



JULY
SUMMER 2011



Mother and son, The Birstlers

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Maplebrook School Celebrates Accreditation and Graduates

On June 5th, 25 young women and men graduated from Maplebrook School as the Class of 2011. Graduation is always the highlight of a weekend filled with achievement and pride. Activities included the academic and athletic awards ceremony followed later that evening by some musical performances and the annual drama production. This year the drama was, "Macbeth: Off-Kilter." During the week, Rossman Hall was transformed for an "Under the Sea" theme for the prom on Friday evening. Also, the Center for the Advancement of Post Secondary Studies (CAPS) Program participated in its annual Work Internship Recognition

ceremony earlier that morning. Mother Nature smiled on all activities throughout the weekend including the golf tournament at Copake Country Club on Saturday and graduation on Sunday.

Donna Konkolics, Head of School/CEO officiated over the ceremony and announced that on behalf of the Board of Trustees, Maplebrook School has been officially re-accredited by The New York State Association of Independent Schools (NYSAIS). Everyone joined in celebrating that achievement. Miss Konkolics then invited Charles F. Chiusano, a trustee and parent of Christine, Class of 2000, to give the commence-

ment address in which he ended with a poignant poem called "The Race" by Dr. D. H. Groberg.

Board members and benefactors presented Merit Scholarship awards to 10 students that demonstrated excellence in character development, athletics, vocational pursuits and to the Society of Honor. Victoria Sheinbaum and Bertie Connally of the high school, and Jason Duffy in the CAPS Program received Outstanding Graduate Awards.

Other prestigious awards distributed at graduation included the Mark Metzger Citizenship Award, Jonathan

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Swartwood and David Brachfeld Awards, the Triple "C" Award created by the then New York State Attorney General, Andrew Cuomo, and the Community Appreciation Award which was presented to Mr. Dave MacMillan for his outstanding work for the Sunday in the Country Food Drive and his other philanthropic efforts.

Each graduate gave a brief and heartfelt speech after receiving his/her diploma, and then, with a collective turn of the tassels, the Class of 2011 became a part of Maplebrook history.



The Wessling Family celebrate with Brooke



FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL/CEO

June 5, 2011 was a weekend filled with lots of end-of-the-year fanfare and achievement on the Maplebrook campus. It was crowned by the graduation of 25 young men and women amidst a crowd of 300 faculty/staff members, parents/family members, alumni, trustees and friends in the community.

For over 65 years, Maplebrook School has provided quality programs to prepare our students for the challenges that lie ahead. The values, self-confidence, academic and vocational skills gained, combined with the fun, friendship and challenging activities which are also Maplebrook hallmarks, have made our school the perfect environment to help us achieve our ultimate goal - preparing our students to achieve their goals.

After 18 months of preparing its self-study report, Maplebrook met that challenge as a requirement for its 10-year re-accreditation. The School was visited in April by a six-member team of educators and administrators who spent four days observing classes and interviewing faculty, staff, students, parents and trustees to determine whether the School does what it claims. *I am proud to announce, on behalf of the Maplebrook School Board of Trustees, that we achieved our goal of re-accreditation by The New York State Association of Independent Schools.*

Being the provider of specialized programs that make such a difference in the lives of our students is a huge responsibility; it is a challenge we embrace. With the guidance and recommendations of the visiting accreditation team and the support of our board members, faculty/staff, parents, alumni and the

community, Maplebrook School will continue to offer quality programs and help prepare its students to achieve their goals, such as those realized at the 2011 commencement.

Donna M. Konkolics, Head of School/CEO



Miss Konkolics and Katie O'Dierno

Graduation and Other Award Recipients:



GRADUATION AWARDS AND MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS:

Richard S. Howes Society of Honor Scholarship - Zachary Berger, Amy Basket, Madeline Denham, Chase Harrison, Joshua Stevens, and Lauren Waver

George T. Whalen, Jr. Family Scholarship - Christopher Birstler

Elizabeth T. Konkolics Academic Excellence Scholarship - Madeline Denham

Ruth Bodner Memorial R.I.S.E. Scholarship - Bertie Connally, Madeline Denham, Chase Harrison and Joshua Stevens

Margaret S. Crowley Memorial Athletic Scholarship - Serjun Burgess, Madeline Denham, Heather Dolan, Chase Harrison, Kal-el McKeon, Mikaela Smith, and Joshua Weisel

Jonathan Swartwood Award - Chase Harrison and Kate Yonushewski

David Brachfeld Award - Joshua Stevens

Mark Metzger Citizenship Award - Victoria Sheinbaum

Triple "C" Award (Courage, Commitment and Character) - David Burnett and Joshua Stevens

"...Three times he'd fallen stumbling, three times he rose again. Too far behind to hope to win, he still ran to the end. And to his dad he sadly said, "I didn't do so well." "To me, you won," his father said. You rose each time you fell." For all of life is like that race, with ups and downs and all. And all you have to do to win is rise each time you fall.

