

Monmouth Academy Newsletter

December 21, 2020

Wishing Our Families Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year

On behalf of all of us here at Monmouth Academy, I wish each of you and your family happy holidays and a happy and healthy 2021. Brighter days are ahead!

Meet Monmouth Academy's October Student of the Month



Rylee Hammond Selected as Monmouth Academy October Student of the Month

Rylee Hammond, Class of 2021, was selected as Monmouth Academy October Student of the Month. Rylee is a helpful, kind person who has exhibited incredible growth and achievement in his academics. In addition to his studies at Monmouth Academy, Rylee also is enrolled at the Machine Tool program at Capital Area Technical Center. In presenting this award, Dr. Elizabeth Ross, M.A. math teacher, remarked, "Rylee has grown by leaps and bounds and motivates his peers." Rylee is the son of Amanda and Josh Hammond.

Meet Monmouth Academy's November Student of the Month



Isabelle Hamann Selected as Monmouth Academy November Student of the Month

Isabelle Hamann, Class of 2024, was selected as Monmouth Academy November Student of the Month. Izzy is a member of the varsity soccer team, Future Business Leaders of America, robotics, and M.A. Student Government. In presenting this award, Mrs. Michelle Neal, M.A. math teacher, remarked, "Seeing Izzy's growth, leadership, and dedication inside the classroom as well as the many organizations lucky enough to call her a member, it makes me excited to see what is yet to come." Isabelle is the daughter of Danielle and Jonathan Hamann.

Helping in Their Community!

Monmouth Academy students continue to volunteer to serve Monmouth and the greater community!

Stuff the Bus: In a combined effort with Monmouth Memorial School, students collected and donated a total of 1,812 items to three community programs; The Cottrell-Taylor Baskets, the Monmouth Food Pantry, and the Mechuwana Camps outreach program. In a friendly competition, Monmouth Memorial won with 931 donations, while Monmouth Academy donated 881 items.

Cottrell-Taylor Christmas Baskets: Once again our National Honor Society and Future Business Leaders of America volunteered their time to assist moving items to the Helen Melledy Hall.

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Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) Focused on Community Service!

Bears for Babies: FBLA collected several dozen stuffed animals that will be shared with local first responders to soothe children at the calls they respond to.

March of Dimes Awareness: FBLA sponsored a "Wear Purple" day in recognition of National Prematurity Awareness Day.

Trunk or Treat: FBLA collected non-perishable donations for the Cottrell-Taylor Christmas Baskets and also \$300 in donations for The Good Shepherd Food Bank at its annual Trunk or Treat event.

Thank You Letters: FBLA wrote thank you letters to the Monmouth Fire Fighters for their dedication to the safety of our community.

News From the Guidance Office

As a school, during this pandemic, we felt it was important to reach out and try to establish a connection with each family with students at Monmouth Academy. As a result, Morgan Huckey, our Jobs for Maine's Graduates Specialist, and I began making phone calls to each family the week of December 14, 2020. We plan on finishing up these calls as soon as possible, and may end up wrapping them up after the break! As always, please feel free to reach out to me with any questions you have, concerns regarding your child's academic, social, or emotional well-being, or if you need any information. I am here to help! I can be reached at 207-933-4416 or sknowlton@kidsrsu.org.

If you have any questions regarding post-secondary planning - college, internships, military, scholarships, financial aid (FAFSA), etc. - please contact Mrs. Sarah Knowlton, MA College and Career Coordinator, at sknowlton@kidsrsu.org or 933-4416 extension 7203.

News From the Health Office - Maria Sirois, School Nurse

I want to send out a big THANK YOU to all our MA families who have been diligent at monitoring the health of our students. Without you being conscientious and keeping your child home when sick, we would not have been able to continue in person learning and have extracurricular activities. I know everyone is tired of the restrictions but we can't stop now. Please be careful during Christmas break to limit the number of people you have in person contact with and take the proper precautions when interacting with other people outside your household. Also please make notes about who you did have in person contact with because if you should test positive for Covid, you will need to notify those people who had in person contact with you within 48 hrs of your positive test or you started to get sick.

Remember, if you travel anywhere other than Maine or New Hampshire, your child will need to quarantine for 10 days or have a negative test to return to school. Please call me at 933-4416 extension 7286 if you have questions. HAPPY HOLIDAYS AND I WISH YOU PEACE AND JOY IN THE NEW YEAR!

Mustang Co-Curricular Teams

Covid-19 cannot stop our outstanding tradition of co-curricular teams and organizations! The MAD Players, MA's drama program successfully put on their first ever virtual production, *The War of the Worlds: The Panic Edition*. Our math team and Envirothon teams meet regularly to prepare for their competitions. Academic Decathlon: Recently completed their preliminary round for the State Championship. Meanwhile, Monmouth Academy Student Government (MASG), National Honor Society

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(NHS), and Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) have been busy providing great leadership and keeping our MA community and traditions going strong!

