

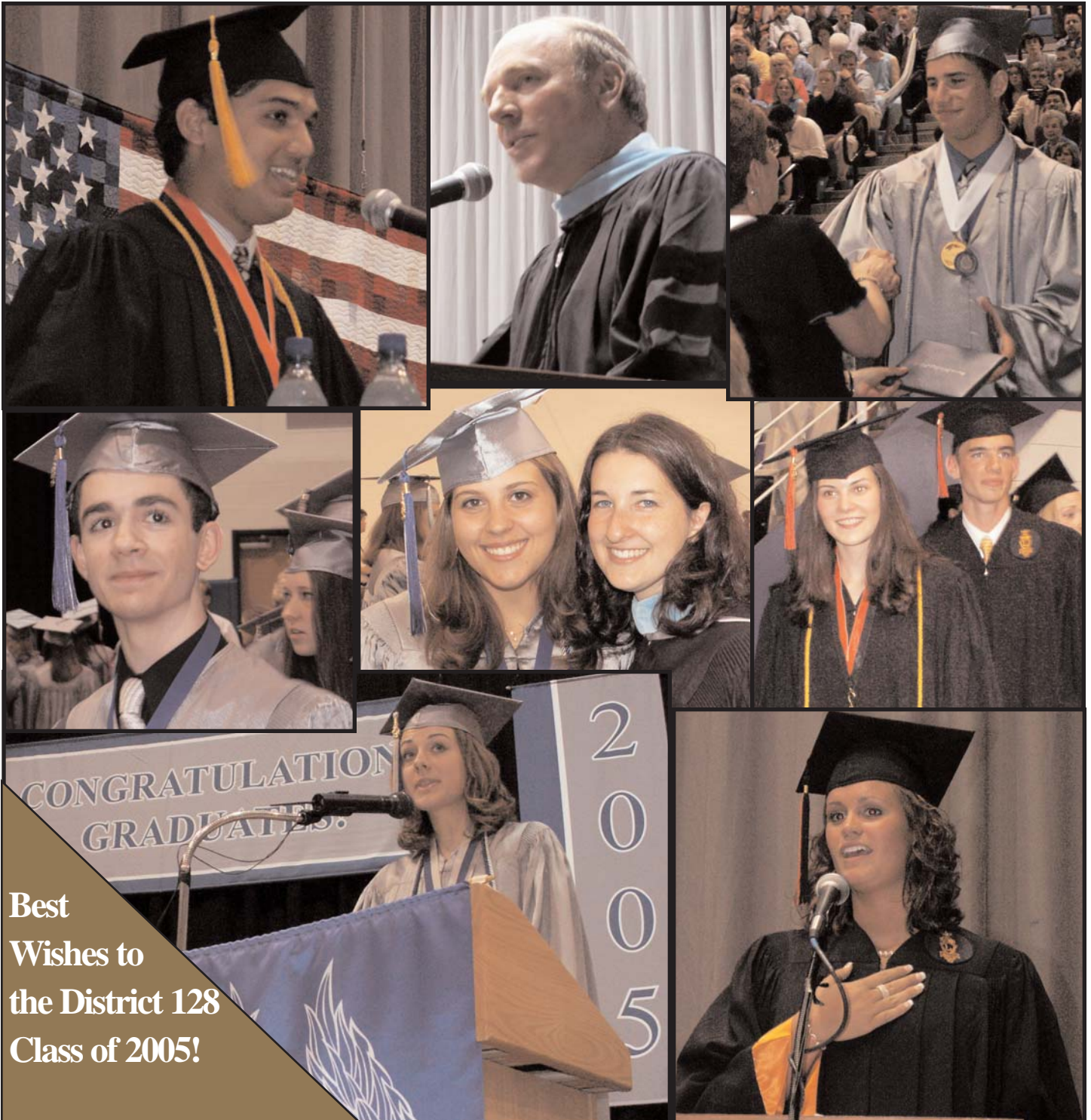


Paw Prints



*News and Information from
Community High School District 128*

Summer 2005



Best
Wishes to
the District 128
Class of 2005!

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*Superintendent's Message***A look back at 2004-05**

Each summer, as I pause to reflect on the school year we've completed, I am continually amazed at the outstanding accomplishments of our District 128 students and staff. The 2004-05 school year was no exception.

We began last school year with the opening of a new academic wing at Libertyville High School. We were pleased to have many staff, students, retirees and community members join us for the dedication ceremony held in October.

At Vernon Hills High School we were pleased to complete the construction of the stadium concession/restroom/storage facility this year.

The District was honored to receive several distinctions this year that are a reflection of the high standards held by our students and staff. District 128 received the **7th Annual Bright A+ Award for Academic Excellence in Education**, the **11th Annual Bright Red Apple Award**, and the **14th Annual What Parents Want Award**. Libertyville High School and Vernon Hills High School were also recognized in *Newsweek Magazine* as being among the top 1,000 high schools in America.

As you read this edition of *Paw Prints* you'll find it brimming with student achievements that were earned during the 2004-05 year. We are pleased to have students recognized on the local, state and national levels for both academic, athletic and extracurricular activities.

We are also pleased at the number of service projects initiated annually by our students. During the 2004-05 school year, District 128 students helped local charities and food pantries through the collection of funds, food and other needed items. LHS and VHHS also sponsored the annual Adopt-A-Family program. Many student organizations also worked to send needed money and supplies to the survivors of the tsunami disaster.

At the end of the school year we said good-bye to a number of employees who are retiring, as well as those moving on to other opportunities. We are pleased to welcome many new staff members for the 2005-06 school year, including LHS Principal **Brad Swanson**, Associate Superintendent **Prentiss Lea**, and VHHS Math Supervisor **Judy Smithhisler**.

I wish you a happy and safe summer break, and look forward to seeing you for the beginning of another successful school year in August!

David L. Clough, Ph.D.
Superintendent

District 128 budget available for public review

by Yasmine Dada, CPA, Assistant Superintendent for Business

On June 27, 2005, the Community High School District 128 Board of Education approved the tentative budget for Fiscal Year 2006 in the amount of \$68,577,000. The District 128 Fiscal Year begins July 1, 2005 and ends June 30, 2006. The tentative budget is on display at the Administration Center located at 940 W. Park Ave., Libertyville, and is also available on the District 128 web site: www.d128.org.

Tax Caps continue to hold District revenues to the Consumer Price Index for Urban areas (CPI-U). Funding from the state of Illinois is projected to be unchanged. **Governor Blagojevich** approved an increase in the amount of money the state legislature believes should be available to educate each child. However, due to an increase in property values, District 128 will not benefit from this increase.

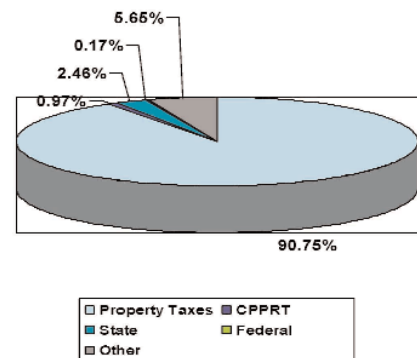
An increase in expenditures is primarily due to increased student enrollment, salary increases, an increase in cost of benefits, and increases in cost categories due to current market conditions, inflation, and the cost of continuing existing services. A synopsis of the tentative budget is presented in the graphs at the right of this article.

The final budget will be adopted by the Board of Education at its meeting on Aug. 22 in the Vernon Hills High School library following a 7:00 p.m. public hearing on the budget.

Questions regarding the tentative District 128 budget may be directed to **Yasmine Dada**, Assistant Superintendent for Business at 847-367-3154 or via email to yasmine.dada@d128.org.

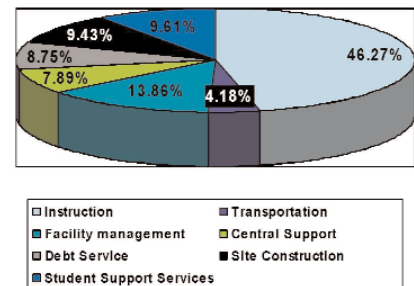
Revenue Highlights

- *Where it comes from..*
- FY 2006 Proposed Revenue Sources
 - Property Taxes-real estate taxes
 - State Aid – includes general state aid, grants and categorical reimbursements
 - Federal Aid – includes IDEA and categorical grants
 - Other – includes student fees, interest income and food service
 - CPPRT – Corporate Personal property Replacement Taxes



Expenditure Highlights

- *Where it goes..*
- FY 2006 Proposed Expenditures
 - Instruction: Includes cost associated with providing instructional programs
 - Transportation – cost of buses for regular, special education, vocational programs and after school events
 - Facility management: Includes cost related to the operation and maintenance of school buildings and equipment
 - Central Support: Includes cost associated with support services for finance, personnel, data processing, purchasing, security and central administration
 - Debt Service: Includes costs for interest and principal payments for school construction
 - Site Construction: Includes cost of additions to existing facilities
 - Student Support Services: Includes cost for Counselors, Deans, Nurses, Social Workers and Media services



District 128 speakers available for community meetings

Community High School District 128 residents are fortunate to live and work in one of the nation's top high school districts. But how much do you **really** know about Libertyville and Vernon Hills High Schools? Why not consider inviting a representative from the Community High School District 128 Speakers Bureau to the next meeting of your business, civic or social organization? The Speakers Bureau was developed as an additional means of communicating with members of the District 128 community. District 128 administrators are available to speak on a variety of topics about Libertyville and Vernon Hills High Schools.

Please contact **Mary Todoric** at 847-327-7186 or mary.todoric@d128.org for more information on this program or to schedule a speaker.

Dr. Joe honored by staff



Following a 32-year career in education, which concluded with a nine-year position at the helm of Libertyville High School, **Dr. Joe Wojtana** retired on June 30. To commemorate Dr. Joe's career and his numerous contributions to District 128, members of the LHS staff presented Joe with a brass plaque that now hangs near the school's main entrance. The plaque contains one of Dr. Joe's favorite quotes, "If you seek his monument, look about you." According to LHS Assistant Principal **Eric Maroscher**, coordinator of the plaque project, "There could not have been a more appropriate quote to use to recognize the achievements of Dr. Joe." Maroscher noted Dr. Joe's involvement in the construction of a new addition at LHS as well as the construction of Vernon Hills High School which opened in 1999. *(photo by E. Maroscher)*

Seating addition completed at VHHS



More than 852 additional fans can now enjoy events at Vernon Hills High School following the installation of expanded seating at Rust-Oleum Field. The bleacher expansion, pictured above, was completed in May and included the addition of seats to the north and south of the main seating area. *(photo by A. Janulis)*

District 128 says good-bye to 2005 retirees



Four members of the District 128 staff retired at the end of the 2004-05 school year. Above, District 128 Superintendent **Dr. David Clough** is seen at the podium expressing his thanks to the retirees for their years of service to District 128 schools. Retirees pictured left to right are **Greg Sander** (Buildings and Grounds), **Claudia Estep** (International Language teacher), **Donna Harvey** (International Language teacher) and **Joe Wojtana** (LHS principal). *(photo by M. Todoric)*

Seniors honored for leadership

Four District 128 seniors were honored by the Illinois Principals Association for their outstanding leadership roles in their schools. **Dianna Soenksen** and **Tom Ginakakis** of VHHS, and **Jenny Byelick** and **Jessica Letchford** of LHS were honored at a breakfast in May.

