

# A LETTER HOME

## THE COE-BROWN NORTHWOOD ACADEMY PARENT NEWSLETTER FOR FEBRUARY 10, 2010

### COURSE SELECTION BEGINS FOR 2010-2011

Guidance will meet with students individually starting in March to select courses for next year. Each student will bring home a course selection form for parents to approve and sign. If you have any questions about your student's course of studies, please call his/her guidance counselor who will be glad to discuss it with you. It is very important that students take this process seriously and think about how the courses they choose now affect their post high school plans later. We encourage parents to read the Program of Studies which is available on our website and discuss with your student what his/her options are. Students should be aware that because of the growth in our student population, it would be very difficult to make course changes in the fall, as spaces in some classes will just not be available.

### NH ATHLETIC DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION & NH INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

The New Hampshire Interscholastic Athletic Association and New Hampshire Athletic Directors Association will recognize student athletes from around the state at the Annual New Hampshire High School Athletic/Academic Award Programs this March 2010. Student athletes from around New Hampshire will be recognized for achieving academic and athletic excellence. Award recipients are submitted each year by their Athletic Directors based on criteria which requires the high school seniors have a B+ grade point average, letter in at least two varsity sports, participate in community service activities and serve as role models to their peers. At the awards ceremony, each student athlete will receive an award certificate and a commemorative pin.

The event will be held at the Capitol Center for the Arts in Concord, NH.

The recipients from Coe-Brown were:

Jorden Campbell  
Jacqueline Derocher  
Leah Foley  
Shannon Grady  
Emmaline Horne  
Erica Lovely  
Chelsea Loy  
Kaitlin Doig  
Devin Rowe  
Erika Savioli  
Remy Jones  
Carmen Williams  
Samuel Bassett  
Nicholas Conidas  
Mark Hodges  
Justin Loy  
Dylan MacNevin  
Eric McCann

### COE-BROWN EARNS BRONZE AWARD IN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL RANKING

As reported in the *Suncook Valley Sun: US News & World Report*, in collaboration with School Evaluation Services (a K-12 education and data research and analysis business that provides parents with education data), analyzed academic and enrollment data from more than 21,000 public high schools to find the very best across the country. These top schools were placed into gold, silver, bronze or honorable mention categories. Coe-Brown Northwood Academy earned a bronze award and was among eight New Hampshire high schools listed. Coe-Brown's outstanding performance on state achievement tests was one of the factors that helped it secure this ranking. This is the third year that *US News & World Report* has completed its rankings of US high schools.

**JUNIOR PARENT NIGHT**  
**Tuesday, March 23 at 6:30 PM**

Applying for college admission and financial aid can be overwhelming. There are applications to be completed, deadlines to meet, essays to write, award letters to be interpreted and complex language to understand. This evening session is intended to educate the High School Junior and his/her family about the college admission and financial aid processes. A representative from NHHEAF will be presenting topics that include: the qualifications colleges are looking for, questions to ask on a college tour, college essay pointers, the application timeline, types of financial aid available to students, scholarship search resources, timelines and calculating the family financial contribution.

**COE-BROWN STUDENTS RECEIVE  
STATEWIDE RECOGNITION FOR ART**

**Eighteen Coe-Brown Students representing 22 works  
of art and four senior portfolios receive statewide  
recognition in  
*The Scholastic Art Awards of New Hampshire***

The Art Department is pleased to announce that the following students received recognition in *The 2010 Scholastic Art Awards of New Hampshire* administered by The New Hampshire Art Educators' Association - A Regional Affiliate of the Alliance for Young Artists & Writers, Inc. 750 pieces of Gold Key, Silver Key and Honorable Mention Award winning works were on display at the Stockbridge Theater on the campus of Pinkerton Academy through Feb. 13. Coe-Brown Student recipients are as follows:

