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faculty members Casey McCormack (Learning Skills, varsity football coach, Burbank West dorm parent) and Lindsey Degon (Learning Skills, Burbank West dorm parent) were in a traffic accident while vacationing in Key West during the Thanksgiving holiday. Casey suffered significant, non-life threatening injuries from the accident. Lindsey, tragically, did not survive the crash.

Growing up in the small town of Palmer, Massachusetts with her parents, her twin brother, Corey, and an older brother, Eric, Lindsey lived an active lifestyle throughout her life. A 2005 graduate of Wheaton College (MA) where she ran track and field, she actively sought opportunities to broaden her horizons through building relationships with those around her. Whether it was studying abroad at the University of Auckland, serving as an Athletic Mentor at Wheaton, or jumping with two feet into her work with adolescents following graduation from college, Lindsey was passionate about understanding the needs of those around her and working to meet those needs to the best of her ability.

Lindsey joined Proctor's Learning Skills Department in the fall of 2014 after pursuing graduate studies in school counseling at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst and obtaining her master's degree in Clinical Social Work from Westfield State University in 2013. Over the past three plus years, she tirelessly and skillfully worked to support

her students in Learning Skills and her ninth grade boys in Burbank West as they learned to navigate adolescence. There are many who will be directly impacted by this news; both Lindsey and Casey's Learning Skills students, residents of Burbank West, members of Casey's football team, colleagues, alumni, and countless others. Just as Lindsey would daily wrap her arms of support around her students, we now follow the example she gave us as we seek to wrap our collective arms around all those impacted by this tragedy.

The week leading into Thanksgiving Break provided countless reminders of the importance of both our extended Proctor family and those who comprise our internal community. The theme of "Together" transcended athletic fields during Holderness weekend to all aspects of the community. Prior to departing for Thanksgiving we looked each other in the eye and thanked each other for the hard work of sustaining a community like ours. Today, we look each other in the eye and, again, acknowledge the need to come together as we support each other, Lindsey and Casey's families, and those most deeply impacted by this tragedy. When we are surrounded by support, we have the confidence to live our lives with hope, not fear, and yet today we are reminded to hug our loved ones tight, read that extra book at bedtime with our children, call our parents and siblings to check in, and tell those around us that we love them.

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God Bless our troops and God Bless America. Thank you veterans."

Guest speaker Mr. Percy Hill then spoke with the assembled group. He had fun with the students while delivering a serious message. He remembered his Navy days and had the students jump to their feet and salute throughout the program. Mr. Hill's message was well received by both the younger and older members in the audience.

First grade classes then took the stage to teach about the importance of poppies and showing their art work. This was followed by fifth grade classes who recognized all the military branches. The students shared facts about each branch followed by a patriotic song. Audience members stood for their song.

Arienna Perry, a seventh grade student, impressively recited "They Did Their Share." This was followed by "I Will Stand" sung by the second and third grade classes. The whole audience was singing by the end of the song.

Mr. Bill Leber and American Legion Post #101 ended the ceremony by recognizing Mrs. Irene Jewett as a Gold Star Mother. Mrs. Jewett came forward and accepted the honor. This was an emotional moment for all and students were appropriately touched by the significance of this honor.

American Legion Post #101 retired the colors and all veterans and their families

were escorted to the Eagle Cafe for refreshments. The eighth grade students served the veterans coffee, juice, and baked goods while listening to their stories.

Almost all of the classes contributed artwork for the occasion. Centerpieces for the tables in the Eagle Cafe were made by seventh grade students. Thank you letters and cards for the veterans were provided by fourth and seventh graders. The patriotic artwork in the lobby, gym, and Eagle Cafe was contributed by many.

Veterans Day continues to be a favorite day at AEMS and plans are already underway for next year. If you know of any veterans new to our area, please call our school so that we can include them on our mailing list.

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Press release

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To qualify for this opportunity, students must maintain a GPA of 3.0 or higher. To enter for a chance to win the annual scholarship, all eligible students must submit an essay in relation to the auto transport industry. This essay must consist of 1,000 words or more. Plagiarism is not tolerated. All essays must remain unique, factual and engaging. Topics may include information related to the auto transport industry and/or the services offered by A-1. Students with qualified entries will find their es-

says published on the A-1 Auto Transport website. These students are free to share the link on their social platforms for friends and family to see.

All winners of the scholarship program are chosen by A-1's Scholarship Committee. Submissions are due no later than March 10, 2018. The winners will be announced on the A-1 Auto Transport website by the end of March 2018. Winners will also receive a notification via email. All scholarship awards for winning participants are sent directly to the financial office of their accredited college, university or trade school.

To enter, students must submit their essay along with their personal information (full name, address, phone number, email address, name of school) to scholarships@a1autotransport.com

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