Li receives Moleman Award

LHS sophomore **Karen Li** was the 2005 recipient of the Moleman Award. The award is given annually to the school's highest achieving chemistry student. Her chemistry teacher is **Sherry Rukes**

Installation of artificial turf project on schedule



Installation of the artificial turf at the LHS stadium is underway and on schedule. The picture above shows how the area looked filled with gravel after the grass was removed. The artificial turf will enable several athletic teams, the marching band, and physical education classes to utilize the facility. The inaugural event scheduled for the new field is the first LHS home football game on Aug. 26 against Barrington High School. *(photo by M. Todoric)*

Pre-prom prevention activities in District 128

On May 20, a crash re-enactment was presented for Libertyville High School juniors and seniors to demonstrate the tragic results that can occur when a person uses alcohol or other drugs. Libertyville Police, Vernon Hills Police, Countryside Fire Department, Libertyville Fire Department, Condell Medical Center and the Lake County Coroner donated their time to portray the message that indulging in risk-taking behaviors can result in senseless tragedy.

Lake County Coroner **Dr. Richard Keller** spoke about his work in dealing with the families of the deceased. **Chet and Cathy Stanley** told the story of their daughter, Theresa, and her boyfriend who were both killed by a drunk-en driver. The speakers detailed the consequences and devastation that is left to the victims' families, and encouraged students to make healthy decisions as they celebrated prom, graduation and the end of the school year.

LHS students **Ashley Mack, Nicole Briatta, Blake Hamilton, Andrew Mitchell, Jeff Thomas** and **Katie Tanner** acted in this assembly while **Madeline Tebon** narrated the performance.

In conjunction with prom week at Vernon Hills High School (May 16-20), the SPARK Club (Supporting Peers and Reaching Kids) sponsored an activity to raise student consciousness regarding the dangers of drug and alcohol usage. Students purchased a bracelet and signed a pledge affirming their commitment to abstain from the use of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs during prom week.

In addition, Prom Promise Vouchers were offered to students who bought bids for the prom. Couples who signed a pledge to remain drug/alcohol-free received \$10 off their prom bid.

"Thank you" to all parents who supported and encouraged these activities and the important and positive decisions made by your students. Parent support is our most valuable resource! We need your help to continue the success of our prevention programs.



LHS students watch the crash re-enactment as part of the pre-prom assembly held May 20. (photo by M. Todoric)

VHHS SAP Update

by Margaret Pither, VHHS SAP Coordinator

VIP helps eighth graders transition to high school

A program addressing the transition from junior high to high school life was presented at Hawthorn Junior High School on May 19. V.I.P. (Voices in Prevention), a drug and alcohol prevention club, performed skits depicting the myths and realities of high school life. Junior high students were given an opportunity to listen to a panel discussion and interact with V.I.P. members. VHHS freshmen, sophomores, juniors, and seniors shared information about clubs, sports, and activities that are available to all high school students.

V.I.P. members who participated were **Kevin Adelman, Drew Aichele, Melissa Azul, Vanessa Ceballos, Melissa Chua, Erin Fine, Zach Haber, Ariel Hartman, Katie McDonnell, Matt Nuernberger, Rachel Rose, Danny Sherling, Dianna Soenksen, Marc Tiojanco, Joe Tsai, Mallory Usen, and Taylor Zoll.**

Alcohol Awareness Week

VHHS observed Alcohol Awareness Week April 18 – 22. During lunch periods, students were encouraged to pledge their commitment to be alcohol-free. Each student who signed a pledge received a treat and an orange ribbon (the national Alcohol Awareness symbol) to wear for the day, showing his/her decision to be alcohol-free.

During the week, posters with alcohol information were prominently displayed throughout the building. Facts portraying the strong effect the media and alcohol advertising have on our culture and our youth were announced each morning over the intercom. On April 20, recovering teens from Rosecrance Treatment Center presented their stories in the Studio Theater during a Learn at Lunch presentation. Students had an opportunity to attend a session during their study hall, ask questions, and gain insight into the pitfalls of using drugs and alcohol.

Hands Across VHHS

Vernon Hills High School SAP and First Class joined forces on May 18 to sponsor **Hands Across VHHS**, a festival celebrating the uniqueness of our students and the VHHS culture. Students had the opportunity to decorate paper hands with their picture and to identify five positive qualities that make them unique. Students helped one another answer the question, "What word describes me?" and adjectives such as "energetic," "social," and "caring" filled the fingers of each hand. The hands were then added to the wall to make a wonderful mural displayed all week.

Cody Cougar was present for pictures during lunch periods. Cougar parents popped popcorn for all students who participated in the event. Continuing a First Class tradition, a student raffle was held with gift items donated by staff and local businesses. A special thank-you to everyone for their generous donations. A student-led VHHS trivia contest was also held. Students answered trivia questions during their lunch period, and prizes were given to students who answered correctly.

During the week of May 16-19, students and staff had the opportunity to identify their cultural heritage and birthplace on wall-sized world maps. More than 500 students and staff "left their mark" on the maps, revealing the many faces of VHHS. These maps will be part of a permanent display for the 2005-06 school year, as VHHS realizes its NCA Diversity Initiative goal of increasing awareness and appreciation of cultural diversity in our learning community.

Thank you to the Hands Across VHHS committee: **Tom Chinske, Elissa Gong, Becki Triska, Matt Bellito, Margaret Pither, Rebecca Stern, and Jim Seward.**

Changes in CRC technology

by Vic Capron, VHHS College Counselor and Ole Stevens, LHS College Counselor

The technology used by students in the College/Career Resource Centers in District 128 is being upgraded for the 2005-06 school year. The changes will enable students to be better able to evaluate potential career paths and make better college decisions based on historical data.

Naviance- TCCi Family Connection

This past semester, the LHS CRC piloted a new program that has many bells and whistles and benefits for District 128. The primary purpose of this program is to enable students to research and analyze historical college application data more accurately.

In the past, we collected only a limited amount of application data. For example, if a student applied to five schools, we would only keep records of where they were accepted AND chose to attend. With this limited information, we provided a report that would show the GPA and ACT scores of only the students who chose to matriculate to those schools. This is only a partial picture, as it did not allow us to look at ALL of the schools to which a student applied. We never really knew, nor did we collect any historical data, on the other four schools that that student applied to. Naviance TCCi will enable us to collect the application results (admit, deny, waitlist etc.) for all schools that a student applies to. By combining the application results with the students' ACT and GPA profiles, we will be armed with a far greater amount of data for our students to analyze.

The information that students and their families will have at their disposal will greatly empower their ability to create a post high school plan. The SCATTERGRAM will plot out where a potential applicant is in comparison to the previous year's applicants. This will really help students to answer that age-old question, "What do I need to get into that school?" The APPLICATION OVERLAP table will show the top 10 schools where students from LHS also applied to (for example, of the 19 students who applied to Northwestern, 10 also applied to U of I, seven applied to Wash U etc...). This will be a great resource for students looking for similar

schools.

Here are some other benefits that Naviance will provide:

* **The data collected is personalized to our school.** In the past, students would have to rely on national ACT and GPA averages found in the traditional big college books. The information that Naviance provides will be much more meaningful and insightful because it represents how colleges are accepting/denying LHS students.

* **Students will have access to this resource at home through TCCi Family Connection.** We are currently working on how we are going to provide training and access to our students.

* **Control of the data pool.** First of all and most importantly, VHHS will join with LHS to pool our data together. This will allow students to either analyze college data from the District data pool or their school's data pool. Secondly, students can choose to analyze one, two or three year's worth of data. These features will be especially helpful when a student is researching a school that is applied to less frequently.

As this is a new and complex tool, we are still planning on how it is going to be fully implemented; still we are very excited and enthused about its possibilities.

Career Cruising and Do What You Are

Two other programs widely used in the VHHS CRC are Career Cruising and Do What You Are. LHS will be using Career Cruising next year in place of Guidance Central. Career Cruising has three major data bases: Career Matchmaker, Colleges/Universities and Scholarships. Career Matchmaker is a career assessment widely used by our students in the CRC. It is an interactive survey that will help students find careers that match their interests. Students initially answer 39 questions and a list of careers that fit their interests are listed. Students can also observe multimedia interviews with real people in every career. The College

component is a quick way to learn about specific schools that interest you and will help you find schools that match the criteria you choose. Two-year colleges, vocational schools and four-year colleges and universities are included. The Scholarship component will list potential scholarship sources and their criteria. One great advantage of Career Cruising is that students can keep all their information in their Career and Resume Builder Portfolio. For example, students can save their Career Matchmaker results, keep notes on careers and colleges that interest them, list their extracurricular activities, work experiences, and any awards and certificates they have received. This information will be especially helpful when filling out college applications senior year.

Do What You Are program is based on Myers-Briggs Personality Assessment and is a wonderful, non-judgmental tool to help students better understand themselves and others. It is different from other career assessments which are based on the belief that the best career decisions result from matching a student's values, skills, and interests with specific jobs. In reality, all three of these often change as individuals grow older. Do What You Are is based on personality type- the innate way people naturally see the world and make decisions. Learning about their Personality Types provides students with accurate and invaluable insights about themselves and can help them make informed college and career decisions.

Students, when you have some free time this summer, take advantage of these wonderful resources. At VHHS, to access Career Cruising and Do What You Are go to www.vhscougars.org; click CRC on the left margin under Student Services and go to Career Link. The user name and password is listed. At LHS, Do What You Are is available on your Naviance TCCi Family Connection account and Career Cruising is available on our Student Services and CRC sites.

Spring arts events in District 128 schools



VHHS music students gathered to celebrate the music program earning a third place in the IHSA Music Sweepstakes for the second consecutive year. *(photo courtesy of F. Lestina)*



Members of the LHS band, under the direction of **Dustin Helvie**, performed at the Libertyville Memorial Day program at Cook Park. *(photo by M. Todoric)*



VHHS Orchesis members dazzled the audience with this year's orchesis concert, "I am, therefore I dance," under the direction of **Eryn Smith**. *(photo courtesy of VHHS Fine Arts Department)*



Members of the LHS orchestra pose for a group photo while site-seeing in Rome during the group's June trip to Italy and Croatia. The tour, which included concert appearances, was led by Orchestra Director **Jeremy Marino**. *(photo courtesy of the Fine Arts Department)*



LHS students presented the spring play, "Once in a Lifetime," on April 29 and 30. *(photo courtesy of the LHS Fine Arts Department)*



VHHS music students joined forces with art students in presenting a concert that tied-in with this year's VHHS Art Show. The orchestra performed Shostakovich's String Quartet No. 8 during a slide show featuring related artwork by VHHS students *(photo courtesy of VHHS Fine Arts Department)*

From the Principal's Desk . . .

by Dr. Joe Wojtena, Libertyville High School

We have completed a very successful 2004-05 school year. The graduation ceremony was held on June 10 at Northwestern University. **Jessica Letchford**, senior class president, and **Raj Patel**, class valedictorian, delivered the keynote student speeches. English teacher **Greg Pedersen** and social studies teacher **Andrea Lara** read the graduate names as members of the Board of Education distributed diplomas. In total, 447 LHS graduates received diplomas.

Construction

Construction and summer projects are in full swing. As of mid-June, the football field is being prepared for the delivery (early July) of the new artificial turf. The first home football game is scheduled for Aug. 26.

Other summer projects include: replacement of most of the first floor hallway tile, painting/repair of second floor student lockers, roof repairs, and installation of Proxima projectors in classrooms (new academic wing). We had our first meeting with the construction manager on June 17 to start planning the construction schedule of the new gym which will be located adjacent to the gymnastics gym (west) and field house (south). The new gym will open Fall 2006.

Opening of School

School starts on Aug. 23 with half-day student attendance on the 23 and 24. The first full day of student attendance will be Aug. 25.

