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CHESHIRE HIGH SCHOOL

June 2017

A Look Back at the Events of 2016 & 2017

August

2016

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Students arrive for the first day of school at Cheshire High!

September

2016

8

Open house at Cheshire High to welcome families.

12

Students were dismissed early due to an unexpected plumbing issue in the front of the school.

12

College fair and financial aid night at CHS.

23

Pep rally! Students get excited for fall sports to begin.



26

Seniors Alysha DeGennaro and Austin Ratliff are recognized at the US Army All-American Marching Band Selection ceremony.



October

2016

8

Cheshire High School Marching Band's Music in Motion takes place.



19

PSATs for sophomore and juniors.

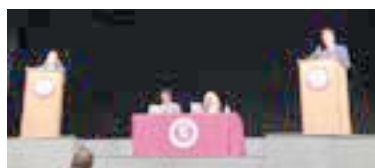
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National Honor Society induction.

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Congresswoman Elizabeth Esty and her opponent Clay Cope square off in a forum at Cheshire High School.



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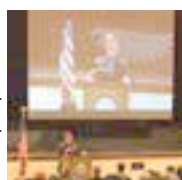
Halloween Parade at CHS!

November

2016

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Election Day 2016!



11

BRAVE hosts Veteran's Day breakfast.

11

Lights of Hope!



16

Sophomore career fair takes place in the commons and cafe.

17

The fall play "Radium Girls" premieres.



19

Cheshire High School students rake leaves for senior citizens.

22

The annual Powderpuff game takes place.



22

Power Outage during period 4 in the science/back hallways.

27

First CHS Blood Drive of the year.

December

2016

2

One Acts takes place in the auditorium.

5

First two hour delay in Cheshire Public Schools history!

6

CHS chorus concert.



15

CHS instrumental concert.



January

2017

10

Curriculum & Activities Night takes place at CHS!



13

Midterms begin at CHS!



25

CHS Young Feminists host the Gender Equity Program.

February

2017

2

Junior Job Shadow Day!

7

Opiates Crisis Assembly.

8

Blood drive at CHS!



9

First snow day of the year!

14

CHS Broadway Highlights chorus concert.

March

2017

2

Minor power outage in the front of the building. This was the second power outage of the school year.

11

Cheshire Public Schools Discovery Expo takes place at CHS.



14

Pi Day!



15

Last snow day of the school year!

23

Spring musical "Singin' in the Rain" premieres.



April

2017

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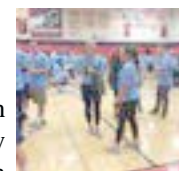
SATs were administered to all juniors, while the CAPTS were given to sophomores.

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United States Attorney's Office presents the HEAT presentation to seniors and sophomore.

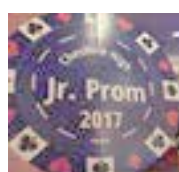
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CHS leadership conference!



25

National Poem in Your Pocket Day is celebrated in the library.



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Junior Prom!

May

2017

1

AP testing begins.

2

CHS spring choral concert.

11

CHS spring instrumental concert.



13

Senior Prom!



16

B1 Day!

16

Awards Convocation Ceremony!

18

Physics and calculus students visit Lake Compounce.



19

Honor cord ceremony for seniors!

20

AP Art Show



23

AP Gov students head to Boston to participate in a Senate simulation.

24

Senior experience presentations.



25

Senior picnic at Holiday Hill.



31

AP Lang students head to Newport, Rhode Island

June

2017

9

Final exams begin at Cheshire High School.

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Graduation for the Class of 2017. We wish them the best in their future endeavors. Congratulations!

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Hear at Graduation
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The Graduating Class of 2017 Senior Survey!

By Roger Chen & Jess Tan 2017 & 2018

The Class of 2017 will be graduating from Cheshire High School this week and will soon enter college, the military, or employment. During its time at CHS, this class has seen three principals: Mr. Jeffrey Solan, Mr. Richard

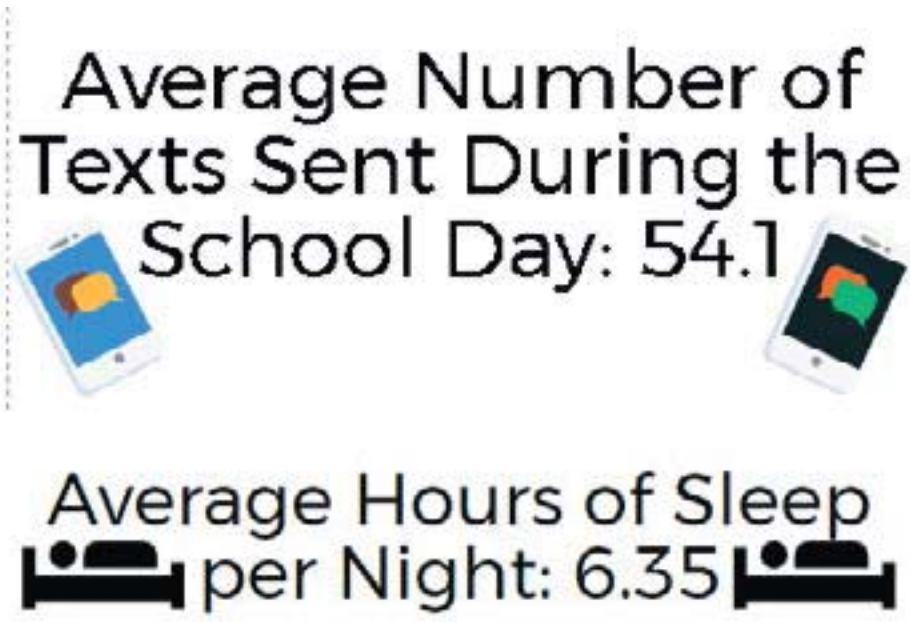
Sansoucy (interim), and Dr. Mary Gadd. They have seen five different assistant principals: Mrs. Laurie Vicario, Mr. Richard Sansoucy, Mrs. Maureen Reed, Mrs. Kristen Pelz, and Mr. Daniel Tartarelli. The Class of 2017 also saw the departure of legendary teachers such as Mr. Robert Schaeffer, Ms. Virginia

Swan, Mr. Ralph Zingarella, and Ms. Diane Milone. Now as the Class of 2017 departs the high school, Rampage decided to conduct a survey of the graduating class to hear about their experiences at Cheshire High. The survey was sent to all seniors through their school emails, and it

garnered one-hundred eleven responses, which represents about a fourth of the graduating class. Not all respondents answered all the questions, and some inappropriate responses were removed. The survey was anonymous as Rampage staff could not see who submitted each response.

Favorite Senior Events

1. Prom - 26
2. B1 Day - 14
3. Football - 12
4. Volleyball - 10
5. Graduation - 3
6. Skip Day - 2
6. Leadership Conference - 2



Top School Lunches

1. Dunkers - 25
2. Deli Option - 9
3. Bosco Sticks - 4
3. Popcorn Chicken - 4
3. Corn Dogs - 4
3. Pasta - 4
3. Pizza - 4



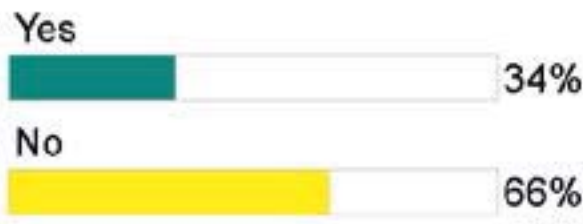
Have you ever cheated during your time at CHS?



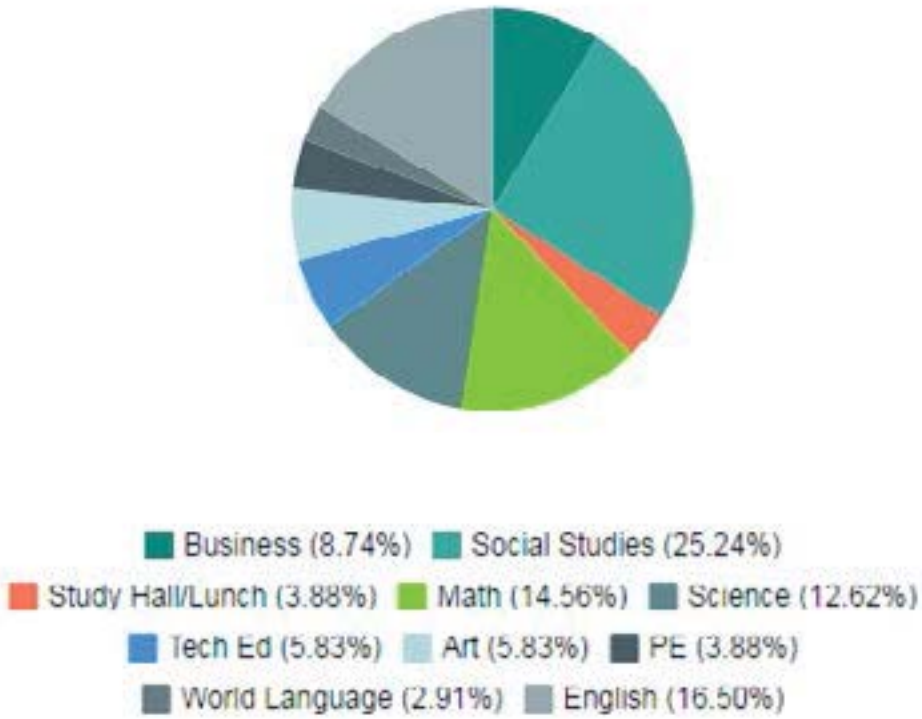
Have you ever fallen asleep in class?



Have you ever gotten a detention?



Favorite Subject



BEST REASONS FOR FORGETTING HOMEWORK

1. Saved it to Google Word not Docs
2. Oops
3. My _____ died
4. My mom took my homework folder and I have her work folder
5. I was in a coma
6. This place makes me want to jump out the window
7. Drove over my entire binder
8. I did it, you're just disorganized
9. I swallowed it
10. I don't miss homework

6th Annual Summer Book Club Series Sign Up

by Shivani Padhi 2018

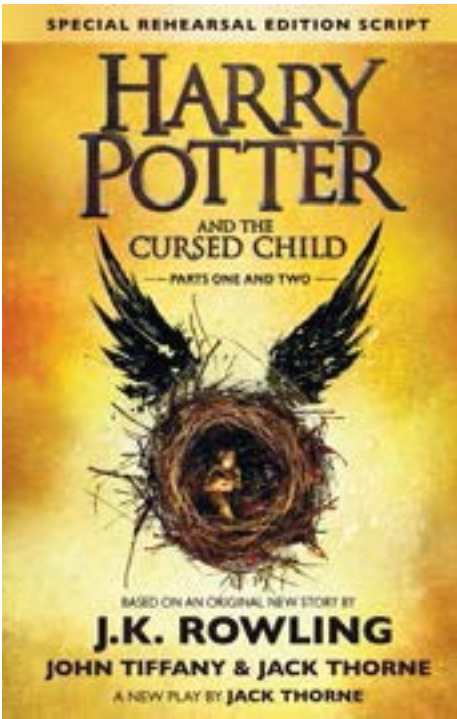
The CHS Summer Book Club has returned for its sixth year. Registration for book clubs has begun, giving students the option of deciding between 44 different books across a wide spectrum of genres. This year, the program is bigger and better than ever, with over 75 CHS faculty members hosting these books.

Many books on the list have a movie coming out soon. Some of these books include “All the Bright Places,” “Hidden Figures,” and “The Circle.” Some of these book clubs are planning on having a novel/movie comparison in the beginning of the new school year.

In addition to the books being re-made into movies, other book clubs have generated a great amount of excitement for other reasons. Ms. Hoag will be hosting “Hidden Figures,” which received an Oscar nominee for being the best picture in 2017.

