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CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2010!



Southern Regional High School graduated 477 students on June 18, 2010. Congratulations and good luck to the Class of 2010!

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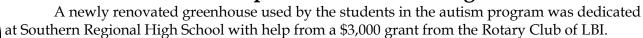
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The newly launched online Ram Art Gallery is now posted on the www.srsd.net home page under **Community Resources**. The website can also be accessed directly through http://ramartgallery.net

Greenhouse Opened at Southern Regional

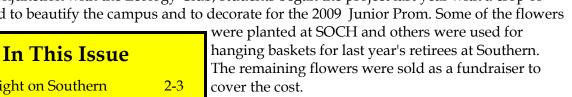


Upgrades to the greenhouse include temperature control, an automatic sprinkling system and ventilation fans. The Rotary Club held their weekly meeting at Southern Regional to preview the new greenhouse. They were treated to lunch that was prepared and served by students in the autism program.

Teacher Kerry Beetel described the program, "The greenhouse is invaluable as an educational resource for our program. In the greenhouse, we are able to work with the students on a wide range of academic, pre-vocational, occupational therapy and social skills. Math skills such as counting, sorting, money (fundraising), measurement (height changes over time; how many flats fit on a table) can be taught within the greenhouse setting. Science skills can be taught involving what plants need to survive (sun, water, fertilizer, photosynthesis). Occupational therapy/sensory issues can be addressed throughout the planting, maintaining and potting process. Pre-vocational

skills can be taught to match target skills needed for employment in local horticultural businesses. Social skills are learned through working with typical students when planting around campus and during fundraising activities. Other skills include: following directions, working with others and in groups, independent work, labeling, and keeping a work area clean and organized."

In conjunction with the Ecology Club, students began the project last year with a crop of pansies used to beautify the campus and to decorate for the 2009 Junior Prom. Some of the flowers



This year, with the upgraded greenhouse, a crop of poinsettias was used for gifts and fundraising. Currently, there are crops of pansies, begonias, salvia, and impatiens.



Student David Mulvihill takes a lunch order from Don Myers, President of the Rotary of LBI

Spot light on Southern **Musical Notes** Community Connection 4 Awards



Southern SPOTLIGHT





Members of the Southern Regional Adult School Class of 2010

Southern Regional Adult School Graduation

The 39th Southern Regional Adult School graduation was held on Thursday, June 3 in the 11/12 cafeteria. Principal of Adult School Jan Kristbergs presented the class of 2010 and Superintendent Craig Henry accepted the class and helped present diplomas.

Members of the class are Benjamin Michael Brannick, Carolann Bushman, Samantha Curry, Bryan J. Curtin, Gabrielle Dorry, Dave Gomez, Jr., Diego A. Guzman-Andrade, Ashley Haines, Jessica E. Hanaway, Brooke Hoffman, Nina Charleen Horner, Andrew P. Jones, Robert Lee, Carmen Leyva, Dan MacDonald, Josh Mangle, Vanessa Marie Colas Manigat, Seann Meyer, John M. Santo, Kyle Smith, William H. Sprague III, Wanda L. Viglietta, Melissa Volker, Amanda Weir. Congratulations to the graduates on their achievement!

Classic Car Presentation an Interdisciplinary Project

The 9th Annual Classic Car Presentation (History of Wheels) at Southern Regional High School in May applied to several curricular areas. The presentation was divided by era; automobiles from the 1920's through the 1980's were displayed in front of the 11/12 high school building. Members of the Vintage Automobile Museum of New Jersey, Inc. (VAM) volunteered their time to bring in automobiles manufactured in each of these decades.

Supervisor of Humanities Robert Johnson coordinated the event with the history teachers. He summed up the philosophy of the event, "Our social studies department believes in a 'hands on history' approach to teaching. When students can actually see, hear and/or touch a piece of history, they are more likely to appreciate and remember it."

The owners of the cars gave short presentations about the time period of their vehicles. After history students visited each "decade," they were able to trace the changes in American society as well as new innovations as technology has progressed.

In addition, students from art classes used the opportunity to improve sketching skills by sketching the various autos. Photography students used their knowledge to take photos from different angles and different individual parts of the cars. The auto shop classes inspected the engines and traced the improvements to the engines they now work on. For more information on the museum, check the website www.vintageautomuseum.org.

