

Center (SLC), which allows students to understand their disability, develop skills, and techniques to minimize the impact of that disability, and promote independence and personal responsibility. The SLC also supports the transition to post-secondary education, by following a model of service delivery that is popular among most colleges and universities in the United States.

The Minuteman Parent Association (MPA) meets monthly and supports all aspects of the Minuteman community. In addition, the Grant-a-Wish program supports numerous initiatives and incentives for student achievement.

On October 8, five members of Minuteman's varsity golf team - seniors Andrew O'Connell and Connor Marchant, along with juniors Liam Moore, Alex Surdan, and Danny Tanner - ventured to Gardner to do what no golf team in Minuteman history had ever accomplished. The team was ready, loose and poised to compete against 23 other vocational schools from around the Commonwealth. After the scores were posted and validated, the Minuteman varsity golf team learned that it had won its first State Vocational Golf Championship. The tournament results will show that Minuteman had won the lower division - the tournament is broken into two divisions based on school size - but the Minutemen had actually produced the lowest score of the entire tournament, large or small, solidifying a remarkable feat. Other members of the team were juniors Nick Caldwell, Ryan Conneaney, and Jason English, and freshman Chris Leary.

CONCORD-CARLISLE ADULT & COMMUNITY EDUCATION

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Mission

Concord Carlisle Adult & Community Education (CCACE) provides opportunities for lifelong learning to the citizens of the school district and surrounding towns.

Collaborating with citizens and organizations, CCACE responds to community needs and interests with our

communities' talents and resources, calling upon local people to develop and coordinate programs and services for children, adolescents and adults throughout the year.

We make schools available for extended-day educational use for citizens in Carlisle and Concord. We promote and support School and Town projects that cannot be funded or presented in traditional ways. CCACE is both a program of classes and educational events and a process that connects local citizens with each other and their public schools in ways that are creative, educational and cost effective.

FY14 Summary of Activities

- 2,052 enrollments in fee-based continuing education classes
- 258 group, individual and online courses were conducted
- 280 students enrolled in instrumental music lessons (32-40 sessions each)
- 185 new students enrolled in driver education training
- 2,000+ participants in walk-in programs and events (no registration or fee required)

Year in Review

CCACE provided a comprehensive program of non-credit, fee-based learning opportunities for local residents. One hundred and seventy six community educators contributed to the program during FY2014, each teaching one or more instructional programs.

The department completed its tenth consecutive year of self-funded activity in 2014, recovering 100% of the costs for teachers, administrative and management salaries, non-salary expenses and capital investments. Department costs were \$695,326, and revenues \$712,676. The balance of \$\$17,350, a 2% operating margin, will fund the FY 2015 start up. A grant from the Concord-Carlisle Community Chest provided financial aid to more than 200 local families and individuals; it ensured that no one was turned away because of an inability to pay a course fee.

Children and adults of all ages participated in community education programs throughout the year. Classes were held before the regular school day, after school, at night, on weekends, and during school holidays, at CCHS and at the Carlisle Schools. Instrumental music lessons were held throughout the year, helping young students enrich their school-day music education. CCHS driver educa-

tion provided on-road training for more than 350 days throughout the year. Over 250 courses and more than 10,000 individual lessons were provided during the year. The Village University continued to provide high quality daytime learning experiences for senior citizens. Summer classes and workshops provided educational enrichment to complement the Concord Public Schools Summer School program. The Concord-Carlisle Chess Club was established and met each weekend. The department created a new interactive website. The high school and the community at large was a campus for continuous learning through the entire year.

The CCACE Advisory Committee worked with the staff and faculty and provided a link with the administration and School Committee. Advisory Committee members are appointed by the Regional School Committee for three-year terms. Citizens are urged to contact Committee members, share ideas and volunteer, so that the Adult & Community Education program may respond to community needs, further enrich the towns, and achieve our shared educational goals.

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The Concord Carlisle Scholarship Fund (CCSF) was established in 1966 to provide need-based grants to deserving young men and women from Concord or Carlisle to obtain additional educational opportunities after sec-

ondary school. The Fund is a tax-exempt charitable trust. Recipients must either live in or have attended school in either town.

The Fund is administered by a 22-member volunteer board of trustees. Scholarships are financed through an annual appeal, a student-staffed phonathon, and by income generated from memorial gifts, bequests, and named funds. For more information about the CCSF, please see the website: www.ccscholarshipfund.org.

Since the Fund began, it has assisted more than 1,000 students. In 2014, the trustees awarded over \$184,000 to 76 high school and college students, while the Fund's affiliated organizations supplemented this amount with over \$60,000, bringing the combined total awarded to \$244,400 and the combined number of students awarded scholarship assistance in 2014 to 93.

Traditionally, the Trustees host a brunch at the start of the new calendar year in appreciation of the Named Fund Scholarship benefactors. The annual CCSF phonathon takes place over two nights using space donated by Fenn School; it is staffed by Concord-Carlisle High School (CCHS) students who are candidates for the National Honor Society. The board also supports the annual Adrian A. Martinez Road Race in June which generates additional funds for the scholarship that memorializes Adrian, CCHS Class of 2002.

Many scholarship recipients write to share their progress and to offer sincere thanks for the support from our community. One such example from a 2014 CCHS graduate who is majoring in engineering writes, "By awarding me the scholarship, you have lightened my financial burden which allows me to focus more on the most important aspect of school, learning. I hope one day I will be able to help students achieve their goals just as you have helped me."

The Fund is pleased to announce the 2014 creation of The Abby Memorial Scholarship Fund to honor Abdirauf "Abby" Abdullahi who graduated from Concord Carlisle High School in 2006. He successfully completed high school, received a full scholarship to college, and was shot and killed in a case of mistaken identity two months before starting his first semester. He was the son of Somali refugees, and an exemplary METCO student who had taken advantage of the Concord-Carlisle education to catapult himself into success.