

Andover Residents Honored at Proctor Academy's 170th Commencement

Scott Allenby, Proctor Academy

During Proctor Academy's 170th Commencement ceremony and awards celebration, a number of Andover residents earned recognition, including three faculty and staff members. Congratulations to each of the following individuals for their outstanding contributions to the Proctor community!

Class of 2018 Award Recipients:

Luke Weber '18 - Excellence in Science Award, David Fowler Award (Mountain Classroom Award), Doc Howard Sportsmanship Award

Katelyn Barton '18 - Andover Service Club Award, Varsity Award for Athletics

Chloe Methven '18 - Alice S. Fowler Award

Finn Weber '18 - Varsity Award for Athletics

Faculty and Staff Awards:

Ian Hamlet (Andover, NH) received the John O'Connor Award for Excellence in Teaching.

David Pilla (Wilmot, NH) received the Renaissance Teacher Award

Paul Meyerhoeffer (Hill, NH) received the Nance Patten Barrett Staff Award

Anna-Marie Hanlon (Andover, NH) received the Scott Pond Prize

Underclassmen/women Award Recipients included:

Hailey Makechnie '19: Excellence in Vocal Music

Cedar Kiedaisch '21: Excellence in Drama Tech

Sign up for Andover Recreation Soccer Before August 1

"Pick-up" games begin July 18 at 5 PM

Abby Webster

Andover Recreation Committee

Whether you are a soccer fan with endless enthusiasm for the sport or a newcomer looking for outdoor fun for your child, the Andover Recreation Soccer Program offers a great opportunity for the youth of the area.

Beginning Wednesday, July 18 at 5 PM, players are invited to join in pick-up games on the Howard George Field. These summer evenings are a chance for kids to play small sided games with minimal input from adults. For those of you who have watched some of the World Cup soccer you have likely seen amazing and creative action. Pick up soccer is a chance for our youth to gain that confidence, take risks and support each other while having fun with friends.

The regular season officially begins Tuesday, September 4 and runs until October 13. Kindergartners, First and Second graders participate in clinics on Saturday mornings. There is a registration fee of \$15 for these age groups which pays for insurance. We have been approached by some surrounding towns asking if there is interest in adding a few friendly games for this age group as well. This would be an exciting addition to the program!

Third-Fourth grade and Fifth-Sixth grade teams play in the Merrimack

Valley Soccer League. These age groups have the opportunity to practice with their teams and play one or two games per week (depending on scheduling). This league consists of approximately 20 towns and schools. For them to complete the scheduling, we must turn in our rosters early which leads to our registration deadline of August 1. Players in this age group pay a registration fee of \$35 which pays for insurance, referees and field lining.

The Merrimack Valley website, mvs.org, has a lot of helpful information if you are curious about specific rules or schedules. Feel free to contact Abby Webster at absweb@yahoo.com with any questions or concerns. We are also always looking for volunteers.

Important Dates:

- Pick-up games begin Wednesday July 18th at 5 PM at the Howard George Field
 - August 1- Last day to register
 - Tuesday September 4- Season officially begins
 - October 13- season finale tournament
- Registration is now online at <http://andoverrecsports.website.siplay.com>

"I have many years to get better and better, and that has to be my ambition. The day you think there is no improvements to be made is a sad one for any player." – Lionel Messi

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Proctor Campus is Still Busy During Summer Break

Kristina Harrold, Proctor Academy

met here nearly a decade ago.

During the school year, Proctor's campus is a hub of activity: class schedules, athletics, off-campus trips, afternoon programs, and dorm life keep our community in perpetual motion. One may expect the summer months provide an opportunity to slow down, take a breath, and wait for life to pick up again in the fall. There is certainly a smaller population on campus and less visible action with students' absence, but below the surface, Proctor's campus continues to be a thriving destination for learning all summer long.

In June, where we celebrate hundreds of alumni returning to campus for Reunion, the maintenance, housekeeping, security and kitchen staff led by Kurt Meier, Diane Benson, Starr Towne, and Barbara Major all kick into high gear to welcome visitors part of the Gordon Research Conferences (GRC). For ten weeks, a group of nearly two hundred scientists stay at Proctor for week-long exchanges of their current work and research in highly specialized areas of study, such as bioelectronics or biorganic chemistry.

The Gordon Research Conferences form an international organization that coordinates hundreds of specialized groups of researchers worldwide. Each group is assigned to a specific venue they return to every year, so attendees at Proctor this year may be returning and reconnecting with colleagues they

met here nearly a decade ago. Throughout the week, members attend lectures and discussions around the ground-breaking and unpublished research their peers have been working on to prevent disease, protect the environment and practice more accurate data collection. While workshops with titles such as "Lysosomal Biogenesis and Autophagy" or "Climate-Scale Dynamics" may contain headache-inducing content for most of us, the enthusiastic discussions and presentations are a testament to the commitment and curiosity of each of these experts.

As the unique and respected few who can decipher and engage with such advanced topics, the researchers may feel an immense pressure to better the status and wellbeing of society-at-large. Fortunately, they are also able to appreciate the necessity of de-stressing and getting outdoors, and we are able to treat them to the best Proctor has to offer: swimming and paddle-boarding at Elbow Pond and afternoon trips to our surrounding hiking and biking trails.

We are grateful to these researchers who dedicate their time and energy to expanding their knowledge in order to help each of us live better lives. We are also incredibly grateful to the Proctor staff who help welcome these individuals to campus and provide an excellent location for them to share, learn and reconnect with their colleagues every summer.



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Fast Facts:

- Bus service for K-8 to and from Andover
- Tuition for preschool: \$1,600-\$8,000
- Tuition for K-8: \$7,500 (Financial Aid available), with Extended Day Enrichment Program (3:10-4:30) included in tuition
- Summer tours offered Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday—come see us!

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