

Press Release

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Vermont Commons Class of 2008 Graduation Set for June 6th

The Vermont Commons School in South Burlington will celebrate its *eleventh graduation* on Friday, June 6th with fourteen seniors in the Class of 2008. The commencement ceremony will take place at 10:30 a.m. at the UVM Horticultural Research Center, adjacent to the Vermont Commons campus at 75 Green Mountain Drive in South Burlington.

Founded in 1997 with just 32 students, Vermont Commons now enrolls 98 students in grades 7-12 in a rigorous, college preparatory program that includes a focus on community service and experiential education. The mission of Vermont Commons School is to provide a vision of education of that crosses traditional boundaries and develops ecological citizenship, with the goal of empowering students with the knowledge, character, skills, and moral vision necessary to become responsible, pro-active members of the world community.

Every year the graduates of Vermont Commons School go on to attend some of the nation's most prestigious colleges and universities. This year's class is no exception with graduates heading to the University of Pennsylvania, Rhode Island School of Design, Skidmore College, Parson's School of Design, Bard College and Champlain College to name a few.

The Class of 2008 includes the following 14 talented students from Addison, Chittenden and Lamoille counties:

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| 1) Sam Barrocas (Hinesburg) | 9) Toby Hinsdale (Charlotte) |
| 2) Mariel Bennett (South Burlington) | 10) Maura Huddleston (Weybridge) |
| 3) Kelsey Boudette (Williston) | 11) Tom Kalinoski (Fletcher) |
| 4) Johns Congdon (Charlotte) | 12) Frances Russell (Charlotte) |
| 5) Julia Cox (Shelburne) | 13) Josephine Stout (North Ferrisburgh) |
| 6) Kate Costello (North Ferrisburgh) | 14) Joseph Trask (Georgia) |
| 7) Catherine Etko (Vergennes) | |
| 8) Griffen Fargo (Burlington) | |

Two graduating seniors, Griffen Fargo and Josie Stout, will earn the coveted "golden turtle" award for attending Vermont Commons from 7th through 12th grade. Please join us on Friday, June 6th at 10:30 a.m. for our 11th annual graduation ceremony.

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