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Goodbye, Seniors!



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Class of 2010



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Valedictorian, Salutatorian, Top 10% Announced

Last evening, June 3rd, 2010, the annual Belle Vernon Area High School Scholars Dinner took place at the Willow Room. The event was packed with speakers, from BVA School Board President Mr. Dale Patterson to Superintendent Mr. Stephen Russell. However, the anticipation of the evening was the announcement of the department awards and the prestigious top 10% of the class of 2010.

The departmental awards were as followed:

- * Fine Arts- Ashley Bronakowski
- * Business Technology- Thomas Seman
- * English- Haylie Parkinson
- * French- Devon Reiselt
- * Family/Consumer Sc.

- Taleena Smith
- * Mathematics- Haylie Parkinson
- * Media Com.- Mia Amatangelo
Garrett DeRienzo
- * Music- Eric Garber
- * Physical Education- Cody Williams
- * Science- Jocelyn Connolly
- * Social Studies- Haylie Parkinson
- * Spanish- Jocelyn Connolly
- * Technology Ed. Matthew Frantz

The top 10% of the class of 2010 are as followed:

- #24 Taylor Gilchrist
- #23 Karabeth Mollenauer
- #22 Anna Herold
- #21 John Carter
- #20 James Miller
- #19 Sydney Rusak

- #18 Ryan Trombley
- #17 Kelsey O'Pry
- #16 Trevor Scott
- #15 Ashley Bronakowski
- #14 Dante Altemara
- #13 Clinton Skibo
- #12 Sarah Jara
- #11 Justin Sellow
- #10 Samantha Steiner
- #9 Jillian Horrell
- #8 Joseph Cervone
- #7 Lisa Manderino
- #6 Emily Necciai
- #5 Breanne Bachovchin
- #4 Kate Gillen
- #3 Jocelyn Connolly

The salutatorian of the

class of 2010:

#2 AJ Cocciolone

And, the valedictorian of the class of 2010:

#1 Haylie Parkinson

Haylie Parkinson and AJ Cocciolone can be heard speaking to the class of 2010 at commencement on Wednesday, June 9th. Congratulations to all scholars for their hard work, dedication and successes!

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Pictured above from left, Valedictorian Haylie Parkinson & AJ Cocciolone

The Leopard Tales Staff Says Goodbye to Graduating Senior Members



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Senior Girls' Tea



On Monday, May 10th, the annual Senior Girls' Tea was held at Cedarbrook Golf Course. The event began at 2:30 PM and was hosted by the Rostraver Woman's Club.

Each year, our senior girls are invited to this event, giving them a chance to mingle, dress up, and learn vital lessons as they graduate from Belle Vernon High School.

This year's theme was "A Wellness Afternoon Tea," and the guest speaker was Laura Crooks, RN, and certified Wellness coach.

Belle Vernon Area

High School English teacher and Rostraver Woman's Club member, Mrs. Barbara Vandermer, said of the event, "I was so pleased to present the "Young Women of Service Award" winners—Jocelyn Connolly, Samantha Mutich, and Anna Herold. These senior girls inspire us all with their community involvement!"

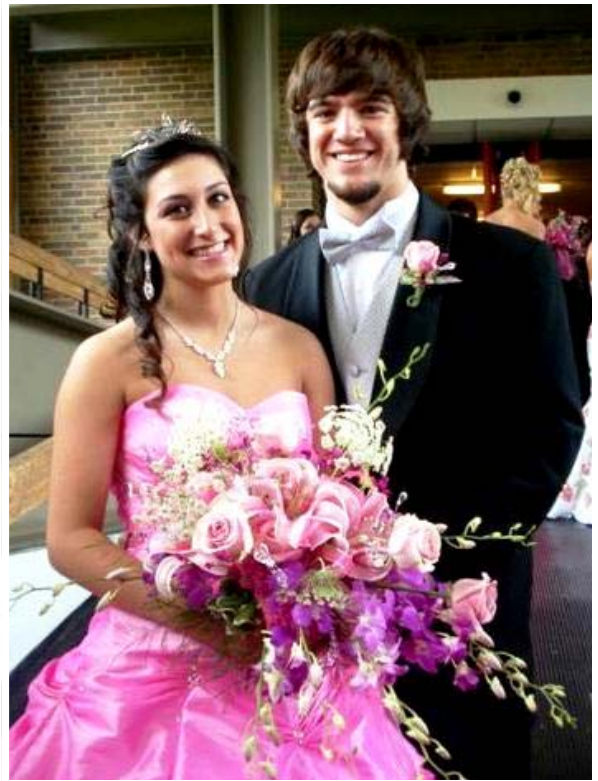
Congratulations to Connolly, Mutich and Herold on their awards.