NHS' School-wide Kahoot

During the last period of the day on Tuesday, December 22, MA's National Honor Society (NHS) sponsored a school-wide Kahoot for both in-person and remote students. The winners were:

- Ben Hamann (\$50 Amazon gift card)
- Megan Ham (\$25 Amazon gift card)
- Holly Hunt (\$15 Amazon gift card)

Mrs. Arsenault to Lead Trip to Ireland in April of 2022



Dear Parents & Guardians,

I'm excited to announce that students from Monmouth Academy are being offered a community trip to Ireland in April of 2022.

By taking part in this international education opportunity, students will be given the chance to step outside their comfort zone, gain a new sense of confidence, experience a new culture, and see the world from a different perspective.

This is an excellent opportunity! I hope that you all attend the virtual meeting on **January 12 at 6:30 p.m.** to learn more about this once in lifetime program. RSVP is mandatory: Please use this link: <https://rsvp.eftours.com/nreupa7>. This will be your one chance to sign up RISK FREE & earn a \$200 scholarship towards your tour.

Can't make the meeting but want more information? RSVP and select "No but send info."

Please contact Mrs. Christine Arsenault at carsenault@kidsrsu.org with any questions.

Thanks,

Mrs. Christine Arsenault

MA Yearbook, *The Amaracus*



The historic [Monmouth Academy yearbook](#) will be filled with all the stories that make this year so unique. **Help your student remember it all by reserving their copy of the [Monmouth Academy yearbook](#) today.**

Buy [online](#) or bring a \$10 deposit to Dr. Ross to reserve your copy. Email eross@kidsrsu.org with any questions!

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Monmouth Academy Class of 2021 Post-Secondary (College, Internships, Military) Acceptances

Congratulations to the following students on their acceptance to these post-secondary institutions and organizations:

Cameron Armstrong:	Thomas College
Kylie Brown:	University of Southern Maine
McKenzie Brown:	Thomas College
Alicen Burnham:	Elms College, Norwich University, Saint Joseph's College of Maine, Saint Anselm College, University of Maine
Jocelyn Coffin:	University of Southern Maine, University of Maine at Augusta, University of Maine at Farmington
Joseph Crocker:	United States Marines
Chloe Dwinal:	University of Rhode Island, Husson University, University of Maine at Augusta, University of Maine at Farmington
Abby Flanagan:	Husson University, St. Joseph's College of Maine, University of New England
Alex Fox:	University of Maine at Augusta, Central Maine Community College
Erin Gosselin:	Central Maine Community College
Delaney Houston:	University of Maine at Farmington, University of Maine at Augusta
Jason Kulinski:	University of Maine
Stella Libby:	University of Maine at Augusta
Jeffrey Parquette:	Central Maine Community College
Rhayna Poulin:	Yale University
Brooke Rooney:	United States Navy
Mya Sirois:	University of Southern Maine, University of Maine, University of New England, University of Maine at Augusta
Breanna Smith:	University of Maine at Augusta
Benjamin Story:	Eastern Tennessee State University
Grace Vierling:	Texas A & M University - Corpus Christi, University of New Hampshire
Taylor Whalen:	Thomas College

Parents & Guardians: If your young adult has been accepted to a post-secondary school, please pass along the acceptance letter to our guidance office. This is important as the guidance staff keeps a record and uses this information to determine which students may be eligible for academic scholarships. Also, if your young adult has enrolled in an apprentice program, enlisted in the military, etc., please pass that information along as well.

MA Class of 2021 Fundraiser

We are excited to announce a fundraiser that will last until the end of this school year! At the Monmouth Transfer Station there is a bin that people can donate their bottles to the Senior class. The bin is clearly labeled with a sign that states, "Class of 2021." All proceeds from this fundraiser will go towards graduation and Project Graduation expenses.

To make this happen for our class we need both students and parents of Seniors to help us out by volunteering to empty the bin regularly. If you want to help empty the bin, please sign up [here](#):

When you go to the transfer station, please make sure to go inside and sign the clipboard with your name, which bin you emptied, and your license plate number. Once you have picked up the bottles let Chloe, 21cdwinal@kidsrsu.org, or Rhayna, 21rpoulin@kidsrsu.org, know.

If you have any questions, please contact Chloe or Rhayna at the email addresses above or via the MA office at 933-4416. Thank you for considering assisting the Class of 2021!

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Have You Downloaded the RSU 2/MA App Yet?

Follow all M.A. and district news on your smartphone. The RSU 2 app is available in the Apple and Android app store, just search for RSU2. Visit <http://www.kidsrsu.org/article/126354> to view a short video to help you get started.

Important Upcoming Dates:

12/23/20 - 01/01/21	No School - Winter Vacation
01/04/21	First Day Back from Winter Vacation
01/13/21	Early Release Day
01/18/21	No School - Dr. Martin Luther King Day
01/22/21	Last Day of Semester 1
01/25/21	First Day of Semester 2
02/15/21 - 02/19/21	No School - February Vacation

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