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Spartan Pride Since 1787



Μολών λαβέ

From the ancient Greek, the two defiant words courageously spoken by Spartan General-King Leonidas to Xerxes, the Persian Emperor who came with 600,000 of the fiercest fighting troops in the world to conquer and subjugate Greece, their center and birthplace of civilization. We know it.

When Xerxes offered to spare the lives of Leonidas and his 300 personal bodyguards if they would lay down their arms and surrender at the Battle of Thermopylae, Leonidas shouted back these words:

Molon labe
Come and get the
Castleton, 2009

In honor of Dr. Diane Wolk

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FIELD HOCKEY TEAM HEADLINES SUCCESSFUL FALL IN SPARTAN SPORTS
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Introduction

Holiday greetings from our Spartan family to yours!

I am honored to be celebrating my first anniversary at Castleton University. Over the past year I've had the pleasure of meeting many amazing people and proudly representing our storied institution regionally, nationally, and internationally. It's easy to share the many stories of Castleton's successful students, some of which are embedded here in my fourth Presidential newsletter. What makes our Spartan experience special is the caring and esteemed faculty and staff, our dedicated alumni, our countless community partners and employers, and the families who care deeply about student success. We strive for continual

improvement, rigorous academics and relevant programming, and holistic co-curricular opportunities for our students. It's our job to do all that we can to build equity in the Castleton University diploma.

This past fall we enjoyed new enrollment growth, and an uptick in out-of-state enrollment by over 40%. These students now have the opportunity to experience our wonderful state and contribute to workforce development here when they graduate. Meanwhile, we continue to serve Vermonters in important ways, with over 70% of our overall student body Vermont residents. In our efforts to serve traditional, residential, and adult populations, our faculty are hard at work developing new delivery

models, new schedules, and new programs to meet today's workforce needs.

Diversity is an important aspect of a holistic education. Unique perspectives enhance a classroom environment and expose students to new and different ways of experiencing the world. Last month I traveled to Sweden to recruit students. I engaged in meaningful conversations with over 120 interested candidates, two of which have already submitted applications! Our faculty, coaches, and admissions personnel are eagerly following up and offering their assistance. Chris Eder, our alpine ski coach, will travel for the second leg in March. We are conducting research to determine the best countries for Castleton recruitment, and working with our team to identify travel personnel for future trips. International recruitment will be a major focus as we move forward and last year international students contributed more than \$42 billion to the U.S. economy (*Chronicle of Higher Education*).

In closing, I'm grateful to call Castleton my home, and to serve our talented students. I am honored to discover and meet our impressive alumni, to appreciate our generous donors, and to work with the most dedicated staff and faculty of my career. With each passing day, there is one thing I am sure of: #TogetherWeWillChangeTheWorld.

Many blessings,

Dr. Karen M. Scoloro
President, Castleton University





Academic Affairs



GLOBAL EDUCATION

EDUCATING EDUCATORS ON STUDENT-CENTERED APPROACH

Over the Thanksgiving holiday, Dr. Robert Wuagneux was selected from a body of 30 international experts to design, develop, and deliver a two-week course in Teaching and Learning at The Holy Spirit University of Kaslik (USEK) in Kaslik, Lebanon.

Dr. Wuagneux spent two full weeks in Lebanon, immersed in educating a dozen members of the USEK faculty and senior leaders, delivering on a range of topics including:

- What is leadership in the context of teaching and learning?
- Leadership strategies for the identification of areas for growth.
- Leading the transformation of ideas into action.
- Leading communication and collaboration for the improvement of outcomes.
- Leadership and inspirational course design: Engagement, Motivation, and Evaluation.

“USEK is truly at full throttle to advance teaching and learning to a new level of proficiency for both its faculty and reciprocally for its students,” Wuagneux explained. “The attendees were all experts in their disciplines with corresponding terminal degrees in Law, Chemistry, Electrical Engineering, Theology, Economics, Biology, Linguistics, Political Science, and Communication.”