10th Annual Veterans' Appreciation Breakfast at SRMS

On May 26, students at Southern Regional Middle School gathered to honor our area veterans at the 10th Annual Veterans' Appreciation Breakfast. The goal of the program is to give students a forum to honor military veterans and to learn about the price of freedom. The cafeteria was decorated with a patriotic theme with samples of the students' work made into placemats.

The 8th grade Comet Team (125 students) organized the program with essays, speeches, poems, artwork, etc. They decorated the tables and provided the food which was catered by Scojos restaurant this year.

Veterans from all the local VFW posts were invited as well as relatives of any student team members and any of the teachers who are veterans.

This year, twenty veterans were honored. They were seated among the students to give the students an opportunity to ask questions and get to know them. The vocal ensemble and the orchestra provided music. A commemorative quilt was presented at the event. Each student on the team made a quilt square (patriotism was the theme) and Susan Stinson, a Family and Consumer Science teacher and military wife, put the quilt together for the occasion. The quilt will hang in the middle school to remind students of all veterans' service to our country.



Army Veteran Jim Calienni and Marine Veteran Ted Filipek were among the veterans honored



Members of the SRMS Vocal Ensemble prepared to sing the National Anthem as the JROTC Color Guard presented the colors and military veterans saluted the flag





Football Players Participate in NFL Character and Skill Development Program

Through a program presented by the National Guard, 200 high school football players had the opportunity to focus on character development and specific skill training when the National Football League's High School Player Development (HSPD) program came to town for the week of June 7 to June 11.

Since its inception in 2001, the NFL's nationwide HSPD program has provided participants with a curriculum that focuses on inspiring excellence in the classroom, community and on the playing field. The program is free for students and participation in the program is expected to include more than 15,000 high schoolers in twenty-nine states nationwide. The character development portion of the week includes guest speakers, such as NFL players and coaches, practical life lessons, preparation for standardized tests, and discussions on life after high school.

For the first time, this year members of the National Guard participated in the HSPD sessions, supporting coaches on site and speaking to young people about personal development and community service.

Each player received an HSPD Student Planner, complete with weekly and monthly calendars, NCAA initial eligibility requirements, SAT information, and time management instruction.

On-field components of the HSPD program included fundamental skill development by position, reviews, and individual competitions. As part of on-field training, players focused on both an offensive and a defensive position, and eventually applied their newly-learned fundamentals to live drills. Participants had access to innovative teaching and drills developed by leading NCAA and NFL coaches.





History students, along with photography and art students, benefited from the vintage auto presentation by the Vintage Auto Museum of New Jersey, Inc. recently held on the Southern Regional campus



More Southern SPOTLIGHT



Successful Year for Cheerleaders

The Southern Regional Varsity Cheerleaders just completed a great season. Lead by seniors Jillian Rosengarth and Biza Giraud and Senior Captains Marissa Ferrulli, Samantha Signorello, Bree Strom and Megan Winkelried, the squad competed 13 times locally, statewide and nationally. They advanced to the semi-finals as a Large Varsity Division 1 (school above 1,800 students) at the National High School Cheerleading Championship in Orlando, Florida and placed 13th out of the twenty-seven best teams in the country. They earned 1st Place at the Burlington Township Spirit Fest, placed 4th in the Northeast UCA Regional against ten of the best teams in New Jersey, New York and Pennsylvania and 8th in the NJ State Cheerleading Championship. In addition to the competitions, the squad cheers for the athletic teams at Southern home games and away play-off games.

The Varsity Gold squad placed 1st at the Lacey Invitational and the Barnegat Invitational and were led by captains **Megan Farnham** and **Kiersten South**.



Southern Regional cheerleaders competing at National High School Championship

Musical Notes

◆Congratulations to the Southern Regional Indoor Drumline on their performance in April at the Chapter 1 Championships at Timber Creek High School. The group scored an 89.9; they are the new Chapter 1 Percussion Champions! The group competed again in May at the All-Chapter Championships in Wildwood, NJ and the Drumline scored a 92.6, putting them in 3rd Place in their class. Wear those medals proudly! ◆Congratulations to the Southern Regional Winterguard on earning silver medals with their performance at Chapter 1 Championships in April. The group scored an 83.5. After competing in May in the All-Chapter Championships in Wildwood, NJ, the Winterguard scored an 89.7 which earned them 2nd Place and a

◆Southern Regional 11th grade student **Taryn O'Keefe** auditioned for All-State Jazz Ensemble at Montgomery High School and was awarded the 2nd Tenor Sax seat.

promotion to "A" Class. Congratulations to

everyone involved!

