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Dear Friends of Rock Point School,

Greetings from Rock Point School! We are looking forward to the learning, fun, and adventures that are coming up this fall. Our students created a strong community through the summer and are prepared to dive into the year. Our dynamic staff continues to enhance both our academic and dorm programs, while fostering relationships with our alumni and the educational community.

As I look back over the previous school year, I am so proud of all of our students, especially the Class of 2017.

We traveled to Boston, Montreal, and the Bahamas

exploring the history, art, and culture of these places. Students have gone skiing, ice skating, hiking, and rock climbing, pushing themselves to try new activities and reach new heights. In the classroom this winter, students took part in our Project Based Learning initiative, which culminated in a performance of student written plays in February. Science experiments, math achievements, and beautiful art projects rounded out our very full year. As the Class of 2017 begins college and work, we know they are ready to conquer the challenges ahead.

One of the best parts of my job is keeping in touch with our amazing alumni. This year, I attended the wedding of an alum who recently graduated from UNC Business School. One of last year's graduates visited us after becoming a certified Vet Assistant, while a graduate of the class of '05 is working as an advocate for people with disabilities. Our alumni make us proud and remind us of why we continue this work. Without the support of so many of you—donors, alumni, families of students and former students, trustees, and community members—our work would not be possible. We hope that you will come visit us soon and share your story with us!

Be well,

C.J. Spirito
Head of School



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INTRODUCING THE CLASS OF 2017!



ARIELLE took advantage of every opportunity at Rock Point in her 3 years here: playwriting, acting, snowboarding, and running on our marathon relay team. She developed her art portfolio with art teacher, Jean Waltz, and will be attending Lesley College to continue her education in the arts.

DIANA dove into academic life at Rock Point. She worked diligently in all of her classes, as well as taking advanced classes such as Latin and Government at Burlington High School. She was a leader during our Maple Tours, teaching pre-school children about maple sugaring. Diana really enjoys living in Burlington and will be attending the University of Vermont in the fall.

TIM discovered a passion for working with his hands while at Rock Point. His work in our stained glass studio led him to pursue a welding workshop and an internship at Champlain Leather in downtown Burlington. In the fall, Tim will be attending the American Academy for the Building Arts in Charleston, South Carolina.

MAE has added so much to our school with her warmth and generosity. Her interest in science and photography impressed us, as did her willingness to participate in any activity from ice skating, to crafting, to basketball. Mae is working for a professional photographer in New York City and looks forward to learning more about running a photography business.

GRAHAM has an open and positive attitude made him an integral part of our community. Graham stayed active at Rock Point, snowboarding, working out, and going on every trip offered—including our school trip to the Bahamas. In the fall, he will be attending the University of Colorado Boulder.

Congratulations and good luck to the class of 2017!

SUMMER SESSION: BURLINGTON, VERMONT, AND BEYOND!

What's better than summer in Vermont? Based on our awesome summer session, we can't think of anything! This year, we took our summer adventures seriously. Students explored different electives in the morning—choices like sewing, acting, writing, yoga, and gardening—followed by outdoor fun such as swimming, hiking, or boating in the afternoon.

Additionally, each week we traveled around Vermont, learning about the culture, history, economy, and environment. One of our favorite trips took us to Montpelier, where we toured the historic Vermont State House and met with Justice Harold Eaton, Jr. to learn about the role of the State Supreme Court. Another trip included a tour of Winooski Hydro One and the McNeill Power Plant, as a way to learn about different kinds of energy plants and how they impact the environment.

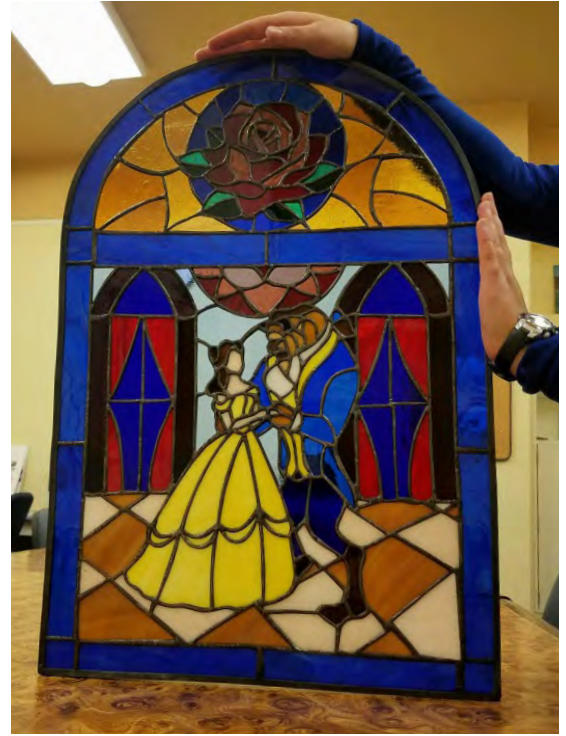
On the weekends, students kept exploring Vermont and New England. We took a trip to Killington where we tested out the Alpine Slides as well as enjoyed hiking and swimming while staying at Mission Farm. Students also traveled to Maine, where they enjoyed splashing in the ocean and deep sea fishing!