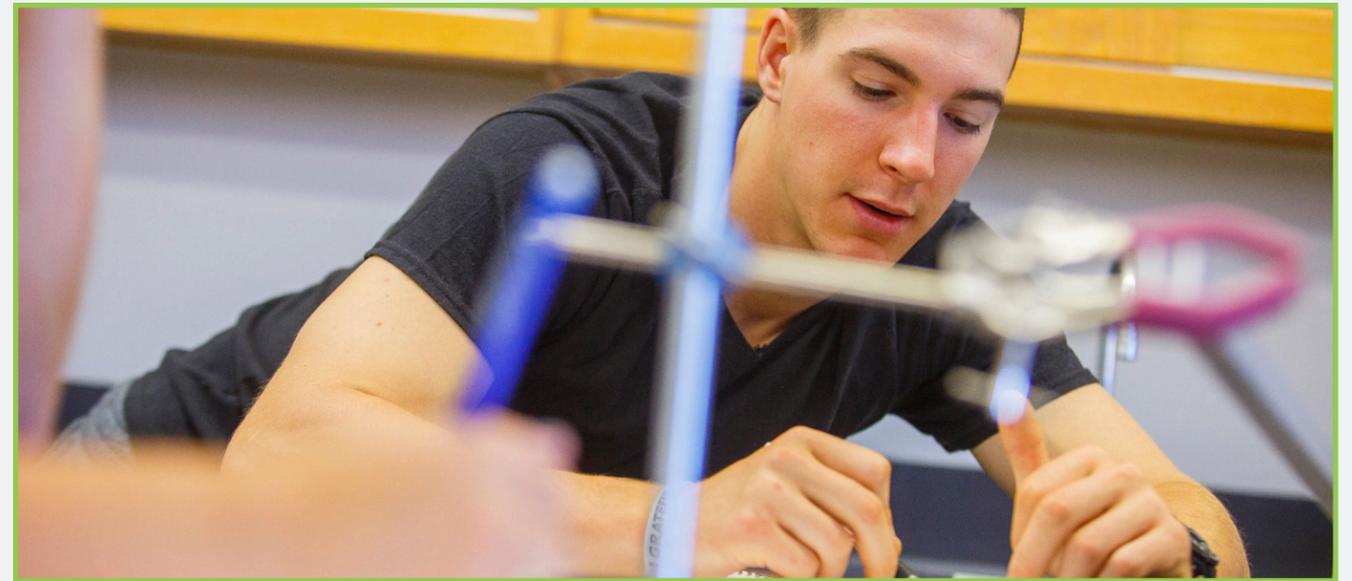
Dr. Wuagneux has been invited back to expand the curriculum and deliver to a broader group of educators in the near future.

“The encounter was extraordinary, as I was in the presence of professionals whose sole intent was to improve their ability to articulate and communicate effectively to learners in their respective teaching and learning environments. It did not take long to discover that I was engaged in one of the most meaningful teaching and learning moments of my career.”



FULL S.T.E.A.M. AHEAD

INNOVATIVE PROGRAM IS THE FIRST OF ITS KIND IN VERMONT



High school students with a passion for mathematics and science will have an exciting new opportunity starting in the fall of 2019 thanks to an innovative new program at Castleton University. The Castleton University STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math) Academy is designed to provide students an immersive experience that further develops their critical thinking skills and stimulates their passions while opening their minds to careers in these high-demand areas.

“Introducing students to an immersive program like the Castleton University STEAM Academy is critical to developing their skills and cultivating their passion for learning,” said Castleton University President Dr. Karen M. Scolforo. “This program will serve as a springboard to a future of lifelong learning and rewarding careers for our students.”

Qualified students enroll in the academy during their senior year of high school, and have the option to live on the Castleton University campus. Vermont high school seniors attend tuition-free through the early college program

and out of state seniors benefit from a reduced tuition rate.

Students who excel in the program will benefit from a seamless transition to a Castleton degree program.

The academy also provides courses for high school students who wish to consider the academy as part of their personalized learning plan. These courses are offered at a reduced tuition rate and are eligible for dual enrollment vouchers.

“We are committed to developing strong pathways for early college students that provide clear and realistic opportunities for them to excel in college and beyond,” Dr. Scolforo said. “With each new initiative we introduce we are focused on making education more affordable, more accessible, and more practically applicable to the global workplace our graduates are entering.”

For more information, including a complete curriculum map, please visit:

CASTLETON.EDU/STEAM-ACADEMY



FIRST GENERATION DAY

PERSISTENCE AND HEART: CASTLETON CELEBRATES FIRST-GENERATION STUDENTS

-Dorothy Dahm, Writing Specialist



Castleton University, along with many other colleges around the United States, hosted a First-Generation Student Celebration on Nov. 8.