History Comes Alive at Southern Regional

History teacher Jeff Brown completed his series on *Life as a Soldier* with a final presentation on World War I. Students were able to see the

uniform, equipment and sample some of the food that a soldier of the time experienced. It was a fitting presentation just before the Memorial Day holiday. It gave the students a new appreciation of what soldiers had to endure.



History teacher Jeff Brown in an authentic
WWI solider uniform

Junior ROTC Takes to the Sky

On April 7, twenty students from the Southern Regional/Barnegat Air Force Junior ROTC (Reserve Officer Training Corps) program took to the skies in a KC-135 Stratotanker. The cadets received a preflight safety briefing and a walk-around tour of the aircraft before take-off. Once in-flight, a box lunch was provided to each cadet and they were allowed to walk around the inside of the aircraft. They sat on the flight deck and talked with the pilots and also watched the

in-flight refueling of a KC-10 aircraft. During the in-flight refueling, the two aircraft are only twenty-five feet apart while traveling over 300 miles per hour. The return flight to McGuire Air Force Base was exciting as the KC-135 practiced an emergency rapid descent. The Southern students who participated in this once-in-a-lifetime orientation flight were: Patrick Cleary, Greg Cofini, Sean Davitt, Trieu Dinh, Doug Ebert, Richard Kanson, William McCleary, DJ Pandolpho, Jennifer Reilly, Russell Risden, Alex Wunnenberg, Joseph Yabut, Regina Campisi and Anthony Bastos.



Project Crash a Powerful Reminder for Students



In a powerful presentation at Southern Regional, juniors and seniors witnessed the potential results of poor decisions on prom weekend. They were told they were going to an assembly in the stadium. When they arrived, there was a large section of the field covered with a blue tarp.

Mr. Steven Derion, Student Council Advisor, set the scene, "It is just after midnight, prom night, and four prom-goers are running late for their second after-prom party. Heading in the opposite direction down Route 9 are a

husband and wife, heading home from a family get together with their child fast asleep in the back seat. Neither group could have possibly expected what would happen next..."

When the tarp was removed, the scene came into full view – a two car accident with obvious injuries. The students in the first car were trapped in the car. The driver (under the influence) climbed out the passenger window. The father in the second car called 911 reporting the accident and the fact that his wife was not breathing. Police arrived and called for first aid, fire company, paramedics and a medivac helicopter.

Rescue equipment arrived from Stafford First Aid, Stafford Fire Company and MONOC paramedics and they went to work. The jaws of life were used to cut the first car open as paramedics began CPR on the caller's wife. As the "rescue" continued, the driver who was under the influence and caused the accident was given a field sobriety test, arrested and placed in a police car.

A State Police medivac helicopter arrived and the caller's wife was flown to a trauma center. The remaining victims from the back seat of the car were removed, placed in an ambulance, and transported to SOCH. There was one victim, however, who could not be saved. Maxwell Funeral Home arrived with a hearse to transport that victim.

Mr. Derion's narration became chilling as he said, "One teen has lost her life, another may be confined to a wheelchair



for the rest of her life. Our driver will most likely celebrate his 21st and possibly even 30th birthday behind bars. Our family in the second car has suffered as well. A husband may have lost his wife and a child, her mother. None of their lives will ever be the same." He continued, "Fortunately, this was only a reenactment and not the real thing. This upcoming prom weekend, and every weekend, think about what you witnessed here. If you or your friends make the mistake of having a few drinks, do not make an even bigger mistake by getting behind the wheel of an automobile. Your prom weekend should be one you never forget, but should not be one you regret for the rest of your life."

Principal Eric Wilhelm then spoke to the students, "Our goal is not to scare you but to give you a realistic look at what happens all over the country." Finally he commented, "Use good common sense. Be safe, be smart and take care of each other." It was a quiet walk back to class as the students thought about what they had just seen.

