

Community Service Opportunities

Abound!

by Monika Nagy

This year, students and faculty have been involved in countless efforts to address the needs of people locally and globally, from Buffalo to Nicaragua to Indonesia. Through food and clothing drives, fundraisers to benefit local organizations, and direct service in the region, Nichols students have taken an interest in giving back to the community in ways that are inspiring and admirable. Many students and parents, therefore, have contacted me regarding the kinds of service options available for students this summer. Please find below a list of possible service sites. It's a great time for students to take a break from their every-busy school schedule and head out into the community. As always, please feel free to contact me with any questions or ideas, and enjoy the summer!

1490 Enterprises - Community center, tutoring program, educational, recreational, & cultural programs, voter registration. (1490 Jefferson, Buffalo 14208 / **884-1490**)

AIDS Community Services - Organization dedicated to raising awareness and providing support about HIV/AIDS in WNY. (206 S. Elmwood, Buffalo 14201 / **847-0212**)

Benedict House - HIV/AIDS services & support in residential setting. (2211 Main St., Buffalo 14214 / **834-4940**)

Buffalo Federation Neighborhood Center - Community center serving the needs of the poor, people of color, and mentally ill. After school tutoring, summer camp, youth advocacy, elderly services. (97 Lemon St., Buffalo 14204 / **852-5065**)

Camp Good Times & Special Days - Summer camp serving developmentally disabled children. (2440 Sheridan, Tonawanda 14150 / **834-1995**)

Catholic Charities - Organization that deals with many issues related to poverty including youth & elderly programs, & refugee services. (170 Fulton St., Buffalo 14204 / **853-4456**)

Children's Hospital - Hospital serving women and children of Buffalo. Spend time with children, bio/medical internships. (219 Bryant St., Buffalo 14222 / **878-7241**)

City Mission - Homeless Shelter. General help around the mission, prepare/serve/clean up after dinner. (Sat/Sun: 9-1, M-F: 3-7). (100 E. Tupper, Buffalo 14205 / **854-8181**)

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"Break a Leg" and safe travel to our Edinburgh Fringe Festival participants and chaperones who travel to Scotland in August to perform *Hush: An Interview With America* by J. Still.



An Unbelievable Role Model

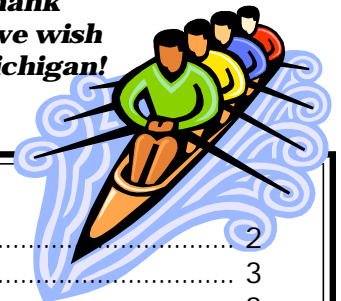
by Jesse Baier '05 and Kenton Muscato '05,
Student Council Co-Presidents

Mr. Peter Fayroian represents everything a teacher and headmaster should be. He has given both knowledge and friendship to so many Nichols students, faculty, and staff members in the past three years and will be sorely missed in years to come. He has been able to connect with every student in the school, whether the student is a member of his class or not. How can anyone ever forget Mr. Fay's poetry readings, speeches, and phenomenal morning meetings? Without them, our time spent at Nichols would not have been the same.

Probably the most important part, however, of Mr. Fayroian's tenure at Nichols has been his ability to treat his students as equals. He has the ability to acquire and deserve the respect of the student body, and we attribute this to his caring and charming personality. He has taught us all when to joke around and have a good time, when to be serious, and the art of addressing issues of behavior without patronizing anyone.

Nichols will surely miss Mr. Fayroian's attendance at just about every single sporting event, play, and concert we've held. Students will never forget his biking thirty miles to attend a game, driving to opposing high schools with a car full of Wegmans subs and chocolate chip cookies, or trekking all the way to New York City to watch our teams compete in championships.

You have become an unbelievable role model to us, Mr. Fay. Words cannot express how much Nichols will miss you. Thank you for everything, and we wish you the best of luck in Michigan!



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Faculty/Staff News

Departures:

Peter Fayroian – Head of Upper School

“Change is Good,” was the title of an article by Peter at the conclusion of his first year at Nichols. Citing Benjamin Disraeli, Peter wrote that “change is both constant and inevitable [for progressive schools]”, and so we offer our farewells and best wishes to him after three short years. He leaves his mark – and a collective appreciation for his weekly poetry readings – to become the Headmaster at Greenhills School in Ann Arbor, MI where we wish him a long and successful career – and the large snowfalls that Buffalo did not provide!

Kevin Costa, Ph.D. – Senior Dean, US English

In his five years at Nichols, Kevin has been an instrumental figure in guiding his charges through his English classes, sharing his love of drama and Shakespeare by directing and producing the spring Shakespeare plays, and as a beloved senior dean. We reluctantly send him to the McDonogh School in Owings Mills, MD where he will establish their Shakespeare program.

Leyla Kamalick – US English

Hired just two years ago, Leyla has taught English, coached soccer, and offered Arabic classes to Upper School students. She leaves Nichols for Middlebury College and then plans to enter seminary to become an Episcopalian priest.

Alexander “AJ” Wright ’97 - Physical Education

From the English classroom with Larry Desautels to coaching varsity football and wrestling to working with SUMA to teaching MS sports and US physical education, AJ has been integral to the fabric of the Nichols community since 2002. He leaves Nichols to attend the University at Buffalo Law School.

Matamba Mbayabu – US Mathematics

We wish Mr. Mbayabu and his family God-speed as he leaves Nichols after one year to search for other endeavors. His presence challenged us to think beyond our national, cultural, and ideological boundaries.

Joanna Gillespie – US History

Students and faculty enjoyed Joanna’s presence at Nichols, again this year, as our AP Art History teacher. Her plans are to leave Buffalo and to take her expertise to “The Big Apple”.

Charlie Begley – US Latin

Not your ordinary substitute, Charlie plunged into our US Latin courses and life at Nichols this spring. Early mornings on the second floor of Mitchell resonated with classical music and we also heard his classes rehearsing Latin songs in preparation for the annual Roman Banquet. We wish Charlie a continued happy and fulfilling retirement.

