



Whittier Tech graduates earned a long list of industry certifications plus diplomas; 70 percent are going on to college

HAVERHILL – Whittier Tech’s Class of 2010 has distinguished itself in many ways and those accomplishments are about to be celebrated. Acting Principal Maureen Lynch announces the following Senior Week Activities for the Class of 2010:

Senior Talent Showcase – May 26, 12:40 to 2 p.m.

Senior Prom – June 2, 6 to 11:30 p.m., Atkinson Country Club, Atkinson, NH

Senior Awards Assembly – June 4, 10 a.m. following graduation rehearsal
A luncheon celebration will be hosted in the cafeteria after the assembly where yearbooks and caps and gowns will be distributed.

Commencement -- June 5, 10 a.m. at the Arthur Gordon Field behind the school.
Rain date is June 6.

Here are the details and accomplishments of Whittier’s Class of 2010:

Number of graduates: 263

Going to college: 70%

Employment: 27%

Military: 3%

Valedictorian and Salutatorian: To be announced at Awards Assembly, June 4

Class Officers

President: Christopher Affannato

Vice-president: Ceara Brooke Gallagher

Secretary: Gina Barton

Treasurer: Shannon Constantine

Noteworthy academic/vocational/sports achievements and events:

- 100 percent of the class passed the English, math and science MCAS required to receive their high school diplomas
- At 70 percent, this class has the most graduates to go on to college in the school’s history
- In addition to their diplomas, graduates earned industry certifications in OSHA, Cosmetology, Servsafe, Pro-Start, ServSafe Alcohol, Information Technology, Microsoft Office Specialists, Internet and Computing Core, Adobe, American Design and Drafting Association, COMPTIA A+ PC Technician, Network+,

Certiport's IC3 and C-Tech Copper-based Network Cabling Specialist, National Professional Certification in Customer Service – TD Banknorth, National Institute for Metalworking Skills, National Oil Research Alliance Certification, PrintEd, Certified Nursing Assistant, EKG Certification, CPR, First Aid, Network Cabling Specialist, National Institute for Metalworking Skills, Infant/Toddler Preschool Teacher, Automotive Service Excellence, BASF Refinishing, Fuser Plastic Repair, and Safety Pollution Training

- Undefeated (12-0) Super Bowl champions
- Won four gold medals at the statewide SkillsUSA competition, two silver and eight bronze; gold medalists will go on to national SkillsUSA competition in Kansas City
- Track, wrestling, girls and boys basketball and soccer teams all played in their respective state tournaments
- Wrestler Shannon Constantine became a national champion
- Hosted Massachusetts Trowel Trades Association competition attended by 250 masonry students from seven vocational-technical schools
- Key Club members won three community service awards at the club's New England District Conference, including first place for their annual holiday gift-giving trip
- Raised more than \$500 in Peer to Peer's Walk for Hunger
- Donated 40 winter coats for the Coats for Kids drive, 472 cans of food to the Merrimack Valley Food Bank and \$1,151 to the American Red Cross for the Haiti earthquake effort
- Donated blood during two drives hosted by the American Red Cross
- Won "Best Delegation" and received 14 individual awards at the mock United Nations debate at UMASS Lowell where they were the only vocational-technical school to compete; received two "best delegate" awards and "best position paper" award at mock UN debate at Northeastern University, Boston
- Sold out the production of "Beauty and the Beast" all three nights
- Won "Grand Prize, best overall" for their "Hot Dogs in the Old Shoe Town" float in the Haverhill Santa Parade
- Learned by using new technology with the Smartboards installed in most classrooms
- Tested their computer-aided designs with a new 3-dimensional printer
- Perfected welding skills on a simulation welding machine
- Participated in a cooking show with nationally-known Chef Guy Fieri
- Won first-place in a statewide Restaurant Management competition hosted by the National Restaurant Association
- Joined four new clubs started at Whittier: Salsa Club, Chess Club, Blues Guitar Club and the Gay Straight Alliance
- Hosted the first "Senior Showcase," a talent show to remember

- Won Spirit Week competition

Members of Whittier's Class of 2010 will pursue their educations at the following colleges and universities:

UMass Amherst, UMass Lowell, UMass Dartmouth, UMass Boston, Salem State, Bridgewater State, Westfield State, Framingham State, Fitchburg State, Mass. College of Pharmacy and Allied Health, Mass Maritime Academy, Norwich University, Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts, Northern Essex Community College, North Shore Community College, Middlesex Community College, Springfield College, Dean College, Wentworth Institute of Technology, Fisher college, Boston College, Bay State College, Lesley University, University of New Hampshire, Endicott College, University of Southern New Hampshire, Arizona State, Northeastern University, Suffolk University, Central Maine Community College, Southern Maine Community College, Nashua Technical Institute, Western New England College, Johnson and Wales University, Le Cordon Bleu School, New England Culinary Institute, Pittsburgh Technical Institute, Illinois Institute of Technology, Embry-Riddle University and Roanoke College.