Celebration of the Arts at Southern Regional

The Celebration of the Arts took place at Southern Regional High School in the 11/12 library during the first week of May. The exhibit ran the entire week and the Art National Honor Society Induction Ceremony took place on May 6 in the library. The exhibit included 2-D and 3-D artwork which the high school students created in their classes throughout the year. Seven students were inducted into the Art National Honor Society this year. Current members of the society, **Elyssa Willadsen**, **Lora Beth West**, and **Lizzy Scheuerman** conducted the ceremony and spoke about their experiences while studying art in the Southern Regional School District.



Relay for Life Raised Over \$135,000.00!

Community members and cancer survivors formed teams and participated in the American Cancer Society Relay for Life event held on June 11 & 12 at Southern Regional High School.

Thanks to all who participated!

Senior Service Day

Southern Regional's graduating class gave back to the community on June 10 by cleaning the parks in Stafford and the beaches on LBI. Eleven buses took students to different areas to clean up trash to be sure the areas were ready for a busy weekend. In Stafford, Deer Lake Park, Doc Cranmer Fields and Ocean Acres Lake Park were cleaned. On LBI, selected ocean beaches and bay beaches from Beach Haven to Barnegat Light and Harvey Cedars Sunset Park were also cleaned.

After the cleanup, graduates gathered at the 68th Street bay front and beach area to celebrate the end of their high school careers.



Southern Regional seniors after cleaning up the beach in Surf City

COMEDY NIGHT



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Scholarship Awards Evidence Strong Community Spirit

With the help of a generous community, members of the class of 2010 were the beneficiaries of a record-setting \$514,133.00 in scholarship aid.

On June 10, the Scholarship Program presented 894 scholarships to 260 students. Since its conception in 1985, the program has enabled students to attend some of the most prestigious colleges and universities in the country while also providing help to students desiring to attend local colleges, technical and trade schools. The success of the program is due to community support. Three hundred donors worked tirelessly to raise funds and provide students with opportunities that may not have otherwise been available. It is from this community support that the Southern Regional Scholarship Program continues to flourish and grow.

Any interested donor is urged to contact Cheryl Barrett at 609-597-9481, ext. 4412, for more information on this wonderful program.

Intergenerational Council Celebrates a Good Year

Students and community members of Southern Regional's Intergenerational Council held their annual end-of-year picnic in May. The purpose of the group is to bridge the gap between students and senior citizens in the community. This event was the last of a year filled with activities. In a kick-off to summer, the group tye-dyed shirts together.

Through the course of the year, the group participated in the Fall Get-Together (making apple crisp), a trip to Conte's Farm in Medford, a holiday dinner and making gingerbread houses, Make Your Own Pizza Party & District Musical, a Make Your Own Tacos Party and a trip to the NI State Museum & Planetarium.

The advisor to the group, Mrs. Rosemarie Tamarato, described the program, "The Intergenerational Council is a wonderful way to promote understanding and negate stereotypical negative images that exist among the generations. Students and adults share in each others' company while participating in several activities throughout the school year. We look to our adult members to share their life experiences and help provide an understanding of history and tradition. Our adults report that the students help to keep them up-to-date and feeling young. The SR Intergenerational Council bridges the generation gap."



Members of the Intergenerational Council at their year end picnic on the grounds of Southern Regional

Best Buy Sponsors Southern Regional Soccer Tournament

The Southern Regional Boys' Soccer Booster Club hosted a soccer fundraiser on June 5 at the High School boys' soccer fields. The "Best Buy 3 v 3 Co-Ed Soccer Tournament" had sixteen teams with sixty-seven Southern Regional students participate. Best Buy has been working closely with the soccer program since the fall of 2010 and will continue with



Stafford Little League Funds Middle School **Coaching Position**

The Stafford Little League, for a third consecutive year, is funding a Middle School assistant baseball coaching position. Darin Steadman, President of the Stafford Little League (SLL), stated that when he learned in 2008 that assistant coaches were being cut due to budget constraints, he became concerned that this would eliminate opportunities for some boys to play school baseball. Steadman approached the SLL Executive Board about the idea of funding the cut baseball position. The Executive Board unanimously approved the proposal thus beginning a very unique SRMS - SLL relationship.