The product of a partnership between the Council for Opportunity in Education and the Center for First-Generation Student Success, the day recognizes the achievements of students whose parents have not earned a bachelor's degree.

Staff from the Upward Bound, Student Support Services, and McNair Scholars programs distributed "I'm First" buttons to first-gen students in the Campus Center. Students nibbled on sugar cookies in the shape of the number one and viewed videos of Michelle Obama, Bernie Sanders, and other luminaries discussing their experiences as first-generation college students. During the event, students shared their thoughts on "I'm First" cards, which were displayed in the Campus Center.

Contributed by current undergraduates as well as faculty and staff, the "I'm First" cards tell stories of hardship and gratitude, pride and hope.

"It means my parents' dreams for me came true," says one card. "My dad worked 80 hours a week as a waiter so I could go to college. Thanks, Mom and Dad!"

Another card alludes to the resilience many first-gen students show.

"No matter your background, you can have the opportunity to get an education. I didn't let my past determine my future."

Roughly half of Castleton students are first-generation college students, as are many of the university's faculty and staff, including President Karen Scolforo.

Rich Clark, professor of political science, was the first person in his family to attend college.

"At Castleton, I felt like I had found my people. At my previous school, many of the students struck me as feeling a sense of entitlement about their lives and their position," he said. "I don't get that with Castleton students, many of whom have a sense of triumph about being in the room, being on campus."

Other faculty and staff echo Clark's praise.

"Many first-generation students have overcome obstacles many of their peers can only imagine," observes Gerry Volpe, coordinator of disability services and a first-generation college graduate.

"They come away with a strength of character that serves them quite well."

Brooke Knudsen, a senior biology major and McNair scholar, agrees wholeheartedly.

"Persistence and heart are the true meaning of being a first-generation student," she said. "We do the best we can, and our heart is always in it because we wouldn't be here if we didn't truly want to be."



GETTING FESTIVE IN DC

JENNIFER JONES' JOURNEY TO THE WHITEHOUSE

Last month, Castleton's Director of Upward Bound Jennifer Jones traveled to Washington D.C. to help deck the White House halls for the holiday season.

Jones was one of nearly 150 volunteers — and the only from Vermont — to take part in this annual tradition, dating back to 1973 when Richard Nixon's wife invited volunteers from across the country to help decorate the People's House.

The White House received the most applications ever this year, with 7,000 people hoping to help honor the unique heritage of America with this year's theme, "American Treasures." Hopeful volunteers must complete a short application and essay about why they would be a good fit for the experience. Interns from the White House Visitors Office read every essay and select the volunteers.

"In my essay, I mentioned the two deployments I had been through with my husband, his 31-year career with the Vermont Army National Guard, that I am a first-generation American on my mother's side and that she had been a World War II refugee from the Soviet Union escaping communism, and that I work in TRIO Upward Bound," Jones said.

The first day of decorating, Jones was assigned to "Team Twinkle" and spent eight hours at a government warehouse making bows, dusting off and repairing ornaments from previous years, and helping to select decorations.

"Team Twinkle was one of three teams which would be working in the warehouse that day, but then moving the White House to put lights on 55 natural trees in every public room and the residence," she said.

The next day, Jones and her crew began lighting trees around the White House, including two 17-foot tall trees, which took five hours for two teams of six people to fully light.

While decorating, Jones and the other volunteers were informed that the President and the First

Family would be leaving the property on Marine One shortly to begin the Thanksgiving holiday, and Jones took a seat in the Red Room to get a glimpse of the President, his wife, and children.

On Jones' third and final day at the White House, she worked on lighting more trees. At the end of the day, volunteers were treated to a special tour, including viewing the Diplomats Reception Room and the Rose Garden. Some volunteers returned after Thanksgiving to decorate and place the final touches.

All volunteers were invited to a reception hosted by the First Lady, which Jones attended. The event included performances by the Marine Corps Band, sightings of White House Staff including Press Secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders, and closing remarks from the First Lady. Jones and other volunteers were able to admire the Gold Star Tree for fallen military members, the National Christmas tree donned in 500 feet of blue ribbon, the 40 trees covered in real cranberries in the colonnade joining the East and West Wings, and other décor that makes the White House a magical place during the holiday season. More photos: CASTLETON.EDU/JONES





THE GIFT OF MUSIC

MUSIC DEPARTMENT GROWTH CONTINUES THROUGH FALL SEMESTER

Castleton's Music Department continued to expand its offerings and events this semester, while continuing to provide entertainment the community has grown to love.