Additionally, Ms. Barker’s book club is reading the latest Harry Potter book: “Harry Potter and the Cursed Child Parts 1 & 2” (Harry Potter #8) by John Tiffany (Adaptation), Jack Thorne, J.K. Rowling, which won Goodreads Choice Awards on being the best fantasy book. Upon talking to Ms. Barker, she decided to pick this book because it a “easy relaxing summer read” that provides entertainment values for the readers. Barker especially loved this book due to its magic and fantasy components as it delves into the world of Harry Potter’s son, Albus. Barker has done the summer reading book club from the start (2012) and is looking forward to have a fun, inciteful and “hogworthy” discussion with her group. She might even collaborate with Mrs. Paier’s reading group, who is reading the very first Harry Potter book, “Harry Potter and the Sorcerer’s Stone.”

From Mrs. Catucci reading group “The Great American Whatever” by Tim Federle to Mr. Swanson’s comic books



in “Runaways: The Complete Collection Volume 1” by Brian K. Vaughan (Text), Adrian Alphona (Illustrations), Takeshi Miyazawa (Illustrations), the CHS Summer Reading Program offers something for everyone. Registration for these book clubs is highly encouraged by the CHS English Department. To sign up, use the link provided below or go to the Cheshire High School webpage. The deadline to register for a summer book club is June 14 (the last day of school).

Registration
https://docs.google.com/a/cheshire.k12.ct.us/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe5W_5S2IVh1WbK8da9zWBITcsLR9_ifBIVILUPY-LAtknLBUQ/viewform?usp=already_responded

Book List
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1hQQDcSCKX488Dltj6GXd4AmJeNxtwjIbNV-RrappB4Q/edit>

Senior Picnic Photos



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The Ultimate Test: Valedictorian versus Salutatorian

by Annie Wang 2018

Valedictorian vs. Salutatorian. An ultimate test. We brought together Angela Zhu, the valedictorian, and Roger Chen, this year’s salutatorian to answer 10 questions. The questions were a mix of pop culture and random trivia.

One point will be awarded for each correct answer. An extra half point can be earned for creative answers. The half point can be awarded even if the answer is not correct. Additionally, there no penalties were given for wrong answers. Correct answers are bolded.

In the end it was a close test but the winner that emerged was Roger with 7 points. We wish the best of luck to both of them in the future and more success in the future!

1. What flag is this?



- a. Liberia
- b. Czech Republic
- c. South Korea

d. North Korea
Val: “Republic of the chimmie changas” (1 pt)
Sal: North Korea (1 pt)

2. Which US state has the least rain?

- a. Arizona
 - b. New Mexico
 - c. Nevada
 - d. Connecticut
- Val: Arizona (0 pts)
Sal: *nokes* Alaska, because it’s all snow(1.5 pts)

3. Who replaces Professor Snape as potions master at Hogwarts?

- a. Horace Slughorn
 - b. Gilderoy Lockhart
 - c. Harry Potter
 - d. Minerva McGonagall
- Val: Lord Voldemort reincarcerated (1.5 pts)
Sal: Gilderoy Lockhart (0 pts)

4. Who was the 16th president of the United States of America?

- a. Franklin Pierce
- b. Abraham Lincoln
- c. Ulysses S. Grant

d. John Tyler
Val: The honorable Betsy Devos (1 pt)
Sal: Ulysses S. Grant(0 pts)

5. Which NBA team plays its home games at Madison Square Garden

- a. Golden State Warriors
 - b. Brooklyn Nets
 - c. Boston Celtics
 - d. New York Knicks
- Val: The New York Knicks (1 pt)
Sal: Knicks, no Kendrick Lamar (1 pt)

6. In what year did the Nuremberg Trials start?

- a. 1930
 - b. 1949
 - c. 1945
 - d. 2009
- Val: 1949, party like it’s ‘99 (0 pts)
Sal: 1949 (0 pts)

7. What color eggs do peacocks lay?

- a. blue
 - b. red
 - c. white
 - d. they don’t lay eggs
- Val: White (0 pts)
Sal:Blue (0 pts)

8. What treaty ended the American Revolution?

- a. The Treaty of Tordesillas
 - b. Treaty of York
 - c. Treaty of Paris
 - d. Treaty of London
- Val: Treaty of Paris(1 pt)
Sal: Paris Climate Change Agreement (1 pt)

9. What building houses the world’s largest four-faced chiming clock?

- a. The Big Ben
 - b. The Eiffel Tower
 - c. Minneapolis City Hall
 - d. The Taj Mahal
- Val: the Big Ben (0 pts)
Sal: The internet (1.5) pts

10. What book series was illustrated and written by Jeff Kinney?

- a. Percy Jackson
 - b. A Series of Unfortunate Events
 - c. Artemis Fowl
 - d. Diary of a Wimpy Kid
- Val: 50 Shades of Gray (1 pt)
Sal: Diary of a Wimpy Kid (1 pt)



Where Will They Go?

Abigail Abramson

University of Pennsylvania

Fritz AcurantesEastern Connecticut
State University**Syed Alam**

College of Holy Cross

Liam Alexander

SUNY Oswego

Jacqueline Allard

Providence College

Erica Anderson

Gap Year

Zoe Anderson

University of Hartford

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Salve Regina University

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Franklin Pierce University

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Military

Tessa Barszczewski

Manhattanville College

Katherine Bartlett

Sacred Heart University

Jensen Bassett

University of Connecticut

Griffin Bausch

Western New England University

Brenton Bavaro

Quinnipiac University

Benjamin BeaudoinSouthern Connecticut
State University**Andrew Below**

Clark University

Nicholas Bendanna

Tunxis Community College

John Bertenshaw

University of Connecticut

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Marist College

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University of Connecticut

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University of Connecticut

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Endicott College

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Seniors Have Left Their Mark
Different People Different Achievements

Valedictorian
Angela Zhu

by Roger Chen2017

When it came to announcing this year’s valedictorian, it was no shock that Angela Zhu earned this distinction. Since her freshman year, Zhu has had a rigorous course load, filling her schedule with the hardest classes Cheshire High has to offer. In the past four years, she has taken a total of eleven AP classes and has excelled in every single one of them. Zhu is also a member of the National Honor Society, Science National Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta (Math Honor Society), and National English Honor Society. On top of that, she was one of thirty students in the state to be recognized as a Governor’s Scholar.

Beyond her impressive academics, Zhu is also very involved outside of the classroom. She started the Cheshire High School chapter of UNICEF, an organization dedicated to providing humanitarian relief for children. In addition, she is the President of the Medical Interest Association, co-Captain of the Cheshire High School Science Bowl Team, and co-Captain of the Cheshire High School Math Teams. Zhu is also a talented athlete for the Girls’ Track & Field Team.

Zhu will be heading off to Brown University next year after being accepted into the prestigious Program in Liberal Medical Education. The program allows students to earn a Bachelors of Science and a Medical Doctor degree in eight years.

How does it feel to be recognized as the valedictorian of your senior class?
I feel so honored. I never thought when I

started high school that this would actually happen to me.

Where do you see yourself in ten years?
Probably in residency

Which teacher inspired you the most?
Mrs. Shirk. She never stymies our intellectual curiosity and always encourages us to delve deeper. She is always supportive and a great listener. The way she carries herself-calm, warm, and hilarious- is something I want to emulate.

If you could have one superpower, what would it be and why?
Telekinesis. If you can control everything with your mind, you basically have all the superpowers. You can make yourself fly, you can make your feet move very quickly, and you can make an icecream sundae without even lifting a spoon.

Which aspect of college are you looking most forward to?
The exciting new collection of people from around the world, entering a place where no one knows me, and of course decorating my new room.

What’s your advice to underclassmen?
Laugh. A little laughter can make all your troubles go away.

What are your goals for the future?
I hope to become a doctor, not sure what type yet.



What motivates you to work so hard?
There’s no drive to work so hard that I’m up all night. I go to bed around 11:30, 12 at the latest. However, there is a drive to win and make sure that I put in all my effort into everything I do, because our time here on Earth is so brief. I want to make the most of what time I have.

What is your biggest regret in high school?
I sort of wish I did more sports. Track was fun, but I would’ve like to have done more.

What will you miss the most about high school?
My friends who keep my laughing and the unconditional support from the faculty.

Salutatorian
Roger Chen

by Jess Tan2018

Roger Chen’s intellect, solid work ethic, and dedication to academia have earned him the position of Salutatorian for the class of 2017. His dedication to and overall excellence in all subject matters have contributed to his success in school. There is no surprise that Chen also received the Math and Science Awards for being the best student of the entire senior class in those respective subjects.

Chen looks forward to attending Princeton University in the fall.

Where do you see yourself in 10 years?
Hopefully, employed, but we’ll see.

What has been your favorite class?
I don’t like to choose favorites.

Describe your ideal breakfast.
Bacon and egg on a toasted and buttered everything bagel from Shef’s.

What will you miss most about Cheshire?
I’ll miss the people. Over the past couple of years, I have met so many friendly and interesting individuals. I hope I can keep in touch with all of them.

What extracurriculars are you involved in at CHS?
I’m involved in the Junior State of America, Young Democrats, Student Government, Science Bowl, Math Leagues, and Rampage. I was also involved in music at the high school during the first two years.

If someone were to write a book about you, what would the title be?
I feel like my life isn’t interesting enough for someone to write a book about it.

How do you want to be remembered at CHS?
I want to be remembered as someone who strived to make a difference in the community and as someone who cared about others.

Name three things you couldn’t live without.



My friends, my family, and my phone.

How does it feel to be recognized as the salutatorian?
It is a great honor. I am very thankful to my friends, family and teachers. I couldn’t have done it without their support.

Advice for underclassmen?
Enjoy your time in high school because time flies. Also, take advantage of everything Cheshire High has to offer. Join a club or a sports team. You won’t regret it. Lastly, don’t spend too much time studying. Make time for friends and family because in the end, that’s what will matter the most.

Female Athlete Julie Roche

By Mike Lewis

2019

school.



To win the Female Athlete of the Year award, you must have both success on the field and as a teammate off. Julie Roche demonstrated both of these, which helped her win the award for this year. Julie was a captain on the field hockey team this past fall, which finished with a record of 15-2-3. She also played on the girls lacrosse team this spring, which made it all the way to the SCC Championship game as the number one seed in the tournament. Julie is a hard worker, which helped give her the honor of Female Athlete of the Year

What extracurriculars have you been a part of during your time at CHS?
Lacrosse, field hockey (4 years), basketball freshman year, indoor track sophomore year, Key Club last year, and Best Buddies. I’ve also lifeguarded every summer since freshmen year

How do you want to be remembered at CHS?
I want to be remembered as a student athlete who worked hard while at the same time having fun and enjoying high

What will you miss about CHS?
I will miss my teammates, the coaches, and the faculty

What advice - academic or social - do you have for younger students?
Time management is the most important thing when it comes to succeeding in the classroom and athletically. Finding a balance between homework time, social time, and sports is key. Specifically, I would tell anyone who wants to play a sport in college to take the SATs as soon as possible because it is so important.

Why do you believe that you won this award?
I guess it’s because I represent the school pretty well. I’ve always had good sportsmanship and have worked

hard on the field and in the classroom. I am grateful to have been recognized by the Rampage.

How did you get yourself to the level to achieve this award?
I committed myself to my sports and studies over these past four years. We just got our letters in advisory that we wrote to ourselves freshman year. On mine, I wrote “future goals: to play field hockey in college.” I’ve known what I wanted since freshmen year and I shaped my habits in order to achieve that.

What college will you be attending? What will you be majoring in?
I will be attending Trinity College and I haven’t decided my major yet.

What do you hope to do in the future?
In the future I hope to get good grades in college and dedicate myself to my grades, and sports. I also want to get involved in new activities at Trinity... I am not sure what yet, but I hope to find a passion in something new and exciting!