Honors Breakfast

The Ninth Annual Honors Breakfast took place on April 20 in the student cafeteria. The administration honored 111 seniors with certificates, pins, and special LHS pens. In addition, students invited 47 faculty/staff members who had influenced their lives. Guest speakers for the event were **Don Shupe** representing his #1 band in the state and **Randy Kuceyeski**, head coach of the IHSA 7A State Champion football team. They delivered both a humorous and meaningful message of what it takes to be a champion. All guests also received special Wheaties cereal boxes at their seat, representing the Breakfast of Champions theme. Major award winners included:

National Merit Finalist: **Alison Duffy, Ellen Marra, Caleb Ng and Raj Patel**

National Merit Semifinalist: **James Pessin**

National Merit Commended: **Brian Arnold, Xin Chen, Peggy Chiou, Christopher Girardo, Kristina Grenier, Terrence Hanlon, Christine Headley, Brian Herman, Ronald Hsiao, Mitchell Ji, Nora Krinitsky, Todd Labrum, John Liu, Meghan McGrath, Ahmad Parvinian, Stephen Revis, Kevin Ross**

AP Scholars: **Peter Bowling, Julian Bulaon, Sanet Gokhale, Terrence Hanlon, Ronald Hsiao, Eugene Krayni, Nora Krinitsky, Eugin Kwak, Alexander Mayer, Allison**

Moomey, Wesley Moran, Matthew Partain, Ahmad Parvinian, James Pessin, Joseph Rhoades, David Siebert

AP Scholars with Honors: **Brian Arnold, Xin Chen, Zachary Holyszko, John Liu**

AP Scholars with Distinction: **Mitchell Ji, Caleb Ng, Raj Patel**

SAR: **Jeff Fontana and David Moosman**

DAR: **Madeline Tebon**

Herff Jones Principal's Leadership Award: **Jennifer Byelick**

Honors Night

Honors Night was held May 31. Approximately 125 seniors were honored with academic awards and scholarships.

Freshman Orientation

Freshman Orientation is scheduled for Wed., Aug. 17 from 9:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. in the Auditorium. A continental breakfast will be served in the student cafeteria starting at 8:30 a.m.

The purpose of this orientation is to provide the students with an opportunity to become familiar with LHS prior to the beginning of school. Orientation activities will provide students with information on expectations, attendance, academics, sports, and clubs. Students will participate in a large group presentation in the Auditorium followed by a tour of the building. Students will be allotted time to locate and familiarize themselves with their locker prior to bus departure.

School buses will run according to the "late start" pick-up schedule. For further information, please contact **Bryan Wilcox** at 847-327-7018 or the main office at 847-327-7000.

Official School Photographer

Our Senior Class photographer is Root Photographers; our underclass photographer is Halterman Studios. **Willie Randall** is our sales representative for both, and his phone number is 800-531-3686 ext 560. Initial questions should be directed to Mr. Randall.

Official School Ring/Graduation Announcements

Herff Jones is our official school ring company. **Elizabeth Elsner** is our sales representative. She can be reached at 630-322-9324.

As always, if you have a problem or question, please do not hesitate to contact Assistant Principal **Diane Phillips** at 847-327-7005 or the new Principal, **Brad Swanson**, at 847-327-7001.

Student activities update

by Diane Phillips, Assistant Principal

Academic Bowl

Academic Bowl took second place at the regional competition held at Richards High School in Oak Lawn.

Academic Bowl then competed in the All-Conference Academic Bowl tournament at Grant High School. The team won all five matches in its division. In the title match, LHS defeated Stevenson High School to become the Conference Champs.

Team members included: **Terry Hanlon (captain), Raj Patel, Brian Arnold, Mitchell Ji, Eujin Kwak, James Pessin, David Siebert, Emily Alexander, Kennan Cepa, Michael Ding, Megan Liaboe, Jonathan Lo, and Irvin Wang.** The team is coached by **Kristi Robertston** and **Karen Schnobel.**

Academic Decathlon

The Academic Decathlon team finished fifth in the state competition held at Malcolm X College in Chicago. Team members were: **Mike Ding, Peggy Chiou, Ken Young, Chris Girardo, Kevin Ross, Chris Molitor, Scott Rumpel, Mike Liberman, Marko Savatic, and David Parrish.** This was the school's highest finish at state. The team set a school record of nine medals.

Mike Ding – third in music

Ken Young – third in essay and third in interview

Kevin Ross – third in math

Chris Molitor – third in essay and second in interview

Scott Rumpel – first in math and third in economics

Mike Liberman – second in astronomy

Mike Ding set a school record for the most points scored by an individual with 7,375 points out of a possible 10,000.

The team is coached by **Mark Buesing.**

Amnesty International

Members went to Waukegan to work for a day on a Habitat for Humanity house. The team hung drywall in the basement and painted walls. The club is sponsored by **Dave Lapish.**

Athletes Committed to Excellence (ACE)

Athletes Committed to Excellence purchased over \$700 worth of athletic equipment, board games and recreational activities for the troops in Iraq. The package was mailed to **Richard Wagner**, a 2000 LHS graduate that is currently serving in the war with the 94th Engineers. Richard e-mailed ACE a picture of his humvee that was proudly displaying the wildcat logo.

Best Buddies

Best Buddies continues to encourage friendships between students with special needs and those without special needs. Many of the friendships will continue throughout the summer. Best Buddies held its first LHS dance, complete with a live band and Hawaiian decorations. The following corporate sponsors helped with the dance:

Grainger, Sam's Club, Target, Walmart and Cub Foods. Thank you to the following parent volunteers: **Mr. & Mrs. J. Glazer, Mrs. Becky Peacock, Mr. & Mrs. B. Borgula, Dr. & Mrs. E. Gubbins, Mrs. Kristina Hayes, Mr. & Mrs. Eriksen, Ms. Marge Rankin, Mr. & Mrs. T. Kloss, Mrs. Nancy Telling, Mr. & Mrs. T. Baier, and Ms. Cheryl Wickland.**

Kirsten Eriksen, this year's Best Buddies president, was voted "Best Buddies President of the Year" by the regional Best Buddies Chicago office.

CAT-TV

Marko Savatic and **Andrew Zurek** received regional student Emmy Awards for their work on the "live" video streaming. Both CAT-TV members were honored with a crystal pillar and certificates by **Jim Disch**, President of the National Television Academy, Chicago Chapter. This is the second season in a row where CAT-TV has received honors for using cutting edge technology by cybercasting Libertyville High School events on the District 128 web site.

Teresa Fiorito, Jeffrey Lieberman and **Adam Weller** shared first-place honors at the 12th Annual CTEC Awards for their segment called

"Democracy in the Halls of Libertyville," which featured interviews with LHS students and faculty sharing their ideas about the creative challenge theme "Democracy."

The 12th Annual Chicagoland Television Educators Council is made up of 37 member schools from Illinois and each year students and teachers come together to honor their work. The event is sponsored by Columbia College and The National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences.

CAT-TV is sponsored by **Don Johnson.**

Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA)

At the State Leadership Conference, all 13 LHS competitors placed in the top 10, and six of the students earned first-place awards. Individual awards are as follows:

Mitchell Ji – first place – business calculations

Andrea Hail – first place – computer applications

Jackson Lai – first place – introduction to business

Stephen Woldridge – first place – marketing

Richard Metschke – first place – networking concepts

Malcolm Vandrevala – first place – visual basic programming

Cyrus Vandrevala – second place – banking and financial systems

Amanda Rupsch – sixth place – business communication

David Su – sixth place – international business

Derek Kaiser – eighth place – accounting

Neil Beltchenko, Garrett LaForce,

Travis Jordan – eighth place – multimedia presentation

First- and second-place finishers have advanced to the Future Business Leaders of America National Leadership Conference being held in Orlando, Fla. The students are advised by **Bill Reichert** and **Wendy Mills.**

Fishing Club

The Fishing Club set sail aboard the Red Baron charter boat. *cont. on p. 11*

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The outing was fun and productive, with members catching 19 large salmon. The club is sponsored by **Bill Reichert** and **Bob Uliks**.

Gay Straight Alliance (GSA)

Over 50 members of the GSA participated in the National Day of Silence on April 13 to protest the silence faced by gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender persons. In April and May, the club also raised \$250 through fundraising efforts; the money will go toward awareness activities in the 2005-06 school year. On Sun., June 26, the members of the GSA celebrated Pride Week by attending the Chicago Gay Pride Parade. The club is sponsored by **Dyan Flood**.

Math Team

The Math Team enjoyed another successful year. After finishing first at regionals in late February, the team went on to compete at the NCTM state meet at University of Illinois in Champaign. The team placed second at state. First-place finishes went to the teams of Algebra I (**Frank Yan, Sarah Cheng, Shelly Birch, Margaret McCall, Sarah Pfluger, Erick Yu**), Algebra II (**Irvin Wang, Steve Jiang, Nader Awni, David Su, Nick Snow, Jason Kontny**) and Junior/Senior Eight-Person (**Steve Jiang, Jennifer Nichols, Nader Awni, David Su, James Pessin, Xin Chen, John Liu, Nick Snow**). Top individual awards were secured by **Frank Yan** – first in Algebra I and **Nader Awni** – second in Algebra II. The Team is coached by **Wanda Gongol, Rich Brenner** and **Amanda Warfield**.

Model United Nations

At the Model United Nations Competition at the University of Illinois in Champaign, **Taylor O'Brien** and **Adam Mowery** received the Verbal Commendation Award, **Alex Causey** and **Jonathan San** received honorable mentions, and **Brenna Nowak** received the Outstanding Participation Award. The team is sponsored by **Sarah Kelly**.

National Honor Society (NHS)

The National Honor Society held a book collection drive for Bookworm Angels, a non-profit organization

founded in 1999 in Evanston. The books collected will be placed in Chicago Public School classrooms as free lending libraries.

NHS planned and implemented the Tsunami Relief Fair on May 7. The event was held at the Libertyville Sports Complex. At the event, NHS members offered face painting, temporary tattoos, balloon animals, balloons, and a large bake sale. Overall, the fair was exciting and successful in raising money for tsunami survivors.

NHS is sponsored by **Michele Talley** and **Julie Held-Lyons**.

Peer Mediators

The Peer Mediators' skills were really put to use this year. They started the year by mentoring new LHS students through the Lunch Mentoring Groups. New students not only got the benefit of seeing a familiar face, but the Peer Mediators also benefited from the new friendships that they forged with these new students. Peer Mediators' biggest accomplishment was installing and monitoring an email advice website. The Peer Mediators regularly checked the site and spent their time compiling the replies to the questions that LHS students asked. This service will continue next year for students that may want to hear answers regarding their concerns from their own peers. Feel free to email Peer Mediators at lhspeer-mediation@district128.org over the summer.

Peer Mediators is sponsored by **Sharon Stevens** and **Sarah Kelly**.

Production Services

With the busy schedule of events throughout the year in the Auditorium and Studio Theater, there wasn't much time left for Production Services students to see what goes on outside of LHS. But on May 24, after most of the year's events were over, the students took a look behind the scenes at what happens in the professional world with a tour of **Upstaging, Inc.** in Mundelein, a lighting company for concerts, theatre, and corporate world. The students heard all about the inner workings of this benchmark company in the lighting industry from LHS graduate **Chris Johnson** ('95).

The group then headed to Vernon Hills High School for a tour of the new wire tension grid over the theatre. VHHS Technical Theatre Coordinator **Kevin Phelan** showed the group the newest addition which allows the technical theatre students full access to the theater's lighting system in a safe, easy-to-use manner.

Finally, the group traveled to Chicago for a look at **Designlab Chicago**, a lighting rental and theatrical supply dealer. **Doug MacDonald** showed the group some new state-of-the-art LED lighting fixtures.

The Production Services group is led by **Kevin Holly**.

Science Olympiad

The Science Olympiad team placed eighth out of 35 teams at the state tournament. Team members earned medals in five out of 23 events. Medal winners were:

Caleb Ng and Mike Ding -- second place – astronomy; **Candice Swift** and **Vivek Raman** -- fourth place – chemical ID; **Ellen Marra** and **Gloria Yen** -- third place – disease detectives; **John Liu** and **Raj Patel** -- second place – physics lab; **Ron Hsiao** and **Raj Patel** - - third place – Fermi questions

The team is sponsored by **Mike Bush** and **Monica Nordstrom**.

