursing Program where she intends to get her Associates degree and become an RN.

##### Accolades, Achievements, and Awards

Jennifer has attended Pittsburg School since kindergarten. She has been an active member of Student Council, Key Club, Honor Society, and her Class. She has been Vice President for all those clubs and her class throughout high school. Jennifer has been active in Soccer and Softball and has participated in them since junior high and was the recipient of the Coach's Award. Jennifer has always excelled in her academics and has received High Honors and Effort Honors every quarter of her high school years. She was always in the running for the highest GPAs in high school. She has taken several college courses and will be graduating with 13 college credits. Jennifer successfully completed the Licensed Nursing Assistant course at the Coos County Nursing Hospital and became a certified LNA during her junior year of high school. Outside of school you can find Jennifer enjoying being outside, spending time with her family and friends, and shopping. She has also been busy working at Moose Alley Cones, The Burg, Lopstick, and Upper Connecticut Valley Hospital.

When asked, the teachers used the following - honest, meticulous, social, and dedicated to describe Jenni

***Graduation Schedule - Reminder\*:***

Colebrook HS Graduation: Thursday, June 8 at 6:00 pm.

Pittsburg HS Graduation: Friday, June 9 at 6:00 am.

Stewartstown Eighth Grade Graduation: Tuesday, June 13 at 5:00 pm.

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

**Farewell and Thank You to Our Retirees**

Lori Hastings, Elementary Teacher, Colebrook School is retiring after 35 years of service.

Karen Pariseau, Elementary, Pittsburg School, is retiring after 42 years of service.

Janet Hart, Custodian, Colebrook School, is retiring after 23 years of service.

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.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Taylor, PhD.

Superintendent

*“Yours is the world and everything that’s in it.” - Rudyard Kipling*