Kathy Leleszi – Admissions

Fresh from graduate school with a law degree in hand, Kathy arrived at Nichols to test her interest in private school education. Unfortunately for us, she – like Tony Bennett – left her “Heart in San Francisco.” Kathy will continue her admissions work at The Harker School in San Jose, CA.

Teresa Cain – College Office, Technology

A Navy spouse, Nichols has been fortunate to have Teresa for the past four years. She began her “tour of duty” as the administrative assistant to the Headmaster and Head of Upper School. Two years ago, she became the assistant in the college office and to the Director of Technology. As the “go to” person for a sundry questions, Teresa’s expertise will not easily be replaced. She will be leaving WNY to join her husband at his next state-side assignment.

Kathleen Prawel - US Front Office

For two years, Kathleen’s voice is the one usually heard when calling the Upper School, and the person who handles the sundry details in the US daily routine. Kathleen leaves Nichols to pursue her undergraduate degree in anthropology at Buffalo State College.

Sabbatic Leaves:

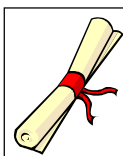
Frank Sacheli, US Art (winter 2005-06)

George Kloepfer, MS English (spring 2006)

2005 Faculty/Staff Awards:

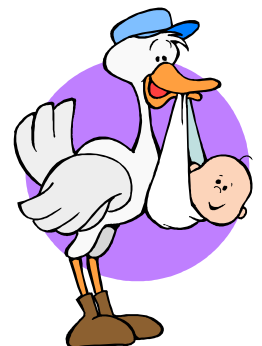
Williams Nichols Award Lawrence Desautels
contributions to Nichols School

Olive R. Ringo Award Deborah Howe (MS English)
excellence in teaching



Kudos to **Dr. Aranya Maritime**
who defended her Ph.D. thesis
on June 9.

Welcome to
Katherine Milledoler Coburn
(aka Kate)
daughter of Phil (US Science)
& Elizabeth Coburn
born May 22, 8 lbs., 6 oz.



Parents' Association



Marcy Dandes Receives Mitchell Award

Marcy Dandes received the 2005 Mitchell Award at the Headmaster's Society Reception. The award is given to honor a person who has given outstanding volunteer service to Nichols School.

Marcy is the consummate volunteer; a school's dream! She served as Parents' Council President, Vice-President and Grade Representative, Annual Fund Parent Division Chair and served on many school committees. She and her husband Jon founded the Big Green Athletic Dinner and together they chaired the Derby Day Auction.

Congratulations to Marcy and a big thank you for teaching us all the true meaning of the word, "volunteer."

2005-06 Parents' Council Proposed Slate

President:	Jennie McManus
Vice President:	Lisa Arnet
Secretary:	Andrea Ferin
Middle School Coord:	Natalie Hoerner
Upper School Coord:	Josanne Greco
Grade Representatives:	
5 th Grade:	Jane Hettrick, Suzanne Arthur
6 th Grade:	Wendy Schutte, Tina Colzizzo-Anas
7 th Grade:	Maureen Sacks, Monica Jones
8 th Grade:	Georgette Hasiotis, Lettia Milito, Chris Augustine
9 th Grade:	Gail Washuta, Robyn Lapides, Donna LaMonte, Mary Margaret Donohoe
10 th Grade:	Lisa Hotung, Debbie Korotkin
11 th Grade:	Mary Ellen Burke, Jane Arnold, Eileen Torre, Karen Leeds
12 th Grade:	Maria Arena, Michaelene Bernas, Sylvia Whitmore
Continuing at Large:	Jean Farmelo, Barb Riedel, Marina Maulucci, Jackie Routsis, Lynn Butcher
New at Large:	Maria Hejna, Diane Sardinia, Sasha Yerkovich, Sherry Kermis, Kathy Verrastro, Jane Hamilton, Louise Schoene, Gretel Webster

Kyle Gray '07 received a certificate of participation for having taken the local, WNY Chemistry Olympiad qualifying examination. **David Farhi '06** qualified for the five-hour National Examination.

Hannah Kloepfer '10 had her review of *The Second Summer of the Sisterhood* by Ann Brashares published in the May issue of *Voices from the Middle*, a publication of the National Council of Teachers of English.

Belated recognition to the April 30 Spring Dance Concert performers: (Middle School) **Tory Nachreiner, Hannah Kloepfer, Ariel Reed, Amanda Schoene, Tia Miller, and Karissa Whiting;** (Upper School) **Jordan Knutsen, Ashley Gaines, Allison Barlog, Candace Desta, Nora Williams, Katherine Fortner, Natasha Mozumdar, Meghan Rochester, Alexandra Gasche, Elizabeth Tallerico, Lexi Hare, Shoan Yin Cheung, Arin Lee Dandes, and Victoria Barrett.** "Guest artists" were faculty daughters Pearl Steinzor, and Paloma and Claudia D'Auria.

Congratulations to the Middle School Music Ensembles for their excellent showing at the High Note Music Festival on May 27 at Darien Lake. The Band, directed by **Annie Newall**, and the Orchestra, directed by **Erica Sagerman**, received Excellent ratings, and the Chamber Chorus, directed by **Corinne Damerau-Best**, earned a Superior rating, the highest honor given. Schools from all over New York State participated in this event.


Sebastian Augustine '10 has been recognized as a National Winner, Intermediate Class, in the National Piano Auditions. Seb entered 10 pieces in the competition.

On June 3, Middle School vocal students **Hannah Kloepfer, Anna Huckabone, Anna Montesano, Tess Williams, JoJo Solis, Julie Sonne, Brian Griffith, and Joe Trapp** participated in the NYSSMA Solo Festival at Cleveland Hill H.S.

David Plotkin '06 is the 2005 General Information Test winner with a score of 75. **Will Olena** was the highest scorer in the senior class (69), **Emma Rosen** placed first in the sophomore class (69), and **Peter Ewing** scored 43-1/2 to earn ninth grade honors.

Emily Accetta '07, Anna Whistler '07, and staff member **Karen Illig**, completed training at the Lothlorien Therapeutic Riding Center in East Aurora to assist mentally and physically challenged children learn how to ride a horse. Anyone interested in volunteering at The Center this summer can contact Karen (ext. 205) for information.