The department hosted several conferences this fall. The American Choral Directors Association student chapter hosted the New England ACDA Collegiate Choral Conference, which featured guest Clinician Megan Durham, a yoga voice specialist. Castleton students were joined by students from Keene State College, Plymouth State University, and Northern Vermont University. The university also hosted the Vermont Music Educators Association Conference. This one-day conference drew more than 180 state-wide music educators — including many Castleton music alumni — and included clinics, workshops, and reading sessions.

As the leaves began to change, the Spartan Athletic Bands continued to perform at all of the home football games before moving indoors to cheer on the men's and women's hockey teams at Spartan Arena for home games this winter, providing great support and enthusiasm for Castleton's student-athletes. The Bands also performed at the university's annual Veteran's Day Ceremony and the famous Rutland Halloween Parade. Another highlight of the Bands' fall season was performing at the New England Scholastic Band Association Championships, held in Massachusetts in November. Castleton was the only representative of Vermont among the 45 high schools and colleges.

In November, the University Chorale collaborated with the Grace Congregational Church Choir for the All Saints Service, just weeks before the Chamber Singers showed off their repertoire at the Vermont Collegiate Chorale Consortium concerts. In addition to Castleton, the Consortium includes the Saint Michael's Choir, Middlebury College Choir, and Northern Vermont University Chorale. Tenor Adam Hall and the professional jazz ensemble blood drum spirit joined each performance, collaborating to perform the African Missa Luba, a Mass in Congolese style.

Chorale and Chamber Singers closed the semester with a performance that included a collaboration with new string orchestra members and professional musicians to perform the Vivaldi Gloria, as well as music from Africa with dance and percussion. The Jazz Ensemble's performance had a Cruisin', Bluesin' and Fusion theme. The String Ensemble, in just its second semester, also entertained a crowd in Casella Theater, as did the Wind Ensemble with "Nocturnes and Nightmares," parts of which they had shared with area elementary schools as an outreach performance in October.

The Department is already looking ahead to next semester, with plans to host the 9th annual band and choir honors festival and an arts open house, collaborate with the Champlain Philharmonic, and tour Costa Rica, where they will sing in high schools and collaborate with university choirs. Visit CASTLETON.EDU/CALENDARS for spring performances and events.



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castleton.edu/calendars



REEL EXPERIENCES

STUDENT-LED CONTENT LAB DEVELOPS VIDEO TO SUPPORT AFT EFFORT

-Dave Blow, Professor of Communication & Media

Castleton University's student-led Content Lab has nearly completed a video campaign for the American Federation of Teachers' effort to convince the state legislature to offer free college tuition for all.

The campaign features numerous Castleton students dressed in graduation caps and gowns holding up hand-made cardboard signs touting the power of a college education, said Content Lab advisor and graphic design professor Bill DeForest.

"It's an aspirational campaign playing off the theme 'will work for food,'" DeForest explained. "Like a nursing student held up a sign saying 'will work for fewer opioid addicted babies' and a criminal justice student wrote 'will work for national security.'"

Students from various programs were spontaneously filmed in the university's Campus Center after practice efforts by Content Lab workers in the TV studio, he said.

The students were given cardboard, markers and a cap and gown as props.

DeForest said the group hopes to bolster the campaign in coming months by doing similar events with students from other state colleges across Vermont.

Professor Linda Olson, vice president of Education for AFT Vt., said she has seen a rough draft of the campaign video - and was very impressed.

"I think they did a great job. I really like it a lot," Olson said.

Olson said AFT is working with Sen. Bernie Sanders' director of labor and director of education and DeForest said the plan is to unveil the campaign video in January, when the legislature reconvenes.

The students will use social media, and hope that Senator Sanders will share, to spread it far and wide.

"They're excited about it," Olson said of Sanders' representatives.

Hopes are to also use the students' signs for an art installation at the statehouse in Montpelier.

"I think it'll be really powerful when we get it up at the statehouse," Olson said. "I'm excited to see what happens."

AFT has been pushing for free tuition since 2011 and is hopeful the legislature will be moved to act this year, said Olson, who added that she plans to incorporate portions of the effort into a civic engagement class next semester.

Members of the student Content Lab include Madelaine Kopische, Cameron Rossi-Crete, Aurora Calchera, Martin VanBuren and John Everett.