**Justin Loy**

Silver Key Award – Photography

Title: *Cercle de la vie*

Silver Key Award – Photography

Title: *A Joyful Bereavement*

Gold Key Award – Photography Portfolio

**Hayley Heath**

Silver Key Award – Painting

Title: *Red Lily*

**John Jarvis**

Honorable Mention Award – Photography

Title: *Ring of Fire*

**Allison DeFlumeri**

Gold Key Award – Drawing

Title: *Pain of another Man's Kiss*

Gold Key Award – Drawing

Title: *Out in Heels*

**Sarah Fenerty**

Gold Key Award – Drawing

Title: *A Moment of Ecstasy*

**Moira Geary**

Gold Key Award – Drawing

Title: *Something's Missing*

Honorable Mention Award – Painting

Title: *So That I Can Feel*

**Megan Hoover**

Honorable Mention Award – Art Portfolio

**Alyssa Pittera**

Silver Key Award – Painting

Title: *Shackles*

Honorable Mention Award – Painting

Title: *Emotive Release*

Honorable Mention Award – Art Portfolio

**Jacanna Sourisak**

Gold Key Award – Photography

Title: *Toxic Bridge*

Honorable Mention Award – Art Portfolio

**Mallory McCoy**

Gold Key Award – Drawing

Title: *Kristan Anne*

**Jessica Goudreault**

Gold Key Award – Photography

Title: *And All the Hope Was Gone...*

**Leah Hastings**

Silver Key Award – Printmaking

Title: *Never Again*

**Jenna Moore-Kulp**

Honorable Mention Award – Painting

Title: *Where the Trees Meet*

**Miranda Allen**

Gold Key Award – Drawing

Title: *Hesitation*

**Kayla Bane**

Gold Key Award – Drawing

Title: *'75 World Series Man*

**Brittinirose Blair**

Gold Key Award – Drawing

Title: *Mallory McCoy*

**Jenna Brown**

Gold Key Award – Drawing

Title: *Working Steer Memories*

**Jessie Locke**

Gold Key Award – Drawing

**Megan Curtin**

Title: *Stand Out*

Honorable Mention - Painting

John Jarvis is competing with other junior students across our state for 60 spots available in the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual

NH Art Allstate Festival in collaboration with the New Hampshire Institute of Art and the Currier Museum of Art. John will complete an interview on Feb. 20<sup>th</sup> at the New Hampshire Institute of Art in Manchester and will wait for the results to be announced shortly thereafter. If selected, the festival will take place on the weekend of May 13 & 14, 2010. Best of luck!

Senior Art Show coming in May. Senior students should start thinking about participating in the annual event held during graduation week. Announcements and more information will be forthcoming. All seniors are encouraged to participate. See Mr. Chatfield for more information.

### **SENIOR NEWSLETTER**

Read the senior newsletter on the Guidance page on the CBNA website for the senior news about important dates and deadlines for seniors.

### **SENIOR PORTFOLIOS NEAR COMPLETION**

The class of 2010 will soon see their high school careers come to a close. Extra chairs and the staging for graduation have been reserved; the seniors are being measured for caps and gowns and plans for a class trip are being finalized. However, there are still many details that need to be addressed before the end of May. The Senior Portfolio and Exit Interview process is a major part of the senior year at Coe-Brown. The seniors are busily completing the program's many components and they are putting the final parts of their senior projects together.

The Exit Interview portion of the portfolio program is now being scheduled. During early May, each senior will be scheduled to meet with a team of three community people to present his/her portfolio and senior presentation. The Academy will soon be sending out letters of invitation to community members to ask them to serve on interview panels. Last year more than 165 parents, civic leaders, area educators and friends of education volunteered their time to help us provide our seniors with both a challenging and rewarding culminating educational experience.

We would like to invite you to be a member of the interview process. We do not look for people with special skills or experiences. If you have an interest in students and education, then you have the basic

qualifications to be a portfolio interviewer. We particularly encourage the parents of Coe-Brown juniors and other classes to consider participating. It will give you special insight into an important part of your teen's future requirements.

The time commitment that we ask for is minimal when compared to the benefits to students that it can produce. To be a member of an interview panel, you must be able to attend one of two one hour orientation sessions to be held in late April and to attend one or more of the two hour long interview blocks to be scheduled in early May. There will be several sessions for you to choose from including both weekday evening and Saturday morning schedules. If you would like to be a part of this exciting process, please contact the Main Office and they will add your name to the invitation list.

### **SENIOR GRADUATION ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The parents of seniors will soon be receiving a mailing from the company that handles Graduation Announcements for Coe-Brown seniors. Announcements are a style of formal stationary that seniors can send to their relatives and friends to announce that they are reaching a major milestone in their lives. The senior class officers will soon meet with the company representative to choose a class design.

The company that the Academy deals with offers a variety of package deals on announcements and other graduation memorabilia. Buying and using announcements is a totally optional activity. Students who choose to order announcements typically spend from \$25.00 to \$50.00, depending on the number of announcements they order.

### **ATTENDANCE AFFECTS CREDIT**

This is the time of year when students who have missed school for a variety of reasons start to show up in our files of attendance concerns. Coe-Brown's attendance policy sets limits for the number of days that a student may miss classes and still receive credit. In a quarter year or semester long course, a student may miss six days and on the seventh absence they lose credit in the course. In a full credit year-long course, students are allowed twelve absences and lose credit on the thirteenth. Classes missed due to field trips and other school functions do not count toward these totals. Students may, at their own expense, regain lost credits by attending special summer school sessions.