The 2004-05 First Honors Community Scholars, recognized by *Business First*, for their service to school and communities, are seniors: **Nick Wagner, Ashley Balon, Ashley Racine, Kellie Stanchak, Aquella Robinson, Frank Puglisi, Kayla Zemsky, Amanda Lickfeld, Anna Ellis, and Kristina Doyle.**



Polofest 2005 at Strawberry Banks Farm in East Aurora is seeking volunteers for its annual non-profit fundraiser on July 15-17. Events include a Beatles concert by the BBC, polo games, stable tours, food service, silent auctions, and a car raffle. Please contact Karen Illig at 875-8212, extension 205 if you are interested in helping this year.



Summer Dance Opportunities

Pick of the Crop's Dance Summer Intensive at Nichols (July 5-15) is a two-week workshop for serious dancers ages 12 and up interested in concert dance training and performance, and learning from working professionals. Students concentrate on deepening their awareness of their bodies in stillness and in movement, resulting in sharper and clearer technique and stronger stage presence. This year's visiting faculty include:

- COLIN CONNOR - former soloist with Jose Limon Dance Company; Professor of Dance, California Institute of the Arts;
- DEBRA NOBLE - member of Los Angeles American Repertory Dance Company; - Professor of Dance, California State University at Fullerton;
- BENEDETTA CAPANNA - independent dancer, teacher, and yoga specialist, Rome, Italy.

The JPMorgan Chase New Moves concert is Pick of the Crop's annual showcase of superbly talented artists from the United States and Europe, made possible by the NY State DanceForce. This year, the Summer Intensive faculty, all concert soloists, will perform their own works. More information is available at the Pick of the Crop Dance website: www.poc.org.



Middle School News

On May 19, the Middle School Choral Ensembles had their annual Spring Concert. The theme was "The History of Jazz". The concert included Work Songs, Spirituals, and songs by many of the Jazz greats. Choral performances, numerous solos, dancers and instrumentalists were featured. One of the highlights of the concert was a medley by Duke Ellington and Louis Prima entitled, "It Don't Mean A Thing If It Ain't Got That Sing, Sing, Sing!" The 8th grade tech class helped engineer the lighting, special effects, and sound.

The Middle School launched a new literary magazine, *Calliope*, edited by Michele Speech and Lisa LaMarca. It provides a place for Middle School writers to be published. The first issue included the Red Jacket Poetry and Purdy Short Story winners and was delivered on Verdian Day.

Character Corner

by Wendy Amato

It is difficult to believe that the year is over already! It seems as though it was just September and we were beginning our second year of the Middle School Character Education program. Now we are planning for next year. On May 18 and June 1, the Parents' Committee on Character Education met to review the year and to look towards next year. One of the topics discussed was the Parent Chats that were held over the 2004-05 school year. These were well received by all who attended them. New

ideas were presented and I am excited about some of the new plans we have for these Parent Chats! Look for announcements regarding these Chats when you return in September. Another topic was our "Kids Helping Kids" program. The committee decided that school supplies would be collected in September to help worthy charities, namely Gateway-Longview Services and the Child Advocacy Center. Each Middle School grade has been "assigned" specific supplies. Any family that wishes to participate can bring these items either to the bookstore in August or to the lobby of the Middle School in September. There will be large blue recycling bins available to collect the school supplies. The Parents' Character Education Committee would like to encourage families to involve their children as much as possible in the process of collecting these school supplies. Some ideas are to have your children use allowance money, donate unused supplies from last year, actually purchase the items, or be given a "budget" by which they need to buy as many items as possible with that money. There will be additional opportunities in September for students to help distribute the school supplies to the various organizations.

The supply assignments are as follows:

- 5th grade - colored pencils; markers; and/or crayons
- 6th grade - 3-ring binder (1 inch or larger) with a pack of loose-leaf lined paper
- 7th grade - 3 subject spiral notebook and/or composition notebook
- 8th grade - one pack each of pencils, pens and index cards

Additional suggestions are:

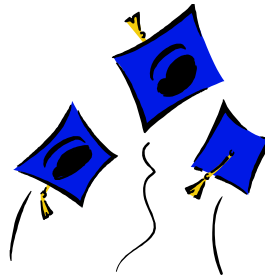
- Backpacks (gently used or new)
- Rulers
- Highlighters
- Folders
- Locks
- Erasers
- Dictionaries/thesauri
- Calculators
- Spanish/English or French/English dictionaries
- Scotch tape



College Connection

Class of 2005 Choices

Hats off to our 104 seniors in the Class of 2005 for their hard work and our best wishes for successful futures! Thank you to their families, teachers, coaches, parent reps, and to Dean Costa for making this an awesome year.



Teresa Alberts American
 Jennie Anderson Medaille
 Michael Angelakos Emerson
 Jane Arcadi Canisius
 Brian Arnold Ithaca
 Jessica Asrat Princeton
 Jesse Baier Canisius
 Michael Baldauf Canisius
 Ashley Balon LeMoyne
 John Barlog Calif. Inst. of the Arts
 Adam Bellows Clarkson
 Jonathan Brummer Vassar
 Blake Carbone St. Lawrence
 Mercedes Carota Northeastern
 Christopher Celani Niagara
 Annmarie Cellino Middlebury
 Shoan Yin Cheung Cornell U.
 William Cheyney Lafayette
 Matthew Connors Cornell U.
 Robert Cotter SUNY Brockport
 Christopher Covelli Fla. Gulf Coast
 Alicia D'Alba Boston U.
 Arin Dandes SUNY Buffalo
 Elizabeth Demakos Wesleyan U.
 Alicia Dezick SUNY New Paltz
 Emily Donowick Rensselaer Polytech.
 Kristina Doyle U. of Rochester
 Benjamin Duggan SUNY Geneseo
 Frederick Duncan St. Joseph's U.
 Peter Edge Carnegie Mellon
 Anna Ellis Bryn Mawr
 Calder Epes W. Washington U.
 Matthew Felser Williams
 Jaime Ferrentino Robert Morris
 Michael Fitzpatrick Undecided
 Ryan Fitzpatrick SUNY Albany
 Paul Garvin Hobart & Wm. Smith
 Alexander Glogowski Johns Hopkins
 Adam Goldfarb Colby
 Brian Hall Northwestern
 Patrick Hanley Loyola (LA)
 Phoebe Hazzan No. Carolina State
 Jennifer Hill Lake Forest
 Pierre Islam Johns Hopkins
 Philip Jadd George Washington
 Sarah Kadukil Utica
 Tanya Kaushal New York Univ.
 Michael Kawi Sarah Lawrence
 Elizabeth Koelmel Haverford
 Kaitlin Kramer U. of Richmond
 Amanda Lickfeld Hobart & Wm. Smith
 Cali Madia DePaul
 Jordan Matheson Macalester
 David Mayer Vanderbilt
 Brooke McAdam Macalester
 Madeleine McQueeney Bowdoin
 Jonathan Medeiros Bennington