VanBuren said each team member brings something to the table, mentioning Kopische's video work, Rossi-Crete's graphic design expertise and his photography skills as examples. He said the team is excited to have the opportunity to work with Sanders' office.

"You'd expect opportunities like this at a larger university," he said. "It's a huge resume booster, especially if you're applying for work in a blue state."

AFT is the second client the group has produced work for, having done a PILOT project last semester with The MINT makerspace in Rutland.

Michael Talbott, chair of the Media and Communication Department who came up with the Content Lab idea, said he's really impressed with the group's work.

He said not only are clients like AFT and The MINT benefiting, students working in the Content Lab are gaining professional experience that will make them more valuable when they graduate.

He said in a small town like Castleton, where opportunities to intern at big agencies or firms are fewer than in major metropolitan areas, the Content Lab gives them a conduit to clients.

"It's allowing them to serve real-world clients and make a difference in the world," he said. "There's no doubt these students will be extremely job ready."

Castleton



Advancement



VSCS HALL OF FAME

OLIVIA DUANE ADAMS TO BE INDUCTED INTO HALL OF FAME THIS SPRING

Olivia "Libby" Duane Adams will be the fourth Castleton graduate to be inducted into the Vermont State Colleges System Hall of Fame this spring.

Adams earned a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from Castleton in 1984 and became the co-founder of Alteryx, Inc., a global leader in the data analytics industry headquartered in Irvine, California in 1997. Now serving as chief customer officer, Adams takes a holistic approach to all aspects of each customer's experience.

In addition to her responsibilities within Alteryx, she is currently working with the university to help create new pathways for student mentorship.

While a student at Castleton, Adams co-edited the 1984 Spartacus yearbook and was a Student Association senator. A member of the Student Orientation Staff for three years, she served as the SOS parent program coordinator in 1983. As a result of her work and dedication to the welfare of students, her peers

recognized her with the Distinguished Service Award in 1984.

The Vermont State Colleges System will also recognize Gary Taylor of Community College of Vermont, Trevor Whipple of Northern Vermont University (Johnson), and Dr. Amanda Perkins of Vermont Technical College. Martha O'Connor is the recipient of the Board of Trustees Award for Extraordinary Contribution and will be recognized for her lifelong commitment to education.

The VSCS Hall of Fame event will take place at the Capital Plaza in Montpelier, Vermont on March 14, 2019. Now in its fourth year, the event continues to raise funds for scholarships for Vermont students attending one of the four colleges and universities while highlighting the leadership and accomplishments of alumni and community leaders.

For more information on the event and this year's recipients, visit vsc.edu.



ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

ISAAC FRENCH RELEASES FIRST ALBUM

Having been born and raised into a family of musicians, Isaac French '14 knew he wanted to pursue his own passion for music after graduation, but was unsure of how to begin. He began working at a restaurant to make ends meet while playing at small venues in Burlington and his hometown of St. Albans, Vermont.

Four years later, French spent his days working at a local school, providing support for students with academic and behavioral challenges, while still playing gigs on weekends. He played more than 100 shows this year, solo and alongside Giovanina Bucci and Michael Brewster as part of the trio Nina's Brew. Now, his weekend gigs take him throughout New England and New York.

After many sleepless nights, French recently made the decision to quit his job and pursue music full-time. The timing is intentional. He will soon celebrate his birthday with the release of his first album, "Human Being."

"Human Being is a double entendre to me," he said. "We all deal with struggles and heartbreaks as human beings, but it's the way you learn from them and treat others that really matters in the end."

The album's lead single "Better This Way," is streaming on the digital music service Spotify and is available on iTunes. One of 10 original songs on the album, it has been streamed more than 20,000 times.

"Honestly, it's been a long time coming for me," French said. "I started writing this album a couple years ago when my life was in a state of flux and I was trying to find my path and follow my dreams at the same time. The fact that it's finally finished and about to release feels so amazing when I look back on the journey."

French, who studied Communications and Music at Castleton, became recognized around campus after he began to post covers of popular songs to his Facebook page. He was also a member of Vocal

Unrest, Castleton's a cappella group. As his artistry grew, so did he repertoire. With powerful vocals and strong piano and guitar accompaniment, French has become a versatile artist whose abilities span a broad range of genres.