Student Council

Student Council continued to help save the environment this school year. They recycled paper throughout the school on a weekly basis.

The following is the newly elected Student Council Officers:

Executive Board

President: **Tom Engstrom**

Vice President: **Stephanie Janczak**

Corresponding Secretary: **Amanda Wine**

Recording Secretary: vacant

Treasurer: vacant

Advisor Assistants: **Jay Fischl, Gina DeMarco**

Senior Class Officers

President: **Brad Dick**

Vice President: **Neel Patel**

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Secretary: **Erica Johnston**

Treasurer: vacant

Junior Class Officers

President: **Elliott Isaac**

Vice President: **Perry Landers**

Secretary: **Michelle Kim**

Treasurer: **Adam Hill**

Sophomore Class Officers

President: **Pat Fischl**

Vice President: **Matt Karnstedt**

Secretary: **James Babowice**

Treasurer: **Aubrey Landers**

Wildcat Guard

The students in this year's club taught swimming lessons to over 300 children from the District 128 community. They also guarded for over 350 hours of community swimming programs. The most notable fact about this year's club membership is that there were 20 seniors actively involved in the club.

Members finished the year with a pool/pizza party with a senior diving contest. Wildcat Guard is sponsored by **John Fischl**.

Worldwide Youth in Science and Engineering (WYSE)

The WYSE team defeated 46 teams competing at the Test of Engineering Aptitude, Mathematics and Science (TEAMS) competition at the Milwaukee School of Engineering. The event is sponsored by the National Junior Engineering Technical Society (JETS). Both Libertyville's varsity and junior varsity teams were first place in their respective divisions. They actually had the same score, which was the highest of all 46 teams. Varsity team members were: **Brian Arnold, Xin Chen, Ron Hsiao, John Liu, Ellen Marra, Caleb Ng, Raj Patel and James Pessin**. Junior Varsity team members were: **Emily Alexander, Nader Awni, Tracy Branding, Mike Ding, Joyce Fan, Mike Soo, Eric Spanton and Irvin Wang**.

At the WYSE Sectional Academic Challenge the following students medaled:

Ellen Marra, first place – biology;

James Pessin, first place – physics;

John Liu, second place – physics;

Brian Arnold, third place – physics;

Xin Chen, second place – computers;
Nora Krinitsky, second place – English

Allison Moomey and **Ron Hsiao** also qualified for state.

At the state finals, held at University of Illinois at Champaign, LHS science students competed in the large school division and dominated the physics area in addition to winning medals in four other subject areas. LHS students independently captured both first and second place in Physics. **Brian Arnold** and **James Pessin** tied for the top place in Physics with a score of 34 while **Xin Chen** and **John Liu** tied for second place with a score of 33. Other state medal winners for Libertyville were: **Ellen Marra**, sixth place – biology and English; **Xin Chen**, fifth place – computers; **James Pessin**, sixth place – mathematics

Juniors on the WYSE team finished second place in the nation in the TEAMS competition sponsored by the Junior Engineering Technical Society. There were 1,404 teams from 657 high schools competing at over 80 locations across the nation. LHS students competed in Division 7 determined by the size of the senior class. The winning team members are: **Emily Alexander, Nader Awni, Tracy Branding, Mike Ding, Joyce Fan, Mike Soo, Eric Spanton and Irvin Wang**. The team is coached by **Patricia Sharp**.

Students You Should Know

2005 Girls' State Finalists – **Kennan Cepa, Kelley Krumtinger, Casey Splinter, Mae Armer, and Tracy Branding**. Girls' State, held annually at Eastern Illinois University, is a unique citizenship training program in which Auxiliary members teach the youth of our nation to understand, comprehend and appreciate their roles as U.S. citizens.

2005 Boys' State Finalists – **Cameron Turner, Irvin Wang, Jason Fischl, Jake Conrad, Matthew Dittman, Michael Culberson-Fehling, John Howard, Nicholas Snow and Aaron Austin**.

College of Lake County Accounting Competition – LHS Accounting I students took third place, with **Derek Kaiser** finishing fifth out of 120 students.

Joyce Fan and **Caleb Ng** took the National Chemistry Olympiad Exam. They were two of the 14 Chicago area students who qualified to take the exam.

Chris Girardo captured 14th place in the nation for Bughouse chess in grades K-12 at the 2005 SuperNationals III Chess Championship in Nashville, Tenn.

Best of Show Award Winners – **LISA Show** – **Djurdje Spasojevic, Rachael Clarke, Kristin LaRoi, Alan Semrau and David Romito**.

U.S. Physics Team Semifinalists – **Steve Revis, Xin Chen, John Liu, Caleb Ng, and Steven Jiang** qualified as semifinalists.

Kelly Wallace – Won the USA National Scoring Championship in Colorado. She also led her team, the Chicago Young Americans Girls' U-14 Hockey Team, to a championship victory.

District 128 Special Olympians – The following students were Special Olympics Spring Games medal winners: **Robert Borgula, Ian Copeland, Jose Cossio, Mary Kloss, James Pahl, Jason Silsdorf, Kate Ulwelling**. Congratulations also to **Doug Arditto and Alison Coleman**. The Wildcat Relay Team won the Gold Medal!

Robert Borgula, Ian Copeland, Jose Cossio, Mary Kloss, Mitchell Koziol, James Pahl, Jason Silsdorf and Katie Ulwelling qualified for the summer games to be held at Illinois State University.

Skills USA/VICA Competition – **Nick Szkodyn** placed fifth, **Matt Phelan** placed eighth and **Chris Tooley** placed first in the Automotive Service Technology Competition. Chris will compete at the national competition in Kansas City. **Nick Windmuller** placed fifth in the State Automotive Job Skill Demonstration Competition.

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Special thanks to party contributors

by Marcy Cole and Paulette Young,
2005 Senior Class Party Co-Chairs

The Libertyville High School Senior Party Planning Committee would like to thank the many people who contributed to the success of the June 10 Graduation Party for the Class of 2005. The party provided a substance-free celebration for the new graduates. It was a wonderful evening of friendship, games, music, dancing, prizes, refreshments and memories. Parents, businesses, LHS staff and other community members graciously combined their talents, time, services, donations of props/products and financial resources to help create the event. The list of thank-you's includes not only the hard-working LHS parents and the many volunteers on the Planning Committee, but also Assistant Principal **Diane Phillips** and her staff who again proved invaluable to our success.

In addition, more than 140 area businesses contributed everything from prizes and monetary donations to supplies and food to ensure this last group gathering of the Class of 2005 would be truly memorable. We've listed the many businesses that contributed to this year's party at the end of this letter and hope you'll let them know how much you appreciate their support.

More than 90% of the Class of 2005 attended and most certainly enjoyed this year's senior class party. On behalf of those graduates, and all of the parents involved in the planning of this year's party, thank you for your contributions to a life-time of wonderful memories!

Thank you to the following businesses and organizations that generously donated to the 2005 graduation party.

730 North Optometry, Libertyville
A&E Rubber Stamp, Chicago
A.J. Maggio Co., Mt. Prospect
A.W. Zengeler Cleaners,
Libertyville
Affiliated Dental Specialist,
Vernon Hills
Artistic Hair Design, Libertyville
Arctic Spas, Libertyville
Austin's, Libertyville
Auto Expo Detailing, Libertyville
Baker's Square, Libertyville
Bavaro Hair, Vernon Hills
Bed, Bath, & Beyond, Vernon Hills
Bellagio Café, Libertyville
Berry Tire Libertyville,
Libertyville
Best Hunan Restaurant,
Vernon Hills
Bill's Pizza & Pub, Mundelein
Boehm & Ray Insurance/ Market
Financial Group, Libertyville
Burnett Dane Funeral Home,
Libertyville
Buss Flower Shop, Libertyville
Buss Landscape Company Inc.,
Libertyville
Butterflies Are Free, Inc.,
Libertyville

Caribou Coffee, Libertyville
CDW Computer Center, Inc.,
Vernon Hills
Centre Club, Libertyville
Certified Auto Body, Lake Bluff
Chipotle, Vernon Hills
Cousin's Subs, Libertyville
Crocodile Pie, Libertyville
Cuneo Museum & Gardens,
Vernon Hills
Curtis Frame- Back Alley Gallery,
Libertyville
Dan the Key Man, Libertyville
DeSanto, Morgan & Mittelman,
Ltd., Libertyville
Designs in Context, Libertyville
Domino's Pizza, Libertyville
Dr. David Lloyd, D.D.S.,
Libertyville
Dr. James Parkhill, DMD,
Libertyville
Dr. Kathleen-Christie Jaroch,
D.D.S., Libertyville
Dr. Michael Conlon, D.D.S.,
Libertyville
Dr. Ray Copeland, D.D.S.,
Libertyville

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Blake Dahmer advanced to the rank of Eagle Scout.

Experiment in International Living Scholarship Recipients – **Taylor Elrod** will travel to New Zealand. **Malcolm Vandrevala** will travel to Japan.

Illinois Principals Association Lake Region – **Jenny Byelick** and **Jessica Letchford** were recognized for their leadership roles.

Senior **Mike Koenig** was recognized by the American Cancer Society for his leadership in organizing a benefit concert in Libertyville. The concert raised \$5,000 for the Cancer Society.

LHS Students of the Month



April Students of the Month
(photo by D. Phillips)



May Students of the Month
(photo by D. Phillips)

News from the Hills
Principal's Report

by Dr. Ellen Cwick

The 2004-2005 school year proved to be a very exciting and successful year. The Class of 2005 graduated in a dignified and respectful manner enjoying three major events at the end of the school year- Senior Breakfast and Honor's Day Assembly on June 3, Senior Party on June 10, and Graduation on June 9. For graduation, **Gordon Scharf**, class valedictorian and **Dino Ranieri** gave the keynote student speeches. **Claudia Estep** and **Kurt Erickson** were the teachers who read the names of the graduates.

Parents and VHHS staff put in a tremendous amount of time, passion and energy into each of these major events to ensure that they were well-organized and enjoyed by all. I am truly amazed by the numbers of people who came together and worked together throughout these events. Parents, buildings and grounds staff, teachers and support staff- the list could go on and on but a sincere thanks to all who participated! We all will miss the Class of 2005 and wish them the best!

Construction Update

The stadium bleacher expansion project is now complete.

The entire project only took three weeks to complete this spring. Approximately 850 additional seats have been added to the north and south ends of the bleachers at Rust-Oleum Field. Drive by and check out this new project!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank **Dr. Joe Wojtena**, retiring principal of Libertyville High School, for all his support and hard work over the past seven years. Dr. Joe will always be remembered as a tremendous leader of LHS and was also actively involved in the planning and design of Vernon Hills High School. He was all about celebrating the successes of both LHS and VHHS. The Cougars of VHHS wish him the best of luck as he ventures off to a new chapter of his life!

Lastly, don't forget two important dates- Freshman Orientation, Aug. 18 and the first day of school for students- Half day, Aug. 23. The 2005-06 school year will be here before we know it!

