

SAU 39 vision is to engage, challenge and support all learners. Staff members have embraced this vision through their participation in the following activities:

- Julie Wright attained her Masters Degree in Education
- Kathy Maddock attained her Master's of Art in Liberal Studies
- Kim Vitchkoski established our partnership exchange program with three high schools in Mannheim, Germany. We hosted 35 students and 4 teachers for 3 weeks in Oct/Nov 2005. She will be taking a German Literature course this spring.
- Gary Schnakenberg was awarded "Geography Educator of the Year" by Clark University (Worcester) Graduate School of Geography.
- Heidi Huntley, Vince Tom and Rob Scully led 18 students on an educational tour through Italy visiting Rome, Florence and Venice
- Para educators (Theresa Williams, Wendy True, Erin Hatfield, Jean Hoffman, Kay Curtis and Donna Corcoran) are working towards their Paraprofessional certification through NHCTC. This work includes courses on Students with disabilities, Exceptional Lives-Students with Challenging Behaviors, English Composition, Computer Technology, and Strategies for Teaching Students with Learning and Behavior Problems.
- Nancy Baker has become Souhegan's first advisor to the Academic Decathlon and will bring twelve students to compete this year.
- Anne Clifton-Waite is on the advisory board for The Partnership for Research and Education in Plants. This is an education research organization that encourages high school and post-secondary school students to conduct molecular genetic research on plants. Souhegan is one of only a handful of high schools in the country involved with this particular research. Anne and Natalie Berger are working with two professors at UNH on a new research initiative called "The Worm Project." They have been involved from the ground level of developing a genetic research program involving nematodes for high school students. Souhegan is one of only 8 high schools in the state to have this opportunity.
- Kathleen Desmond was selected as a "Who's Who Among American Teachers
- Susan Carr is the State DOE Chair of Committee for Revision of Health Education Standards.

Souhegan's mission statement states that we consciously commit ourselves to support and engage an individual's unique gifts, passions and intentions, to develop and empower the mind, body and heart, to challenge and expand the comfortable limits of thought, tolerance and performance and to inspire and honor the active stewardship of family, nation and globe. Here are some examples:

- Bernie D'Amours teaches Spanish to adults at the Latin American Center in Manchester
- Gary Schnakenberg began the Aikido Club for Souhegan and continues as the advisor. He is an adjunct faculty member at Keene State College teaching courses for Geography majors.
- Alan Gordon was a consultant for three Vermont high schools helping them to develop advisory programs

--Carl Benevides arranged for the Count Basie Orchestra to come to SHS for a concert in May 2005. He is currently working on his latest CD with his band "The EGB".

--The 10th grade faculty along with other staff members organized the annual sophomore Wintercession. This is a weeklong of experiential courses in which students are immersed in a learning experience of their choice. These experience course titles which included Habitat for Humanity (Kentucky, Philadelphia and Mississippi), The Life of a Gourmet Chef (New England), Extreme Rally (NH), Build a Boat (on-site), Exploring Fragile Ecosystems (Everglades, Biscayne Bay and Key Largo), Exploring Our Seacoast: A Glimpse Into the Life of a Marine Biologist (New England Seacoast), Guerilla Film: On Location, The Life of a Civil War Soldier (Virginia, Maryland, Pennsylvania), Investigating Desert Geology and Ecology (Red Rock Canyon, Nevada), Sans Souci au Quebec, Backstage Pass to Performance Art (Manhattan and New England), A Week of Community Service (NH), and Independent Study (on-site).

--Melissa Chapman, Beth Woodbury and Dan Bisaccio took a group of students to the Mexico Field Study at the El Eden EcoReserve. There they laid the groundwork in gathering data on the forest post hurricane Wilma. This will be used for post-hurricane disturbance research.

--Amy McGuigan will be inducted into the "Chelmsford HS Alumnae Hall of Fame". She is being recognized for her work in both the Chelmsford community and her work in education, in particular they are honoring her Presidential Award in Excellence in Math teaching and her initiative in founding a Dance Program in a NH public school.

SAU 39 Goal: Improve performance in reading, writing and math skill in all curricular areas. Staff members have participated in the following professional development activities to support this goal in their classroom.

--Gavin took 5 students to a Media Matters: Writing Conference For High School Teachers & Teens organized by the Boston Globe at UMASS Boston. Kids took part in workshops discussing media issues, careers in journalism, journalistic and other writing. Derrick Z. Jackson, The Boston Globe, Associate Editor/Columnist and Michael Winerip, New York Times reporter, education columnist and author were the keynote speakers. Gavin attended the Kerouac Conference and Festival at UMASS Lowell in October 2006.

--Peggy Silva is a speaker at the New England Writing Center Association conference in April. She also facilitated a writing seminar at the Fall Forum in Boston in November.

--Marina Capen and Terry Berna attended the 4 day Calculus Institute in Washington.

--Marcia Arndt presented a workshop called Pre-AP: Strategies in Literary Analysis at the College Board New England forum in February 05. She also received training to present Pre-AP: Strategies in developing student-speaking skills in Spanish

--Julie Wright attended the KW Literary Seminar at the San Carlos Institute. This year's theme was Adventure, Discovery, and Travel---with such prestigious writers as Billy Collins, Barry Lopez, Pico Iyler, Gretel Erhlich, Eddy Harris, Kira Salak, and Eddy Harris. For over twenty-four years, the KW Literary Seminar has been dedicated to the investigation and celebration of the written word and to the support of American writers. The Seminar strives to preserve our literary heritage by promoting dialogue among writers, scholars, and readers through panel discussions, readings, and writing

workshops. The Seminar has earned a reputation as one of the premier literary gatherings in America and has become known for presenting provocative conversations about what really matters in American literature. The Seminar investigates a different literary theme through lectures, panel presentations, readings, informal gatherings and discussions. Julie was selected by the College Board as a Reader for the Advanced Placement Literature and Composition Exam

SAU 39 Goal: Differentiate instruction and programs to meet the needs of all learners. Staff members have participated in the following professional development activities to support this goal in their classroom.

- Kim Vitchkoski participated in a 2 day Spanish teacher Rassias Method workshop
- Bruce Shotland helped to develop a hands-on 10-lesson unit that will be web-based for middle schools and high schools. This unit is based on vermicomposting and ties the biology of using worms for composting with geography around the world. Grant monies from the US Environmental Protection Agency and Keene State supported this work.
- Staff members (Laruen Cosco, Joanie Conley, Ken Pfitzenmayer, Beth Dunham, Adam Theriault, Mary Moore, Andy Emerson, Nancy Kutcher, Phil Estabrook, Bruce Shotland, Ken Boisselle, Marcia Arndt, Joann McDeed, Susan Carr, Amy McGuigan, Rich Wallace, Dick Miller, Regina Sullivan, and Scott Prescott) attended a conference on Defensible Differentiation: What Would it Take to Do it Right? The speaker was Carol Ann Tomlinson.
- Gary Schnakenberg was a presenter at “2005 Exemplary Practices Workshop” at NH Council for Social Studies Annual Conference
- Martha Rives presented a workshop at the New Hampshire Art Educator's Fall Conference on Assessment in the Visual Arts.
- Marcia Arndt was invited by the College Board to be trained as a consultant to present a new workshop: Developing Vertical Teams in World Languages
- Scott Prescott and Regina Sullivan attended a conference sponsored by the NH Assoc. of Supervision and Curriculum Development, entitled: “The Big Ideas of Understanding By Design” The speaker was Grant Wiggins.