

MINUTEMAN REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL OF APPLIED ARTS & SCIENCES

Class of 2006 Graduate Achievement Highlights

- 96% of the Class of 2006 graduated into college, employed in their field of study or enlisted in the US military.
- Commercial & Human Services graduates achieved 98% placement rate with 76% enrolled in college, 21% employed in their field of study, and 1% in the military.
- Science Technology graduates achieved 98% placement with 81% enrolled in college, 7% employed in their field of study and 10% enlisted in the US military with 100% of Electromechanical Engineering, Environmental Science, Office Technology and Graphic Communications students attending college.
- Construction-Trades graduates achieved 92% placement rate 35% enrolled in college, 49% entering the workplace in their field of study and 8% enlisting in the US military.
- 100% of Dental graduates passed the National Dental Board examination.
- 100% of Early Childhood Education graduates were certified by the Office for Child Care Services.
- 100% of Cosmetology graduates passed the state board examination to become a licensed hair stylist.
- Medical Occupations graduates achieved 100% placement in college.
- Daniel Ceddia, a Plumbing graduate from Sudbury, was honored as an Outstanding Vocational Student of the Year by the Minuteman Regional School Committee, the Massachusetts Association of Vocational Administrators and State Commissioner of Education, Dr. David Driscoll.
- John Pelletier, a Computer Technology student from Lancaster, graduated Valedictorian in the Class of 2006.
- Student speakers at the Class of 2006 graduation ceremony were Valedictorian John Pelletier of Lancaster, Salutatorian Victoria Coffey of Watertown and Class President Nicholas Radl of Stow.

The Class of 2006, Stow

Alexander Blake	HVAC	<i>President's Award of Academic Achievement</i>
Dennis Dauplaise	Plumbing	
Gregory Dawkins	Landscape Management	
Mary Dunn	Cosmetology	<i>President's Award of Academic Achievement</i>
David Ellis	Plumbing	
William Ewing	Computer Programming	
Patrick Flynn	Culinary Arts	<i>President's Award of Academic Achievement</i>
Anthony Lenox	Plumbing	
Kimberly March	Biotechnology Academy	<i>President's Award of Academic Achievement</i>
Alex Mong	Electrical Wiring	<i>President's Award of Academic Achievement</i>
Stephen Nisotel	Computer Programming	
Nicholas Radl	Graphic Communications	<i>President's Award of Academic Achievement</i>
Alex Spencer	Welding	

Academic Division Highlights

- Minuteman Regional High School sophomores had a 98% pass rate on the English Language Arts MCAS Test taken in May 2006.

- Thirty-eight students took advantage of college level pre-calculus and calculus courses under an articulation agreement with Middlesex Community College.
- Minuteman students on the Math Team competed strongly at all levels against academically diverse groups of area schools finishing the year ranked in first place in the state vocational conference for the third year in a row.
- A Latin course was expanded to serve the growing number of students interested in medical careers, biotechnology and science.
- The Minuteman Players, the school's drama students, produced and performed a full production of Tim Kelley's murder mystery comedy, "*Love is Murder.*"
- The Special Education Department teamed with mainstream teachers to help students achieve one of the highest levels of special education MCAS "pass" scores in the state.
- Faculty members from English, Math, Science and several vocational fields designed a series of MCAS Science curriculum standards for use throughout each of the school's 22 vocational majors.
- Chemistry Teacher Gary Sypteras was awarded the "*2006 Theodore William Richards Award for Excellence in Teaching Secondary School Chemistry*" presented by the American Chemical Society.

Science & Technology Division Highlights

- The first state-approved high school pre-engineering program entered its seventh year and graduated its third class of students, again with 100% attending college.
- Electromechanical Robotics students Max Cane of Acton and George McKenna of Winchester took National Third Place in Skills USA National Competition on Team Robotics and Automation held in Kansas City, MO in June 2006.
- Many new business/industry projects were achieved, including - - Verizon supporting with after-school technology training for middle school students, Cognex Corporation of Natick providing weekly on-line interactive training on Visions Systems, GTE helping with new physics units for biotechnology, the Northeast Center for Telecommunications providing grant assistance, a \$80,000 gift from Adept Robots for the Electromechanical Engineering/Robotics program, etc.
- Approximately 82% of the division seniors graduating received certification in their respective area, while approximately 92% were planning to continue their education or training upon graduation.
- This past summer, Sam Rogers of Concord served as an intern at Harvard University's Molecular Biology Laboratory.
- A Team of two Pre-Engineering students placed second in the "West Point Bridge Design" contest – A National Internet-based software design contest.
- Minuteman is now an authorized CertiPort Testing Center for Microsoft Office Specialist Certifications.

Construction – Power Mechanics – Building Trades Division Highlights

- The Automotive Technology Department won the industry's Most Outstanding Automotive Program in Massachusetts award for the sixth year in a row.
- Students in Carpentry, Electrical Wiring, Plumbing and HVAC completed construction of the 3000 square foot two-family Gambrel home for the Lexington Housing Authority in partnership with the Lexington Rotary Club.
- Underclassmen created four scaled New England style homes for display at the New England Home Show in Boston. Minuteman is the only participating vocational high school in MA.

