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Graduating Seniors Continue Their Education

Graduates from Old Colony are blessed to have a high school diploma and skills in a trade. Some students, such as the Class of 2008 Valedictorian, Culinary Arts student **Robert Cost** (Carver), enjoys the field, but will pursue a degree in Bio-Chemistry with a full scholarship to UMass Boston. The Class of 2008 Salutatorian, Carpentry student **Daniel Rounseville** (Rochester), will attend UMass Dartmouth to study Structural Engineering.

In all, 63% of our graduates plan to continue their education. Seventeen graduates have been accepted into four-year colleges, 46 graduates have been accepted into two-year colleges, 11 students have been accepted into technical schools, and two graduates will serve our country in the military. Two graduates await word on their acceptance into the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers.

Math Team Has Excellent Year

For the past five years, Old Colony has sent Math Teams to participate at the annual Math Meet at Tri-County Regional Vocational Technical High School. This year Old Colony had teams that finished in second-place with 1425 points (missing first by 37.5 points) and fourth-place with 998 points.

After a full day of school, students competed for approximately two and three-quarter hours. Old Colony's participants included seniors **Alex Buckley** (Rochester), **Robert Cost** (Carver), team captains **Chad Crumley** (Acushnet) and **Nicholas Rice** (Carver), and juniors **Nicholas Abaray** (Acushnet), **Jonathan Ferreira** (Acushnet), **Eli Reznikervitz** (East Freetown), **Alexander Tironati** (Freetown), **Lane Tobiason** (Acushnet), and **Jade Worthington** (Acushnet).

This meet was only open to Massachusetts vocational schools. The questions tested student knowledge in Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, and Technical Math. Each school was allowed to bring two teams. This year, twenty teams from twelve schools competed in the "Jeopardy style" competition.

The ranking of second-place and fourth-place were the best results Old Colony has ever had. Congratulations to the Math Team, and to **Mrs. Francis** and **Mr. Gonsalves** for serving as team advisors.

Survivor: Thailand Contestant is Guest Speaker

Rhode Island resident **Helen Glover** recently spoke to the faculty and student body at Old Colony's annual Excellence In Effort ceremony. Ironically, she spoke on June 3rd, six years to the day that she began her competition on *Survivor* - the popular reality television show.

Challenged by her husband and others, she applied and was selected from over 65,000 applicants and made the cut from the 500 people interviewed. Mrs. Glover admitted that it looked easy when she was on the couch watching, but the actual event was a grueling challenge that was real.

What helped her to endure the 120 degree heat and physical environment in Thailand was her determination. She told the audience that "... determination will get you farther than anything else. Determination will enable you to graduate, get a job, live or die."

In *Survivor*, as in a large community or a school, she said there were a variety of persons one must get along with. She added that the weak person should not be overlooked because that person may have a special, unknown talent.

Mrs. Glover encouraged students to leave their comfort zone and use their education. "Ninety percent of the world envies you," she said. "Never let opportunity slip away." She urged the students to believe in themselves and have the confidence to take advantage of all opportunities that come their way.

4th Annual Old Colony Golf Tournament raises \$16,500

The Fourth Annual Old Colony Golf Tournament was held at the Acushnet River Valley Golf Course in Acushnet, MA, on May 17, 2008. Families, friends, alumni, and guests of Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School helped make this year's event a huge success. The event raised \$16,500 - all of the proceeds from the golf tournament will benefit Old Colony Student Scholarships and Services. Old Colony wishes to thank John Abaray, Gary Brown, and all of the people who helped to make the golf tournament a fun family event and an extremely profitable fundraiser for the Old Colony Scholarship Fund.

Around the Colony

* Old Colony recently announced its annual "Excellence In Effort" Award" winners. This award is given on the basis of effort - effort that is not necessarily restricted to a natural gift or talent, but based on the motivation to do well. This year's winners were:

SHOP	NAME	TOWN
Automotive	Jake Goyette	Rochester
CAD Drafting	Lane Tobiason	Acushnet
Computer Info Tech	Jade Worthington	Acushnet
Cosmetology	Sarah Smith	Lakeville
Culinary Arts	Cameron DeGrazia	Acushnet
Electrical	Ted Mello	Acushnet
Electronic Tech	Carlton Jardin	Acushnet
Graphic Comm.	Paul Alexander	Acushnet
Health Careers	Abby Mitchell	Mattapoisett
H/Mill Carpentry	Arthur Madonna	Lakeville
Machine & Tool	Mason Wood	Acushnet
Metal Fabrication	Matthew Neves	Carver

* The 7th Annual **Mr. Cougar Competition**, held on April 4, 2008, was a huge success! A standing-room-only crowd of over 650 people witnessed one of the most entertaining Mr. Cougar competitions ever. **Tyler Mack** (Lakeville, Culinary) was crowned Mr. Cougar 2008 for his incredible dancing and overall talent. The 2008 senior contestants were: **Matt Willett** (Carver), **Paul Tello** (Carver), **Kevin Sferrazza** (Lakeville), **Brandon Brasseur** (Acushnet), **Tyler Mack** (Lakeville), **Brendan Bagley** (Lakeville), **Jose Robles-Ferro** (Rochester), and **David Flint** (Freetown). All of the senior contestants did a great job, and made this year's Mr. Cougar show a night of outstanding entertainment and fun for the hundreds of guests who attended the event.