As a result, during the course of the last three baseball seasons, sixty boys who would have otherwise had to go home at the end of their regular school day have had the opportunity stay on campus to play middle school baseball. Bob Schoka, Assistant Principal and Middle School Athletic Director, said, "This generous gesture by the Stafford Little League illustrates the great relationship that Southern shares with the community and that the SLL recognizes the importance of children having the opportunity to participate in school athletics." Schoka also reflected on the two-way support that has developed between Southern and the community youth leagues. Most recently, the expanding Stafford Soccer League had such a strong enrollment for the spring recreational leagues that they needed more field space.

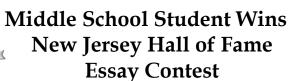
Without hesitation, Schoka went to work coordinating the middle school facility so that the school fields could be shared by the middle school interscholastic teams and the Stafford Soccer League.

The Stafford Little League has several fundraisers throughout the year, including a golf outing that was held in May at Ocean Acres Country Club. For more information on the Little League visit their website:

www.staffordlittleleague.org/



Tom Natoli, Southern's head baseball coach, Darin Steadman, SLL president, Gene Brown, SLL coaching coordinator, John DeMarco, SLL player agent and Dave Valeriani, SLL vice-president



Seventh grade student **Dylan Jinks** won 1st Place in the New Jersey Hall of Fame Essay Contest. The New Jersey Hall of Fame sponsors an annual essay contest open to all New Jersey students in grades 4 through 12. Students can nominate potential inductees, living or deceased, famous or not. **Jinks'** essay was part of a class assignment in Mr. Jason Lister's English class.

Co-sponsored with the NJEA (New Jersey Education Association), the Hall of Fame Essay Contest solicits entries in January of each year. A panel of teachers reads the essays and selects the best ones in each of two categories: middle school and high school. **Jinks'** essay was one of 115 from Southern alone

The New Jersey Hall of Fame has been created to honor citizens who have made invaluable contributions to society and the world beyond. The Hall of Fame reinforces the message to children that they can and should strive for excellence in any endeavor of their choosing. By presenting significant and powerful role models and teaching young people about the voting process, the Hall of Fame is a source of learning, inspiration and hope for children.

The Hall of Fame's Voting Academy is comprised of more than 100 of New Jersey's most prominent individuals, organizations, ethnic groups and media outlets who vote on a list of nominees compiled by a distinguished panel of experts in five categories: Sports, Arts & Entertainment, Historical, General and Enterprise. The public then casts votes both over the Internet and via traditional ballot form. Thanks to a formal lesson plan developed by a team lead by the NJEA, teachers and schools across the state use the voting as an opportunity for instruction at all levels - from elementary to high school - to teach students about the importance and the process of voting.

Honor student **Dylan Jinks** nominated Martin Truex, Jr. for the Hall of Fame because of philanthropic work in the service of children. When not studying, **Jinks** is an avid sports fan. He plays lacrosse and football and collects sports cards. He says his favorite teams are the New Jersey Devils and the New Jersey Nets.

Jinks was introduced at the induction ceremony by Adam Falk, Vice-President of Government Relations for Cablevision.

Cablevision is a sponsor of the annual Hall of Fame Essay Contest.



Governor Christie, **Dylan Jinks**, Mrs. Christie, and Adam Falk, VP of Government Relations for Cablevision

Southern Regional Boys' Tennis Program Awarded Grant from USTA

The Southern Regional High School Boys' Tennis Program was awarded equipment through a grant from The United States Tennis Association (U.S.T.A.).

Coach Evan Brosniak applied for the grant in April 2010 to relieve some of the cost of equipment. When asked about the grant, Coach Brosniak said, "The Southern Regional High School Boys' Tennis team is honored and appreciative to have received this grant from the U.S.T.A. and will absolutely put this equipment to great use. This equipment will aid the tennis program for years to come."

The equipment includes a Gamma Ez-Travel Cart, two cases of Gamma Champ tennis balls, and 24 Gamma rainbow spots.

Southern Students Excel in National Latin Exam

On March 4, 109 students from Southern Regional High School participated in the National Latin Exam. Fourteen students earned certificates of achievement along with three who earned silver medals and one who earned a gold medal for high scores on the forty question, multiple choice exam.