*Above, Kathryn Zuzak, Melinda Siber, and Mia Amatangelo
Below left, Jill Conrad, Lisa Manderino, Breanne Bachovchin, and Kate Gillen
Below right, Michelle Miele and Mrs. Jennings*



Wild at Heart



May 14, 2010



Happy Retirement, Mr. Lancas

Katrina Brooks

Not only is Belle Vernon Area saying goodbye to the senior class of 2010, but it is also saying goodbye to one of its most cherished guidance counselors. Mr. Eugene Lancas is retiring after this year.

After 36 years of being a guidance counselor here at BVA, Mr. Lancas has decided it is time to move on from his job, but never move on from the memories he has had here, and time to relax. Though he does not have one specific fond memory that sticks out in his mind, he has always enjoyed working with the faculty, staff, and students and helping in any way possible, to be there for everyone for any reason at all. As for his relaxation time, Mr. Lancas plans on doing some golfing, traveling, continuing his activeness as church choir director at St. Sebastian's, and enjoying each and every day, whatever he is doing.

When asked what ad-

vice he wants to give to an upcoming guidance counselor, Mr. Lancas said, "Give your best effort in all that you do, rely on your co-workers for help (they are wonderful people!), never be afraid to ask questions, and lead by an example of service." In hopes everything will work out next year, he wishes the best of luck to the guidance staff next year.

"To the staff and faculty: I would like to thank everyone for always being so helpful and flexible in every type of work we have done together. I have known some of you for a few years, and some, for many years. It has been a TOTAL PLEASURE to work with everyone. I sincerely thank you for helping me! To the students: I will miss working with you also. We are fortunate here at BVA to have students that are respectful, and are great to work with. I would say to all students: set high stan-

dards and goals, work very hard to achieve those goals, wherever life's travels lead you, do your very best at your job, and try to help as many people as you can!

Overall, thanks for the opportunity to be on the staff at BVA. It has been a wonderful journey!" These are the "Farewell to BVA" words of Mr. Eugene Lancas.

Baccalaureate: a farewell to seniors

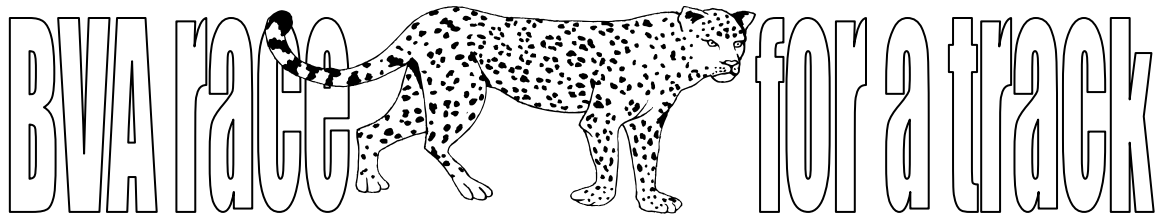
Nicole Kemmerling

Local individuals from all denominations volunteered their time at Belle Vernon Area High School's annual Baccalaureate, which was held Wednesday night in the auditorium.

Featured speakers included Reverend Suzanne Curie of the 1st Presbyterian Church in Belle Vernon and Pastor Tim Burgan of the Christian Center Church (also of BV). Burgan challenged the graduating class to discover their purpose in life and to strive for what God has

called them to do. Krystal Page, secretary of Bible Club, delivered a heartfelt message about the meaning and the importance of prayer while class president, Cody Williams, spoke about how hard work will "bring rewarding futures".