His style has garnered invitations to play alongside some of Vermont's most notable musicians, including Castleton's own Mihali Savoulidis and Twiddle. French performed at Grand Point North, the Burlington-based music festival that's the brainchild of GRAMMY-nominated musician Grace Potter, in September.

"This was the biggest and most professionally produced show that I've played and the experience was unforgettable," he said. "Moments like those always motivate me to keep working as hard as I can and I appreciate everyone that has been part of these experiences."

French is looking forward to building on these experiences and sharing his music with as many people as he can.

"Human Being" was released on Nov. 24.





FAMILIAR FACES

CASTLETON WELCOMES ALUMNI BACK TO FILL ADVANCEMENT OFFICE



We're invested in cultivating strong relationships with all who support Castleton. In the coming months you can expect to receive a survey from our office seeking more information on how we can better serve you in this capacity.

We have restructured our department in an effort to create meaningful and lasting relationships with all of you. This has resulted in new responsibilities for four familiar faces among the advancement team.

COURTNEY WIDLI '13 is Director of Alumni and University Relations. Courtney has been a mainstay in our office since her time as a student worker and has gained the knowledge and experience that buoy her charisma, abilities, and love for Castleton. In her time here she has helped grow each of Castleton's signature events, and leads our annual phoneathon.

TOM BLAKE '17 is Director of Athletic Marketing and Communications. Tom plays an integral role in our strategic communications, helping to tell the stories of nearly 700 student-athletes across 28 varsity sports. He

brings a wealth of knowledge in digital and new media generation and is spearheading the new Castleton Sports Network which is in its early stages of development.

LIZ GARSIDE '04 has served in many roles in our office through the years, but the most important role has been her ability to listen, care, and cultivate strong relationships. Her knowledge of Castleton's history is endless and only surpassed by the love she has for her alma mater and its alumni.

ELICIA MAILHIOT '12 is our new Communications Coordinator. She will work on helping us tell your stories effectively and efficiently. We have no doubt that the most recent Alumni Association Young Alumna of the Year will do just that.

We have lofty goals for this coming year and we can achieve them with your help. Our students depend on all of us, together, to stand alongside them.

If you have any questions about how you can get involved, please contact ALUMNIOFFICE@CASTLETON.EDU.



#GIVINGTUESDAY

SPARTANS GIVE ON ANNUAL DAY OF GIVING



On #GivingTuesday, Castleton University raised nearly \$9,000 for student scholarships and set a new Castleton record for most donors on a single day with 184!

Our students also contributed to the giving spirit on campus, hosting food and warm winter clothing drives.

Our student-athletes collected hats, scarves, and gloves/mittens. Members of the women's basketball team collected the most items per student throughout the day and all 28 varsity teams participated, collecting nearly 500 items in total.

Due to the critically low stocks at local food shelves, the Student Government Association extended their giving over four days. Students collected donations of non-perishable food and hygiene items, as well as coats, boots, and cold weather gear through November 30 in the Campus Center and Glenbrook Gymnasium from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day.

The SGA will award funds to the student clubs with the highest level of participation.



Student Life

FALL SPORTS RECAP

Following an outstanding debut in the Little East Conference for Castleton University's athletic programs that saw three teams qualify for the postseason and a field hockey regular-season championship, Spartan student-athletes, coaches and administrators gathered to recognize the fall programs' accomplishments in the Casella Theater.

Chief Academic Officer Jonathan Spiro presented the women's cross country program with the President's Cup for Academic Excellence on behalf of President Dr. Karen Scolforo, given out each season to the team with the highest cumulative grade point average. It marks the fifth consecutive season in which the team has won the award, this year posting a 3.78 cumulative team GPA.

MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

The Spartans finished top-five in the field on three occasions this season, including a team victory at the Castleton Invitational in early September. The team finished seventh in its inaugural LEC meet prior to competing at the NCAA DIII New England Regionals. Tom Rizza was tabbed as the team's Most Valuable Player as the only four-year member of the Spartans on this year's roster. He ran in five meets this season, posting a season-best time of 39:44 in the 8K at the Castleton Invitational.

WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

The cross country women also recorded a seventh-place finish at the LEC Championships in October, and registered a total of four top-four team finishes. They claimed the team victory at the Castleton Invitational, finished second at the Southern Vermont Invitational, third at the Green Mountain College Invitational and fourth at the Vermont State Meet. Kaylyn Crompton was named team MVP for the second time in her career, posting three victories and a second place finish in the regular season, with a top time of 19:50 at the Green Mountain College Invitational. She added a 10th-place finish at the LEC Championships and finished in the top-100 of New England at the NCAA D-III Regional Championships.

