



Andover's MVHS senior projects (from top left): Brianna Keniston, Rebecca Lance, Michael Donovan, JJ Santiago, Elizabeth Daneault, Zoe Stoddard (r), Jacob Frost (l), Nicholas Mock, Emily Laro, Norbu Dickinson, Emily Bentley, Derek Barton, Shawna Barton, Henry Bendel. Photos: Robin Boynton

Andover's MVHS Seniors Show Their Best Work In Senior Projects

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Senior project – for some seniors, it's a chance for them to show MVHS how talented they really are, but for others, it's just a graduation requirement.

Every year, seniors at Merrimack Valley High School need to complete a major project in order to graduate. The project consists of a paper, the actual product, a presentation, and a portfolio. These projects can be pretty much anything: charity drives, fundraising, making or building a product, or anything else you can think of.

This past March, 14 talented Andover seniors completed and showcased their projects to the rest of the student body.

There was definitely a wide range of projects presented this year. Henry Bendel's project was on promoting water safety, and Jacob Frost focused on heli-

copter flying. Emily Bentley and Rebecca Lance both created their own dresses. Emily Laro made a breast cancer quilt for her senior project, and JJ Santiago rebuilt an '88 Toyota MR2 engine. Brianna Keniston constructed four "Welcome to Andover" signs, one for each "gateway" entrance to our town.

Other students chose to teach or learn a new skill or did something entirely different. Shawna Barton spent her time with a youth group, Norbu Dickinson focused on teaching skiing, and Michael Donovan helped people with their taxes. Nicholas Mock worked with a screenplay, and Derek Barton's project was the Enduro Car. Elizabeth Deneault went on a mission trip, and Zoe Stoddard helped out the Invisible Children movement.

All of these seniors put a lot of hard work into their projects, and it's great to see how much they have accomplished for themselves and the community.

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