Said senior, Katrina Brooks, "After attending the services as an underclassman chorus member in the past, I feel this has been the best Baccalaureate ever! It's an honor to be a senior and part of the experience."



A BVA based track committee has entered their "I want to build a track and field for facility in Belle Vernon, PA" idea to Pepsi Refresh Challenge. The top two ideas with the most votes at the end of the month of June will win \$250,000 grant from Pepsi. Voting by the public can be done daily, online and will begin June 1st.

Vote at [www. BVARaceForATrack.com](http://www.BVARaceForATrack.com).

2010 Senior Scholarship and Award Recipients Announced at Annual Breakfast

David Sickler

On Tuesday, May 25, 2010, several students and faculty members gathered in the high school library for the annual Scholarship Breakfast. The morning was really successful with a nice continental breakfast for those who had received scholarships for everything from academic merit to being kind to other students in the high school. Those who were present received their certificates from either Mrs. Peters or Mrs. McCullough. Here is a complete list of all of the 2010 award winners:



Above, the 2010 Senior Scholarship and Award Recipients

- April Kutska Memorial Scholarship – Sydney Rusak
- Art Education Scholarship– Jacob Corrick
- Belle Vernon Rotary Scholarship – Sarah Jara
- Burnowski Trust Fund Scholarship– Anna Herold, Megan Russell
- Bud Luty Charitable Scholarship– Andrew Spate
- Burrows Family Scholarship – Beth Ann Wilson
- Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) – AJ Cociolone
- District Voice of Democracy– Derek Stricklin
- Dr. John & Joy Folmar Family Scholarship– Spencer Lynn
- Fayette City/

- Washington TWP. Lions Club Scholarships– Breanna Bachovchin
- First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association Scholarship– Justin Sellew
- Guy Rosetti Westmoreland Columbus 500 Merit Scholarship– AJ Cociolone
- Jonathan Murt Memorial Scholarship – Keith Livingstone
- Joseph “Moe” & Rita Susick Memorial Scholarship– Kathryn Loranger
- Mike Kara Scholarship – Melinda Siber, Allison Radic
- National Merit Scholarship Letter of Recognition– Lisa Manderino
- Pittsburgh Fox Foun-

- dation– Ryan Trombley, Megan Russell
- Rachel Carson English Award– Kelsey Zborovancik
- Representative Peter J, Daley House of Representatives Leadership Award– Cody Williams
- Ruth Frost Memorial Scholarship – Ashley Bronakowski
- Seton Hill: Women in Chemistry Award – Alicia Babines
- Seton Hill: Women in Math Award – Kelsey Zborovancik
- Timothy Susick Friends & Family Foundation Scholarship – Clinton Skibo, Jill Horrell
- Tracey Gauden Memorial Scholarship –

- Emily Tenuta
- Valley Independent CUP Academic Scholarship – Clinton Skibo, Jill Horrell
- WCCC: Trustee Meritorious Scholarship – Natalie Lazar, Emily Krolik
- Award of Educational Achievement from “Schools That Work”/ CWCTC and BVA– Jessica Leadbitter
- Perfect Attendance 3 to 4 years– Clint Skibo, James Miller, Tom Seman
- Perfect Attendance Awards (Sr. year)- Jacob Fretz, Thomas Seman, Clint Skibo, Ryan Trombley, Lauren Van Bremen



WORDS OF WISDOM

You have brains in your head.
You have feet in your shoes.
You can steer yourself in any direction you choose.
You're on your own.
And you know what you know.
You are the one who'll decide where to go.
— Dr. Seuss

Mr. Michael Rozell

Connellsville Area Senior High School—Class of 1986
St. Vincent College—Class of 1991

“Outside of a dog, a book is man’s best friend. Inside of a dog, it’s too dark to read.”

Mr. Tom Thompson

Go to class!
Even if they post the notes online...
go to class!

Mr. Brett Poneybeer

“Education is a banquet for the mind...
stuff yourself.”