Female Scholar Athlete Abby Abramson

By Mike Lewis

2019



To be eligible for Scholar Athlete, students must show both excellence in the classroom, and on the field . Abby Abramson has done both at Cheshire High, playing girls soccer and softball. She was has been a softball captain for the past two years and girls soccer captain this past fall.

In 2016, she was an instrumental part in leading Cheshire to its first state softball championship ever, along with an undefeated season. Along the way she racked up numerous honors; Hartford Courant softball player of the year, Class LL Final MVP, and All-Housatonic Softball. However, she is just as good in the classroom, which earned her the 2017 Female Scholar Athlete of the Year honor.

Where are you attending college and what will you be studying?
University of Pennsylvania to study Neuroscience

What do you want to do in the future?
Make a difference in the world. That is what I want to do with my life

How do you want to be remembered here at CHS?
I want to be remembered as someone who is passionate and a difference maker in high school

What extracurriculars have you been apart of during your time at CHS?
Best Buddies(President of), PTSO, Unified Theater, Honors Societies, Softball, Soccer

What will you miss most about CHS?

Seeing all of my friends and the teachers I have made great relationships with over my high school career

What advice - academic or social - do you have for younger students?
Just get involved; even if you are unsure, just go for it. The worst that can happen is that you don’t like the thing you tried

Why do you believe you won this Scholar Athlete Award?
My hard work; I am honored to win this award, but my goal in life is to never to win awards

How do you believe you go to win this award? What was your “secret formula”?
Putting in the most effort possible as both an athlete and as a student. My time management skills are what have gotten me here



Male Athlete Brian Weyrauch

By Mike Lewis

2019



Brian Weyrauch is Cheshire’s Male Athlete of the Year, due to his excellence and effort on the field. Brian played two sports here at Cheshire; football and lacrosse. He was a captain for both of them this year. He helped football to a 6-4 record and near Class LL playoff berth, and boys lacrosse to their best season since 2011. For football, he was honored with a spot on the 2016 All-SCC Football Tier 1 Defense team. For his hard work and success, Brian is the Male Athlete of the Year.



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Male Scholar Athlete Jensen Bassett

by Mike Lewis 2019



is optimistic about life; brightens someone’s day when they need cheering up, and someone who a total stranger can come talk to to help cheer them up.

What extracurriculars have you been apart of during your time at CHS?
Latin Club, PTSO, Link Crew, Honors Societies, Baseball, Basketball

What will you miss most about CHS?
Seeing friends; Whether you like it or not, they are the people you will remember from your time here the most

What advice - academic or social - do you have for younger students?

Do your homework, as simple as it sounds. But don’t forget to go out with friends; Those hours of studying for two extra points on a test are okay, but the memories you make with friends at different events are what you will remember later in life, not what E=MC2 is used for

Why do you believe you won this Scholar Athlete Award?
Hard work both academically and athletically; I have never been the best at sports or academically, but it was the effort I put in that got me this award

How do you believe you go to win this award? What was your “secret formula”?
Hardwork; Coach Lee preached to me everyday to work harder and never give up, and what he said got to me



Over the past four years, Jensen Bassett has excelled both in the classroom and while playing basketball and baseball. This past winter, Jensen was one of the three captains for the boys basketball team here at Cheshire, which went 10-10 for the second straight year. He also played for the baseball team this season, which had a record of 11-10. Bassett was named a CIAC Scholar Athlete for the winter sports season, showing his strong presence academically. These two combined made him a clear choice for 2017 Male Scholar Athlete of the year.

Where are you attending college and what will you be studying?
UCONN to study Chemical Engineering

What do you want to do in the future?
I would love to have a job at NASA. That is my dream job and my goal in life

How do you want to be remembered here at CHS?
I want to be remembered as someone who

Vocal Spotlight Female Julia Marcouiller

by Simran Kaur 2018

Julia Marcouiller, 2017, has been a part of the CHS Choral Department since her freshmen year and has been a part of other clubs/classes that stem off of the department. One of the offered classes she is taking is Women’s Chorale. Marcouiller will be attending Merrimack College with an undecided major. She has also been a part of other activities such as cross-country and chorus.

What inspired you to be in music/chorus?
In general, I’ve had a passion for music for as long as I can remember. Fun fact, I started out as a violinist but didn’t discover my knack for vocals until I was about 11 or 12. Once I got to middle school I knew I had to be involved in chorus mostly because of my love and enjoyment of singing, and I’ve continued with it ever since.

What is the funniest or best memory you have of chorus?
This is more of an accomplishment memory, but this past year I made it into

the Southern Region Music Festival, which I’ve auditioned for every year and finally made the cut. This was one of my best memories because it was something I worked for and really wanted, and being in the festival itself was all around a great experience.

What is your favorite type of music?
I can pretty much vibe with any genre. Except country. I mostly listen to pop and alternative material.

What is your favorite food?
By far it’s mac and cheese. Gotta love those carbs. The cheesier the better.

If you could redo a year in CHS, what year would it be?
Probably junior year, cause that was my favorite year- I’d love to do it all again. I had the most fun and was really on my game academically. Or senior year, so I could stop myself from putting off assignments until the last minute and spare myself from chronic senioritis and sleeplessness.

Vocal Spotlight Male Mike Stearns

by Simran Kaur 2018



Mike Stearns, 2017, has been a part of the CHS choral department since his freshmen year. He also holds the position of president of the choral department. Stearns also takes part in the CHS Drama Club where he is an actor/singer and sometimes on the technical crew. He recently played a soloist in the CHS production of Singin’ In The Rain. Stearns will be attending the University of South Carolina and will be majoring in music.

What inspired you to be a part of music/chorus?
I love music and it is one of my driving passions.

What is your favorite memory of chorus?
The rock concert.

Do you do any weird/corky things before performing?
Nope.

What is your favorite type of music?
Rock and roll.

Who or what was your biggest inspiration in CHS?
Ms. Rosenblatt.

What do you have in your pocket right now?
Cell phone, iPod, wallet, keys.

What is something you will miss about CHS?
The people. All of my friends.

What would you do with a million dollars?
Buy some nice rock and roll band equipment.

If someone were to write a book about you, what would the title be?
Life is a Disease and the Only Cure is Rock and Roll.

What’s your favorite color crayon?
Rockin’ Red.



What is your favorite silly word or phrase?
I have no idea why but I love the words “goofy” and “goof-ball”. To me I guess they just sound funny. I use them whenever I get the chance.

If you had to listen to one song for the rest of your life, what would the song be?
This is like asking a parent who their favorite child is. (I already know I’m the favorite, but you get my point). But if I absolutely had to pick one, it would probably be Old Yellow Bricks by the Arctic Monkeys. It gets me going.

Or Stairway to Heaven because there’s enough musical variety that I won’t get bored of it. And it’s just a quality song.

If you had to shop at one clothing store for the rest of your life, what would it be?
Probably Charlotte Russe. I love their stuff. Except if I had to shop there for the rest of my life, I’m not sure how I’d look being 70 or 80-something years old and still wearing flowy tops and maxi dresses.

Describe your ideal breakfast?



A crispy on the outside, fluffy on the inside Belgian waffle topped with obscene amounts of whipped cream and syrup, two scrambled eggs, bacon, and a tall glass of chocolate milk to top it all off. Or if it’s a lazy Saturday, a bowl of cereal at one in the afternoon works too.

What superhero ability would you want to have?
I’d want to have super strength. Lifting cars and buildings and that kind of thing. That’d be sick.



Male Class Leader

Karl Meakin

by Annie Wang2018



A natural leader. An overall likeable and friendly guy. These are ways that peers have described Karl Meakin, who is the recipient of this year’s class leader spotlight. Meakin, who will be attending Northeastern University in the fall, has been an active member of student council and numerous other clubs in his 4 years at Cheshire High School. Serving as class president for 3 out of the 4 years, Meakin was instrumental in leading the class of 2017 to success through countless fundraisers and events. He has also served as President of the Junior State of America club, and has been an officer of the Young Democrats and Model United Nations clubs as well. It is evident to anyone that Karl Meakin is a leader and a genuine friend to so many. We wish Karl the best of luck in his future endeavors and we know that he will have much success in the near future.

This is what Karl had to say:

How do you want to be remembered at CHS?
I want to be remembered as someone who wanted to help others and contribute to the school environment in a positive way. Hopefully people remember me as passionate and caring .

What would you like to/are planning to major in - why this path?
I plan to major in Politics/ Economics. I want to eventually work in environmental policy, so I want to learn about different factors that govern how society makes decisions.

Describe your ideal breakfast.
A grapefruit and a Shef’s egg and cheese on an everything.

Where do you see yourself in 10 years?
10 years is a long time away, but hopefully working for an environmental nonprofit or in government.

What is a day in the life of Karl Meakin like?
Pretty boring, I usually get home from school, go for a run or to the gym, do my homework, and then play volleyball or frisbee.

What was your favorite thing about CHS?
All the people at CHS. I’ll definitely miss my classmates, and I’m going to miss how interesting and passionate all of my teachers were.

What is your favorite Disney movie?
Mulan or Zootopia 🐼

Business Spotlight

Evan Sokolik

by Julia Acquavita2018



The term “business” is described by the Merriam-Webster dictionary as “usually commercial or mercantile activity engaged in as a means of livelihood.” This is precisely what students at CHS are taught to master within each of their business classes. For the class of 2017, Evan Sokolik was an obvious choice as the class

business student of the year.

In his four years at CHS, he has devoted a lot of time in the business department, by creating an excellent resume of business classes. In fact, over the course of his years here at CHS, Evan has taken personal finance, principles of law, intro to accounting, financial literacy, and AP Macroeconomics. Five business classes in four years? Now that’s impressive!

“Evan was a great a student to have in class. He always participated and tried his best to succeed,” says Mrs. Schmidt, a business teacher at the school. Sokolik will be attending the University of Hartford Honors and Business Programs in the fall, majoring in accounting, and minoring in finance.

What was your favorite thing about high school?
My Favorite part of high school was seeing my friends and interacting with teachers. Everyone is so nice and it’s fun being in a class with your friends. I’m definitely going to miss seeing these people everyday.

Female Class Leader

Rachel Esposito

by Shivani Padhi2018



Throughout her four years at Cheshire high school Rachel Esposito has proven herself to be an influential member of her class. Esposito has immersed herself in many large projects including the Leadership conference hosted by the Peer Health. Besides being part of peer health, Esposito is involved with Choral Department, Blood Drive Committee, Cheshire Lights of Hope, BRAVE, Track (Indoor and Outdoor), Lacrosse, Powder Puff , and , Prom Committee group.

Esposito was an obvious choice for this prestigious award due to her strong leadership skills among her classmates!

This fall she will be attending Quinnipiac University where she will be majoring in Nursing! We hope she will continue to display the leadership in the future and we wish her all the luck for college!

What extracurriculars have you been a part of during your time at CHS?
Choral Department Vice President, Blood Drive Committee, Cheshire Lights of Hope, BRAVE, Track (Indoor and Outdoor), Lacrosse, Powder Puff (captain), Peer Health Educators, Prom Committee Chairperson, Group, “active student section fan”

How do you want to be remembered at CHS?
I want to be remembered as an optimistic, kind, and hardworking friend that laughed her way through the halls of CHS :)

Where are you going to school? What are you majoring in?
Quinnipiac University majoring in Nursing!

Any advice for underclassmen?
Time flies (no actually though) so work hard while you can and never be afraid to be who you are! Also, laughter is the BEST medicine for anything that this CHS journey throws at you!

Where do you see yourself in 10 years?
Hopefully be working as a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner at Boston Children’s Hospital (a cute fiance and a dog wouldn’t hurt either)

What would you do if you knew you

couldn’t fail?
Be the first female athlete in the NFL OR Cure Cancer

What is your favorite silly word?
Hippopotamus (maybe?)