Jeffrey Monnin St. Lawrence
 Melissa Moran Randolph Macon
 Daniel Moscov American
 Lindsay Munschauer U. St. Andrews (UK)
 Richard Munschauer Hamilton
 Kenton Muscato New York Univ.
 Charles Ohl DePaul
 William Olena US Naval Academy
 Alexander Parker American
 Jillian Phallen Case Western Reserve
 John Potoczak Undecided
 Frank Puglisi St. Bonaventure
 Ashley Racine Barnard
 Matthew Rang Rochester Inst. of Tech.
 Kelly Regan Manhattan
 Edward Righter Kenyon
 Aquella Robinson U. of Rochester
 Francesca Ruffolo U. of Tampa
 Yasmin Said SUNY Buffalo
 Casey Sanborn Haverford
 Shannan Scarselletta Cornell U.
 Ashley Schachter Rollins
 Newton Sears U. of Pennsylvania
 Timur Sherif Johns Hopkins
 Robert Shuttleworth Loyola (MD)
 Nathan Somayaji U. of Richmond
 Kellie Stanchak Western New England
 Andrew Stegemann Davidson
 Michael Stenlik U. of Pennsylvania
 Brendan Swift Bucknell
 Amanda Todd Utica
 Katelyn Todd Syracuse
 Elizabeth Vogel Franklin Pierce
 Nichols Wagner Ohio Wesleyan
 Samuel Walsh U. Miami (FL)
 Joseph Walter SUNY Geneseo
 Eric Walton Canisius
 Joleigh Washuta DePaul
 Ashley White Hamilton
 Emerson Williams American
 La'Tasha Williams Duquesne
 Kyle Winnick Trinity (CT)
 Christopher Winter SUNY Binghamton
 Carlie Wopperer Michigan State
 Samuel Yellen Yale
 Jessica Zelman DePaul
 Kayla Zemsky Colby

2005 Senior Survey Says... to reduce stress

- Visit colleges during the summer
- Write drafts of the college essay during the summer
- Start the process in the fall



2005-06 Standardized Testing

PSAT (sophomores and juniors)

Wed., October 12
 8-11 a.m., no preregistration necessary

SAT/II (www.collegeboard.com)

OCTOBER 8 REGIS. DEADLINE, **SEPT. 7**
 November 5 regis. deadline, Sept. 30
 December 3 regis. deadline, Oct. 28
 January 28 regis. deadline, Dec. 22
 April 1 (SAT I) regis. deadline, Feb. 24
 May 6 regis. deadline, Apr. 3
 June 3 regis. deadline, Apr. 28

ACT (www.act.org)

OCTOBER 22 REGIS. DEADLINE, **SEPT. 16**
 December 10 regis. deadline, Nov. 4
 April 8 regis. deadline, Mar. 3
 June 10 regis. deadline, May 5

Fall '05 College Programs*

Senior College Information Night:
 Monday, September 12 (tentative) –
 7 p.m., Flickinger Center
 Open to seniors and their parents, a
 guest speaker from the “college-side”
 will present admissions “how-to”.

SUNY College Night:

Tuesday, September 20 –
 Buffalo Convention Center
 Students and parents can visit with
 campus representatives from the SUNY
 system and attend various workshops.

Early Application Procedures Night

Wednesday, October 5 (tentative) –
 7 p.m., Flickinger Center

Early Applications Workshop

(seniors only)
 Thursday, October 6 – 3-3:45 p.m.,
 Junior/Senior Area

* Watch for updates in the senior
 summer mailing and on the college
 office's webpage.

2004-05 Student Awards

UPPER SCHOOL

Freshman Award:

Christopher Wadsworth Award Sarah Hotung '08,
Tyler Tokarczyk '08, Ryan McNamara '08

Sophomore Award:

Yale Award Asia Camp '07

Junior Awards:

Harvard Prize Book David Farhi '06
Dudley M. Irwin, III '45 Memorial Award
Daniele Wiedenhaupt '06
Nottingham Award ... Courtney Douds '06, Anne Morrow '06
Williams College Book Award Contessa Gayles '06
G. Robert Strauss, Jr. '79 Memorial Scholarship
John Arcadi '06

General Awards:

Maisel General Information Test David Plotkin '06
Bonnie Lerner Posmantur Award Divya Samuel '06
Chester G. Dann '49 Community Service Award
John Ginther '06

Senior Awards:

Cottle Award Kenton Muscato '05
McCarthy Prize Yasmin Said '05
Headmaster's Awards Michael Angelakos '05,
Jane Arcadi '05, Patrick Hanley '05, Elizabeth Koelmel '05,
Brooke McAdam '05, Casey Sanborn '05,
Joleigh Washuta '05, Samuel Yellen '05
Alumni Cup Robert Shuttleworth '05 & Kelly Regan '05
Williams Cup William Olena '05
Faculty Prize Jesse Baier '05
Cum Laude Society Jane Arcadi '05, Jessica Asrat '05,
Shoan Yin Cheung '05, Arin Dandes '05,
Elizabeth Demakos '05, Matthew Felser '05, Pierre Islam '05,
Michael Kawi '05, Elizabeth Koelmel '05, David Mayer '05,
Brooke McAdam '05, Madeleine McQueeney '05,
William Olena '05, Casey Sanborn '05,
Shannan Scarselletta '05, Timur Sherif '05,
Andrew Stegemann '05, Michael Stenclik '05,
Samuel Yellen '05, Kayla Zemsky '05
Pauline S. Weinberg Community Service Award
Joleigh Washuta '05
NYS Lottery Scholarship Jane Arcadi '05