Vernon Hills High School 2005 Senior Honors

Department Awards

Awards for Excellence in Department 1

Applied Technology Award
 Business Education Award
 Family and Consumer Science Award

Kacper Minda
Thomas Rams
Alexandra Daley

Awards for Excellence in English

Bill Weber English Scholar Award
 English as a Foreign Language Award

Vanessa Bordo
Arina Ratner

Awards for Excellence in Fine Arts

Art Award

Band Award
 Choral Award
 Orchestra Award
 Theater Award

Brittany Greenley
Aaron Hollander
James Spigner
Kelsey Peterson
Ashley Grebe
Melanie Kibbler

Awards for Excellence in International Language

German Award
 Spanish Award
 French Award

John Nora
Agnieszka Szara
Vanessa Bordo

Award for Excellence in Mathematics

Peter Ling

Award for Excellence in Physical Welfare

Greta Kerns
Gordon Scharf

Award for Excellence in Science

Peter Ling

Award for Excellence in Social Studies

Thomas Ginakakis

Continuum Yearbook Award

Emily Heiser

Production Services Award

Jorie Moore

Teacher's Choice Award for Mathematics **Melissa Gray**

Illinois Science Teacher's Association Award
Stephanie Hebda

Illinois State Scholars
Yasamin Abdullah, Jared Batson, Dharmesh Bavda, Alina Bogdanov, Vanessa Bordo, Joshua Bryant, Laura Burton, Jessica Chiarella, Braden Davidson, Christopher Ensign, Eugene Frankfurt, Amanda Garcia, Shikha Garg, Thomas Ginakakis, Melissa Gray, Syed Hasan, Stephanie Hebda, Michael Johnston, David Kempf, Melanie Kibbler, John Kim, Peter Ling, Kathleen McDonnell, Patrick McKenna, Kevin McLoughlin, Kacper Minda, Lisa Moritz, Rachel Netland, John Nora, Vania Park, Meenal Patel, Vishal Patel, Jonathon Pedraja, Emily Proctor, Thomas Rams, Charles Rosset, William Rothstein, Jeffrey Sawyer, Gordon Scharf, Neal Shah, Anju Skaria, Casey Skeens, Aleksey Skryl, Matthew Smith, James Spigner, Joseph Tsai, Si Win, Lukasz Wojciechowski, Katherine Wu, Elizabeth Zellner

Outstanding First-Class Leader Award **Joseph Tsai**

National Honor Society Scholarship Award
Yasamin Abdullah, Alina Bogdanov, Shikha Garg, Melanie Kibbler, Kathleen McDonnell, Dianna Soenksen

Student Council Outstanding Service Award
Kathleen Unterfenger

Cougar Pride Coaches' Award
Thomas Ginakakis
Stephanie Hebda

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Student activities update

by Deb Beagle, VHHS Student Activities Coordinator

Art Club –The Art Club finished its year with a service project for the Special Recreation Association of Central Lake County (SRACL). Club members worked with students from SRACL to design collagraphs and print them as Mother’s Day cards. In addition, Art Studio students combined their talents with the musicians of the Chamber Orchestra to interpret the music of Dmitri Shostakovich’s String Quartet No. 8. Student art work was on display at the Student Art Show as well as being projected on a large screen during the Chamber Orchestra’s concert that evening. The combination of sound and color created a moving experience for those in attendance. Art Club advisors are **Jim Savage** and **Stephanie Dahlstrom**.

Best Buddies – Best Buddies Month took place in March. In celebration of Best Buddies Month, club members teamed up with LHS members to host the Best Buddies Hawaiian Dance. **Jennifer Ratajczyk** is Best Buddies advisor.

DECA – VHHS DECA members **Tommy Bahnick, Jared Batson, Casey Fijalkowski, Max Friedenberg, Amanda Garcia, Irene Ginakakis, Tom Ginakakis, Jack Nora,** and **Dino Ranieri,** along with DECA advisor **Sheryl Olson,** joined a select group of DECA members representing Illinois at DECA’s 59th International Career Development Conference in Anaheim, Calif. The International Career Development Conference is the “Big Show” for DECA members and is what each student sets his or her sites on reaching when the year begins. With competition being the most elite test DECA has to offer, the International Career Development Conference gives members an opportunity to meet the competition they will be facing someday in the real world. The best of the best join the students who are competing with over 16,000 DECA students from the United States, Puerto Rico, Guam, Germany and Mexico for achievement awards, trophies, scholarships, stocks and cash prizes.

VHHS DECA members, **Jared Batson** and **Tom Ginakakis** competed in the Travel and Tourism Team Event. Tom and Jared were recognized for earning the top 10 team score in the interview component of the event and received a yellow ribbon medallion and earned finalist medallions advancing them to the Finals. **Jack Nora** competed in Retail

Merchandising, Management; **Amanda Garcia** competed in Food Marketing, Management and earned an Award of Excellence placing them in the Top 25% at the conference! DECA State President **Dino Ranieri** represented Illinois in the Opening Session, and conducted two Illinois State meetings during the conference. The following graduating seniors have been DECA members for three years: **Jared Batson** (Miami University), **Tom Ginakakis** (Yale University), **Jack Nora** (University of Illinois), **Dino Ranieri** (University of Iowa); two years **Casey Fijalkowski** (Miami University), **Amanda Garcia** (University of Illinois).

Environmental Club - VH₂O – This year’s pilot environmental club, advised by **Kedric Greenawalt, Pat Nora** and **Lynne Shenk,** becomes an official club for the 2005-06 school year. Most recently, the environmental club took part in the Old School Forest Preserve clean up, VHHS campus clean up and some new recycling efforts students and staff will be seeing next year.

The environmental pilot club, VH₂O, sponsored a campus clean up. More than 40 students volunteered to help plant, weed and collect litter. Some students worked from 7:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m., others worked from 1:00 p.m.- 3:00 p.m. The Joyce Kolton Memorial was one site where students planted forsythia bushes and hosta plants. Students also planted and cleaned by the east entrance, the area under the stadium scoreboard, and along the fences. The early crew was assisted by the girls’ lacrosse team. Students from Student Council and National Honor Society also helped VH₂O, along with advisors **Carolyn Mertz** and **Wendy Meister-Louria.**

First Class – A First Class Leader Recognition Breakfast was held April 21 at VHHS. A group of 150 student leaders comprised of our very best sophomores, juniors, and seniors were recognized for the outstanding character education that they provided to the VHHS Community throughout the 2004-05 School Year. First Class advisor Tom Chinske spoke words of praise about all of our student leaders this past year. He shared the words of Charles Dicken’s, “It was the best of times; it was the worst of times,” as he recognized the loss of the wonderful senior leaders that served under him as the ogre of First Class, alias Shrek, this past school year. These senior leaders are great role models to

our sophomore and juniors leaders. The seniors will be greatly missed, but not forgotten.

This year’s breakfast also marked the start of some new relationships and partnerships with representatives and leaders from local businesses. There were several businesses that were very gracious in donating items to the breakfast. The following businesses were recognized and appreciated for their generous contributions: **Prairie City Bakery, Elly’s Restaurant, Panera, Dominick’s, Vernon Hills Florist, Jewel, On the Border, Proctor’s Cottage Florist, Ruby Tuesday** and **Chartwell’s Food Service.** It was an extra special treat to have **Bill Skeens** of **Prairie City Bakery** in attendance for the breakfast as he sat with our students and exemplified a very successful business leader of our VHHS community. **Julie Ginakakis** is also to be recognized as parent chairperson of the breakfast. Her help, along with the other parents that helped facilitate the breakfast, was greatly appreciated.

FBLA – Future Business Leaders of America -- Twelve FBLA members enjoyed part of spring break in Decatur at the FBLA State Competition and Conference. **Sarah Romberg** placed first in Accounting II and **Melissa Silverberg** placed second in Programming – Visual Basic. They will continue their competition at FBLA nationals in Orlando this summer. **Neel Bhat** placed third in Programming – Java, just missing a nationals qualification. The club is led by advisors **Sean Crevier** and **Debbie Beagle.**

International Club – International Club celebrated International Language week by setting up a booth in the foyer in which students could check out music in various languages, international candy and even purchase a t-shirt. The club advisor is **Rebecca Page.**

Jr. NAD – Congratulations to the VHHS Deaf Volleyball Team for placing third in its division and winning the Best Sportsmanship trophy at the annual Deaf Volleyball Tournament held at Harper Community College. Members of the team include: **Kevin Delk, Andy Diamond, Laura Holtz, Scott Michaels, Bob Ogren, Anna Runyard, Lynsey Shepherd, Cassy Swanson** and **Kelsey Wall.** A second congrats goes to **Anna Runyard** for being chosen as an All-Star Player. **MaryBeth Rosell** and **Katie Myers** are Jr. NAD advisors.

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Math Team – Congratulations to the VHHS Math team for its excellent performance at the regional math competition. The entire team qualified for the State contest. The team finished seventh overall at the state competition that was held at the University of Illinois. Special congratulations to the sophomore geometry team and frosh/soph eight-person team that both won first place in their events. The freshman Algebra 1 team took third place and the calculator team took fifth place. The team is coached by **Jean Thiry** and **Cheryl Ballenger**.

Model UN – At the Model United Nations Competition at the University of Illinois, **Filip Zucek** won honorable mention, **Stephanie Hebda** won outstanding participation, **Melissa Chua** won honorable mention and **Nathaniel Olson** the award of outstanding delegate. Congratulations to this team and its advisor **Frank Underbrink** for a fine record at this competition.

National Honor Society - Congratulations to the newly inducted members of NHS: **Jafar Abbas, Zeeshan Ali, Ashley Amidei, Bernadette Baba, Neel Bhat, Jeffrey Boucher, Kaitlin Brooks, Alex Brown, Natalia Bulsza, Brian Chrysler, Hope Citron, Shaina Farwell, Jessica Feld, Marguerite Fischer, Katelin Foster, Anjalika Gandhi, Varun Garg, Amanda Goldberg, Heidi Gosen, Katherine Guglielmi, Lauren Hansen, Andrew Horn, David Isaacson, Tiarrah Jackson, Brittany Johnson, Yelena Khavkhalyuk, Sandy Kim, Carly Krizmanich, Katharine Leaver, Timothy Andre Liu, Chelsea Magary, John Marshall, Craig McGrath, Natalie Mecher, Kristen Meylor, Jason Mitchell, Caitlin Natsch, Amy Palace, Kosha Parikh, Alayna Puccinelli, Goli Rahimi, Daniela Resendiz, Sarah Romberg, John Short, Eric Solomonson, Sara Stiles, Melinda Thommes, Emma Trausch, Elisa Visick, Becky Wolff.** Wendy Meister-Louria is NHS advisor.

Robotics Team – The Robotics team, under the direction of **Jay Walgren**, placed second at this year’s final competition, narrowly missing the first place title. Congratulations to the Robotics members for earning the respect of their competitors and establishing a reputation for being first class. Special congratulations to **Craig McGrath** for being nominated this year’s robotics MVP.

Sociology Class – *Cleaning out and Chipping in . . .* The VHHS sociology classes, led by teacher **Pam Dircks**, organized a donation drive for the Vernon Area Pantry to help students in the community. They planned and collected over 500 binders, spirals, backpacks and folders as well as hundreds of pens, pencils and other school items.

SPARK – “Tobacco is Wacko” was the theme for April 14 as members of SPARK celebrated Kick Butts Day. Students encourage other students to support non-smoking. Participating students signed a pledge and were entered in a raffle. More than 250 people signed a pledge to remain smoke-free. SPARK is led by **Margaret Pither**.

Special Olympics – Ten athletes attended the State Summer Games held at Illinois State University in Bloomington, Ill., June 17 - 19. They competed in bocce, powerlifting and track. Other Special Olympians in our District competed in swimming.

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May Cougar Class Act Winners



(photo courtesy of VHHS)



Attention VHHS Class of 2009

**Mark your calendars for
Freshman Orientation**

Thursday, August 18, 2005

8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

(Buses will be provided)

Presentation Entertainment Tours

More information regarding Freshmen Orientation will follow in the August mailing. Questions? Call **Marla Pierce** at 847.932.2002

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This year our athletes have competed in bowling, snowshoeing, basketball, track, powerlifting and bocce. This is by far the most competitive team we have had in District 128. They like to win and they like to win Gold. Eighteen of the 23 athletes in our program have qualified for state events in at least one sport this year. Three of our athletes qualified for state in two sports and nine qualified in three sports. It has been another uplifting year and I would like to thank all those that made it possible, especially my good friend and assistant coach **Jim Rogers** whose undying devotion to our team has no boundaries. The team and I appreciate all he has done for the program. *by Andy Compton*

Spotlight – Spotlight members put on another excellent performance in this year's production, *Down to the Beat*. The \$1,250 proceeds from the performance were donated to LACASA (Lake County Against Sexual Assault.)

