

# JOEL BARLOW HIGH SCHOOL

## NOTEWORTHY NEWS

*(Highlighting some of our community's accomplishments.)*

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*Dear Barlow Community,*

*Once a month at each Region 9 Board of Education meeting, I have the pleasure of sharing a sampling of accomplishments, recognition, or awards that our students and staff have achieved. This is not meant to be an all-inclusive list because we have many people who are modest or whose accomplishments have been noted in some other manner. I invite you to read and share with us.*

*Sincerely,*

*Tom McMorran  
Head of School*

- The Connecticut Art Education Association announced the winners of the scholastic art show, which is being held at the University of Hartford. Congratulations to each Joel Barlow artist represented in the following list of outstanding awards. Included on the list is the name of the student's art teacher.

Teacher, Beth Bailey:      Student:      Lincoln Hill, Sculpture - Silver  
Elizabeth Truscott, Painting - Honorable Mention

Teacher, Lee Skalkos:      Erica Loder, Jewelry - Gold  
Caroline Caglioni, Jewelry - Silver  
Lorna Schenck, Jewelry - Honorable Mention

Teacher, Dan Spinner:      Madeline Breda, Art Portfolio - Gold  
Kelsey McKissick, Drawing - Honorable Mention  
Isabel von Jena, Painting - Honorable Mention

Teacher, Deb Taubner:      Taylor Eden, Drawing - Honorable Mention  
Anna Naser, Sculpture - Honorable Mention

The awards will be presented at 2 p.m. on January 31<sup>st</sup> at the Lincoln Theater, University of Hartford. The guest speaker will be Carol Padburg, painter and instructor at the Hartford Art School. The exhibit is open daily through February 5<sup>th</sup>.

- On January 13, the Jazz Ensemble performed a joint concert with Masuk High School in the Joel Barlow cafeteria. Also performing that night was the JBHS A Capella group, X-Minute Break. A unique highlight of the concert was the collaborative performance of both Jazz Ensembles playing together. They learned and rehearsed an entire arrangement beginning at 4:30 p.m. that afternoon, shared a pizza dinner, and performed to a packed cafeteria.

- On January 15 and 16, the following students participated in the Western Regional Festival sponsored by the Connecticut Music Educators' Association:

Orchestra: Cormac Cummiskey, Jason Fenwick, Charlotte Ullman, Glen Ullman  
Band: Stephanie Erspamer  
Jazz Ensemble: Brittany Williams (also qualified for Band, but can only perform with one group)

The students were selected based on an audition piece they performed in November. The festival was held at New Canaan High School and included students from all the high schools in Fairfield County.

- In the fall, Jonathan Budd, English teacher and Co-Director of the Writing Center served as an appointed member of the Connecticut Academic Performance Test Modified Assessment System standard-setting committee for the Connecticut State Department of Education.
- In response to the tragic events in Haiti, students are currently in the process of planning ideas to help those individuals whose lives have been changed forever by the recent earthquake. In the meantime, below are ways students have supported or are in the process of reaching out to others:

- Several members of the boys' lacrosse team sought donations from the community to support the Wounded Warrior Project this past Veteran's Day. As a result of the efforts of the following students, \$1,545 was recently donated to the organization:

Jesse Beatty, Zach Cordelli, Conn Curry, Nick Granfors, Doug Indelicato, Dominic Lee, Michael Mattson, Mike McGowan, Corey van Oostendorp, Jackson Sennett, Wyatt Tompkins, Drew and Ian Zangrillo.

- The X-Period Group, REACT (Redding Easton Association for Counseling on Transition), formerly known as TLMA (Transitional Learning Management Association) will kick-off three important activities at the beginning of the second semester:

"Holiday Cards for Heroes" campaign: REACT will supply materials for Valentine's cards, which our students and staff can use to create cards and write messages to our service men and women. The cards will be sent, along with care packages, to a marine base in Afghanistan, where the friend of a REACT member's parents is stationed.

Wrist bracelets with the words "Barlow Supports the Wounded Warriors" will be sold to students and staff for \$1.00 each. All proceeds will be sent to the Wounded Warriors Project.

"JBHS - Hope for Haiti" plastic bracelets will be sold for \$1.00 per bracelet with all of the proceeds to be sent to the Hope for Haiti Foundation, which is sponsored by NBC.

- The Department of Graphic Design & Visual Arts at Sacred Heart University recently congratulated two former Joel Barlow students, Kelly Gilleran and Amanda Wenger, for the acceptance of their Illustration I art pieces into the Society of Illustrators of Los Angeles nationally juried WEST 48 Competition. The Society of Illustrators of Los Angeles was founded in 1953 by a handful of Southern California advertising artists and designers primarily to promote the professional status of illustration art as well as foster both philanthropic and educational goals. From this small beginning it has grown to a very productive membership whose work is seen locally and nationally by millions each year in all printed media, including television, films, the Internet and gallery exhibitions. Since 2004, 27 SHU student illustrations have been accepted into both the Society of Illustrators of Los Angeles and the Society of Illustrators of New York nationally juried competitions.