Arts Department:

Instrumental Music Award Brian Hall '05
Theatre Award Michael Angelakos '05,
Brooke McAdam '05, Arin Dandes '05
Justin Webb Technical Theatre Award Timur Sherif '05
Barbara L. Wagner Vocal Music Award Newton Sears '05,
Stephanie Tibollo '06, Alexandra Hare '06
Faith Davis Visual Arts Award Elizabeth Demakos '05,
John Barlog '05
Charles E. Balbach Art Prize Elizabeth Demakos '05,
John Barlog '05

English Department:

George K. Houtp Senior English Award
Michael Stenclik '05, Jessica Asrat '05, William Olena '05,
Shoan Yin Cheung '05, Arin Dandes '05,
Brooke McAdam '05, Elizabeth Demakos '05
Austin M. Fox Junior Poetry Paper Award
Claire Franczyk '06 & Hope Blinkoff '06
Brown Junior English Award Claire Franczyk '06
Red Jacket Poetry Award 1st: Michael Kawi '05
2nd: Elizabeth Vogel '05
3rd: Courtney Douds '06
4th: Emily Accetta '07
5th: Danika Conolly '06
Purdy Short Story Award 1st: Emma Rosen '07
2nd: Adrian Pijoan '07
3rd: Brooke McAdam '05

Foreign Language Department:

French Award Timur Sherif '05
Latin Award Kyle Winnick '05
Spanish Award William Olena '05 & Michael Stenclik '05
Dual Language Latin/Spanish Samuel Yellen '05

History Department:

Millard Sessions History Award
Jeremy Hoffman '06 & Hanna Gisel '06
Senior Social Science Award:
Jessica Asrat '05, Lindsay Munschauer '05 (Urban Studies)
David Mayer '05 (AP Economics)
Arin Dandes '05 (AP Art History)
William Olena '05 (AP Government)

Mathematics Department:

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute Mathematics
and Science Award David Farhi '06
Tracy E. Tuthill Mathematics Award David Mayer '05
James W. Waltz Award Jane Arcadi '05
American Mathematics Competition Award ... David Farhi '06,
Timur Sherif '06, Alexandra Best '06, David Plotkin '06,
Christopher Winter '0, Philip Barth '06, Kiran Bojedla '06,
Michael Stenclik '05, Shannan Scarselletta '05, Max Yellen '07

Science Department:

Bausch & Lomb Honorary Science Award . Hanna Gisel '06
Keating Science Award David Farhi '06
Baldwin Science Award Jane Arcadi '05



MIDDLE SCHOOL

E. Webster Dann Merit Award
Eleni Catherine Margaret Anas, Brendan Christopher Tetro

Sixth Grade Merit Award Kayla Victoria Gray,
Victoria Noelle Salmon

Seventh Grade Merit Award Michelle Ann Chien,
Edwin McClellan Johnston IV, Tia Nolena Miller

Eighth Grade Faculty Award Elaina Renee Behringer,
William Lewis Cecere IV, Isabel Farhi, Joseph Hoerner,
Hannah Abigail Kloepfer

The Cornelia L. Dopkins Award Nyrie Soukiazian (5th Gr.)
Ellie Gurney Hayes (6th Gr.), Theresa M. Williams (7th Gr.),
Whitney Jade Washuta (8th Gr.)

The Henry D. Waters Award Mark Anthony Nash,
Lauren Ann Basil

The Pliny H. Hayes III Award Matthew Paul Reginald Tetro

The Charles I. Kleiser Award J. Nicholas Williams

The Bruce Anderson Award Daniel Kenneth Franz

The Nichols Coaches' Award Kaitlin Christine Donahoe,
Grace Compton Marlette

The Robert A. Gillespie-Vincent E. Walsh Award Isabel Farhi,
Hannah Abigail Kloepfer

Western New York Spelling Bee: Brian Griffith (finalist),
Sam Benatovich (runner-up)

Red Jacket Poetry Contest: (1st) Julia Accetta,
(2nd) Deanna Arthur

Purdy Short Story Contest: Julia Accetta
Geography Bee: Will Savino (finalist),
Graham Marks (runner-up)

Arts Department Recognition Award: Victoria Nachreiner,
Karissa Whiting

Music Leadership Awards:

Band Sabrina Gill

Strings Sebastian Augustine

Choral Joseph Trapp

Outstanding Musician Awards:

Band Sam Milito, Will Savino

Strings Pamicka Marinello

Choral Hannah Kloepfer, Arielle Reed

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National Language Examination Honors in WNY SPANISH:

Level 1

5th place Amanda McLaughlin

Level 2

1st place Mary Edge
(7th place nationally)

2nd place Sarah Hotung

7th place Charlotte Olena

Level 3

2nd place Dan Wiedenhaupt

3rd Place Jeremy Hoffman, Adrian Pijoan

4th place Max Yellen

6th place Grace Brown

7th place Kathryn Stenclik

Level 4

1st place Hannya Boulos,
Dave Farhi (7th place nationally)

2nd place Sarah Finn, Christine Lundquist,
Ashley Takacs

3rd place Alexandra Best

4th place Hanna Gisell

5th place Courtney Douds

6th place Contessa Gayles, Elise DeRose

7th place Sabina Khanna

Level 5

2nd place Will Olena

4th place Elizabeth Demakos

6th place Mercedes Carota

7th place Michael Stenclik, Anna Ellis, Kaitlin Kramer

Level 6

2nd place Sam Yellen

FRENCH:

Level 1

1st place Will Savino (5th nationally)

2nd place Deanna Arthur (9th nationally)

3rd place Jordan Berninger, Larkin Brinkworth

4th place Thomas Korpolski

5th place Julia Accetta, Richard Harris

6th place Katherine Hasiotis

7th place Lauren Lewis

9th place Charlie Rockwell

10th place Hannah Kloepfer, Matthew Tetro,
Max Wopperer

Level 2

6th place Ashley Tibollo

7th place Rachael Kermis

9th place Alexis Asquith, Jina Kim

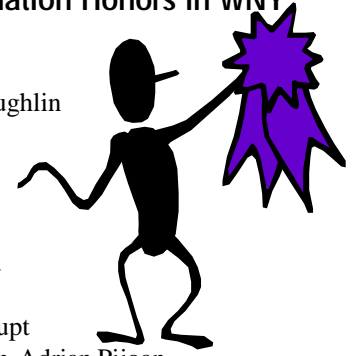
Level 3

2nd place Mercedes Watson

3rd place Peter Kucera

6th place Julia Butcher, Emma Rosen

9th place Stephen Todd



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Viking Sports

Boys Teams Win BIG!