The Academy realizes that sometimes students are absent due to factors beyond their control. If there have been medical, legal or other extenuating circumstances that have caused your teen to be away from school, you may apply in writing to request an extension to this policy. Extension request forms are available in the Guidance Office and Main Office and completed forms should be submitted to Headmaster Smith as soon as possible and before your teen actually goes over the maximums. Your request should include all possible medical, legal and other documentation of why it was necessary for your teen to be away from classes. Please review the attendance policy in your daughter's/son's *Student Agenda* for more information on this policy.

### **TARDINESS HAS CONSEQUENCES**

When a student is tardy to school, the tardy will count both toward the allowable total for being to school late and for being in the class period missed. A student could end up serving two penalties for the same tardiness.

Definition of Tardy to School: A student will be considered tardy to school if they arrive to school after the opening bell and/or if they are not in their assigned seat of their block one class when the opening bell sounds. (As with other parts of school policy, a student is not considered tardy if they were with a staff member who gives them an excused pass.)

- On the fifth tardy to school during a marking term, the student will be assigned to an administrative detention.
- On the sixth tardy to school during a marking term, the student will be assigned to an in-school suspension (Saturday).

Subsequent tardies to school in the same marking term will result in additional in-school or out-of-school suspensions, loss of privileges like senior release or honors study hall, and/or the scheduling of parent conferences or hearings with the Board of Trustees.

### **NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY**

Is your teen frequently seen wearing headphones? Please encourage them to check out some free audio books! Many of the public libraries where Coe-Brown students live have a collection of audio books available

to download onto your ipod or mp3 player from your computer. It is very easy and free! Another great way to read! You will need your library card number and access to the internet. The web address for the program is <http://nh.lib.overdrive.com>. For more information, please ask your public library or have your student ask at the CBNA library.

### **POETRY OUT LOUD**

At Coe-Brown's first annual Poetry Out Loud finals, senior Christian Leavitt, became school champion, and junior Jessica Goudreault, runner-up. Finalists also competing included senior Michael Dodge, sophomore Samantha Lepicier and freshman Henry Warburton. The school-wide finals were held on January 20, 2010 at 7:00 in an evening framed by two student-directed one act plays. Ms. Hazen and Ms. Pagnani acted as coordinators, with Mrs. Dana, Mr. DePalma, Ms. Lasky, Mrs. Lent, and Mrs. Mennelle volunteering to pilot the project in their classrooms as well.

The competition, presented in partnership with the N.H. State Council for the Arts, the National Endowment for the Arts, and the Poetry Foundation, is part of a national program that encourages high school students to learn about great poetry through memorization, performance, and competition. These finalists in the school competition were chosen from among classroom champions during late December and early January in participating English classes and the Public Speaking class.

Poetry Out Loud is a national arts education program that encourages the study of great poetry by offering educational materials and a dynamic recitation competition to high schools across the country. Poetry Out Loud uses a pyramid structure: beginning at the classroom level, winners advance to a school-wide competition, then to regional and state competitions, and ultimately to the National Finals in Washington, DC. Nearly 300,000 students across the country took part in Poetry Out Loud in 2008-2009.

At Coe-Brown, students recited works they selected from an anthology of more than 600 classic and contemporary poems. Judges evaluated student performances on criteria including articulation, evidence of understanding, level of difficulty, and accuracy. Teachers introduced poetry recitation in the classroom using materials created by the NEA and the Poetry Foundation, including a standards-based teacher's guide, a website, a 'best performances' DVD, and a CD

featuring poetry recitations by well-known actors and writers such as Anthony Hopkins and Rita Dove.

Christian Leavitt will advance to the western N.H. regional contest on March 12, 2010 at New England College, Great Room, Simon Center, at 7 p.m.

The winner of the regional finals advances to the state final at Keene State College, Alumni Recital Hall, Redfern Art Center, March 20, 2010 at 1 p.m. Each champion at the state level will receive \$200 and an all-expenses-paid trip to Washington, DC, to compete for the national championship, April 26-27, 2010. The school of the state champion will receive \$500 for the purchase of poetry books. To learn more about the New Hampshire Poetry Out Loud contest, contact N.H. State Council on the Arts, or visit [www.poetryoutloud.org](http://www.poetryoutloud.org).