Student Council – The freshman and sophomore class councils sponsored a canned food drive. More than 2,000 non-perishable items were collected in third period classes. This year's top three classes were first place: Mr. Greenawalt's class; second place: Ms. Orzoff's class; third place: Ms. Shenk's class.

Senior Class Council sponsors Mr. Cougar – **Stephanie Hebda** emceed this year's Mr. Cougar Contest. Ten senior boys had the opportunity to showcase their talent at the Mr. Cougar performance held this spring. The 10 contestants were **Josh Bryant, Erich**

Burdorf, Sean Degman, Tom Ginakakis, Kurt Proepper, Dino Ranieri, Rick Semerau, Ryan Smith, Charlie Stone and Corey Weinberg. **Dino Ranieri** was announced as runner up and **Tom Ginakakis** was announced as Mr. Cougar. Proceeds from this event contributed towards the senior gift of four park benches to be placed along the pathway of pride.

Prom – Prom was held May 21 at European Crystal Banquets in Arlington Heights. Over 260 students enjoyed a night of dinner and dancing. SPARK and ACE teamed up with Student Council and sponsored the Prom Promise Program, with participating students receiving a discount in the cost of their prom bids.

Whispers of Immortality – This year's edition of the student literary magazine is filled with poetry, artwork, short stories and photography. For the first time, the magazine sold out. Several students spent a great deal of time putting together a great magazine.

WYSE – The WYSE team, under the direction of **Josh Ravenscraft**, placed first at the sectional meet and second in division 1500 at the state competition held at the University of Illinois. The 13-member team consisted of **Gordon Scharf, Ben Rothstein, Eugene Frankfurt, Tim Kennedy, Alex Skryl, Luke Wojciechowski, Dharmesh Bavda, Peter Ling, Anjalika Gandhi, Jacob Block, Paul Kornbluh, Slava Kremerman, and Akansha Kumar.** Individual awards also went to **Anjalika Gandhi** for biology and chemistry, **Tim Kennedy** for math and

physics, **Peter Ling** for math, **Paul Kornbluh** for chemistry, **Ben Rothstein** for physics, **Gordon Scharf** for physics, and **Alex Skryl** for computer science. Congratulations to the WYSE team members for their advancement to the National Competition for the Jets TEAMS test. The VHHS Varsity WYSE team was one of two teams in Illinois to advance to the National Competition for the TEAMS test. The eight-person team included seniors **Tom Ginakakis, Syed Hasan, Stephanie Hebda, Tim Kennedy, Jack Nora, Ben Rothstein, Gordon Scharf** and **Alex Skryl.**

Additional News . . .

Congratulations to **Caitlin Natsch** and **Sarah Stiles** for being chosen to attend Girls' State this summer at Eastern Illinois University in Charleston. They were selected for their high moral character, strong leadership abilities, above average scholastic standing and their desire to learn. Girls' State is a citizenship training program, in which auxiliary members teach the girls to understand, comprehend and appreciate their roles as U.S. citizens.

District 128 accounting students performed well at the College of Lake County Accounting Competition. Accounting I students took second place as a team, with **Michael Mazza** and **Greg Maher** finishing in the top 10 individually. VHHS Accounting II took first place as a team, with **Janelle Niskanen, Dan Principe, Sarah Romberg,** and **Laura Craver** finishing individually in the top five.

Special thanks to senior party contributors

The Vernon Hills High School Senior Party Planning Committee would like to thank the following businesses and individuals for their contributions in helping make this year's senior party a success for the class of 2005:

ADIO Chiropractic Clinic
The American Insurance Agency, Inc.
Arpino & Wolney Orthodontics
Bank Once
Ben & Jerry's
b.d. Mongolian Barbeque
Bill's Pizza & Pub
Dr. Scott D. Brenner, DDS
Dr. Paul Burkey, DDS, MS, PC
Burnett-Dane Funeral Home
CDW Computer Centers
Complete Orthopaedic Care
Cougar Parents Club
Cousins Subs

DeBruler
Disalvo's Pizzeria
Duffy & Kwiatt Dental
Evanston Northwestern Healthcare
Famous Dave's BBQ
Franks for the Memories
Gino's East Pizza
Hawthorn Lanes
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Dr. Parag Madhani, MD
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Mitsubishi Electric
Pizza Italia
Olive Garden
Rosati's Pizza
Ruby Tuesdays
Rust-Oleum
Kathleen A. Ryg
Senior Class Student Council
Silk Mandarin

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Senior Scholar-Athlete Award	Kathleen McDonnell Gordon Scharf	Erwin Einhorn Student Council Award	Dianna Soenksen
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American Association of University Women Award for Academic Excellence	Rachel Netland	VHHS ESP Social Committee Scholarship	Brandi Lyons
Mundelein/Vernon Hills Rotary Scholarship	Lauren Reed	District 128 Federation of Teachers-Future Teacher Scholarship	Dianna Soenksen
Century 21 Kreuser & Seiler Award	Kathleen Unterfenger	James R. Whittington Principal's Leadership Award	Dianna Soenksen
Charles L. Green Memorial Scholarship	Amy Ward	National Merit Scholarship Finalists: William Rothstein, Gordon Scharf Commended: Alina Bogdanov, Vanessa Bordo, Thomas Ginakakis, Peter Ling, Kathleen McDonnell, Lisa Moritz, Elizabeth Zellner	
CLC Superintendent's Scholarship	Rebecca Krebs Francisco Lopez	Honor Graduates: Dharmesh Bavda, Alina Bogdanov, Vanessa Bordo, Laura Burton, Thomas Ginakakis, Melissa Gray, Syed Hasan, Stephanie Hebda, Michael Johnston, David Kempf, Peter Ling, Kathleen McDonnell, Rachel Netland, Vishal Patel, Jonathon Pedraja, William Rothstein, Gordon Scharf, Maria Stul, Elizabeth Zellner	
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IHSA All-State Academic Team	Kathleen McDonnell		

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Athletic Director's Corner

by *Tim Albers, LHS Athletic Director*

Iron Wildcats

I would like to recognize and congratulate a group of young men and women who have gone above and beyond in our athletic program this year and you might say they are the last of the dinosaurs out there. The area of specialization in athletics began many years ago and has evolved into many students specializing in just one sport, sometimes year-round. The day of the two- or three-sport athlete has diminished in most high schools today throughout the country.

I am proud to say that we had a record number 102 three-sport athletes this year. I call these athletes our Iron Wildcats. In the year 2000-2001, I became very concerned about specialization of athletes at LHS as we ended the year with just 55 three-sport athletes. With a great deal of cooperation and help from our coaching staff, we have worked hard to increase these numbers each year. This takes a coaching staff that truly believes it is important to share athletes with each other. Knowing the benefits that come with being a multi-sport athlete are significant. Here is how our numbers have grown over the past five years.

<u>School year</u>	<u>Number of three-sport athletes</u>
2000 – 2001	55
2001 - 2002	66
2002 – 2003	74
2003 – 2004	89
2004 – 2005	102

Our commitment and goal to each other as a coaching staff and to our total athletic program is to channel our athletes into those sports where they can excel, stay in shape and have some fun as well. We truly believe by getting involved in many activities and sports our athletes will have an opportunity to stay in shape, have an opportunity to interact with many student athletes from our own school and from schools that we compete against. Data shows us that grades are usually better in-season than out of season. By being involved in multiple sports, students will be exposed to many different coaching styles and teaching styles and will have an opportunity to represent their school and community throughout the year. Our three-sport athletes will truly get a lifetime worth of memories for the four short years they spend at LHS.

I am extremely proud of our multi-sport athletes but, in particular, our three-sport athletes. We honor and recognized our three-sport athletes at the end of the year at our spring sports awards night. Freshman and sophomore three-sport athletes will receive a framed certificate. The juniors and seniors receive a plaque with their name on it and a medallion with each of the three sports they participated in mounted on the plaque.

We also had three coaches that were three-sport coaches this year, which again is very difficult balancing work, family and athletics. We are equally proud of our multi-sport and three sport coaches. Our three-sport coaches this year were:

Ray Albin -- Football, Wrestling, Boys' Track

Jim Goodwin -- Boys' Soccer, Girls' Basketball, Girls' Soccer

George Goodnature -- Boys' Soccer, Boys' Basketball, Girls' Track

It takes a great deal of perseverance, dedication and commitment to be a three sport athlete. Most three-sport athletes start their season in the fall (August) and continue through their three sports ending in June. These athletes then train in summer camps and have summer leagues and still find time to get into the weight room and most have part time jobs as well. It takes a great deal of effort, but the rewards are also high. Many people will state that they could be a three-sport athlete, but I know that there are only a select few that can truly commit to that schedule. Fortunately for us at LHS those few are increasing in numbers and we are very proud of them. Here is a list of this year's three sport athletes. These are truly our **Iron Wildcats**.

2004-05 LHS three-sport athletes

Seniors

Stephen Arendt, Simon Bortz, Timothy Carlson, Natalie Chase, Jamie Freese, Sanket Gokhale, Carolyn Kozak, Anne Lubicky, Samantha Mattimiro, David Moosman, Joseph Palac, Matthew Partain, Allison Van Beek

Juniors

Mae Armer, Aaron Austin, Tracy Branding, John Danilkowicz, Casey Herman, Molly Kent, Nicole Notaro, Vincent Sapienza

Sophomores

Kaitlin Banduch, Robert Boatman, Kimberly Bruett, Katherine Chickey, Steven Clow, Matthew Gavigan, Bradley Hansen, Lauren Heimert, Nicholas Holyszko, Monika Kaechele, Ryan Kennedy, Ian Khilevich, Taylor Kraemer, Carolynne Kruckman, Ashley Lawrence, Mary Therese Lee, Morgan Lopez, Michael Luczkiw, Justin Martin, Jessica Norman, Milena Savatic, Charles Stewart, Janna Werley, Nicholas Wilcox, Allyn Yarc

Freshmen

Elizabeth Abderholden, Joseph Aiello, James Babowice, Jordan Blazer, Lisa Branding, Leigha Bystol, Cassandra Causey, Richard Danilkowicz, Michael DeRam, Matthew DeWitt, Nikolaus Ebert, Zachary Fowler, Leland Gough, Brian Haber, Alissa Haws, Alexander Hernandez, Jacob Hogan, Melanie Huonker, Blake Indart, Jonathan Isaac, Maureen Jones, Jordan Kincaid, Justin Klassman, Eric Klein, Brittany Laine, Aubrey Landers, Kaitlin Larson, John Lorenz, Karl Mاماat, Margaret McCall, Thomas Nield, Carissa Notaro, Jacob Painter, James Palac, Scott Penny, Kathryn Pfund, Alexander Price, Daniel Regal, Geoffrey Revis, Scott Rhoades, Christopher Risley, Hannah Rodbro, Thomas Rowland, Michael Ryan, Zachary Sesterhenn, Skyler Shaw, Amanda Sheaffer, Hannah Stemper, Matthew Steplyk, James Stiller, William Stone, Brittany Tazzioli, Julian Tolbert, Steven Turchi, Gregory Vente, Daniel Walker, Megan Wood

Wildcat Profile

Name: **Heather Kiluk**

Sports: Girls' Swimming

Honors: Heather Kiluk is the first 4-time "All-American" female athlete in Libertyville High School swim history. As a four-year varsity swimmer Heather has broken 12 school records and has left behind some very impressive statistics. Here are just a few of her accomplishments:

- Four Year All-American and Four Year State Qualifier
- Three Time IHSA State Medalist
- Four Year NSC All Conference in 16 Events
- Four IHSA Sectional Titles in the 500 Free & 200 IM
- Named LHS MVP all four years
- Captain of the LHS Swim Team her junior and senior years
- Illinois Swimming All State 1st Team
- Holds seven of eight top 10 Individual Times in LHS girls' swimming history

Heather had a fabulous swim career at LHS, topped off in her senior year with her fourth appearance at the IHSA State Championship. In this state event she swam two record-breaking individual events during prelims, qualifying her for the finals in the top six in both the 500 freestyle and the 200 IM as well as a top 12 in the 200 medley relay. Heather broke another record during finals the very next day, in the 200 IM with a fourth place state medley and a sixth place state medal in the 500 freestyle. She also competed on the medley relay team and helped it secure a seventh-place finish.

