



MADISON GREENLAW, Valedictorian



JACQUELYN COOK, Valedictorian

Shead High School names honor parts

Shead High School Principal Paul Theriault has named the honor parts for the 2019 commencement and the students receiving Latin honors. This year, valedictorian honors went to two students.

One valedictorian is Madison Greenlaw, daughter of Christina and Gerald Greenlaw of Eastport. She also received summa cum laude Latin honors and the Maine Principal's Award. She has been class vice president for four years and is president of the National Honor Society. She is a multi-sport athlete. For the past two years she has been a captain of the basketball, soccer and softball teams and was a two-year member of the Downeast Athletic Conference (DAC) Student Advisory Board. She has received numerous honors, including the Phi Beta Kappa Association of Maine Academic Achievement Award, the Maine Society of Women Engineers Achievement of Excellence and the Smith College Scholar Award. Greenlaw has done many hours of community service with a variety of organizations, including the Eastport Area Cat Coalition, and was the PAWS Humane Society Student Volunteer of the Year in 2015. Greenlaw plans to attend the Maine College of Health Professions in Lewiston with a major in radiologic technology.

Also named valedictorian is Jacquelyn Cook, daughter of Sharon and John Cook of Perry. She also received summa cum laude Latin honors. She is a three-sport athlete in soccer, softball and tennis and was twice named a DAC all-star in soccer. Cook has served as president of the Student Senate, vice president of the National Honor Society and was a captain of the soccer team. She has been a DJ on Shead's radio station and has done community service with Eastport Memorial Nursing Home, Perry Congregational Church and the Eastport Little League. She received the DAR Good Citizen Award. She plans to attend the University of Maine at Orono with a major in biochemistry.

The first honor part is awarded to Roxanna MacGregor, daughter of Bonnie MacGregor of Eastport. She also received magna cum laude Latin honors. She is secretary of the National Honor Society, secretary of her class and a career association officer for Jobs for Maine's Graduates (JMG). She attended Chewonki for

part of her junior year. MacGregor plans to attend Maine Maritime Academy in Castine with a major in marine science.

Second honor part goes to John Henry Mills, son of Marilyn and Barry Mills of Eastport. He also received cum laude Latin honors. An outstanding guitarist, he has been active in the award-winning Shead jazz band for all four years of high school and the pep band for two years. He was also a member of the chess club and served as freshman class president. He won two gold medals in the national Latin exam. Mills will attend the University of Southern Maine with a major in music composition.

Third honor part is awarded to Brooklynn Gardner, daughter of Patricia Gardner-Theriault and Steven Theriault of Perry. She also received summa cum laude Latin honors. She has managed the girls' basketball and girls' soccer teams and was an editor of the Shead yearbook. She is a long-serving volunteer at Peavey Memorial Library and worked at Moose Island Bakery during the summer. She plans to attend Husson University in Bangor with a double major in criminal justice/forensics and psychology.

Fourth honor part goes to Carroll C. Francis Jr., son of Susan Davis of Bangor. He also received summa cum laude Latin honors. He has served as historian in the National Honor Society and was a captain of the tennis, baseball, basketball and soccer teams. He also participated in the chess club, the cooking club and was a cast member of Shead's Mixed Nuts drama troupe, where he was twice named to the one-act competition All-Festival Cast. He was named a 2017 Champion for Change. Francis plans to attend the University of Maine at Machias and major in conservation law.

In addition to the honor parts, receiving cum laude Latin honors were Trevor Fenderson, Keegan Miller and Margaret Seeley. Trevor Fenderson is the son of Cindy Fenderson of Pembroke and Brian Fenderson of Edmunds. He plans to attend the University of Maine at Machias with a major in pre-engineering. Keegan Miller is the daughter of Jana Craig of Perry. She will attend Husson University in Bangor to major in nursing. Margaret Seeley is the daughter of Lauren Seeley of Eastport and Andrew Seeley of Machias. She plans to attend either the University of Southern Maine in Portland/Gorham or the University of New England in Biddeford to major in occupational therapy.

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EES shows off arts integration learning

by Lora Whelan

The Eastport Elementary School (EES) gymnasium was humming with excitement on the morning of May 15. Students from all grades were gathered to perform dance, stories with song, movement and tableaux and a combination of all three that they had learned over the course of the school year. The performances were the result of the new arts integration pilot project brought to EES by the Maine Alliance for Arts Education.