Boys Lightweight Crew Earns 3rd in U.S. Nationals

The previously unknown boys lightweight crew team traveled to Philadelphia over Memorial Day weekend and shocked the perennial favorites with their strong racing at the U.S. Nationals. Comprised of oarsmen seniors Will Olena, Newton Sears, Andrew Stegemann, and Brendan Swift; juniors Adam Ferin, Nate Keane, Dave Montani, and Anthony Montesano; and freshman cox Allison Todd, the team finished second to St. Joseph's Prep by a close 6 seconds in their qualifying race. Coming out of lane 2 in the finals, Nichols finished third in 4:37.941, three seconds out of second place, and five seconds out of first.

A day later, the team displayed their power at home at the Fontana All-High Regatta. Racing as both a Boys LT 8 and Varsity 8, the team crushed their local opponents to bring home first place. Rowing in the Senior Men's 8 (against the heavyweights), our lightweight team captured the bronze at the Canadian Schoolboys National Championships on June 3-5, with a time of 5.59 – 5 seconds out of first place. We wish the Nichols' boat smooth waters at the prestigious National Youth Invitational Regatta in Cincinnati, June 10-11.

Boys Golf Wins Fourth Straight NYSAIS Championship

On May 22, the Boys Varsity Golf Team overcame Hackley to capture its fourth consecutive NYSAIS championship. Chris Covelli (72) and Willie Edge (74) will continue Federation play on June 12 at the Tom Carvel Golf Club in Pine Plains, NY as part of the six-man NYSAIS team. They will compete against state public, NYC public, and state Catholic teams. Coached by Frank Sacheli and assistant, Ron Montesano, other members of the Nichols team include Andrew Stegemann, Joe Livsey, Evan Baskin-Evans, and Peter Randaccio.

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SPRING VARSITY SPORTS HONORS

Boys Tennis

MVP: Fred Duncan
Coaches Award: Nathan Somayaji

Boys Baseball

MVP: Pat Hanley
Coaches Award: Tyler Tokarczyk
MIP: Stephen Ruotsi, Jared Russell

Girls Softball

MVP: Francesca Ruffolo
Coaches Award: Ashley White
MIP: Mercedes Watson

Girls Lacrosse

MVP: Elizabeth Koelmel
Coaches Award: Emily Donowick, Casey Sanborn
MIP: Nicole Butchart, Anne Morrow
All WNY (1st): H. Boulos, E. Donowick, E. Kingdon, E. Koelmel, C. Sanborn; (2nd): E. Demakos. All WNY Scholar-Athlete: E. Demakos, E. Koelmel, C. Sanborn. All MSLAA (1st): E. Donowick, E. Kingdon, E. Koelmel; (HM): H. Boulos. US Lacrosse Academic All-American: C. Sanborn, E. Koelmel, M. McQueeney, H. Boulos, E. Demakos, E. Kingdon.

Boys Lacrosse

MVP: Chris Winter
Coaches Award: Phil Jadd, Ben Duggan
MIP: Peter Marlette
All WNY League (1st): Chris Winter, Ben Duggan, Mike Baldauf; (2nd): Peter Marlette, Ryan Fitzpatrick, Joe Walter; (HM): Will Cheyney, Mike White, Rick Munschauer. All WNY Team (1st): Chris Winter, Matt Felser; (2nd) Mike Baldauf. Exceptional Senior Game-Most Outstanding Player: Chris Winter. US Lacrosse Academic All-American: Mike Stenlik.

Girls Crew

Coaches Award: Cali Madia, Mercedes Carota
MIP: The Team

Boys Crew

MVP, Coaches, MIP: Sr. Lightweight 8 Kirkpatrick Award for outstanding contribution: Coach John Haumesser

Girls Golf

MVP: Jordan Matheson
Coaches Award: Danielle Scott
MIP: Emma Savino

Seniors Earn Special Athletic Awards

Each year, the Athletic Department presents plaques at Senior Project Night to members of the graduating class who have lettered six or more times while at Nichols. A record 44 students from the Class of 2005 earned plaques. The class earned a total of 487 letters, also the most in recent history. They have played in at least 435 contests this year and through their leadership have won countless tournaments while garnering both state and national recognition.

6 varsity letters:

Jane Arcadi, Jessica Asrat, Chris Celani, Jaime Ferrentino, Mick Fitzpatrick, Ryan Fitzpatrick, Kaitlin Kramer, Nathan Somayaji, Nick Wagner, Sam Yellen

7 varsity letters:

Blake Carbone, Bob Cotter, Liz Demakos, Adam Goldfarb, Phil Jadd, Liz Koelmel, Melissa Moran, Casey Sanborn, Bob Shuttleworth, Kate Todd, Joe Walter, Kyle Winnick, Chris Winter

8 varsity letters:

Jennie Anderson, Calder Epes, Amanda Lickfeld, Shannan Scarselletta

9 varsity letters:

Emily Donowick, Ben Duggan, Sarah Kadukil, Rick Munschauer, Will Olena, Kelly Regan, Francesca Ruffolo, Kellie Stanchak, Amanda Todd, Ashley White

10 varsity letters:

Ashley Balon, Annmarie Cellino, Will Cheyney, Matt Felser, Pat Hanley, Jennifer Hill, Maddie McQueeney

ATHLETIC EQUIPMENT: LAST CALL!