Mrs. Cathy Milinovich

Waynesburg Central High School, Class of 1975
Asbury College, BS English Secondary Ed., Class of 1994
Gannon Univ., ME Curriculum and Instruction, Class of 2008

If

by Rudyard Kipling

If you can keep your head when all about you
Are losing theirs and blaming it on you;
If you can trust yourself when all men doubt you,
But make allowance for their doubting too;
If you can wait and not be tired by waiting,
Or, being lied about, don't deal in lies,
Or, being hated, don't give way to hating,
And yet don't look too good, nor talk too wise;
If you can dream - and not make dreams your master;
If you can think - and not make thoughts your aim;
If you can meet with triumph and disaster
And treat those two imposters just the same;
If you can bear to hear the truth you've spoken
Twisted by knaves to make a trap for fools,
Or watch the things you gave your life to broken,
And stoop and build 'em up with worn out tools;
If you can make one heap of all your winnings
And risk it on one turn of pitch-and-toss,
And lose, and start again at your beginnings
And never breath a word about your loss;
If you can force your heart and nerve and sinew
To serve your turn long after they are gone,
And so hold on when there is nothing in you
Except the Will which says to them: "Hold on";
If you can talk with crowds and keep your virtue,
Or walk with kings - nor lose the common touch;
If neither foes nor loving friends can hurt you;
If all men count with you, but none too much;
If you can fill the unforgiving minute
With sixty seconds' worth of distance run -
Yours is the Earth and everything that's in it,
And - which is more - you'll be a Man my son!

Mr. Tom Thompson

“Don't get old.”

Mr. Bob Labis



To: Our Seniors From: *Your Teachers*

- #1 Try to be kind and social with all the people on your floor---you will be spending the next few months here and getting off on a bad foot can reap dire consequences later.
- #2 Living with someone you know can be a VERY bad idea (think about how well *you really know them* before you take the easy way out).
- #3 You can make a flexible schedule. If you are not a morning person schedule classes at night. If you do not want to go to class everyday schedule MWF or TF (this works out great if you have to work through college) They will **NOT** tell you this as a freshmen.
- #4 There are so many classes offered with many different professors--ask students what professors they like the best---it will make your life so much easier.
- #5 Book Buying is the biggest racket at school:
ALWAYS buy your books used when you can. Try EBAY and Craig's List first for the cheapest prices.
 Try to find someone who has the same class as you so you can share the cost of a book.
 Do not sell your book back to the school at the end of the year—they will give you \$25 and sell it for \$100.
 Try to find someone taking the class and sell it to them or sell it online.
- #6 Donating eggs and participating in medical studies are not good ways to make money---I have seen some messed up things happen to people who thought this was a genius way to make a buck.
- #7 It is a nice day out and you notice many of your fellow students playing with Frisbees (or any other type of recreational equipment) You want one too—and all of a sudden there is a person telling you it's yours—all you have to do is fill out this little form. **DO NOT DO IT!** It is a sign-up for a credit card. I know you will say to yourself "I will throw it away"—no you won't. On a day you are feeling especially destitute that card will arrive in the mail. You will feel like a rich person. And the spending spree begins—you will regret it for the next 10 years of your life. (PS they will do this with umbrellas and college sweatshirts, too).
- #8 **ALWAYS** wear flip-flops in the shower—no matter what.
- #9 Enjoy the next 4-6 years they will be the most carefree of your life.

Mrs. Amy Jennings

University of Pittsburgh — Class of 2002
 Waynesburg University — Class of 2005

"Be a part of the college community. Own the experiences. Volunteer in any way you can. These can be the best memories and the best times of your life."

Mrs. Chris Giannamore

California University of PA—Class of 1972

"Enjoy your college years. They go by quickly. Stay focused and always be true to yourself."

Mrs. Jamie Brooks

Laurel Highlands High School 1988
 West Virginia University 1993 (Bachelor's Degree)
 California University of PA 2004 (Master's Degree)



BVA Class of 2010*

BRETT ALBAUGH	JASSAMYN GALLOWAY	LISA MANDERINO	STEVE SECLETER
DANTE' ALTEMARA	DYLAN GALPER	GERALD MANOWN	JUSTIN SELLEW
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TAYLOR DROPPS	KRISTEN LEES	EVAN RUSSELL	BETHANN WILSON
KIRSTEN DUDECK	JESSICA LEVI	MEGAN RUSSELL	TIMOTHY WILSON
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