How does it feel to be recognized as the Female Class leader?
It is a huge compliment and honor! CHS is a school full of amazing and competitive individuals. It is extremely hard to stand out in terms of being “recognized”. Especially for someone like me who is not a star athlete or a star student. In terms of those fields, I would describe myself as “average”, so, it is absolutely amazing to be recognized in a field that needs more attention! There are so many individuals that deserve this title and I am still in disbelief!

What is your favorite course at CHS?
Peer Health Educators!!!!

What is one embarrassing high school experience that sticks out in your mind?
(everyday i walk into the high school i embarrass myself)
Said hello to MULTIPLE people during passing with headphones on and received no response
AND
On a few occasions i have thought that (from behind) someone was someone else and then proceeded to approach them and or strike up conversation

What are you majoring in next year at college? Why?
I’m going to University of Hartford next year. Fortunately, I got into the honors and business programs there, so I plan on trying to succeed in those. I plan on majoring in accounting and minoring in finance. I like accounting, because I enjoy working with math and real world applications of money. My goal is to pass my CPA exam, which will open up a lot of high positions within the business industry, allowing me to possibly become an actuary in the future.

What are you looking forward to in college?
I’m looking forward to the freedom I will have in college and meeting new people.

Any advice for underclassmen here at

CHS?
My advice to underclassmen would be do your homework as soon as you can to keep the information fresh in your head. Also, try to break up your studying over a course of a couple days so you don’t end up procrastinating, and letting deadlines creep up on.

Where do you see yourself in 10 years?
I see myself working at one of the big 4 accounting firms, having a successful life and beginning to start a family.

What is one funny school experience that sticks out in your mind?
When we got to leave school early because of the bathrooms flooding is probably my favorite experience. It was a nice surprise getting to leave school early on a sunny day.

Theater Spotlight

Julia Marcouiller

by Simran Kaur

2018



I'd want to be Bea from Something Rotten! because she's fiercely hilarious and sassy.

What was your favorite show to perform in CHS?
It's definitely a tie between Mary Poppins and Radium Girls. The story of Mary Poppins and the musical itself just holds a special place in my heart, and being in Radium Girls was just such a fun process, and I loved being a part of such a raw and emotional story.

Julia Marcouiller, 2017, has been a part of CHS Drama Club since her freshmen year. Whether it was the acting or the technical ends of the show, she always made sure she was involved. Marcouiller will be attending Merrimack College with an undecided major. She has also been a part of other activities such as cross-country and chorus.

What made you want to be involved in theater?
I remember my first time seeing a Broadway show, Mary Poppins. I was so drawn to what I had experienced that I wanted to be involved myself. I already had a knack for performing and was interested in it, but seeing that show is what really launched my passion.

How will you use theater in your career after high school?
I have learned so much through theater that'll come in handy in my life after high school. Things like audition etiquette, public speaking, and quick thinking are all such valuable skills I've learned thanks to theater that will surely be applicable in my life and whatever career I end up in.

What is your favorite play/musical?
I don't know many plays but my favorite one that we've done here is definitely Ash Girl. I personally think it's one of our best shows we've done. I've got more background in musicals and know a lot more; my favorite is probably Something Rotten! because it's funny and original, and I love a good laugh.

If you had to play any role what would it be?

What are you planning to major in college and why?
I'm going in undecided because I struggle picking which socks to wear on a daily basis, so there's no way I would know what I want for a major or career. Yet.

How do you plan on using theater in college or the career you want to go in?
I definitely will be participating in theater in college, and I haven't crossed theater off the possible list of majors I've been considering. All I know is that theater will somehow be in my future.

If someone were to write a book about you, what would the title be?
Julia Marcouiller: A Tragedy in Five Acts. Just kidding, I'm not really sure. I just really wanted to make that joke.

If you can be anybody, living or dead, who would you be and why?
Any modern-day president because I want to know the truth about aliens. Also, Gordon Ramsay because I want to know what it's like to have such intense roasting skills. (As in both culinary roasting and insults/comebacks).

Looking back, what will you remember most about CHS?
Theater will always stand out in my memories about high school for countless reasons. But to be brief, many of the friends I have are thanks to theater, and there was never a dull moment in that auditorium.

Visual Spotlight

Savannah Nowicki

ARTS AND REVIEW EDITOR

by Simran Kaur

2018



Savannah Nowicki, 2017, has an avid artist since her freshmen year. She creates many art pieces but her main suit is drawing. Her passion for art helped her decide to continue art as a career in the University of Hartford Art School with a major in illustration.

What are you planning on majoring and why?

I am planning on majoring in Illustration at the University of Hartford art school. It's the closest major to graphic noveling, but also as someone who constantly comes up with stories, it'll be an excellent way to hone those skills into something I can portray with cartoons and pictures.

If you were to be trapped in a painting, which one would it be?

I don't really know! A few ideas would be Starry Night by Vincent Van Gogh or some famous movie scene paintings, such as the rooftops of London from Mary Poppins.

What's your favorite art style that you enjoy the most?

I absolutely love drawing cartoons. They're simple, expressive, and believe it or not, educational. I can experiment with so many things while drawing cartoons, whether it's colors, proportions, angles, or expressions, and the best thing is that I get to tell a story with them. Nothing is completely out of context when it comes to cartoons.

How will you use your art skills in the career you are planning to pursue?

I want to create books, graphic novels specifically, which incorporates the artistic and literary skills I have now and will acquire in college. As art takes up the vast majority of a graphic novel, I'll be doing a lot of sketching and planning and world-building in sketchbooks, and when I eventually get started on making the real thing, I'll be thumbnailing or storyboarding pages and outlining the real ones. Whether I'll do the coloring/inking by hand or on computer I have yet to decide.

How do you want to be remembered at CHS?

I want to be known as the one of the founding members of the school lunch wave Uno ring

What inspired you to do art?

I don't think anything was a major factor in my decision to do art, at least not on the outside. I do credit Calvin and Hobbes for being my first real introduction to comics, and certainly the fact that I created a unique cartoon style, but I think internally it was an explosive idea I had near the end of 9th grade that's developed into my piece de resistance. Ever since then I've been drawing like crazy.

If you were to meet anybody, living or dead, who would that person be?

Sir Paul freaking McCartney

Who was your biggest influence at CHS? Why?

I have too many *laughs* In terms of faculty, I would have to say Mr. Earley, because without his guidance and artistic education I wouldn't have gone anywhere. He supports me and my work, no matter how many times we sass each other or when I turn things in late. I'm very thankful for all the experiences he's given me. Now in terms of students, my friends are my biggest influence when it comes to observation. They're hilarious, they're smart, they're talented, and they are hugely supportive of the work I do, especially when I feature them in it. I get all the comedic tics, body language, speech patterns, and general teenage life aspects from them that I need to know. Part of me is in every character I make, but also parts of my friends.

If you had to describe yourself in three words, what would those words be?

Quirky, sensitive, and original!

Senior Prom Pictures



Female Instrumental

Helen Bian

by Jess Tan2018



Helen Bian has been a prominent member of the CHS String Orchestra for all four years of her high school experience. She has constantly gone above and beyond what is expected of her in the orchestra, whether it's volunteering her time once a week to offer extra instruction to other members or participating in honors ensembles like the Connecticut Music Educators Association Southern Region Orchestra and the New England Music Festival Association Orchestra. During her junior and senior years, she has been the concertmistress of the CHS String Orchestra. Bian is a hardworking, skilled musician whose leadership and talent will be missed in years to come.

Bian plans to attend the University of Connecticut for the Special Program in Medicine, where she will be majoring in biology.

What extracurriculars have you been a part of during your time at CHS?
I have been a part of Mock Trial, the National English Honor Society, gymnastics, and the Cheshire Symphony Orchestra.

Where do you see yourself in 10 years?
I can't be completely sure of what I'll be doing in 10 years, but I hope to be living a happy life!

What inspired you to be involved in music at CHS?
I've been invested in music for as long as I can remember, so it just made sense to continue doing what I love at CHS. In retrospect, I'm so glad I stayed in the music department for 4 years!

Any advice for underclassmen?
I would suggest for underclassmen to get out of their comfort zone—join different clubs, take challenging courses, etc. It is such a privilege to be a student at CHS, so why not take advantage of that?

List three things you are obsessed with and why.
Food, food, and FOOD! I mean, who

Tech Ed Spotlight

Sungkeel Yamada

by Shivani Padhi



Everyone has a special talent. Everyone has something they are good at. Something that makes them special and stand out. For our senior, Sungkeel Yamada, that special thing was technology. This year for the senior class, Yamada has received the prestigious recognition in technology and education (Tech Ed). Throughout the course of his high school career, Yamada had created an impressive resume of tech ed classes such as Graphic Design, Engineering CAD, Bioengineering Concepts and Tech Apps, Game Design and Development, Robotics Engineering and Design, Web and App Design, and Print Publication. It is clearly evident that Yamada is gifted in the field of technology and he has developed his skills to become one of the top students in the school in technology education. Next year, Yamada will be attending University of Bridgeport and majoring in graphic design. For more information regarding Yamada's background in technology and Yamada, keep reading.

What extracurriculars have you been a part of during your time at CHS?
Marching Band

no one appreciates it, or when she could get away with putting in less effort. She remains optimistic despite all of the things she has been through in her life. She has been a feminist all her life, despite growing up in the 60s/70s (even if she just learned what it is very recently after I yelled at her a lot).

Who is your best friend?
I have so many close friends, and they're all so important to me! If I had to name a few, my best friends are probably Carolyn and Zoe, who have been around since first grade, and Helen, who has been my partner in crime (or lack thereof) throughout high school.

Describe your ideal breakfast.
In high school I rarely ate breakfast, or if I did, it was a sad cup of plain cheerios that my dad forced into my hands on my way out of the house. Having an actual, full size breakfast was a luxury saved for the weekends. If I were to have one, I would want it to be cinnamon roll pancakes from the Pantry, and I would want to have it with my friends on a blanket in someone's backyard like we've done in the past. Or just some Lucky Charms (only the marshmallows).

What is your favorite place to be and

How do you want to be remembered at CHS?
I want to be remembered as someone who is trustworthy, dependable, and worked hard to follow their passion.

Where are you going to school? What are you majoring in?
University of Bridgeport. Majoring in Graphic Design.

Any advice for underclassmen?
Don't do just what you need to do to graduate, go a little further and think about the things you want to do in the future and prepare yourself for it. If you don't have anything in mind get yourself involved in many different things.

Where do you see yourself in 10 years?
Honestly I have no idea. I'll have to go deeper into the field of graphic design to really see myself doing something. Possibly a photoshop artist.

What would you do if you knew you couldn't fail?
I would start a design company of some sort.

What is your favorite silly word?
Dongle

What is one funny high school experience that sticks out in your mind?
Fooling around with yearbook image captions.

What is something you absolutely cannot stand?
Rude people.

Do you have any unusual habits or quirks?
Spinning a pen or pencil whenever I have one. Sometimes occurs subconsciously.

why?
In the summers I work at a camp at Brooksville Park in Hamden. It's so peaceful and rejuvenating. I mean, it's actually pretty stressful because I have to prevent kids from dying every day, but it reminds me why the world is worth saving (and there are cool bugs).

What is your favorite book?
The Book Thief! Which used to not be cliché but now I feel like everyone's read it for school. If you haven't, make sure you do!! I love the writing style, it's a cross between poetry and prose, and there are a lot of powerful lines.

List three things you are obsessed with and why
Leslie Knope, my idol. How could you not be obsessed with her?
US History. It's like the longest, most complex story ever, but people actually care when I have opinions about it! I like how we can find the patterns in the past and use them to help us resolve what's going on right now. Ms. Griffiths and Mr. Swanson are the ones who introduced me to this passion, and I'm excited to continue with it in college.
Yelling at people for keeping the fridge door open. It wastes so much energy!!

