

2011 Chelsea Academy and High School Alumni Association Holds Alumni Social!

On Saturday June 4th nearly 50 attendees gathered in the Chelsea School Gymnasium to bid the graduating Class of 2011 a safe voyage and to reconnect with old classmates. The Alumni Social's business meeting started shortly after 6:30pm, where President and Secretary of the Association, Heather Funk, welcomed and thanked all those in attendance. Committee reports were read and accepted as read. The attendees were then treated to home baked goods.

At 7:00pm the meeting switched from a business focus to scholarships. Principal Karoline May recognized the graduates by stating what each would be doing upon leaving Chelsea School. She spoke to the seniors wishing them well and reminding them to stay connected, not only to their classmates but to the school.

Terry Libby, member of the scholarship committee, announced this year's scholarship winners. This year's recipients were Sarah Arnold, Morgan Tullar, Michelle Upham and Hope Royce.

Sarah Arnold will attend The Montserrat College of Art and major in Graphic Design. Morgan Tullar will attend Central Connecticut State University and major in Athletic Training. Michelle Upham will attend Colby Sawyer College and major in nursing. Hope Royce will attend Norwich University and major in Nursing.

If for any reason the recipient does not return to school for their second semester, their scholarship will be awarded to an alternate student. This year's first alternate was Courtney Sanford, and the second alternate was Tyler Hoyt. Courtney will be attending University of New Haven and Tyler will be attending Lakes Region Community College.

Following the awarding of scholarships, the committee recognized the reunion years present. This year's we had a handful of speakers including 1946 graduate Bob Burgess (he travelled 3000 miles to attend), Fred Braman '51, Rawlin Jones '56, Ed Kuban '61, Terry Libby '66, Tom Mullen'81, Dan Hunt '91, Calvin Johnson '91 and Larry Allen. Thanks to all who spoke and shared their wisdom.

The meeting was adjourned around 8:00pm.

The committee is in a transition year and is considering not holding a banquet or social next year. The Association is considering this due to poor attendance at the social/banquets; no interest from Alumni to help the Association or serve on the board; and little to no donations from Alumni. We have been conducting the banquet/social these last few years with minimal volunteers and a small amount of funds. We are open to suggestions on how to revamp our event and keep it going. Please contact us with your ideas and thoughts.

Respectfully Submitted,

The Chelsea Academy and High School Alumni Association

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