FIELD HOCKEY

Under the guidance of first-year head coach Christine Kemp, the field hockey program muscled its way to an LEC regular season championship by way of an 11-1 regular-season mark against conference opponents. The Spartans' success earned Kemp LEC Coach of the Year honors, while four players earned All-LEC recognition. The team made it all the way to the tournament championship game at Dave Wolk Stadium before falling to Keene State—the six-time defending LEC tournament champions—2-1. Senior forward Sarah Wells earned MVP honors for the team after scoring

18 goals and adding eight assists for 44 total points. She registered career-best numbers in each of the three categories and eclipsed the 100-point mark for her career early in the campaign. She finishes ranked fifth all-time in total points and goals, while ranking fourth all-time in program history in total assists.

FOOTBALL

The Castleton football program posted a 2-8 record on the season, picking up victories over Fitchburg State on the road and Alfred State at home on the season, while suffering narrow defeats at the hands of Anna Maria and Dean College. The season was capped off with a dominant victory over Alfred State that saw a handful of Spartan seniors have a direct impact on the outcome of the contest. Senior running back Moe Harris was named team MVP after re-writing the program's record books, finishing as the school's all-time leader in rushes, rushing yards and all-purpose yards, while ranking second in total touchdowns and rushing touchdowns. He ran for more than 1,000 yards for the third time in his career, while scoring 11 rushing touchdowns, two receiving touchdowns and returning a kickoff for a score.

MEN'S GOLF

The men's golf program finished the 2018 campaign with four top-five finishes, including a fourth-place finish at the North Atlantic Conference Championship. The Spartans opened the season with a third-place finish at the NVU-Johnson Invitational before finishing fifth at the MCLA Trailblazer Invitational. The team claimed a victory at its own tournament, the Castleton Invitational, leading wire-to-wire for the two-day event. Freshman Nicholas Ojala was named team MVP after securing NAC Rookie of the Year honors and finishing with the lowest stroke average on the team with a 78.5. He finished tied for seventh overall at the conference championship to earn the top newcomer honor and a spot on the All-NAC Second Team.

WOMEN'S RUGBY

The 2018 iteration of the program made history to end the season, picking up the first win in school history after being established as a varsity program. The Spartans downed LIU-Post with a dominant second half to claim a 27-17 win at Alumni Field. Julia May was named the team MVP on the season, playing in all seven games and registering four tries, four assists, and 64 total tackles. She was tied for third on the team with 20 total points.

MEN'S SOCCER

In its debut LEC season, the men's soccer program earned an LEC tournament berth by way of a 3-4-1 mark in conference play and a 9-9-1 mark overall. The No. 5 seed in the tournament, the Spartans hit the road to take on fourth-seeded WestConn, where they fell 1-0 in overtime in the LEC quarterfinals. The defense recorded five shutouts on the season, one of which came against LEC

foe Rhode Island College for their first LEC victory. Jacob Godfrey garnered MVP honors, playing in all 19 games and registering two goals and an assist. He scored the game-winning goal in a 2-0 win over Potsdam early in the season, before scoring the first goal in a 2-1 win over SUNY Canton in October.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

After going 4-4 in conference play in the regular season, women's soccer qualified for its first-ever LEC postseason tournament and drew a tough opponent in UMass-Boston in the LEC quarterfinals. The Spartans battled tight all game, but fell 1-0 to cap the season at 7-12 overall. The team grabbed its first LEC victory with a dominant win over Rhode Island College, and later went on a four-game winning streak in October, knocking off Plymouth State, EastConn, Maine-Farmington and Keene State consecutively. Julia Carone was named the team's MVP for her stellar midfield play in her sophomore campaign. She tallied a pair of goals and six assists for a total of 10 points while supporting a defense that allowed less than two goals per game.

WOMEN'S TENNIS

The women's tennis program hit a rough patch in 2018 against stiff LEC competition, but finished the season with a 3-10 record after picking up victories over NVU-Johnson, NVU-Lyndon and Sage. Megan Nadler was named team MVP after playing her way to a 6-7 record at No. 1 singles, taking on opponents' best players all season long. She partnered with Kirsten Kruk for a 6-7 record in top doubles play as well, and went 3-6 in both singles and doubles action against LEC opponents.

