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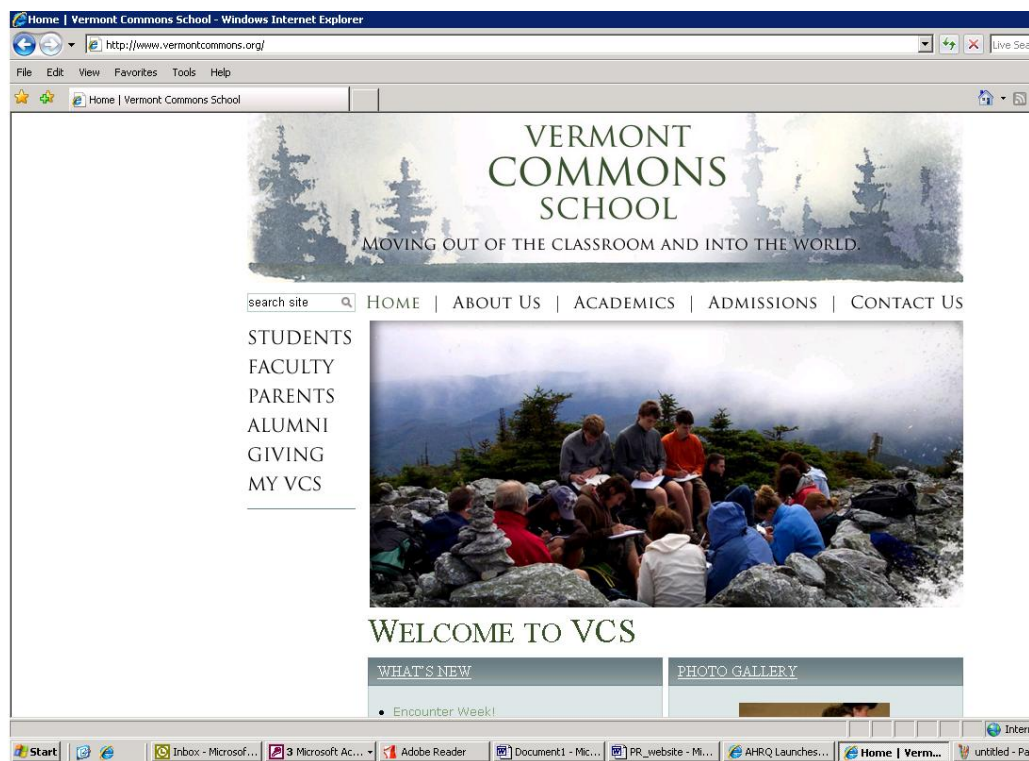
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Vermont Commons Launches New Website

In 1997 Vermont Commons School opened its doors to 32 students in grades 9 - 12. Today, as the School enters its second decade, Vermont Commons has 98 students enrolled in grades 7 - 12 and has earned a solid reputation as a progressive, independent school that offers small classes and a challenging, college-preparatory curriculum focusing on experiential education, ecological citizenship and community service. To celebrate its 10-year anniversary and share with the community how the School has evolved, Vermont Commons has launched a new and improved website: www.vermontcommons.org. The new site demonstrates how the School prepares students to move out of the classroom and into the world. It offers a wealth of information about the Vermont Commons community and its innovative curriculum, including examples of Encounter Week offerings and Research and Service classes.



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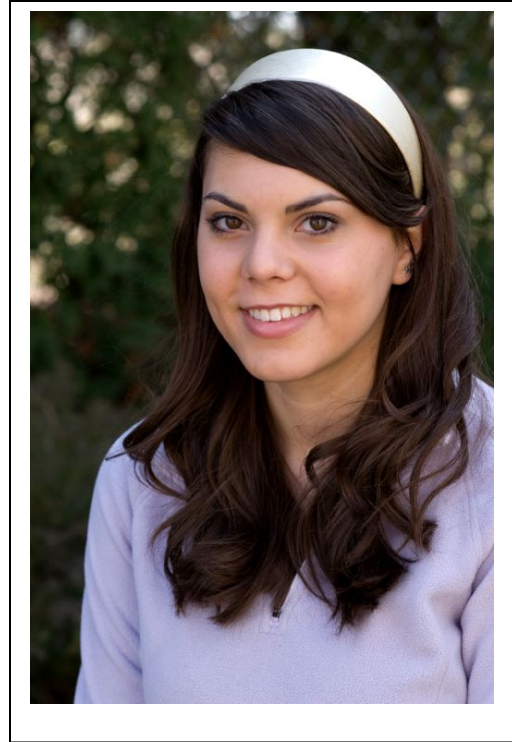


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The new website, designed by Vermont Design Works, includes a beautiful banner that incorporates an original watercolor of evergreen trees painted by Vermont Commons' founder and former Head of School, Bob Skiff. These trees symbolize one of the guiding principles of the School: The belief that understanding the relationship between the natural and human environments should be the primary goal of education. The multitude of photos and profiles throughout the new website convey the individual attention that students receive at Vermont Commons and the special relationship they have with their teachers. Even Peter Ross, the new Head of School, is on a first name basis with the students.

One of the students profiled on the new VCS website is Maura Huddleston, a senior from Weybridge, Vermont. Maura's courses include AP Biology, Calculus and Public Speaking, and her interests include riding rollercoasters, traveling and backpacking.

When asked to describe her experience at Vermont Commons experience, Maura noted "Vermont Commons is definitely worth my forty-five commute every morning. The school maintains a balance between its excellent academics, and its comfortable, relaxed, and open environment, perfectly. The teachers are amazing, and their relationships with students are respectful ones. The school has given me opportunities that I would have never experienced had I stayed at public school. I've become certified in Wilderness First Aid, I've also co-lead two encounter weeks, backpacked in the Adirondacks multiple times, and traveled to Yellowstone National Park to study wolves. I feel as though Vermont Commons has been a great match for me, and as a result I have been able to expand my knowledge and be prepared for college, but also live my life now."



For the past 10 years, Vermont Commons has matured and evolved, yet it has stayed true to its mission to provide a vision of education 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. The new website celebrates the School entering a new decade and marks a rite of passage -- moving out of the classroom and into the world.



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For more information about Vermont Commons, please call 802.865.8084 or visit the new website:
www.vermontcommons.org.

About Vermont Commons School:

Vermont Commons School is an independent, coeducational day school in South Burlington, Vermont for students in grades 7 – 12. The School offers a rigorous, college preparatory curriculum that includes a focus on community service and experiential education. The mission of the Vermont Commons School is to provide a vision of education 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. For more information, please call 802-865-8084 or visit our new website: www.vermontcommons.org .

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