- In Landscape Management, two graduates won the two most prestigious scholarships given by the Mass Arborist Association
- Electrical Wiring students completely wired two residential units in Lexington.
- Carpentry was invited to attend the Secretary's Award for Excellence in Environmental Education as an honorable mention. This award honors individual schools, teacher and students across the commonwealth who have distinguished themselves in environmental education initiatives.

Commercial & Human Services Division Highlights

- For the third year in a row, Culinary Arts students won first-place in the annual culinary competition at Newbury College and in so doing earned \$7,000 in scholarships for enrollment at Newbury College.
- As a community service project a team of junior Graphic Communications students worked with the Lahey Clinic in designing and printing a 2005 calendar incorporating artwork drawn by elementary age students who are patients in the "young hearts" clinic.
- Krista Burgoyne of Bolton, a junior Culinary Arts Baking student won National First Place in the SkillsUSA skills competition held in Kansas City, MO in June 2006. Krista also placed first in this competition for the past three consecutive years.
- The Cosmetology Class of 2006 had a 100% success rate when taking the State Board Exams.

National Honor Society

The Minuteman Chapter of the National Honor Society proudly served the school and the community with thousands of volunteer hours maintaining a solid and diverse membership while inducting thirteen new members.

Overall School Highlights

- A new Freshmen Exploratory program was designed and implemented as a means to ensure that members of the Class of 2010 have a full opportunity to experience each of Minuteman's twenty-two technical programs before choosing a major. This new exploratory program runs half of grade 9 and allows students to develop a better understanding of their talents and interests while exposing them to diverse careers.
- New and/or updated college articulation and advance credit agreements with numerous top colleges in over 78 different courses and programs at over 17 colleges and universities.
- Community Education services, including After School programs for middle school students, Adult High School services, Evening and Continuing Education courses and Summer School programs and camps, provided to member town residents continued at one of the highest participation and success levels in the state.
- The Facilities Management Department completed major campus renovation and facility improvement projects including renovation of the school's Special Education administrative areas, renovation of elevators, upgrade of grades 9 & 10 Cosmetology Training Rooms, and updating of a Technical literacy Mac Lab and Training Room.

Art and Literary Magazine Celebrates 21st Anniversary

The ink is dry on the twenty-first edition of Minuteman Regional High School's Art & Literary Magazine, and as usual, the publication contains many outstanding examples of student-generated poetry and art. This year's magazine showcases 19 poets and 20 artists.

The winners of school-wide poetry and art contests provide the content for the magazine. This year, approximately 150 poems from about 80 poets were submitted. In the art contest, 40 artists submitted 70 pieces of artwork. Originality is the primary criteria used in selecting work for inclusion in the magazine, and selection committee members also try to ensure a mixture of styles.

“We really have quite an artistic community at the school,” Mr. Donovan said. “We used to just get block printing, but now, it’s quite a variety. We added photography to the art contest three or four years ago. This year, there are quite a few pieces of artwork done in anime style. “Anime has become very popular in the school,” he said. “They had an Anime Club this year for the first time.

A third contest, open to juniors in the Graphics department, determines who designs the magazine’s cover. Jasmine Sanders of Needham won this year’s cover design contest. Jasmine also did the magazine’s entire layout.

Former Minuteman English teacher Denise R. Donovan served as the Copyright Editor, and the Graphics Coordinator was Graphics Department senior teacher Daniel Vardaro. The school’s Office Technology department did the word processing. “The magazine is truly an integrated student effort,” Mr. Donovan said. “By the time it’s done, many students from all majors and departments have played a part in its creation.”

The student artists featured in this year’s magazine are Sean Chicosky and Arielle Shander of Acton; Pat Cooney, Geoffrey Landskov, Nate O’Farrell, Shanon Rogers, Rebecca Rowe and Ashley Val all of Arlington; Courtney Lindhorst and Isaac Tsavalakoglou of Belmont; Elizabeth Mullane of Cambridge; Erin Guertin, Tim Overton and Will Roche of Concord; Lily Altshuler of Maynard; Keith Frankston of Newton; Collin Aucoin, Elizabeth Haberkorn, both of Stow; and Montana Mirabella of Winchester.

The student poets featured in this year’s magazine are Francis Gassert, David Keyworth, and Morgan Quirk of Acton; Molly McDowell and Ashley Val of Arlington; Andrea Bergstrom of Belmont; Joanna Rosario of Cambridge; Gabe Gerzon and Sam Rogers of Concord; Nick Solano of Everett; Ashley Cobuzzi and Pierre Etienne of Lexington; Eliza Leahy and Jasmine Sanders of Needham; Marissa Gabel, Avi Love, and Niles Radl all of Stow; Leo Jordan of Watertown; and Montana Mirabella of Winchester.

Respectfully submitted,

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