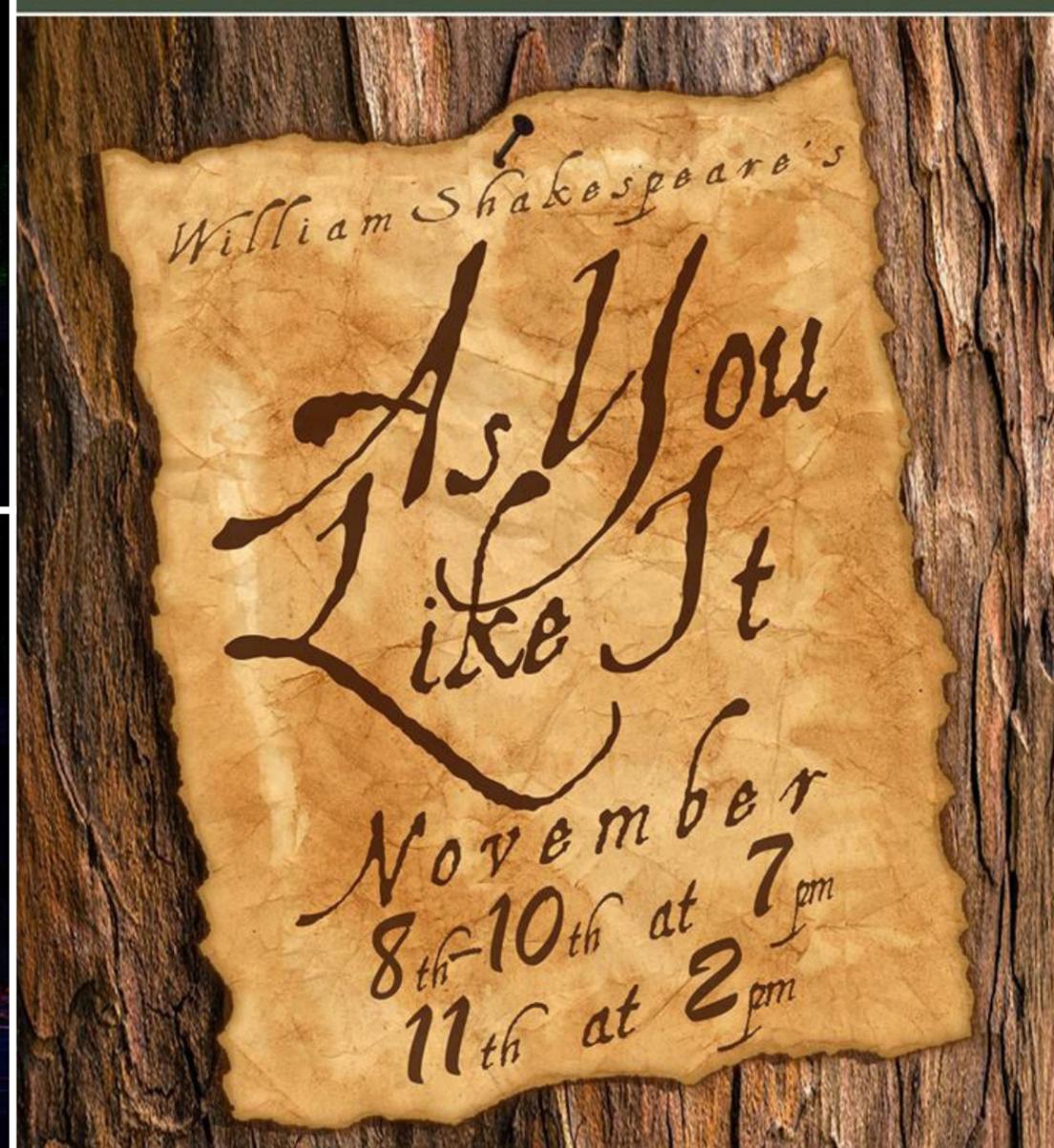
WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

The first season in the LEC was a stiff task for the women's volleyball program as the Spartans stuttered out of the gates before winning two of three games in the middle of the season. Castleton finished with a 2-20 mark overall, notching wins against in-state competitors Green Mountain College and NVU-Lyndon. Meghan Zawatsky was named team MVP after leading the team with 215 digs while notching 27 service aces through 21 games for the Spartans.





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