Social Studies Spotlight

Natalie Roach

by Annie Wang



"A book of knowledge". "So passionate about her interests". "A socially conscious, passionate human". This is how peers and friends describe senior and this year's recipient of the social studies senior spotlight, Natalie Roach. Roach, who has taken and excelled in numerous classes in the department in her four years at Cheshire High, has also participated in numerous activities outside of the classroom. This year she was co-president of the Mock Trial club and was also a member of the Model United Nations Club. We wish her the best of luck in the future and know she will be doing amazing things.

How do you want to be remembered at CHS?

I hope that I have helped to improve the organizations I have been apart of over the past four years, and that I have made the people around me a little bit happier. Outside of that, I hope I'm not remembered for very long after I leave. I hope that students even better than me come to the high school and accomplish things so amazing that mine pale in comparison. I want the school and world to be continuously improving.

What was your favorite thing about high school?
The teachers that I've come in contact with at Cheshire high school have been one of the best parts of my experience. They're all so dedicated to not only teaching us the best they can, but going above and beyond, whether that be extra study sessions, being an advisor for a club (or multiple), learning and encouraging our passions and goals in life, or even finding out-of-school opportunities they know we'd be interested in. They have inspired me to not only have a deeper appreciation of the topics I have studied, but feel empowered to work hard for what I believe in, just like they do every day.

Who is your role model? Why?
My mom is my role model. She gives her all in everything that she does, even when

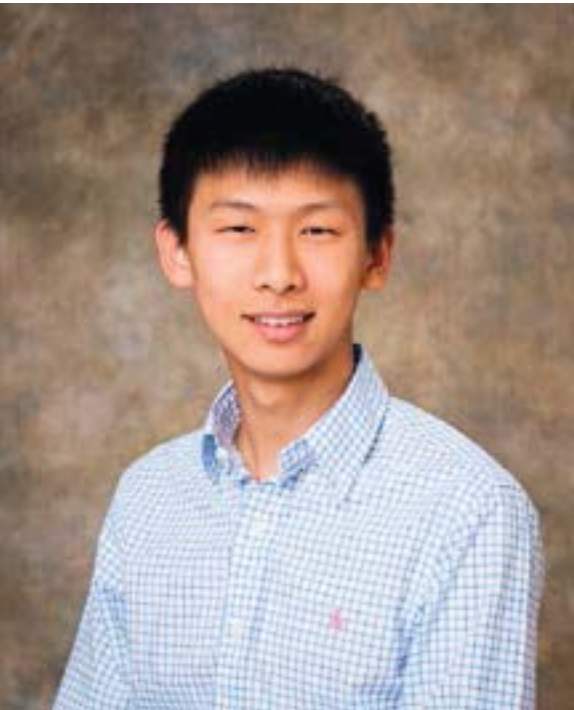
Science Spotlight

Roger Chen

by Annie Wang

2018

out soon.



Roger Chen is a teacher’s dream student. Focused, dedicated, curious, incredibly intelligent, and an overall bubbly personality, Chen has been a model student in his 4 years at Cheshire High School. Although he has participated and excelled at a range of activities, Chen has stood out particularly in the field of science. Having taken a variety of advanced science classes including AP Chemistry, Physics, and Biology, Chen has also participated in extracurriculars relating to science outside of the classroom. He has served as four year member and captain of the Science Bowl Team, been involved as a member of the Science National Honor Society, and taken the ACS Chemistry exam.

Chen will be pursuing an undergraduate degree at Princeton University in the fall.

Q&A
What would you like to/are planning to major in - why this path?
I’m not sure yet. Hopefully, I’ll figure it

What is a day in the life of Roger Chen like?
I usually wake up at around 7:00 am. I leave my house at around 7:20 am, and hopefully get to school at around 7:30 am. After school, I usually attend a club meeting or get some work done in the library. When I get home, I sometimes take a nap and then start my homework. I usually take a lot of breaks to check my phone or watch some videos on youtube. On a typical night, I go to bed at around 12 am unless I procrastinated a project or something.

What is one superpower you wish you had?
I wish I could fly so I won’t always be late to things.

What are you most looking forward to in college?
I’m looking forward to meeting new people from all across the world. I think it’ll expose me to different cultures and viewpoints so that I can be more accepting of everyone around me.

What would you do if you knew you couldn’t fail?
I would climb Mt. Everest. I feel like that would be a really fun adventure.

What’s your favorite color?
Green because it matches my polo.

Apple or Android?
Apple. I’m not a big fan of those Greenies.

If you could only shop from one clothing store for the rest of your life what would it be?
Ralph Lauren because I would still be able to get my polos. 🐾

Top Colleges for the Class of 2017

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| 1. University of Connecticut
60 students | 8. Sacred Heart University
7 students |
| 2. Southern CT State University
17 students | 9. University of Vermont
University of Hartford |
| 3. Quinnipiac University
16 students | Naugatuck Valley CC
6 students |
| 4. Central CT State University
13 students | Eastern CT State University
Mount Saint Mary College |
| 5. University of New Hampshire
9 students | Roger Williams University
Trinity College |
| 6. Merrimack College
8 students | Marist College
5 students |
| 7. Northeastern University | |

Junior Prom Photos



Math Spotlight

Angela Zhu

by Roger Chen

2017



When it came to selecting the math senior spotlight, Angela Zhu was an obvious choice. Since a young age, Zhu has been good with numbers, which makes her a brilliant math students. In her high school career, she earned top marks in all her math classes including AP Calculus BC.

Outside of the classroom, Zhu is involved in many math-related extracurricular activities. This past year, she served as the co-Captain of the Cheshire’s Greater New Haven Math Leagues, a club that travels to different schools in the area to compete in math meets. Under her leadership, the team was able to advance to the state competition in Storrs, Connecticut. In the past, Zhu has also participated in the New England Math League, which is an exam that is given after school once every month.

Beyond her math-related extracurriculars, Zhu is also very involved in the school community serving as a co-President of the Medical Interest Association, founder of the UNICEF club, Vice President of the National Honor Society, class senator, co-Captain of the Science Bowl team, and variety member of the Girls’ Track & Field Team.

Zhu will be heading off to Brown University next year after being accepted into the prestigious Program in Liberal Medical Education. The program allows students to earn a Bachelors of Science and a Medical Doctor degree in eight years.

What is your favorite subject and why?
Math is up there in my favorite subjects because of Calculus BC. Calculus BC, as difficult as it was, will remain one of my favorite classes in my high school career. Every problem felt like a puzzle. How do I unlock the key to the answer? There’s also a myriad of ways to get to the same answer-some longer than others. It also made me stop and think, which was very refreshing.

What is your favorite food?
Lasagna

What are you looking forward to in college?
The exciting new collection of people from around the world, entering a place

where no one knows me, and of course decorating my new room.

What has been your favorite math class at Cheshire High School?
Surprisingly, Calculus BC

How do you want to be remembered at CHS?
I hope people remember my laughter and humor, and continue that trend on. High school can be very stressful for many people, but as long as we keep smiling, it becomes very manageable. I also hope that my work at the clubs and sports in the school will be made even better.

What would you do if you couldn’t fail?
First, it would make life much easier. I think I would take even more risks than I do now, push the boundaries even farther, and get out of my comfort zone.

If you could make a guest appearance on any TV show, what would it be?
Friends

What’s your favorite vacation spot?
London

What do you like most about the math department?
I love the unconditional support from the teachers. They’re always willing to help and give so much encouragement in all our endeavors.

Apple or Android?
Apple all the way. 🐾

Male Instrumental

Adrian Nawrocki

by Jess Tan

2018

Adrian Nawrocki has been a part of the CHS Marching Ram Band and the CHS symphonic band for all four years of his high school career. He has not only been dedicated to his instrument, the baritone, but he has also taken several leadership roles. In his senior year, he served as the drum major of the CHS Marching Ram Band and the principal baritonist of the CHS symphonic band. Nawrocki plans to attend Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in the fall, pursuing a career in business.



German Spotlight

Eric Perez

by Julia Acquavita 2018



For the class of 2017, Eric Perez was an obvious choice as the class German student of the year.

In his four years at CHS, he has devoted a lot of time studying this foreign language. In fact, over the course of his years in the Cheshire Public School system, he has taken German classes since seventh grade. That’s six years of German!

“Eric was a pleasure to teach. He always came into class with a smile on his face,” says Frau Haase, the German teacher at the school. Perez will be attending Northeastern University in Boston, Massachusetts this upcoming fall. However, his major is currently undecided.

Q&A
Why did you decide to take German as your foreign language?

I actually didn’t choose German as the language I wanted to take the most, I chose French, but I was placed into German, my second choice. The reason why I chose to continue German in high school was because I fell in love with the language, and because very few people actually took it, compared to the other languages, so that added a layer of uniqueness that I enjoyed.

What was your favorite thing about high school?
My favorite thing about high school are the teachers. For the most part, all of the

teachers that I’ve had over my four years here have been wonderful, knowledgeable, and legitimately caring people. Quite a few of them have made me enjoy subjects that I’ve previously been on the fence about, and for that, I respect them.

What are you majoring in next year at college? Why?
I am going to Northeastern University in Boston, and I’m undecided as to what I’m going to major in. I’m thinking maybe something in the business field with a minor in German, but that could change as I take classes.

What are you looking forward to in college?
The thing that I’m most looking forward to in college is living in Boston. From childhood, I’ve always wanted to live in a city,

especially one as interesting and unique as Boston, and now I’m able to actually do that.

Any advice for underclassmen here at CHS?
My advice for underclassmen is to make time in your day for your own enjoyment, whatever it is. Only focusing on school-work is not beneficial in the long run, and having time to relax is very important.

Where do you see yourself in 10 years?
Well, I believe that, after I finish my undergraduate education at Northeastern, I’m going to go to graduate school in Germany, and even apply to be a German citizen when I can. Besides that, however, I don’t quite know what I’m going to be doing for a job, but I’ll just see when I get there.

What is one funny school experience that sticks out in your mind?
Well, I was part of the trip to France, Belgium, and Germany that the school was sponsoring, and we were the ones that had the fundraiser where one teacher had to wear an inflatable t-rex costume, which was won by Mrs. Wildermann. I still remember her walking, running, and dancing down the hall and into the lunchroom vividly, which was the funniest thing that sticks out in my mind.



English Spotlight

Matt Urbano

by Shivani Padhi 2018

Some people naturally have the talent to interpret literature beautifully. They have the ability to write impeccably and to bring the words to life. Matt Urbano, luckily, is one of these students. This year Urbano received the Rampage Senior Spotlight due to his immaculate literature ability and passion.

After talking to Mrs. Yamamoto, who was Urbano’s AP Language and Composition teacher, she said “When he was in AP Language & Comp class, he wrote well in all genres, but it was in our daily journal entries that we really got to hear his voice, which is uniquely his own. His classmates were often blown away by what he could create in just a five minute free-write”.

Urbano is an extremely hard working student. For college, Urbano will be attending Gettysburg College and majoring in biology with a pre-veterinary specialty.

His dedication and talent are what Urbano stand out amongst his peers to receive this honor and award.

Q&A
How do you want to be remembered at CHS?
I would like to be remembered as a friend to everyone and someone always willing to help.

Where are you going to school? What are you majoring in?
I’m going to Gettysburg College and majoring in Biology with a Pre-Veterinary specialty.

Where do you see yourself in 10 years?
Probably finishing Veterinary school specialties or working at/owning my own practice.

Latin Spotlight

Angela Zhu

by Julia Acquavita 2018



For the class of 2017, Angela Zhu was the teacher’s choice as the class Latin student of the year.

Throughout her four years at CHS and some of middle school, she devoted a lot of time mastering this difficult foreign language. Since middle school, Zhu has taken six years of Latin in the Cheshire Public School system!