### **STATEWIDE COLLEGE CONVENTION OFFERS STUDENTS & PARENTS HELP IN COLLEGE PLANNING PROCESS**

Now is the time for high school juniors and parents to start planning for college. With the help of Destination College, a free, statewide college preparation convention for high school juniors and parents, the process just got a lot easier. The seventh annual Destination College will be held from 8:00 AM to 2:30 PM Saturday, March 27 at Southern New Hampshire University.

During the event, students and their parents will have an opportunity to get expert advice about the entire college planning and higher education funding process. There will be 18 workshops to choose from covering the topics of financial aid and SAT strategies; college planning issues, such as the application process, writing a winning essay, and how to effectively handle interviews; athletic recruiting; and choosing a college major. Breakfast and lunch will be provided during the event and attendees will have an opportunity to check out the NH Colleges and Universities Fair. Students in attendance will also be eligible for scholarships and raffle prizes.

Students and parents register online at [www.destinationcollege.org](http://www.destinationcollege.org) by March 5. For more information you can contact the NHHEAF Network Organization's Center for College Planning at 1-800-525-2577, ext 119.

### **SUMMER SOLSTICE IN ALASKA!**

Visit the Kenai Peninsula & Denali National Park, Fjords, glaciers, mountains and the sea. Camp, hike and experience the wilderness and wildlife of Alaska! This trip will take place June 15 to June 27, 2010. The estimated cost of this trip is \$2600 per person which includes flights, ground transportation, all meals (except during flight days), accommodations (in tents, cabins or RV), the Fjords tour, Sea Life and Conservation Center admission, bus ticket and fees for Denali and one guided sea kayak trip. Travel will be in minivans and/or rental RV driven by Mrs. Cumings and Mr. Whitten. Rules for safe camping and hiking in bear country will be strictly followed. A deposit of \$1000 will reserve your space. For questions or more information, please contact [jcumings@coebrown.org](mailto:jcumings@coebrown.org) or call 942-5531 x 208.

### **HELPING HAITI**

Jean Cumings, Biology and Zoology teacher, is planning to travel to Haiti during February vacation to volunteer at the Trinity House Orphanage in Jacmel. If you would like to help, the greatest need right now is for money. Checks can be made out to CBNA and please send them to the attention of Mrs. Cumings. One hundred percent of your donations will be hand delivered to the director of the orphanage. More information is available on their website [www.heartswithhaiti.org](http://www.heartswithhaiti.org). Donations made before March 1, 2010 can be deducted from your 2009 taxes.

### **CBNA THEATRE TO PRESENT *All Shook Up***

It's the 1950s on a dreary day in a square, little Midwestern town, when suddenly a mysterious roustabout rides into town on a motorcycle and shakes things up in one magical day. CBNA Theatre will share the magic with its production of *All Shook Up* March 5 at 7:00 pm and March 6 at 2:00 pm and 7:00 pm in the Gerrish Gym on the CBNA Campus. Inspired by and featuring the songs of Elvis Presley, written by Joe DiPietro, and loosely based on Shakespeare's *Twelfth Night*, *All Shook Up* is a toe-tapping, finger-snapping evening of pure magic and fun. Over fifty students are involved in bringing the production to the stage including cast members seniors Kiersten Brown, Robert Correa, Joshua Cunningham, Michael Dodge, Blake Frase, Jennifer Mattson, Michael McCulloch, Eric Rivera, and Katie Tousignant; juniors Aleisha Ashe and Maggie Blake, who are also co-choreographers, Anthony

Carideo, Gavin Clark, Hannah Jones, Anna Schonwald, and Heather Ward; sophomores Anna Goodell, Samantha Lepicier, Kendall McGowan, Caitlyn Philbrick, Isaac Wilson and Emily Yurek and freshmen Marianna Barnhart, Ryan Cunningham, Moriah Mazzochi, Kestyn Richotte, and Noelle Struthers. Members of the orchestra include seniors Katie Chagnon, Anne Ferrante, and Brendon McGrath; juniors Rayce Calef, Cameron Durgin, Michael Levy, Russell Sargent and Luke Wiley; sophomores Trevor Aube, John Duford and Sophie Shiere; and freshman Lily Poland. The production stage manager is senior Stephanie Moore. The production is directed by faculty member Elizabeth Lent with music direction by David Deardorff. Reserved tickets are \$8 for adults and \$6 for students and seniors and will be on sale starting Monday, March 1 in the CBNA office, by calling 942-5531 or emailing [elent@coebrown.org](mailto:elent@coebrown.org) . C'mon everybody help us get *All Shook Up!*