

Proctor Honor Roll

2010/2011 - Winter Term • Area Students

High Honors

- Meredith Cline
- Ricky Dansereau
- Breanna Davis
- Caleigh Erickson
- Amina Hughes
- Sam Johnson
- Emily Morison
- Sage Morison
- Colin Nevins
- Klare Nevins
- Haley Peters
- Madison Powers
- Colby Rymes
- Emmalie Snyder
- Rose Snyder
- Alexandra Folcik
- Nathan French
- Silvia Graf
- Tyler Graf
- Will Henriques
- Lindsay Hoar
- John Howard
- Hallie Southworth

- Story Southworth
- Kali Stevens
- Michaela Trefethen
- Sophie Viandier
- Colby Wilcox

Honors

- Sam Barrett
- Eva Berton
- Jackson Bicknell
- Stephanie Bonewald
- Canon Brownell
- Megan Hanscom
- Madison Koenig
- Kate Kozaoin
- Emma Limburg
- Peter Durkin
- Caleb Frantz
- Ian O'Connor
- Madalyn Pfeifer
- Julia Sargent
- Madeline Schiess
- Madison Trefethen
- Kelsey Wilcox

Proctor Chamber Choir Prepares For China Trip

By Cameron Lucas
Proctor Chamber Choir

It's 8:15 in the morning and Kristofer Johnson calls for his students to get in formation on the Chapel risers. Flocking as one group, Proctor's Chamber Choir prepares for Friday rehearsal.

Mr Johnson raises his arms, gives a flick of his hands, and the choir begins to sing. A unique sound emerges. It is Cantonese, a language of southern China. In March, 30 members of the choir journeyed through China for almost two weeks to sing with and embrace the Chinese people.

In 2007, a parent suggested that the choir exchange with a school in England, and this idea spurred the choir's first trip to England. China came about because Kris has a friend working at music school in Ningbo. He noted, "China in general has such importance to our world, and it's an excellent time to visit, especially with a [current Proctor] student, Natasha Cheng, from Hong Kong." The group will visit Ningbo and the student penpals with whom Proctor students have conversed for almost a year.

In recent years, the choir has toured the US, Great Britain, Croatia, Bosnia, and Herzegovina, collaborating with local choirs and engaging in cultural exchange and service. Kris comments, "The tour's mission is for students to learn first-hand about the culture, history, and traditions of the regions to which we travel, while bringing music and goodwill from our community. We hope to forge lasting relationships with singers and choirs around the world, while helping Proctor students become engaged globally."

Chamber Choir is one of several vocal and instrumental ensembles on campus. Open to all by audition, the choir learns about vocal technique and

musicianship while preparing music of all eras. This year, about 25 students study in the choir. The group prepared an end-of-term concert, a farewell to Proctor before they headed across the globe. Their February program included an array of music: Cantonese, Spanish, and classical songs with an assortment of solos.

Thankfully, the choir has Natasha Cheng from Hong Kong to help work on our Chinese language skills. "It's funny to watch them learn what to me is very easy, learning different tones, words, and asking questions about daily culture and courtesy. It's really just like here, except a little different," Natasha observed.

Both of the Chinese songs were quite difficult to learn, but our Chinese audiences will know them very well and will hopefully join in with the song. The two songs are *You and Me*, the Beijing Olympics theme song, and what we call *The Jasmine Song*. The choir was eager to learn the songs so we can get the words just right for our audiences, who will know the songs very well.

Canon Brownell and Haley Peters are two Andover students who are extremely excited to travel so far from home and can't wait to return with amazing stories. Canon noted, "What I'm really looking forward to is to try the abstract cuisine. And to visit all the famous cities I've heard of since elementary school. I never expected to leave Andover and go to all these phenomenal places such as the Great Wall, or to see the Terracotta Army. Kris has given us opportunities you could only dream of to grow our skills as performers."

Cameron Lucas is a four-year senior from West Dover, Vermont, who has been singing and performing in numerous theatre and vocal productions while at Proctor.

NEASC Team Visits MVHS For Evaluation

MVHS press release

Fifteen educators made an on-site evaluation of Merrimack Valley High School (MVHS) from March 13 through March 16. The evaluation visit was conducted under the direction of the Commission on Public Secondary Schools of the New England Association of Schools and Colleges. The visiting committee was chaired by Mr. Charles McCarthy, Jr., retired Associate Director of New England Association of Schools and Colleges. Mr. McCarthy has had extensive experience in the Association's evaluation process.

MVHS Principal Dr. Michael R. Jette said, "The purpose of this evaluation visit was to review and determine from an outside professional viewpoint the extent to which our school is meeting the Standards for Accreditation. As part of the evaluation, the visiting committee met with all school constituents,

reviewed the school's self-study, visited a number of classes, and examined examples of student work submitted by the school. During the comprehensive self-study, the faculty attempted to identify the school's strengths and determined those areas in which changes would be beneficial."

The chair of the visiting committee, Mr. McCarthy, said "Our purpose in visiting Merrimack Valley High School was not to criticize it but to assist the faculty in its pursuit of quality education for its students."

Principal Dr. Jette pointed out, "The members of the visiting committee were contributing their services to the school. This spirit of professional cooperation is one of the noted features of the New England Association. The goal of an evaluation visit is to stimulate a continuing drive for improvement in the school."

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in education.

The Center for College Planning at the NHHEAF Network Organizations is dedicated to providing students and families with valuable information about the college planning process – from savings options and college admission requirements to applying for

financial aid and scholarships. They serve all student populations: traditional, continuing education, graduate, and adult learner. NHHEAF.org has a great amount of resources and information.

Andover Middle School students and staff members enjoyed an exciting day on campus and a chance to get a head start toward their educational future and dreams.

The Middle Schoolers of A.E.M.S present...

SCHOOL HOUSE ROCK LIVE! Jr.

Thursday, April 7, 2011
1:30 PM and 7:00 PM
Andover Elementary Middle School

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