“Angela is one of the brightest people I know. Not only does she excel in her Latin classes, but she also is just a friendly student who’s always a pleasure to teach,” says Magistra Oparowski, the Latin teacher at the school. Zhu will be attending Brown University’s Program in Liberal Medical Education next year, majoring in possibly History or Economics.

Q&A
Why did you decide to take Latin as your foreign language?
Honestly, originally, I thought it would help me on the SATs, but then that changed! But I also thought it would be interesting to learn a “dead” language that no one else spoke.

What was your favorite thing about high school?
Good people and good times. Also, the incredible support of my teachers and the administration.

What are you majoring in next year at college? Why?
I will be attending Brown University’s Program in Liberal Medical Education next year. It is an 8 year combined BS/MD program, meaning I already have a spot in medical school! I chose this program due to the guaranteed admission into medical

school and the no MCAT requirement. Since I don’t have to worry about medical school admissions, I might explore majoring in History or Economics.

What are you looking forward to in college?
Buying all the furniture and decorations for my new room!

Any advice for underclassmen here at CHS?
Don’t put copper into nitric acid without a fume hood. You might accidentally poison the school...

Where do you see yourself in 10 years?
Probably in residency. Hopefully I’m married with kids on the way.

What is one funny school experience that sticks out in your mind?
When Emma Takizawa almost poisoned the school by putting the copper into the nitric acid.



Any advice for underclassmen?
Work hard until the end, even when senioritis hits!

What would you do if you knew you couldn’t fail?
Spend less time studying.

What is your favorite memory from the english department?
Ms. Yamamoto’s AP language class sharing our occasional papers, they were all phenomenal!

Apple or Android?
Apple all the way.

Who or what is your biggest influence at CHS?
AP chemistry really helped teach me perseverance and how to ask for help. Even



though I wasn’t very good at chemistry I enjoyed the challenge and the time in Dr. Bertenshaw’s class, and inspired me to pursue the sciences beyond high school.



Summer Reading Book List

All the Bright Places by Jennifer Niven with Mrs. Balisciano & Mr. Stefansky	with Mrs. Wildermann, Mrs. Piazza, & Mr. Canty	The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime by Mark Haddon with Mrs. Close & Mrs. Sciascia	The Twelve Lives of Samuel Hawley by Hannah Tinti with Ms. Ocone
Along for the Ride by Sarah Dessen with Mrs. Micari & Mrs. LeBrun	Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil by John Berendt with Dr. Cadugan & Dr. Bertenshaw	The DaVinci Code by Dan Brown with Mr. Wildermann & Mr. DeFalco	The Upside of Unrequited by Becky Albertalli with Ms. Gribben
American Serengeti: The Last Big Animals of the Great Plains by Dan Flores with Mr. Chlodnicki	Orphan Train by Christina Baker Klein with Mrs. Reed, Dr. Gadd, Mrs. Bottaro, & Mrs. Canning	The Dog Master by Bruce Cameron with Mrs. Pelletier & Ms. Vermeulen	The Way I Used to Be by Amber Smith with Mrs. Orsi
Boy 21 by Matthew Quick with Mr. Parkhurst	Pay it Forward by Catherine Ryan Hyde with Mrs. Pelz	The Great American Whatever by Tim Federle with Mrs. Catucci	Washington’s Spies: The Story of America’s First Spy Ring by Alexander Rose with Mr. Steve Trifone & Mr. Solan
Brave New World by Aldous Huxley with Mr. Tarterelli	Ready Player One by Ernest Cline with Mrs. T Disorbo & Ms. Williams	The Handmaid’s Tale by Margaret Atwood with Ms. DeMeo, Ms. Chorney, & Ms. Hmelovsky	We Were Liars by E. Lockhart with Mrs. Wheeler, Ms. Girard, & Ms. Hitchcock
Counting by Sevens by Holly Goldberg Sloan with Mrs. Warburton	Reckless Magic (Star-Crossed Series Book #1) by Rachel Higginson with Mrs. Elliott & Ms. Bavone	The House at the End of Hope Street by Menna Van Praag with Mrs. Daddio & Mrs. Sullivan	What’s a Girl Gotta Do? by Holly Bourne with Mme. Ocone
Enter Title Here by Rahul Kanakia with Mrs. Wellspeak & Mr. Lee	Resisting Happiness by Matthew Kelly with Ms. Missal	The Infinite Sea (The 5th Wave #2) by Rick Yancey with Mrs. Kores & Mrs. McDonald	When Breath Becomes Air by Paul Kalanithi with Mr. Galvin
Everything, Everything by Nicola Yoon with Mrs. Yamamoto	Runaways: The Complete Collection Volume 1 by Brian K. Vaughan with Mr. Swanson	The Nightingale by Kristin Hannah with Ms. Griffiths & Ms. Roussel	Winger by Andrew Smith with Mr. Vicario & Mrs. Darcy
Harry Potter and the Sorcerer’s Stone by J.K. Rowling with Mrs. Paier	Shooter by Caroline Pignat with Ms. Mrowka & Mrs. Criscuolo	The Residence by Kate Andersen Brower with Mrs. Christensen	Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance by Robert M. Pirsig with Mr. Lewoc & Mr. Dalke
Harry Potter and the Cursed Child Parts 1 & 2 (Harry Potter #8) by John Tiffany (Adaptation) with Ms. Barker	Silver Linings Playbook by Matthew Quick with Mrs. Bevins, Mrs. Tailon, & Mr. Manning	The Secret Book of Frida Kahlo or El libro secreto de Frida Kahlo(Spanish) by F.G. Haghenbeck with Mrs. Corrado	Zenn Diagram by Wendy Brant with Mrs. Maisto, Mrs. Rogozinski, & Ms. Figueiredo
Hidden Figures by Margot Lee Shetterly with Ms. Hoag	The Boys in the Boat by Daniel James Brown with Mrs. Smalec & Mrs. Mik	The Sun is Also a Star by Nicola Yoon with Mrs. Flood & Mrs. Rooney	Sign Up Today at bit.ly/CHSSummerReading
Life as We Knew It by Susan Beth Pfeffer with Ms. Weingart	The Circle by David Eggers with Mrs. Carbone & Mrs. Kochiss		Have a good summer vacation!
Love and Gelato by Jenna Evans Welch			

Speeches You Won't Hear on Graduation

Seniors Share Words of Wisdom

by



Alysha DeGennaro

The time has finally arrived. This is it. The moment we've all been waiting for. Graduation.

Let me tell you, it's hard to stuff four years into a five minute speech and many of you are probably thinking, oh here we go again... another speech we have to sit through. But I promise you this, these speeches reflect on the moments that make you who you are and what you have become, and create a different moment that you will now remember forever. One day, this moment will be just another distant memory, but right now it's time to celebrate our accomplishments.

As I stand here, I peer out to the sea

of people, all here with a different story. For the families and friends, this is an exciting moment, for some it may be their first child graduating, others their last. Many of you have flown from across the country to witness this moment, taking time from your busy lives to be here with us. We want to thank you for experiencing this moment with us and for showing your unconditional love and support throughout the years. Thank you parents for not only attending our sport events, marching band competitions, drama events, and the most recent senior nights, but also for being our biggest fans.

Thank you to the faculty and staff not only here at Cheshire High School, but in the Cheshire district. There is no way all

399 of us would be graduating without you all. We are lucky to live in a town that realizes how important the value of education is, and recently Cheshire High School was ranked as one of the top 500 public schools in the nation.

To the graduates, we all took different paths to get here, but we made it. We had different classes, different friends, different memories, but like the families we're all here in this moment right now-together as the Class of 2017. The late nights studying, and working hard to be the best you could be finally are paying off. Whatever happened along the way, high school was a time where we found ourselves. We surfaced the qualities from deep inside of us that make us unique, and we learned to never change for anyone. Most of us attended various sports events right here in "Ramland", the best student section in Connecticut. Screaming singing to "Livin' on a Prayer" by Bon Jovi has been our thing. We've been through four years of assemblies, pep rallies, and of course the famous "Minute to Win-Its." But our time has not ended, it has only just begun. Together, we are the future. We are not just the Cheshire High School Class of 2017, we are the doctors, the teachers, the principals, the engineers, the scientists, the

CEO's, the service men and women and a whole lot more. We are the innovators, the problem-solvers, and we will all take different routes to get there. I can promise you it won't be easy, but we will find our place.

Once again, I want to congratulate you all on your accomplishments. You should feel very proud of yourselves. I know I can speak for everyone here in saying that we are all very proud of the individuals that you have become, and can't wait to see you grow in the future. I can't wait to see you all do incredible things one day, so that I can say "I know that person!" As we head our separate ways, always know that Cheshire is here for you. When times are tough, or life is working out incredibly well, always stay grounded to your roots. We are who we are today because of this town.

From the bottom of my heart, I wish you all the best of luck in the future. Thank you for being you and making the Cheshire High School Class of 2017 unforgettable. Always keep your head up, keep smiling, and remember you have the power to change the world. Thank you.



by



Abigail Abramson

One hundred twenty six million one hundred forty four thousand seconds.

Two million one hundred and two thousand four hundred minutes.

Thirty five thousand forty hours.

One thousand four hundred sixty days. Four years.

As soon to be former high school students, time is something that is often on our minds. Time has baffled us. How can it seem to drag on forever, and yet fly by so fast?

Here we are, in our last minutes of senior year, and yet it seems like just

yesterday we were worrying about having a freshman backpack, wondering if there actually was a third floor pool, and repeating "it's just a figure eight" in our heads as we tried not to get lost on our very first day of high school. We walked through those doors four years ago. However, it is not that very first day, or even today that defines our experience at Cheshire High School. Instead, it has been every day, hour, minute, and second in between that has shaped us into the young adults that we are today.

For many of us, managing this time sometimes proved to be a struggle, but as Rachael Bermingham has said, "It's not about having enough time, it's about making enough time" ("A Quote"). As a

class, we have made time for the things that matter, and all we have accomplished is undeniable. From performing musicals to making our own films, we spread joy to the community through the arts. From planning fundraisers and events to creating new clubs at school, we helped our community. From winning state championships and SCC tournaments to running leadership conferences and workshops, we became leaders of our community. From debating politics to performing in the Army-All American band and color guard, we met students from all around the country. And after today, we will be able to say that we graduated from Cheshire High School.

However, I know that this is not where our accomplishments will end. The knowledge that we have gained throughout high school -- from our teachers and administrators, from our parents and relatives, from each other -- has prepared us all for success well past our final walk through the doors of Cheshire High. This knowledge provided us with a new understanding of the world. In the classroom, we learned that a mole is not just a creepy animal, but a number with the power to unlock the secrets of chemistry. We read many books to expand our understanding of the English language, and even learned

other languages: "nosotros aprendimos otros idiomas." We discovered many things about ourselves as individuals within a community, as well. We found that when we put our minds to it, we could achieve so much more than we ever thought possible. We discovered that we liked playing Kahoot to study far more than many of us would care to admit. Most importantly, however, we discovered the value of respect and kindness and will carry these lessons with us as time ticks on.

While we may have never found the third floor pool, the support and strength of this community that we discovered is a far greater find. So now, as the hands of the clock tick towards the next phase of our lives, we must remember how precious our time really is. Our futures may not look exactly the same as we head towards different colleges, jobs, branches of the military, or any other paths we may take. However, there is one constant in our lives. Each day we have twenty four hours. Twenty four hours to make the world a little better than it was the day before. So congratulations again to the class of 2017. Let us go out into the world and make the most of every second, minute, hour, day, and year that we have as we step into our future.



by



Anusha Kumar

Good evening Mr. Solan, Dr. Gadd, fellow teachers, parents, and most importantly, the Class of 2017. Today is the day. We have climbed steep ladders to be in these seats, dressed up in our colors of pride - red and white. Together, we have grown as leaders, sports players, musicians, friends, and students. We possess the courage to tackle challenges as responsible adults. We never thought this

day would come, yet today, I am reading this speech, surprised at how fast time has flown by.