Executive Director Susan Potters gave a brief overview of the program to those gathered. She explained, "It's a first, not only for Eastport and Washington County, but it's the first school-wide arts integration in Maine. This pilot is a poster child for and around the state."

Starting last August, dance artist-in-residence Katenia Keller and Ian Bannon, a theater artist and director of education for Figures of Speech in Portland, have been visiting the school about two times per month. They began with teach-the-teacher sessions and then broadened into the classroom. The culmination of the year's work brought smiles to their faces.

Performances ranged from exploring the weather seasons and plant life cycles, to tableaux from books students were reading and a dance about climate change by the seventh and eighth graders. Students innovated with the formats, freezing during their acting and being interviewed about how they felt right at that moment as their character. Other characters were interviewed at a press conference about their motivations for acting as they did. Another class performed a tableaux from a book but then also created their own story-line tableaux.

The climate change dance involved each student creating an individual move that they then shared with their classmates to make into a whole.

"There's a lot of creative learning," Potters explained. "It gives students confidence in their own ideas. Students are active learners, not passive learners."

Potters says, "In doing this kind of per-

forming arts work, where we're working with all the students in the class, not a self-selected group, one of the challenges is just to help students feel comfortable performing in front of each other. It's so helpful for the students to know that all the classes watching them perform are in the same situation. They've been doing this in their classrooms, too."

The morning's final performance, exploring positive and negative space, involved as many students, teachers and audience members as wanted to participate. The seventh and eighth graders started, the first few selecting a pose and their classmates then filling in any empty space created, for instance by a curved arm, with their own pose. The only rule was to have no body parts touching. The other students were then invited to join in, which they did with alacrity. Teachers came forward. And then as the living sculpture grew, audience members were invited, with many jumping up from their seats.

"I think one sign that we succeeded in having the students feel safe performing in front of each other – so many students joined right in, including the very youngest," Potters says of the final performance.

A second grant from the Maine Community Foundation Washington County Fund will extend the pilot to Shead High School this fall.

Principal Paul Theriault says, "The arts integration program has been very successful at EES. The students and staff have really enjoyed the time spent with the artists. Sometimes, having 'new' programs introduced into the school day can be 'just another thing that we have to do with no time to do it.' This was just not the case. It was truly enrichment and enhancement of our curricula. We are also excited that a similar program will be introduced into the curriculum at Shead next year."

Potters says, "The bottom line is how relevant the arts can be – for building adults who can think for themselves, respect themselves, get along with each other and work together, and that's what all communities need."



CREATING A SHORT BUT POWERFUL DANCE about climate change are these EES students during a May 15 performance that showcased the arts integration techniques for learning taking place during the school year. (Lora Whelan photo)

Shead High School announces honor roll

Shead High School Principal Paul L. Theriault has announced the third quarter honor roll, with the following students receiving highest honors, high honors and honors.

Highest honors: seniors – Jacquelyn Cook, Madison Greenlaw, Roxanna MacGregor and Keegan Miller; juniors – Sarah Bartlett, Elijah Brice, Alyssa Malloch and Halle Sullivan; sophomores – Maleeka Anthony-Barnes, Rebecca Johnston and Jacob Cook; freshmen – Ashlee Morang and Antonio Vizcarrondo.

High honors: seniors – Carroll Francis and Margaret Seeley; juniors – Jan Luis

Arroyo, Jason Garnett, Cassidee Lawrence, George Mills and Kiesha Scott; sophomores – Ryleigh Andrews; freshmen – Hillary Altvater, Katherine Bartlett, Cadence Baskerville and Kahlysta Morris.

Honors: seniors – Taylor-Marie Altvater, Trevor Fenderson, Brooklynn Gardner, John Henry Mills and Ethan Moores; juniors – Kailyn Sockabasin; sophomores – Raelie Chambers, Autumn Cookson, Laura Davis, Tessa Farrell, Teryn Smith-Oravec and Anasia Tucker; freshmen – William Buehner, Damien Downes and Christian McPhail.

Shead Memorial High School Class of 1974 Reunion

The reunion will be held on Friday July 5, at Quoddy Bay Lobster in Eastport, starting at 6:30 p.m. Cost is \$15. Anyone who would like to attend can contact Sandra (Frost) Russell at sruss925@gmail.com.

Please let her know who and how many will be attending so she can give a headcount to Quoddy Bay.