Earning a gold medal for the second year in a row was **Neha Sahay** on the Latin IV Poetry Exam. Silver medal winners included **Jacquelyn Mollo** and **Madeline Myers** on the Latin I Exam, and **Jarrett Bridger** on the Latin III Exam.

Earning magna cum laude certificates were Michael Zaremba and Kyle Walck on the Latin I Exam, Mikaela Kosich on the Latin II Exam, and Patrick Morris and Paul Blankemeyer on the Latin III Exam. Finally, earning cum laude certificates were Daniel Wojciehowski, Janette Hambor and David Shimp on the Latin I Exam, Mikaela Hammel on the Latin II Exam, and Michel Sepke on the Latin III Exam.

By earning a gold medal as a senior, **Neha Sahay** has become eligible to apply for one of twenty-one \$1,000 renewable scholarships offered by the American Classical League. **Sahay** will graduate from Southern as a four-time medal winner on the National Latin Exam, with two gold medals and two silvers in her prestigious career.

The N.L.E. is offered under the joint sponsorship of the American Classical League and the National Junior Classical League. In 2010 over 150,000 students from all fifty states and thirteen foreign countries participated. The N.L.E. also awards scholarships for college and for attendance at the annual American Classical League Institute.

Southern Regional Student to Compete Nationally at SkillsUSA

Southern Regional senior Frank
Bentivegna will compete in the SkillsUSA
Championships in Kansas City in June at the
46th Annual National Leadership & Skills
Conference. Bentivegna won the NJ state
Championship in plumbing. He attended the
plumbing program at Ocean County Vocational
Technical School (OCVTS) in Waretown.

Bentivegna was recognized at the Ocean County Superintendents' Roundtable luncheon in May.

Southern Regional Teacher Awarded History Grant

History teacher Annice Rainone was one of twenty-seven teachers chosen nationally to attend a seminar this summer on "Abraham Lincoln and His World" at Gettysburg College in July. The Gilder Lehrman Institute, a non-profit organization founded in 1994, awards grants to support the study and love of American history through a wide range of very prestigious programs. The selection of participants was competitive. The seminar will cover the exploration of Lincoln's mind, of the great intellectual problems he faced, of the ideas he defended and of the kind of democracy he thought was worth saving.

Mrs. Rainone was excited to learn of her acceptance stating, "Abraham Lincoln has always been one of my favorite political speakers as well as presidents. I am very excited to spend a week with fellow educators who feel the same."

Middle School Student Wins Americanism Essay Contest for the State of New Jersey

The Manahawkin Elks Lodge 2340 sponsored an essay contest on Americanism as part of a regional, state and national competition. The theme of the essay was "The American Dream: What Is It?" Southern Regional Middle School 7th grade student James Loftus placed 1st in the local contest, 1st in the Southeast District and 1st in New Jersey. Loftus' essay was based on his grandfather's immigration to the United States from Ireland.

His essay now moves on to the national level. That winner will be announced at the Grand Lodge Session in Orlando, Florida, July 4-8, 2010. On the national level, first-place winners in each division will receive a \$1,000 U.S. Savings Bond. Second-place winners receive a \$500 bond, and third-place winners receive a \$250 bond. The lodge that sponsors a national winner will be presented with a beautiful engraved plaque at the Grand Lodge Convention.

Two New Eagle Scouts Join the Ranks from Southern Regional's Students

Two Southern Regional students were inducted as Eagle Scouts in May. Junior Ron Ott's Court of Honor was May 1. Senior Peter Gramiccioni was inducted on May 16 along with his two brothers, Nick and Anthony (both graduates of Southern Regional).

They are joining an elite group of Eagle Scouts: seniors Jonathan Fonner, Jordan Musoff, Dan Petoia, Sean Modri, Christopher Ricco, James Power and Dylan Boyle; junior Matt Sicheri; freshman Tommy Lynch. Junior Chris Wilson has met all requirements and will be inducted soon.

Teacher Doug Raylman has been an Eagle Scout since he was a student at Southern. When asked about how it changed his life and prepared him for his career, he said, "Achieving my Eagle Scout Award was an accomplishment that gave me the confidence to tackle tasks in my personal, professional, and educational lives with confidence and pursue them with conviction."