Let us remember how our journey began. I can remember it vividly - freshman year. Yes, freshman year. We didn't want to envision how hard it was to navigate the halls, holding the school map and having no clue as to where we were going.

We were the "puppies" of the school, trying not to be too late to class, only to find out that the class we arrived at was the wrong one, Yikes! There were some mistakes, like mixing up the East Gym from the West Gym, or realizing that math class was upstairs rather than downstairs. Over time, we have learned how to correct these mistakes and to navigate the halls with determination. The halls of CHS have become our best friends, and I have to admit, the Freshman backpack is long gone.

Through each step that we have taken at CHS, we have strengthened our knowledge and have become global thinkers. Whether it was learning how to find derivatives, acting in Shakespearean plays, or conversing in a new language, we have become intelligent beings, striving to explore. We have learned how to think

beyond barriers, rise up to challenges, and strive to succeed. We have accepted our faults, and have worked tremendously hard to improve them.

We owe gratitude to our teachers, who are sitting alongside with us. They have shaped us into brave young adults, and have taught us how to think beyond the ordinary. They have encouraged us to receive extra help, and have ensured that our work exceeds expectations. They have made us race to the finish line, and think like the noble adults we are today. They have truly cared about each of us. We will carry that with us in the future.

We must thank our parents, who have also been by our sides. They are the

by

Katie Sparks



Hello everyone, my name is Katie Sparks. Thank you for joining me on this evening that is going to be so memorable for us all. In the words of Dr. Seuss, Congratulations! Today is your day. You’re off to Great Places! You’re off and away! “Oh The Places You’ll Go” is a time-honored tradition for moments where we are on brink of something new. Throughout Seuss’ book, we are told that as we are sent off into the world on our own, we are going to experience dizzying adventures; adventures such as starting college or studying abroad. Seuss’ book also explores hard decisions we must make in this world; hard decisions such as should I major in something that I am passionate about or something that will get me a job, should I move far or stay closer to home, or is college right for me? We may be off and away to new places, but I want to take this time to reminisce on the places we’ve been, and a school that has had such a big impact on us all.

August 28th, 2013-- the day before our high school careers began. I didn’t sleep. No, I couldn’t sleep because I was terrified. There was no way that I could get up the next morning and go to a school where I only knew a quarter of the

students. I didn’t know where to go, and I didn’t know what to wear. How was I going to know where to sit at lunch? How was I going to know which upperclassmen wouldn’t hit me if I asked them where my next class was? And no matter how many times I tried, I could not comprehend the fact that the school is shaped like a figure 8. Some of you may have had freshmen backpacks, but I walked in here on the first day with highlighted maps of the school. I was THAT kid. OH! THE PLACES YOU’LL GO! You’ll be on your way up! You’ll be seeing great sights! You’ll join the high fliers--who soar to high heights.

The first day of high school is really the only day of freshman year that I can distinctly remember. Since that first day, we have spent roughly 4,680 hours together. Think back upon those hours. Do you remember them? You might remember a power outage, a vine famous technical teacher (holy moly), the Wilderbaby, and a flood that released the entire school at 9:30 in the morning. Can I get a Kale Yeah? You may remember bits and pieces, but as a whole, it’s very likely that most of your high school experiences have already become a blur. It’s crazy how each

day goes by as if nothing is changing, but when we look back, everything is different. And everything will continue to be different..and things will change. You’re on your own. And you know what you know. And YOU are the one who’ll decide where to go.

Right now, you may be going to further your education as a psychology or engineering major. Yet, you could end up graduating with a major in accounting or even theater. You may have no major at all; some of us will be fighting for our beautiful country in the military, some will go right into the workforce, and some will be doing all that they can in order to follow their dreams. Wherever you end up, be sure to share your smile. Remember to spread kindness and to give back to those in need. We have been expressing our care for others since the beginning. Whether that be through Relay for Life, Unified Sports and theater, or just simply giving a high-five to someone who needs a smile. Always be sure to pay it forward and do good for others. On and on you will hike, And I know you’ll hike far-and face up to your problems-whatever they are.

Your path is your choice, and wherever your path takes you, remember where it all started, and the people who helped you take the first step. Thank those people. Thank them for pushing you and for challenging you to be even better. Your parents have provided rides, advice, and maybe a few 20s here and there. Thank them for their support and help through these years. They’ve helped you get to this point..and you really would not be sitting where you are right now without them. Don’t forget to thank your teach-

ers. Maybe you aren’t going to need know about acid-based titrations or how to graph a polynomial function, but aren’t you happy you learned about them? Okay, maybe not. But think about the several teachers who have devoted their time and energy into getting you to understand and to push your thinking. That’s not something that they have to do, it’s something that they want to do...because they believe in your abilities to reach farther than you thought you could, and you have. You won’t lag behind, because you’ll have the speed. You’ll pass the whole gang and you’ll soon take the lead.

And so, we are here today. Look around at your classmates. Your teammates, your castmates, and the people that you may have never talked to. And although you may have never spoken, they have been a part of your high school experience. Do not forget the people around you who have contributed to these past four years. We are part of a family. We are part of something bigger than just our class. We have become the future generation. Soon to be filled with doctors, lawyers, mothers, fathers, leaders and explorers. We are capable of anything if we put our minds to it. We are in control of our futures and we are all going to do such amazing things. We did this. You did this. You’ve come so far already, just imagine the places you’re going to go.

You’re off to Great Places! Today is your day! Your mountain is waiting. So... get on your way! Thank you, and congratulations to the Class of 2017.



by

Mateen Karimi



Welcome brothers, sisters, mothers and fathers, faculty, mentors, distinguished guests, and graduates. We did it. We did it ladies and gentlemen. We have made it to this moment, and now it is time to celebrate and also contemplate. Look around you. This may be the last time we will ever be together as one big family. After sixty-four long years of Cheshire High School’s history, the graduating Class of 2017 will be remembered amongst the many graduating classes for its activism, creativity, and open-mindedness. Inside and outside of the classroom, Cheshire High School students strive to better understand the community and the world around them, and during these past four years it is irrefutable that our experiences have enabled us to find

the meaning of that understanding. Our school’s mission is the enhancement of student understanding, and all the students graduating here today are a testament to that very achievement. So, if that is all true, what was the purpose of high school? For today’s speech, I had to really think and reminisce about these four years and what they meant for us as young adults. For some of us, it has been twelve years of living and learning in one of the best communities in the country. With that being said, I have come to the conclusion that the primary purpose of high school was to build character. In whatever capacity we excelled at, whether that was at academics, sports, the arts, making friends, or working, we have been encouraged to find out who we really are as people and what

our goals are for the future.

Allow me to better explain in more concrete terms. How many of you are familiar with the show American Ninja Warrior? It is a fairly decent show for those of you who watch it, but I still miss The Celebrity Apprentice when it was on. Oh, those were the good old days when celebrities were celebrities, not presidents. Anyway, on a serious note, high school was a lot like American Ninja Warrior. There were moments when we could not successfully conquer a certain obstacle during the course, even when we were so close, and we fell straight in the water. Those moments left a bitter taste in our mouths, and many of us still remember those particular events to this day. On the other hand, there were moments when we were able to press the buzzer at the end and celebrate. Those moments felt good inside. They were a moral boost during these interesting four years. That interchange between success and failure during our high school career helped us build some character, so that when we go off into the real world, we are ready to face those obstacles when they arrive. But, folks, guess what? We have all pressed that buzzer. We are here today graduating. We are all American Ninja warriors.

Not only are we American Ninja warriors, we are also Cheshire Rams, able to take on any affront that gets in our way. I think that is the most important thing to remember. Wherever we may go and become in the future is rooted in our incredible experience at Cheshire High School. We will always be Cheshire Rams, and we should be proud of that. If you are skeptical or worried about what is to come in the near future, don’t be. You want to know why? It’s because you are Cheshire Rams. You are graduating from one of the best high schools in the United States of America, and if that isn’t an inspiration to make your mark, I don’t know what is. I also want to take the time to sincerely thank our parents, faculty, staff, counselors, coaches, and numerous administrators for guiding us along this riveting journey because without them, we really would not be here today. Thank you. (Pause for clapping.) I have one more thing to say before we move along with the ceremony, and I want everyone in the audience to join in if you know the Cheshire chant: C-H-E-S-H-I-R-E R-A-M-S Oh Yes, the Rams are the best. Thank you, God Bless you, and Congratulations Class of 2017!



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people who have supported us and guided us through this journey towards adulthood. They are the people who would drive us to school when we were underclassmen, would be present to support us at sporting events, and would motivate us to succeed academically. Graduation is not just a celebration that will soon become a distant memory. It is a bigger step towards who we will become - future innovators of the world. As a class, we have separated from the physical barrier that only held us to limited opportunities. Now, that physical barrier is gone. We are now able to walk away from it, and define who we are, and what standards we hold ourselves to.

We have big ambitions, and are ready to execute them to the fullest of our ability.

We have reached a new stage in our life where we will have to make our own decisions. We will become future leaders, off to pursue whatever we desire - whether it is off to college, the military, or career. Cheshire High School has prepared us for what lies ahead - a realm of opportunities. I kindly request that you all take a moment to breathe the air of the CHS halls. As easy as that sounds, it’s not. The halls and classrooms of Cheshire High School are where we have made new friends, laughed, socialized, and learned. These halls - while easy to pass by - have grown

with us. Every step that we have made at CHS for the past four years has been in these halls. Every day, we see them, and have felt a sense of belonging and involvement.

So, who will we become? We will still continue to be Rams, regardless of which opportunities we will soon pursue. The Ram will be a symbol of our quest towards freedom and exploration. The Ram is a symbol of bravery in what we pursued while at CHS. Though we will leave Cheshire High School, the Ram will be in our hearts, so salute to you, Ram.

Class of 2017, take one last look at

our class. We may be on different paths, but there lies a story with each person we meet. While we may be separating, the bond that we hold as a class is something that is unique. It’s the bond of 2017 - and today we have made that bond bigger and stronger. Our bond - like a river - can continually be filled with new discoveries, so never stop filling it, Class of 2017! Continue to grow, and fulfill your dreams. As H. Jackson Brown Jr. once said, “Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover.”

Congratulations, Class of 2017! Thank you!



by



Ricky Pulisciano

Hello Cheshire High School seniors, we are finally taking the last steps to college life and adulthood. We all have different paths at CHS, some will be going on to college, some will be going into the military and armed forces, and some into the job force. We all have a place to leave a legacy here at CHS, we all have someone or something to remember the good times that we had here. I remember coming in as a freshman saying, “ This is going to be the longest 4 years of my life.” But it wasn’t! Time flies. A short story I have to share with all you folks is my dad works here, and with that comes pros and cons. Beginning with the cons... well my dad works here. You can’t get away with saying anything because he’s right down the hall from all of my classes. Another con is having people always asking me if I’m the next Coach P gym teacher and coach always wearing Chuck Taylors and pullovers, no that’s not me. On the other hand one pro of having my dad here is that everytime I need a pass somewhere or someone to go get me lunch he can do that for me!. I’m always asking him for \$5 here, and there I feel actually like I owe him \$100 right now. But in all seriousness, he’s the best dad, and like all kids, I will miss him going off to college.

I congratulate all of us for making it to graduation and completing this level of education. With this diploma it shows we have the potential to do what we always dreamt to do. With this diploma comes great amazing, intelligent teachers (I think I just earned some brownie points). Teachers, staff, with all your help and support, we could all never be where we are today, we can never have the readiness that we have now without your help. All of you are special especially my favorite accounting teacher (Mrs. Tallion). Parents you should all be proud for what we have accomplished, you should be proud that we are moving on in life and taking a stepping stone toward to other parts of our lives. In closing I’m going to leave with a quote from Steve Jobs, “Your work is going to fill a large part of your life, and the only way to be truly satisfied is to do what you believe is great work. And the only way to do great work is to love what you do. If you haven’t found it yet, keep looking. Don’t settle. As with all matters of the heart, you’ll know when you find it.” Thank you all and Congratulations to all students class of 2017 and 2021.



by

Alexis Yamin

The worst piece of advice I’ve ever received was to run the first three laps and sprint the fourth one, because here we are at the end of the race that has consumed the past four years of our lives, plus the eight years before that, and some even before that. We sprinted that last lap, our senior year, and it is so surreal to be standing here at our very own high school graduation today.