All Nichols uniforms and equipment must be returned to Jan Zasowski, equipment manager (Scully Athletic Center, 875-8212 ext. 128) **no later than June 24.** After this date, replacement equipment will be ordered and used items will not be accepted for return.



Community Service: Continued from page 1

Cornerstone Manor - The Buffalo City Mission’s shelter for women and children. Built in 1990 to serve 35 women, Cornerstone now houses up to 60 women and children each day. In need of volunteers to work with children during summer months. (100 E. Tupper, Buffalo 14205 / **854-8181**)

Compass House - Safe shelter and services to help facilitate positive self-reliance for homeless or runaway youth (shelter, food, clothing). (370 Linwood, Buffalo 14209 / **886-0935**)

Computers for Children - Helps provide and distribute computers to children and schools who lack resources. (237 Main St., Buffalo 14203 / **843-8883**)

Ecumenical Food Pantry of Eden - Provides bags of groceries to those in need. (M-F, 9-1). (2820 East Church, Eden 14057 / **992-4211**)

EPIC (Every Person Influences Children) - Community & Education Center providing support and services for low-income children in Buffalo. (1300 Elmwood, Buffalo 14222 / **884-4064**)

Erie County Special Olympics - Help coach, support, train, and transport athletes. (454 Lake Ave., Lancaster 14086 / **684-1816**)

Food Bank of WNY - Provides food and resources for individuals and organizations addressing hunger in WNY. (91 Holt St., Buffalo 14206 / **852-1305**)

Food for All - Mission: to find and implement solutions to the problem of hunger in Western New York, through local community support around state and federal legislation that directly affects the lives of the poor and the hungry; conducting nutrition outreach activities designed to improve access to food stamps and the summer meals program for children. (1272 Delaware, Buffalo 14209 / **882-7705**)

Friends of Night People - Every day, for over 35 years, Friends of Night People (FoNP) has been serving meals and providing essential support services to the homeless, destitute and working poor of this community. (394 Hudson, Buffalo 14201 / **884-5375**)

Gloria J. Parks Community Center - Community Center, youth, elderly, tutoring, after school activities. (3242 Main St., Buffalo 14214 / **832-1010**)

Grace Nursery Day Care - Nursery school for low-income children in Buffalo. (875 E. Delavan, Buffalo 14215 / **895-0098**)

Habitat for Humanity - Provides simple, decent, safe homes in partnership with low-income families seeking home-ownership in Buffalo. (PO Box 511, Buffalo 14205 / **741-3979**)

Haven House - Home & Shelter for victims of abuse. (PO Box 451, Buffalo 14205 / **884-6002**)

Hearts for the Homeless - Mobile soup kitchen & clothing bank that travels out into the community, helps find housing options. (PO Box 437, Buffalo 14223 / **877-3536**)

Holy Cross Head Start - Early childhood education center. (150 Maryland St., Buffalo 14201 / **852-8373**)

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M.S. Awards: Continued from page 7

Math Counts Regional Competition:
3rd Place: Sam Milito
5th Place: Anthony Giangreco-Marotta
American Math Competition 8:
1st Place: Anthony Giangreco-Marotta
Math Olympiad – (Highest Individual Score)
Elementary – Alex Regan, Mallory Sanborn
Middle School – Sabrina Gill and Sam Milito
1st Place, New York State Math League:
7th Grade: Sam Milito, Will Savino
8th Grade: Izzy Farhi

H.R. MacKinder General Information Test (G.I.T.):

Overall G.I.T. Winner: Will Savino
5th Grade: 1st – Eleni Anas
6th Grade: 1st – Michael Kozlowski
7th Grade: 1st - Will Savino
8th Grade: 1st - Victoria Nachreiner, Amanda McLaughlin

Language Awards: Continued from page 7

Level 4

1st place Lexi Hare
3rd place Dan Wiedenhaupt
7th place Hope Blinkoff, Alicia D’Alba, Divya Samuel
8th place Jeremy Hoffman
9th place Kiran Bojedla
10th place Emma Kingdon

Level 5

1st place Alexandra Gasche

LATIN:

Level 1

gold/summa cum laude Isabel Farhi, Victoria Nachreiner,
Max Yellen
silver/maxima cum laude Kaitlin Donahoe,
Penelope Hamilton, Nicholas Williams, Christine Penfold,
Thomas Juliano, Christopher Nolan
magna cum laude Samuel Benatovich, Sara Dexter,
Christopher May, Emily Moloney
cum laude Molly Austen, Katherine Grosner,
Arielle Reed, Julia Butcher, Alexa DeFazio, CB Ohl

Level 2

gold/summa cum laude James Avino, Sean Pegado
silver/maxima cum laude Joshua Oakley, Nicole Hall
cum laude Jonathan Brummer, Jake Levy,
Dal Ackerman, William Foster

Level 3

silver/maxima cum laude Nora Williams
magna cum laude Natalie Franczyk, Jina Kim, Kyle Gray,
Tatiana Robinson

Level 4

magna cum laude William Edge
cum laude Alan Hibbard

Level 5

silver/maxima cum laude Samuel Yellen
cum laude Kyle Winnick





Boys Lacrosse: WNY Private School Champions

Like the story of the “Little Engine That Could,” the boys lacrosse team started slowly, but built up a full head of steam during the season, which culminated in the WNY Private School Championships held at Nichols, May 24 and 26. Seeded #1, the Nichols team soundly defeated Canisius HS 10-4 in the semi-final match. The finals pitted Nichols against 3rd seeded St. Francis who came out with sticks blazing. The Nichols Vikings found themselves down 3-0 with just two minutes off the clock. Just like the little engine, however, they began building steam and by the second half were dominating defensive play and demonstrating strong offensive sticks. Nichols won the championship trophy, 10-7.

Congratulations to coach Tom Franz who was named by U.S. Lacrosse as the WNY regions’ Secondary School Coach of the Year!