Despite a busy year-round training schedule in USA Swimming that begins at 5:30 a.m. each day, Heather also finds time to coach the eight and under age group and is also a volunteer for Special Olympics. Along with all of these accolades, Heather still can be found on the honor roll each year. Because of her work ethic and her accomplishments, Heather has signed an NCAA Division I national letter of intent to swim on scholarship at Michigan State University next fall. Heather is thrilled and looks

forward to representing MSU as a student-athlete in the Big Ten where she will major in criminal justice and psychology.

Coaches' Comments:

Maggie Casteleyn – LHS Girls' Swimming Coach

Heather Kiluk recently completed an outstanding four-year career as a member of the Libertyville Girls' Swimming and Diving Team. Her coach, Maggie Casteleyn, has only had the pleasure of coaching her one season, but has been thoroughly impressed with all Heather has accomplished. Along the way to the state meet, her coach was especially impressed with Heather's ability to take each race individually. Heather did an outstanding job of swimming each race at her absolute best, and then shifting gears to focus on the next race. Heather is an All-American swimmer and state medalist. This year, Heather took fourth place in the 200 IM, sixth place in the 500 Freestyle and was a part of the seventh-place 200 medley relay team at the state championship meet. She directly

contributed to 34 of the 37 points scored by Libertyville at the meet.

Heather contributes to the team on a daily basis as well. She consistently works hard through morning and afternoon practices, in the pool and in the weight room. Even at 5:30 a.m. practices, Heather always had a positive outlook and some Beatles trivia for the team. As a team captain, Heather led the team by remaining focused throughout the 12 week season on her goals as well as the team's goals. In the fall, Heather will be attending Michigan State where she will be a positive addition to their swim team and their school.

Kate Chronic - Cats Aquatic Coach

Heather has been a pleasure to work with the past three years. She is committed, focused, and motivated to achieve her goals. Her drive and desire are infectious, motivating other teammates to elevate their own training. In and out of the pool, she is a team player, thoughtful and supportive, gently pushing everyone to reach new heights.

LHS Spring NSC All-Conference Athletes

Baseball

Matt Dittman, Kyle Johnson, J.P. Kenley, Jeff Keske, Brett Lancaster

Boys' Gymnastics

Boys' gymnastics is a recognized NSC sport. At least half of the teams in the conference must compete to be considered all conference. Currently only three out of 12 NSC teams compete in boys' gymnastics.

Boys' Lacrosse

Matt Carlin, Andy Russell, Alec Rahe -- All-State

Girls' Lacrosse

Kristin LaRoi, Janna Werley, Lauren Schaefer, Kelly Kowalski

Girls' Soccer

Brenna Bohl, Kali Feiereisel, Michelle Kaefer – All-Sectional Honorable Mention,
Brittney Larsen, Carly Leichtweis, Alli Van Beek – All-Sectional, Sarah Voigt – All-Sectional

Softball

Natalie Chase

Boys' Volleyball

Jake Conrad, Ryan La Force

Boys' Water Polo

Tom Bilstein – All-Sectional 2nd Team, **Ben Leboza** – All-Sectional 2nd Team

Girls' Water Polo

Rachel Sparks – All-Sectional 2nd Team, **Kristy Treven**

LHS Spring '05 NSC Medal Winners

Boys' Tennis – Medal Winner

Jim Zimmerman

Boys' Track – Medal Winners

Max Bellmore – State Qualifier, **Ryan Castle** – State Qualifier, **Brandon Hebert** – Conference Champion, Lake County Champion, **Lee Terry-Hemphill, Ben Heupel, Jack Howard** – Conference Champion, Lake County Champion, State Qualifier, **Alex Mayer** – Conference Champion, Lake County Champion, State Qualifier, **Logan Meyer** – State Qualifier, **Kyle Nader** – Conference Champion, Lake County Champion, *cont. on page 23*

From the Hills . . .

by Al Janulis, VHHS Athletic Director

For the past two years, member schools of the North Suburban Conference have been working hard to ease into the transition to a two division, fourteen school conference. Superintendents, principals, athletic administrators, and coaches have been involved in rather complex re-alignment, expansion, and subsequent decisions regarding the determination of divisional/conference championships, awards (both team and individual), crossover matches, and scheduling for all sports.

This fall, we welcome two new schools into NSC team play. The Lake Zurich Bears will leave the Fox Valley Conference and bring us a well-established and competitive athletic program with sport levels and numbers of participants consistent with our conference member schools. They boast an enrollment of about 1,800 students with their school colors royal blue and white. The girls' volleyball program advanced to the super-sectionals, football made the playoffs for the third consecutive season, boys' and girls' basketball teams won Fox Valley Conference championships, the softball team won its conference championship for the fourth consecutive year, girls' soccer won conference and regional top honors, and the Bear baseball team won its regional. They sport a new fieldhouse and track, as well as newly completed baseball and softball diamond renovations in preparation for their inaugural NSC competitive season next spring. The Bears will be part of the NSC Lakes Division.

Also new to the conference and to the Prairie Division will be Lakes Community High School, located in Lake Villa. The Eagles, a nickname selected by the Board of Education with considerable community input, will enter the 2005-06 school year much like VHHS did only a few years ago with freshman, sophomore, and junior classes. Participants in the Eagles' athletic programs will sport the new school's colors of royal blue, red and white. Sports in which the Eagles will participate have been determined, but levels within specific programs will depend upon student interest. The main campus address is 1600 Eagle Way, near the intersection of Grass Lake and Deep Lake Roads.

North Suburban Conference Alignment 2005 – 06

Prairie Division Teams

Antioch Sequoits
Grant Bulldogs
Lakes Comm. Eagles
North Chicago Warhawks
Round Lake Panthers
Vernon Hills Cougars
Wauconda Bulldogs

Lake Division Teams

Lake Forest Scouts
Lake Zurich Bears
Libertyville Wildcats
Mundelein Mustangs
Stevenson Patriots
Warren Blue Devils
Zion Benton Zee-Bees

We warmly welcome our new NSC affiliates!

VHHS Spring Sports Individual Awards 2005

Baseball

Rob Kolton All-NSC Selection
Nick Morreale All-NSC Selection
Illinois High School Baseball Coaches
Association All-Area Selection
Travis Wohlrab All-NSC Selection

Girls' Lacrosse

Kelsey Anderson All-Conference
Katie Griffin All-Conference
Missy Hart All-Conference
Mary Kate Morgan All-State Honorable Mention

Girls' Soccer

Cori Beard All-NSC Selection
Katherine Guglielmi All-NSC Selection
Laura Nardini All-NSC Selection
Jessica Price All-NSC Selection
Kaitlyn Yule All-NSC Selection
Bethany Brown All-NSC Honorable Mention
Laura Romberg All-NSC Honorable Mention

Softball

Bridget Matsumaga All-NSC Selection
Kristi Rymer All-NSC Selection
Rachel Taylor All-NSC Selection
Kathleen Unterfenger All-NSC Selection
Alyssa Wilson All-NSC Selection
Stephanie Hebda All-NSC Honorable Mention

Boys' Volleyball

Alex Marvin All-NSC Selection
Bob Coy All-NSC Honorable Mention

Girls' Water Polo

Emily Heiser All-NSC Honorable Mention
All-Sectional Honorable Mention
All-Sectional Honorable Mention
Illinois Water Polo Senior
Scholastic Player of the Year

Kathleen McDonnell

Boys' Track and Field

Clayton Anderson All-NSC Medalist (110M Hurdles)
All-NSC Medalist (4x400 Relay)
All-NSC Medalist (4x400 Relay)
All-NSC Medalist (4x400 Relay)
All-NSC Medalist (Pole Vault)
All-NSC Medalist (Pole Vault)
All-NSC Medalist (800M Run)
All-NSC Medalist (1600M Run)
All-NSC Medalist (4x400 Relay)
All-State Medalist (800M Run)

Josh Bryant
Erich Burdorf
Eric Fetner
Jeremy Shaw
Wes Sheldon

Girls' Track and Field

Alison Nardini All-NSC Medalist (100M Dash)
All-NSC Medalist (200M Dash)
All-NSC Medalist (800M Relay)
All-Sectional Medalist (200M Dash)
All-Sectional Medalist (800M Relay)

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Cougar featured athletes: Girls' Varsity Softball Team

by Alan Janulis, Athletic Director

As a fairly young team under new leadership and a rookie assistant coach, the 2005 Cougar Girls' Softball Team caught fire as they went 24 – 10 overall, winning the North Suburban Conference Prairie Division title for the fourth time in five years. They also managed to bag an IHSA Regional Championship to boot!

While this was Head Coach **Paul Weber's** first season at the helm, he is no stranger to the sport. He has coached in the park district's baseball and softball programs for years. When former Head Coach **Greg Stilling** stepped down after last season, Coach Weber, who had been the Cougar's JV coach since its very first season, stepped up to the plate as the heir apparent. It was a natural and logical succession. It was easy for him to identify the assets that rookie math teacher **Steve Korney** could provide the program. A successful high school baseball player, Coach Korney was also a successful high school baseball player.

The Cougars showed their magic at the plate all season long, outscoring their opponents 169 – 68. One of the most memorable moments came in the sixth inning of the IHSA Regional Championship game when **Rachel Taylor** executed a delayed steal of home plate against division rivals and perennial powers Zion-Benton to score what was to be the eventual winning run. All-NSC team members **Katie Unterfenger** and **Bridget Matsunaga** concur that, "Winning the Regional Title was amazing. It felt so good to beat the team we let make a comeback to beat us the last time." Senior **Rachel Taylor**, also a member of the All-Conference Team, won the honor to play for both the McDonald's/Mitsubishi All-Stars London Cup Tournament Team, and in the 15th annual Super 60 Classic Tournament, the latter bringing a distinction of being one of Illinois' top 60 senior softball players. The team will surely miss the magic **Kristi Rymer** provided on the mound for the Cougars all season long. She had an outstanding season and set a great example for upcoming pitchers to emulate.

According to Coach Weber, "This season was so much more than just a great win – loss record. The players made commitments as individuals to work hard, to demonstrate self-discipline, and to be positive and productive team members working towards the same team goals. To those ends, we were extraordinarily successful. We will miss our graduating seniors. They have provided us with great leadership and dedication." Congratulations, Cougar Softball!



The VHHS Varsity Girls' Softball Team
(photo courtesy of A. Janulis)

VHHS spring All-Academic selections

The following juniors and seniors have achieved a 3.5 GPA (on a 4.0 weighted or unweighted scale) in addition to earning a varsity letter in their respective sports.