Right now we’re these big fish in the small pond of Cheshire High School, top of the food chain, seniors, not a worry in the world. Pretty soon, though, we’ll return to being tiny little minnows again, in a new place and with new people. There might be some sharks out there, but they don’t all bite, right? Seriously though, we have big changes coming ahead and instead of shying away from the blindness of the next four years, whatever that might entail for you, we should look at this next journey with the glass half full mentality. Be conscious of every moment and don’t live your life in a full-out sprint, slow it down and take it all in every and now then. Upon our departures, however, I think there’s three things we should all take away from the past few years:

First of all, don’t forget where you came from. Whether you loved it, hated it, loved-to-hate it, started off here or just somehow ended up here- we’re all graduating from this place that has brought us

all together. If we have one single thing in common, it’s this school. This chapter is coming to an end, and everybody’s experiences in this school have been different, but Cheshire High School is a place to look back on when we reminisce on the good times, the bad times, the colossal mistakes and the grand successes of our experiences.

The next thing, don’t forget who got you here. We’ve grown into the people we are today because of who we’ve looked up to, learned from, and who has impacted us the most. It could have been your parents, your favorite teacher, your least favorite teacher, your neighbor, the garbage man, anyone... there are people who have been significant in our lives and supported us throughout this journey. Remember them and remember what they’ve done for you because they’re a huge part of how we made it here.

And the last thing: Befriend the unknown. Embrace the mystery of not knowing anything about the next few years you’re about to encounter, because life is exhilarating and meaningful and if you fill it with people you like to be around, and books you like to read, music you like to listen to and memories you won’t forget, then you’re doing it right.

This is a fresh start to find who you are, who you want to be and what you

by



Lily Hacket

Hello Everyone. I felt the only appropriate way to start this was with a quote from an absolute icon-- Ms. Oprah Winfrey, whose first name is actually Orpah. Isn’t that something? In her words... “YOU GET A CAR YOU GET A CAR YOU GET A CAR EVERYBODY GETS A CAAAARRRRR!” How does this tie into graduation? You may ask. Well to answer that, another quote: “please save all questions until the end. Thaaaank you.”

We all had that one subject that we favored over the others and for me that was English. Some valuable lessons I’ve learned:
-There is no ‘one right answer’
-With valid evidence, it’s almost impossible to be wrong
- Everything can be a metaphor.

Some skills I’d like to think I’ve developed over the past two years in my AP Lit classes are closely reading various texts and identifying literary devices to infer what the author’s purpose is. And while Oprah’s quote wasn’t meant to be analyzed as a formal piece of literature, I’m going to do it anyway because I’m a risk taker, a rule breaker, and most importantly...a dreamer.

You know what makes Oprah’s quote better than your typical ‘oh the places you’ll go’? It’s a metaphor! Ladies and gentlemen I have never been so excited in my life.

Cars, as we all know, are almost an essential to life in the United States. They’re necessary for most of the population to get to school, work, the grocery store, etc. To teenagers especially, they are a symbol of independence and maturity. Getting back to Oprah, our high school diplomas are now equivalent to cars. They allow us to go places. We can choose where we want to go and how we want to get there. We may drive as far as we want or stay close to home. We can pick whether we want to take the highway, the back roads, whether we want to drive fast or slow. We have this new sense of freedom that is both terrifying and invigorating. Whether you decide to take your car and drive to college, a career, the military, it doesn’t matter. Because you are now in the driver’s seat. So, as you are getting your diploma handed to you today, don’t think of it as a random piece of paper that you’ll end up storing in a box for the next 20 years, but rather, think of Oprah handing you the key to a brand new car. Today, everyone does indeed get a car.

I, honest to God, have been waiting for this ceremony since first grade. I know, that sounds ridiculous, but let me take you back to 2004. I remember after

want to be in this world. If you don’t feel comfortable in the four walls of the box you’re living in, then do your own thing and live outside of it. We’re navigating our lives through one of the most ever-changing, unconventional eras that I think the world has ever seen. If you dream of being a surgeon or a stay at home mom, do it! A businessman, a dancer, a plumber, a playwright, a politician- the world is yours.

And finally, to our valedictorian and salutatorian, you guys killed it, clearly, and a huge congrats. To the kids who barely graduated but somehow hung on

one of the earlier days of school that year my dad, shout out to you, Jimbo, asked me if I liked first grade and instead of the usual over enthusiastic response one would expect from a child, I told him I just wanted to stay home. That’s right, to anyone who has called me lazy this past year because I’m a senior, nay nay, I’ve actually been lazy since day one. My dad proceeded to give me the classic “school is important and you need to work hard so you can go to college and get a job blah blah blah” Since then, I have pushed past my laziness, to some degree, and I’ve been working hard for the past 12 years. It seems as though my entire existence so far has led up to this moment and I’m sure my peers can agree with me. Although things may still be unclear next year, and it may be more difficult, today is a great day because it marks a new beginning... and thank God. I’ve had a pleasant time in high school but four years is definitely enough.

So Congratulations everyone. For the people going to college- it’s time to spend another four years in a different building, but the main difference between high school and college is that in college we are literally paying to be put through pain. what is that? Anyway, I can’t wait to see you all at our 10 year reunion. It’ll be just like prom! Except instead of crying about whatever wardrobe malfunction we had, we’ll be crying over our student loans. I cannot wait, everyone. I CANNOT WAIT. While graduating high school is a huge accomplishment for us, it also means a lot to our parents, our teachers, our guidance counselors, our band directors, our coaches...the list goes on and on. Getting through school isn’t really the easiest thing to do. If it weren’t for the support and encouragement from these people, I don’t know how many of us could say we would be here today. These are the people that pick us up when were broken, fix us all up, and send us off on our way again. Thank you so much to all of you. Our accomplishments reflect the love and support you show us and I know we couldn’t be more grateful.

And thank you all for listening to me talk about the future, the past, student loans, and most importantly, Oprah. She truly is my passion. In 40 years, when I’m older and I can no longer wear leggings because they make my legs look like frosting bags full of cottage cheese, I will think back on this day fondly. But for now, I cannot wait to get my brand new car and I’m sure we’ll pass each other on the road sometime.



by a thread, you still made it! All of us fill up the graduating class of 2017, we’ve left our marks on this school, and simultaneously impacted everybody around us. So as we move on to the next awaiting chapter of our lives, remember what’s important to you, and take advantage of the world of opportunities that lies ahead. We shouldn’t just live to exist, but rather we should exist to live. Good luck in your chosen pursuits after today, make this life one to be remembered, and a huge congratulations to all of us finishing off our high school careers today!



Best of Luck 2017!
Good Luck in the
future - Mrs. Williams

Be Open to new
Adventures, BUT DON'T
FORGET YOUR ROOTS!

-MR. VICARIO

Always remember how
special you are!! Enjoy
each day and most of
all believe in yourself!
Love, Rooney
Mrs. Rooney

Be the best you
can be. Pursue
your dreams!
Be Kind!
Mrs. Pef

Congrats and best
of luck - Mr Kelly

Congratulations!
you should be proud
of all that you
accomplished!!
Good luck & Have fun!
Miss Monks

Keep taking math
classes, it keeps your
brain sharp! Mr Hunter

Good luck -
Enjoy your last
Free Summer
Love Nurse Paddy

I'll miss you
all very much.
♡ Mrs. G.

Congratulations!!
Best of luck
in what your
future holds!!
Mr. C.

Smile and
eat cheese!

Mr. Galvin

Stay
Active +
Smile ☺
-Mrs Mik

Options are the
Intersections of Life. The more
you pass the better your life!
Best of luck
Toto

Have fun, be safe, be smart!
- Ms. Russell ☺

Congratulations
graduates!
Wishing you all
success + happiness!
- Mrs. Ford ☺

Thank you for being a
bunch of weirdos. You
have made these years
awesome. Good luck
out there!!
♡ Mrs.
BEVINS

Be kind to others and
yourself. Choose to be happy.
Visit us! ♡ Mrs. Wildermann

Congratulations
Graduates!
We will miss you here at CHS -
Have fun and good luck!!
♡ Mrs. Balisciano

Do something
amazing!
Mr. Eaton

Do good
Buddha Redman

You did it! Enjoy your
Summers and best of luck
following all your dreams.
Mr. Sean McKeown

Best of
luck! Always
remember to keep
Smiling
"Ms. Shagan

Congratulations on your
graduation. Be productive
citizens that always stand
with integrity. Good luck,
Ms. Hoag

I Love being
your class advisor.
You are a great
group of kids &
I wish you all
the best! ☺ 417
Mrs. Carbone

Have a
wonderful day!
Be proud of
all of your
achievements!
Best,
Ms. Gibben

Quotable Quotes

What will you miss most about CHS?



"Friends"
~Austin Ratliff
2017



"Hanging out on the senior walk"

~Erica Markowski
2017



"Probably seeing my friends everyday"
~ Abby Abramson
2017



"Jazz band and being able to find my friends with just a turn of a corner"
~ Faisal Rajan 2017



"Getting rowdy at football games and the school's BBQ tips... they're fire."

~Joey DeGennero
2017



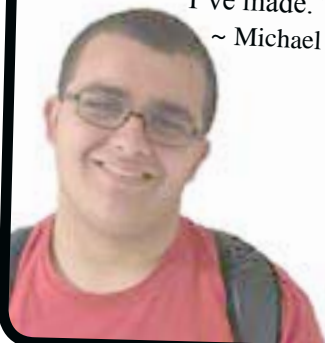
"I will miss the bonding over the annoyance of others in this school"
~ Katie Sparks
2017



"Students"
~ Arnav Velaparthi
2017



"The many friends I've made."
~ Michael Toscano
2017

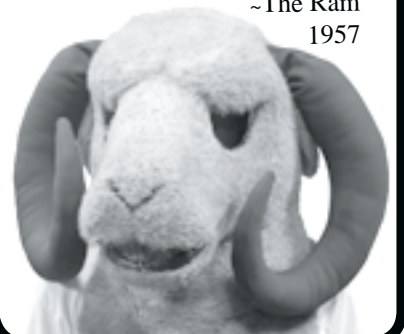


"Annoyed looks on teachers faces when you ask to use the bathroom"
~Phoebe Hall
2017

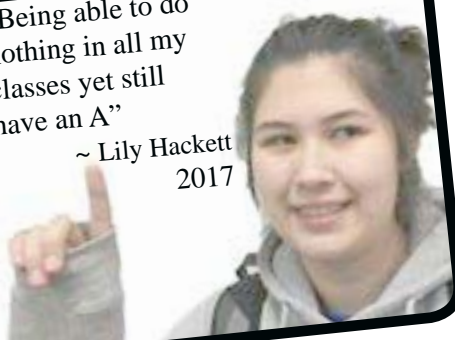


"Cheering on all of the student athletes"

~The Ram
1957



"Being able to do nothing in all my classes yet still have an A"
~ Lily Hackett
2017



"Mrs. Schmidt"
~Peter Brown
2017



"The teachers"
~ Natalie Roach
2017



"Being able to go on the senior walk when it is too warm in school"
~ Nick Migliozi
2017



"The memories I made with my friends and teachers"

~Vjosa Korumi
2017



"My coaches and teammates that I've been with for 4 years."
~ Sam Simone
2017



"Seeing my friends"
~Sean Sprankel
2017



"Lori Albino."
~Taylor Calderella
2017