Excerpt from, *The Race* by Dr. D. H. Goldberg



The Goldsmith Family with Mrs. McGhee



Jason Duffy and his dad



Mr. Hale and Sam Sternberg

Academic Award Recipients:

Language Arts Department - Claire Randolph (*English*), Emily Wei (*English*), Stephanie Fields (*Reading*), Mikaela Smith (*Reading*), Rodrigo Archundia (*Government/Economics*), Miranda Berger (*World Geography*), Claire Randolph (*American History*), and Mikaela Smith (*Global Studies*)

Math/Science Department - Aram Douglas (*Math*), Jordan Krys (*Math*), Kate Yonushewski (*Math*), Ed Bulger (*Physical Science*), Anita Okoye (*Earth Science*), and Victoria Sheinbaum (*Biology*)

Wellness Department - Claire Randolph (*Health*), Kate Yonushewski (*Phys. Ed.*), and Madeline Denham (*Interpersonal Psychology*)

Athletic Award Recipients:

Most Valuable Player: Serjun Burgess (*Softball*), Jenna Clarke (*Equestrian*), Chase Harrison (*Track & Field*) and Heather Dolan (*Tennis*)

Coaches Award: Sam Sternberg (*Softball*), Jordan Krys (*Equestrian*), Kate Yonushewski (*Track & Field*), and Charlie Maybell (*Tennis*)



Golf Tournament Stats:

Date: Saturday, June 4, 2011
19th Annual Bank of Millbrook/
Maplebrook Open Golf Tournament

Location: Copake Country Club, NY

Weather: Glorious

Golfers: 110

Volunteers: 10

Holes in One: 1 our first in 19 years!
Craig McKenna, (12th hole)
Meyer Contracting Corporation

Longest Drive: Men - Terry Clarke;
Women - Barbara McKell

Putting Contest - Charlie Thornton

1st Place Team - Score of 59, 13 under
George Barnett, Ed Lester, Tom Healy
and Dean Molinaro

2nd Place Team - Score of 61, 11 under
Rocky Ducillo, Lisa Ducillo, Chris Ducillo
and Chris Kain

3rd Place Team - Score of 63, 9 under
Don Critelli, Bill Tobin, Mike Mancini, and
Dave Axelby

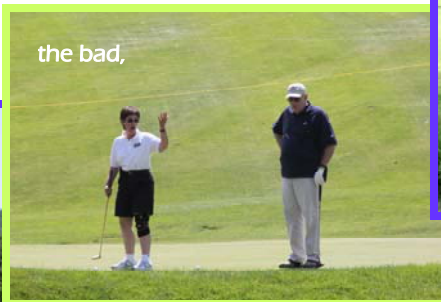
\$25,000 raised for the
Maplebrook School Foundation's
"Forging the Future"
Capital Campaign



Craig McKenna and Eric Meyer



1st Place Team - Barnett's Bruisers



the bad,



and the ugly' sides of golf



You've heard about the "The good,"



Maplebrook golfers: Ms. McKell, Zachary Berger,
Mr. O'Connor & Mr. Miller

ENROLLMENT TEAM REMAINS FOCUSED.....

The 2010 - 11 school year was active for the Enrollment Department. It was one of the busiest years in recent memory for visitors coming to campus, as well as for inquiries about programs offered at Maplebrook. We had seven students join us mid-year to increase our already wonderfully diverse student population. Maplebrook has a healthy mix of students from several U.S. states and a variety of foreign countries. We attended school fairs in Canada and Bermuda, hosted a group of educational consultants on campus and attended a vast number of both national and international conferences to promote the School's unique programs. Several members of the school community attended conferences in New York, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Ohio, Florida, North Carolina, Missouri, California, South Carolina, New Jersey and Maryland. We had the pleasure of having an alumna represent the school to share her experience with families. The Enrollment Department would like to extend a special thank you to all the families who took the time to speak with prospective families about Maplebrook from a parent perspective. Your time and willingness to help is greatly appreciated.

We are continually upgrading our technology. Look for updates on the Maplebrook website and join us on Facebook. We have set our conference schedule for next year and are planning six receptions both domestically and abroad. We hope you can join us for one.



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