Baseball

Michael Fijalkiewicz, Michael Johnston, Michael Mazza, Eric Solomonson

Boys' Lacrosse

Jeffrey Boucher, John Marshall, Jeffrey Sawyer

Girls' Lacrosse

Hope Citron, Marguerite Fischer, Amanda Goldberg

Girls' Soccer

Katherine Guglielmi, Kaitlyn Yule

Softball

Stephanie Hebda, Kathleen Unterfenger

Boys' Tennis

Tim Fong, Peter Ling, Adam Ralph, Joseph Tsai

Boys' Track & Field

Brian Chrysler, John Nora, Thomas Rams

Girls' Track & Field

Carrie Brandt, Greta Kerns, Rachel Netland, Emily Proctor, Alayna Puccinelli, Viktoria Steinhaus

Boys' Volleyball

Thomas Ginakakis, David Isaacson

Girls' Water Polo

Jessica Feld, Katharine Kleinhample, Kathleen McDonnell

Cougar 3 and 12 Sport Athletes

Seniors- 12-Sport Athletes

Clayton Anderson, Efrén Catalla, Joseph Devroy, Andrew Heglund, Kelli Jordan, Thomas Rams, Brittany Rizzo, Jeremy Shaw

Seniors- Three-Sport Athletes

Gordon Scharf

Juniors

Kelsey Anderson, Junaid Basadien, Kaitlin Brooks, Brian Chrysler, Melissa Darden, Eugene Galinovskiy, Amanda Goldberg, Melissa Hart, Lori Livas, Daniel Nagle, Alayna Puccinelli, Katelyn Romeo, Timothy Swiatowiec, Joanna Szara, Alyssa Wilson,

Sophomores

Elizabeth Abboreno, Thomas Bahnick, Matthew Baruch, Matthew Biava, Andrew Catanzaro, Evan Christensen, Kristen Contos, Shaun Davis, Alyssa Eastman, Amy Ensign, Scott Golden, Kevin Hencier, Jacqueline Howard, Yeh-eun Jin, Michelle Jozwiak, Khalid Khayr, Bradley Mahrenholz, Jordan Miller, Jason Morgan,

Evan Moy, Yaroslav Mykhailov, Michael Paar, Jessica Price, Lauren Redig, Brennan Reed, Hayley Rubin, Lauren Rucks, Allison Thoren

Freshmen

Taryn Abbassian, Jeffrey Achler, Rania Adi, Matthew Allen, Eshaan Arora, Mahmoud Bahrani, Meredith Barack, Haley Bosco, Lauren Bryant, Amy Burton, John Capozzoli, Kendell Duffy, Heather Gray, Colleen Grimes, Kathleen Grimes, James Hallendorff, Mason Hezner, Stephen Hwang, Qantez Jackson, Ryan Jordan, Robert Kelly, Jamie Kent, Melissa Knesley, Herman Lynn, Ryan Michel, Bailey Muller, Kelly Nagle, Joey Nichols, Erin O'Donnell, Joseph Pahl, Alyssa Peno, Jose Ramirez, Michelle Raupp, Kenneth Rideout III, Zack Schwartz, Daniel Smith, Randi Strohl, Samantha Wagner, Kelsey Wall, Jeffrey Webster, Zachary Wheeler, Robert Wood

LHS NSC All-Academic Spring Athletes

Baseball

Matt Dittman, Ryan Faye, Kevin Foley, Brian Laspisa, Andrew Mitchell, David Woodbridge

Boys' Gymnastics

Aaron Austin, Peter Bowling, Alan Semrau

Boys' Lacrosse

Stephen Arendt, Michael Kakenmaster, John Kuceyeski, Todd Labrum

Girls' Lacrosse

Ashley Andrews, Erica Johnston, Kelly Kowalski, Nora Krinitzky, Kristin LaRoi, Sam Mattimiro, Marlie Pykelny, Shawn Sanes, Lauren Schaefer, Sarah Sheaffer,

Softball

Natalie Chase,

Kristen Bosak, Kari Guarnaccio

Girls' Soccer

Brittney Larsen, Stephanie Perry, Allison Van Beek, Ashley Wagener

Boys' Tennis

Evan Lackie, Charles Clow, John Liu, Jon San

Boys' Track

Julian Bulaon, Ryan Castle, Shaun Cepican, Brian Herman, John Howard, Brent Kalman, Alex Mayer, Brian Paplaski, Ahmad Parvinian, Stephen Revis, Joe Rhoades, Josh Schweigert, David Siebert, Tom Sitz, Ryan Solomon, Ken Young

Girls' Track

Mae Armer, Jennifer Byelick,

Kellie Donoghue, Jamie Freese, Kristi Ganz, Rebecca Garrison, Jacqueline Hamlin, Cassandra Herman, Megan Kenney, Sharon Knudson, Carolyn Kozak, Casey Splinter

Boys' Volleyball

Jake Anderson, Jake Conrad, Terry Hanlon, Robb Leu, Matt Partain, Jason Paplaski, Ryan Wood

Boys' Water Polo

Ben Leboza, Colin Marquardt, Ken Mullane, Steve Ok, Joe Palac, Peter Pickar

Girls' Water Polo

Catherine Eschbach, Laura McCormack, Jaclyn Patulo, Katie Tanner

VHHS Individual Awards *cont. from p. 21*

Tina Pisula

All-NSC Medalist (800M Run)
All-Sectional Medalist (800M Run)
All-NSC Medalist (100M Dash)
All-NSC Medalist (Long Jump)
All-NSC Medalist (800M Relay)
All-Sectional Medalist (100M Dash)
All-Sectional Medalist (800M Relay)
All-Sectional Medalist (Long Jump)
All-NSC Medalist (100M Hurdles)
All-NSC Medalist (800M Relay)
All-Sectional Medalist (100M Hurdles)
All-Sectional Medalist (800M Relay)
All-NSC Medalist (200M Dash)
All-NSC Medalist (800M Relay)
All-Sectional Medalist (800M Relay)

Jessica Price

Viktoria Steinhaus

Kelsey Wall

Boys' Water Polo

Zachary Duffy

All-NSC Honorable Mention
All-Sectional (2nd Team)

LHS 2005-06 Poms



LHS Medal Winners *cont. from page 20*

Brian Paplaski – State Qualifier, **Josh Schweigert** – State Qualifier, **David Siebert** – Conference Champion, **Tom Sitz** – Conference Champion, **Ryan Solomon**, **Jon Valdez** – State Qualifier, **Steffen Vroom** – Conference Champion, Lake County Champion, **Tim Taylor** – State Qualifier
Girls' Track – Medal Winners
Nicole Cieplicki, **Becky Garrison**, **Jamie Freese** – Sectional Medalist, State Qualifier, **Jackie Hamlin** – Sectional Medalist, State Qualifier, **Maureen Jones** – Sectional Medalist, **Margaret McCall** – Sectional Medalist, **Lisa Branding** – Sectional Medalist, **Mae Armer** – Sectional Medalist, **Monika Kaechele** – Sectional Medalist, State Qualifier, **Jennifer Byelick** – Sectional Medalist, State Qualifier, **Casey Herman** – Sectional Medalist, State Qualifier, **Lisa Wozniak**, **Michele Haber** – Sectional Medalist

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Dr. Scott Brenner, D.D.S., Vernon Hills	Lake County Glass, Libertyville Lakeland Plastics, Mundelein	National School Towel Service, Inc., Evanston	Shurway Movers, Libertyville Six Flags Great America, Gurnee
Dr. Vincent J. Arpino, D.D.S., Libertyville	Law Office of Gary Schlesinger, Libertyville	Nora's Skin Care Salon, Highwood	Some Other Nuts & Baskets, Libertyville
Employer's Claim Service, Libertyville	Law Office of Terry Wepler, Libertyville	North Shore Embroidery, Libertyville	Southern Exposure, Libertyville Sports 11 Libertyville
Evanston Northwestern Healthcare/Joan Cocatar	Liberty Barber Shop, Libertyville	O'Reilly's Fine Furniture Galleries, Libertyville	State Farm Insurance/Cary Salm Libertyville
Fat Man Bowling Alley, Green Oaks	Libertyville American Legion Post, Libertyville	Orthopaedics and Scoliosis, LLC, Chicago	Steve's Formal Wear & Tailors, Libertyville
Fifth Third Bank, Libertyville	Libertyville Auto City	Panera Bread, Libertyville	Stonewall Orchards, Grayslake
Fodrak's, Libertyville	Libertyville Bank & Trust	Park Avenue Hair Design, Libertyville	Streff Advertising, Libertyville
Four Seasons Storage, Libertyville	Libertyville Car Spa, Inc.	Pine Tree Pet Super Center, Libertyville	Stried's Painting & Wallcovering, Grayslake
Gale Street Inn, Mundelein	Libertyville Insurance Agency	Pizza Italia, Libertyville	Studio West, Libertyville
Geary Electric, Northbrook	Libertyville Lions Club	Popcom Factory, Libertyville	Sullivan Pontiac, Buick, GMC, Libertyville
Geib & Company, Vernon Hills	Libertyville Sunrise Rotary	Quizno's, Libertyville	Sunset Foods, Libertyville
Gilardi's Restaurant, Half Day	Libertyville Tennis & Fitness	Doreen Herman ReMax Suburban, Libertyville	Target, Vernon Hills
Gino's East of Chicago, Libertyville	Libertyville Toyota	Rinkside Sports, Gurnee	The Gymnastics Spot, Mundelein
Graber & McClennan, Vernon Hills	Libertyville VFW Post 8741	Rinella Beverage Co., Mundelein	The Picnic Basket, Libertyville
Grange Dental Porcelain, Libertyville	Libertyville Vision Center	Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory, Libertyville	The Runners Edge, Libertyville
Greenleaf Orthopedics, Gurnee	Lino's Pizza, Libertyville	Rolland's Jewelers Inc., Vernon Hills	The Tavern, Libertyville
Grill on 21, Libertyville	Lori Friend Hair Studio, Libertyville	Root Studios, Libertyville	Touche Salon, Libertyville
Harris Bank, Libertyville	Lou Malnati's Pizza Corporate	Rosati's Pizza, Libertyville	Town Meat Market, Libertyville
Hawthorn Lanes, Vernon Hills	Mario Tricoci, Libertyville	Rust Oleum Corporation, Vernon Hills	Townee Square Restaurant, Libertyville
Home at Last, Libertyville	Mario Tricoci, Vernon Hills	Sam's Club, Gurnee	University Foot Assoc., Lake Bluff
Interlaken Construction Company/Mark Loeb, Libertyville	MarJo Graphics, Libertyville	Semmelman & Semmelman, Libertyville	Viccino's Pizza Company, Libertyville
Jewel Foods, Libertyville	Max and Erma's, Vernon Hills	Sessler Ford in Libertyville, Green Oaks	Wa-Pa-Ghetti's Pizza, Mundelein
Joseph's Florist, Libertyville	McCabe Automotives, Mundelein		Washington Mutual, Libertyville
Ka Bloom, Libertyville	McMurrough Chapel, Ltd., Libertyville		Weil- Oldsmobile Cadillac
Koenig & Strey, Inc., Molly	Meseke, Epping, & Clauss, Libertyville		Hummer, Libertyville
Siebert, Libertyville	Mickey Finn's Brewery, Libertyville		Wildberry Café, Libertyville
Kraft Foods, Corporate	National City, Libertyville		Ya-Ya's, Libertyville
Lake County Dental, Libertyville			

Front Cover: (clockwise from upper left) The LHS valedictorian addresses his fellow graduates; LHS Principal Dr. Joe Wojtena speaks at his final graduation ceremony before retirement; the VHHS valedictorian receives his diploma from Board of Education member **Judy Sugarman**; LHS seniors march into Northwestern's Welsh-Ryan Arena; LHS senior class president leads the class in the pledge of allegiance; a VHHS senior addresses the graduates; a VHHS senior smiles at the crowd; (center) a VHHS graduate poses with math teacher **Megan Alex** for a photo prior to commencement ceremonies (*photos by M. Todoric*)



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