MVHS 2013 Andover graduates. Front: Trisha McDonald, Daiquiri Przybyla, Brian Jackson, Jason Ashburn, Mary Jane Wittel, Kristi Perreault, Alexis King. Back: Timothy Bates, Marissa Laro, Ethan Barton, Shrief Elmasry, Cody Barton, Cameron Doucet, Stephanie Croteau, Mariah Lansdown. Missing: Jenna Davis, Dylan Howe. Photo: Roger Laro III

MVHS Graduates 17 Andover Students

Many earned significant honors

MVHS graduated 17 Andover students in the class of 2013 on June 15, many of them with significant honors:

2013 Class Officers

President: Mariah Lansdown
Vice President: Marissa Laro
Treasurer: Shrief Elmasry

Top 10 Class Ranking

2nd (Salutatorian): Kristi Perreault
6th: Mariah Lansdown
7th: Alexis King

National Honor Society

Kristi Perreault
Alexis King
Mariah Lansdown

National Art Honor Society

Alexis King
Stephanie Croteau
Mariah Lansdown

President's Award for Academic Excellence

Mariah Lansdown
Kristi Perreault

Principal's Award for Academic Excellence

Jason Ashburn
Stephanie Croteau
Alexis King
Mariah Lansdown
Marissa Laro
Kristi Perreault

Scholarships

American Legion #31: Stephanie Croteau

Andover Lions Club: Marissa Laro

Andover Service Club: Mariah Lansdown, Kristi Perreault

Champlain College: Marissa Laro

Franklin Savings Bank: Stephanie Croteau

Gordon College: Mariah Lansdown

Horace Chase Lodge: Kristi Perreault

Marion Gray Business Award: Marissa Laro

MV School Administrators Association: Alexis King

New Hampshire Technical Institute: Shrief Elmasry

Peter J. Murphy Award: Daiquiri Przybyla

Red Sox Foundation: Mariah Lansdown

Roger Williams University: Kristi Perreault

Stetson Scholarship: Mariah Lansdown

University of Maine: Stephanie Croteau

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Kristi *from page 44*

to look back, and see some of the major milestones we have been a part of. During our life time, we have seen the first African American President, something this country would have never thought to see. We have witnessed first-hand the impact that global warming has had, considering two weeks ago it was snowing. It is almost scary to see how quickly technology is advancing, and how easily our economy can collapse.

It's important to remember that for every event, for every problem, for every solution in this world, there are people behind it. People who sat in chairs, sitting in caps and gowns, awaiting a diploma just as each and every one of you are. We have all been given the opportunity to invent or to create or to solve; but most importantly, we have all been given the opportunity to succeed.

It's up to you to decide what you chose to do with this ability, keeping in mind that success does not mean being the best, or "winning" at everything; it means working hard to reach your aspirations; it means doing what makes you happy. I know every one of you have it in you, because if you didn't you wouldn't be here today. I mean, we did survive the end of the world – if we can do that, then well, we can do anything.

So, as this chapter in our life comes to a close, it is with great certainty that the journey ahead of us is ours for the taking. Here's to our amazing, bright futures. Congratulations, Class of 2013. We did it!

AE/MS *from page 44*

Mr. William Leber was the graduation speaker and imparted upon the students much good advice for the future. He also made an agreement to meet them back at AE/MS in four years with their high school diplomas, and he would treat them all to ice cream at Naughty Nellie's.

Jeremiah Proulx presented Mr. Leber with a book as a gift from the class. The book was about the 9/11 Memorial that the class recently visited in New York City. This book had special meaning, as Mr. Leber has consistently reminded AE/MS students over the years to never forget the importance and meaning behind 9/11 and D-Day.

Awards and certificates were then bestowed upon the graduates from their different teachers.

There wasn't a dry eye in the gym after Cope Makechnie and Jacqui Morris masterfully sang *For Good* to the full house.

Superintendent Michael Martin and Andover School Board members Charlie McCrave, Anne Swayze, and Don Gould distributed certificates of graduation and shook hands with the students.

The students exited the stage and the celebratory hugs, handshakes, and photo-taking began.

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