We finished Summer Session with some new friends, great produce from the garden, and a solid group of students ready to start school in September!





One Student Pursues Her New Creative Venture



By Kathryn, Class of 2018

I came to Rock Point in the beginning of sophomore year and I was immediately drawn to the stained glass studio. I took Stained Glass as an elective and it wasn't long before I was able to work in the studio without supervision. I spent a lot of time in the studio on weekends and after school developing my skills and making more and more complex pieces.

Eventually, I gained enough skills that Gus, who is the teacher of the stained glass elective, felt that it would benefit me to learn from a professional stained glass artisan. Gus arranged for me to have an internship with a professional stained glass artist in Burlington named Larry Ribbecke. There, I continued to develop my skills and, by the spring, I was making windows with over 100 pieces and all sorts of complex lines. I was able to sell some of my pieces at the art show and I plan on using that money to help pay for a school trip to the Bahamas this February.

As a Junior, I was the student teacher of the Stained Glass elective, alongside Gus. We worked together in the mornings, and I worked in the evenings with students who want to learn the craft. I am planning to continue working with Larry Ribbecke this year to keep developing my skills and learning new techniques.

Recently, I have received a couple of commissions and am excited to start work on those pieces. I recently finished my biggest challenge yet: a window of Beauty and the Beast with over 200 pieces! I am so glad I have learned this skill, and I know it is something I will keep doing as an adult.

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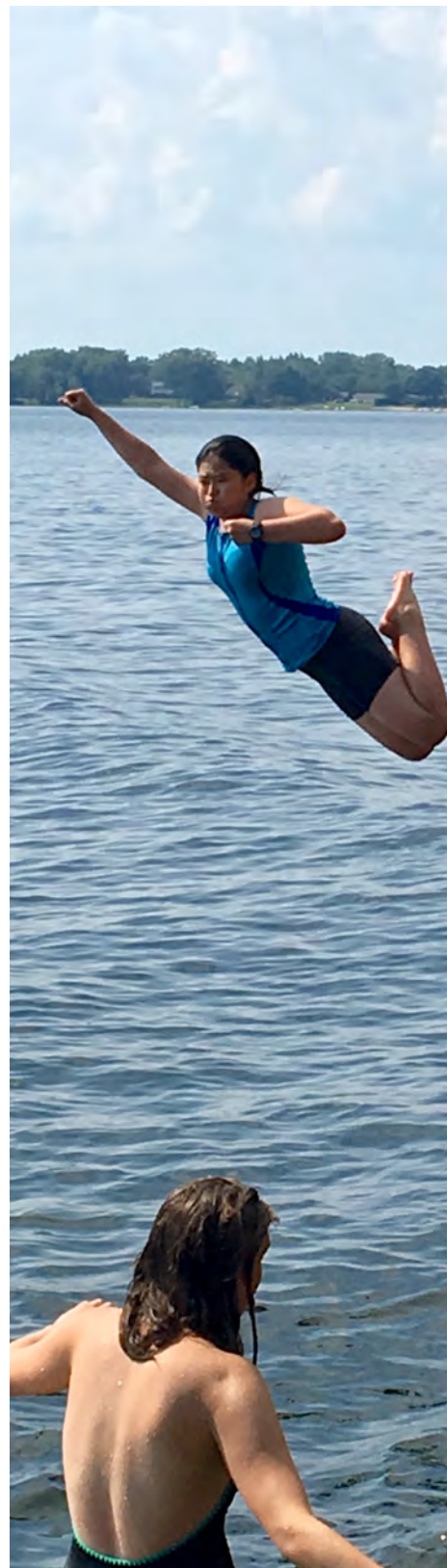
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