* The Old Colony Chapter of the **National Honor Society** conducted its twentieth annual Induction Ceremony on May 12, 2008. Students were selected for membership based upon their scholarship, leadership, service, and character. The students were selected by the National Honor Society Faculty Council. Those inducted included:

----- **Class of 2009** -----

Jillian J. Atwood (Rochester),
Lindsey A. Couto (Acushnet)

----- **Class of 2010** -----

Morgan D. Albritton, James F. Cafferty, Tania-Raquel Clementino, Robert P. Daniel, Courtney L. Deneault, Kaitlyn C. Dextraze, Jarod N. Ferreira, Kyle P. LeBlanc, Ted H. Mello, Magan Oliveira, Stephanie L. Pacheco, & Brett T. Tchorz (all from Acushnet); **Chelsea E. Bonenfant, Nicole M. Dexter, Allyson E. Donahue, Lindsey J. Earle, Elizabeth A. Hill, Stephen A. Mantia, & Holley G. Taylor** (all from Carver); **Shyann R. McAvoy** (Freetown); **Kelsey N. Beecher, Alizabeth G. Jackson, & Trisha M. Mello** (all from Lakeville); **Amanda M. Lemieux & Katelyn E. Weigel** (both from Rochester).

* Old Colony's **SkillsUSA** Chapter participated in the **South District Skills Competition** on March 13, 2008, at Greater New Bedford Voc-Tech. Over 600 students from the southeastern Massachusetts region competed. Old Colony had 77 students participants and captured 19 medals. The winning medalists were:

----- **Bronze Medalists** -----

Daniel Rounseville (Rochester) - Carpentry
Jade Worthington (Acushnet) - Computer Programming
Justin Nelson (Mattapoisett) - Electronic Applications
Michael Carberry (Rochester) - Electronics Technology
Matthew Willett (Carver) - Office Computer App.
Alex Buckley (Rochester) - Precision Machining Tech.
Adam Veary (East Freetown) - Web Design (team)
Alex Tironati (Freetown) - Web Design (team)

----- **Silver Medalists** -----

Christopher Fisher (Carver) - Computer Programming
Ryan Rheaume (Acushnet) - Electronics Technology
Melissa Viera (Acushnet) - Nurse Assisting
Steve Verroneau (Acushnet) - Precision Machining Tech.
Jake Shulenburg (Carver) - Electronic Applications

----- **Gold Medalists** -----

Brandon Camara (Mattapoisett) - Power Equip. Tech
Kendra Murray (Acushnet) - Office Computer App.
William DeCosta (Mattapoisett) - Food Beverage Service
Michael Poland (Lakeville) - Computer Programming
Robert Cost (Carver) - Culinary Arts
Brendan Begley (Lakeville) - Electronic Applications
Eli Reznikervitz (East Freetown) - Web Design (team)
Drew Bartlett (Lakeville) - Web Design (team)

Old Colony's SkillsUSA Chapter had a very successful weekend at the next level of competition - the **State Skills and Leadership Conference** in Marlborough, MA. On May 1, 2, and 3, Old Colony students pitted their skills against other vocational students in Massachusetts. The conference had 2500 participants. Old Colony was represented by 22 contestants and 10 delegates in 12 contests. Our students won 4 state medals:

Michael Carberry (Rochester) - Electronics Technology
Jake Shulenburg (Carver) - Electronic Applications
Steve Verroneau (Acushnet) - Precision Machining Tech.
Adam Veary (East Freetown) - Web Design (team)
Alex Tironati (Freetown) - Web Design (team)

Old Colony also had two state officer candidates: **Samantha Lucas** (Lakeville, Culinary Arts) and **Danielle Mahoney** (Carver, Health Careers).

* Eight members of the Old Colony **Student Council** attended the annual Massachusetts Student Council Convention in Hyannis, MA. on March 12, 2008. The students who participated included: **Julia Aguiar, Courtney Deneault, Alisha Frates, Courtney Freire, Kerri Wypych** (all from Acushnet), **Chenice Branquinho** (East Freetown), **Brittany Fagan** (Lakeville), and **Erika Sironen** (Carver). Old Colony's Student Council Advisor is **David Harrison**.