Updated Physicals Mandatory for Fall Preseason Practices

N.Y.S. and Nichols School require that updated physical forms be sent to the athletic office **before** a student is eligible to practice during the mandatory August preseason sessions. There are no exceptions!

For students new to junior varsity or varsity teams that travel to Canada, please also include a copy of the birth certificate with your health form. Thank you.



Junior Parents: Year Book Notice



Parents of the class of 2006, please prepare your congratulatory advertisements for next year's *Verdian* over the summer. The ad must be prepared digitally, and .pdf submissions must meet with the yearbook advisor's approval. If you are technologically challenged, please contact Mr. Montesano at 716/310-3028 to reserve space for your advertisement. Space will be limited.



Smart Growth Is Smart Business

Open to the public, “Smart Growth...” is a series of speaker-led workshops to foster an economically healthy region, sustainable land use policies, higher quality of life, vibrant commercial districts, walkable neighborhoods, and a sense of community that inspires working together in our region.

All events are held in the Glenn and Awdry Flickinger Performing Arts Center at 7 p.m.

June 28 – “Designing Communities for Active Living”
Richard Killingsworth – Dir., Active Living by Design, UNC-Chapel Hill, NC

September 30 – “Creating New Suburban Neighborhoods of Lasting Value”
Craig Lewis – Planner and Managing Principal, The Lawrence Group Town Planners and Architects, Davidson, NC

October 18 – “Creating Places Where We Like to Shop”
Seth Harry – Architect and Retail Planning Consultant, Seth Harry & Assoc., Woodbine, MD

November 15 – “Transportation Strategies for the 21st Century”
James Charlier – Transportation Planner, Charlier Assoc., Boulder, CO

December 8 (tentative) – “Making It Happen: Putting Smart Growth Policies and Practices to Work”
William Fulton – Journalist, Urban Planner, Solimar Research Group, Ventura, CA



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Housing Opportunities Made Equal - Nationally recognized civil rights organization working to ensure fair and equal access to housing through education, advocacy, and enforcement of fair housing laws. (700 Main St., Buffalo 14202 / **854-1400**)

Just Buffalo Literary Center - Mission: to create and strengthen communities through the literary arts. Help staff readings, deliver literature and calendars to the community, internships available in marketing, PR, education, English, & accounting. (2495 Main St., Buffalo 14214 / **832-5400**)

Kenmore North Buffalo Food Pantry - Provides emergency groceries to those in need. (622 Tacoma Ave., Buffalo 14216 / **838-2182**)

Literacy Volunteers of Buffalo - Works to improve literacy skills of adults throughout Buffalo & Erie County by training volunteers as tutors. (712 Main St., Buffalo 14202 / **882-7323**)

Little Portion Friary - Adult Homeless Shelter. (1305 Main St., Buffalo 14209 / **882-5705**)

Loaves & Fishes - Soup Kitchen, providing lunch, Monday – Friday. (875 Elmwood, Buffalo 14222 / **886-6635**)

Lothlorien - Therapeutic Riding Center focusing on serving clients with developmental disabilities. (15 Reiter Rd., E. Aurora 14052 / **655-1335**)

Lutheran Church Home - Adult Care Facility for senior citizens. (217 East Delavan, Buffalo 14208 / **882-1231**)

Main Day Care - Day Care Center serving low-income and refugee children & families. (2302 Main St., Buffalo 14214 / **833-1184**)

North Buffalo Community Center - Community Center serving neighborhood families. Many services offered. (203 Sanders Rd., Buffalo 14216 / **874-6133**)

Ronald McDonald House - Home & support services for families living with cancer/visiting relatives at Roswell Park. (780 West Ferry, Buffalo 14222 / **833-1177**)

Roswell Park - Cancer treatment and research center. (Elm & Carlton Sts., Buffalo 14203 / **845-5708**)

SABAH (Skating Association for the Blind & Handicapped) SABAH teaches Western New Yorkers who have physical, cognitive, or emotional challenges to ice skate, providing weekly skating lessons, equipment, volunteer support, and chance to perform in a year end performance. (1200 East & West, West Seneca 14224 / **675-7222**)

Seneca Babcock Boys & Girls Club - Community Center serving low-income youth & families. (282 Babcock St., Buffalo 14207 / **882-0034**)

Seneca Babcock Community Center - Community Center serving low-income youth, elderly, and the neighborhood. (1168 Seneca St., Buffalo 14210 / **882-5094**)

St. Andrews Presbyterian Manor - Intensive nursing to elderly patients in need. (205 Delaware, Buffalo 14209 / **631-0123**)

St. Gerard's Helping Hands Pantry - Provide Emergency food to those in need. (1190 E. Delavan, Buffalo 14215 / **871-4113**)

St. Mary's School for the Deaf - School dedicated to providing comprehensive education and support for hearing-impaired students in Buffalo. (2253 Main St., Buffalo 14214 / **834-7200**)

Vincent De Paul Dining Room - Soup Kitchen, Clothing Store, & Summer Camp for children & families in need. (1298 Main St, Buffalo / **882-3360, ext. 5**)

Vive La Casa - An interfaith organization which assists refugees seeking protection under the Geneva Convention in Canada and the United States. Vive provides refugees with safe shelter, food, legal services, and other care. (50 Wyoming, Buffalo 14215 / **892-4354**)

WNY Independent Living Center - A family of agencies dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for persons with disabilities, while respecting diversity, and promoting choices and alternatives for independent living in our society. (3108 Main St, Buffalo 14214 / **836-0822**)

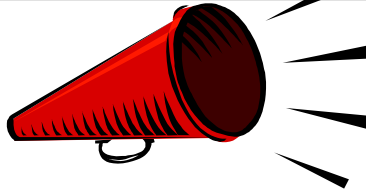
YMCA of Buffalo - Committed to improving the quality of life for the children and adults it serves. Positive programs that focus on the total person - programs that enhance self-confidence, develop healthier lifestyles. (2564 Delaware, Buffalo 14216 / **875-1283**)

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Congratulations to the Class of 2011—winners of the Annual Fund class challenge!

Have a great summer and see you next year!

Marcy Dandes and Bev Caffery, Annual Fund Parent Division Chairman,

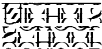
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