

COMMUNITY ARTS

Schools, museum highlight student work

By Gail McCarthy

» Staff Writer

Local schools and Cape Ann Museum educators work together to help local students understand their “sense of place” during in-school programs that highlight their viewpoints and artistic talent.

Now in its fourth year, museum educators, working with local art teachers in the public schools, work with students on special projects, which include sharing the colorful history of Cape Ann.

Museum Director Oliver Barker noted that it is important to provide ways for the next generations to engage with the museum.

“We’re paying it forward,” he said. “The museum is their institution too. Through these programs, we want to help them to understand the importance of culture and art. We want them to know that we are excited to see their projects. We want them know that their voices are important and we think what they have to say is important.”

Every year, museum educators work with approximately 600 students in the second and eighth grades across Cape Ann. This past school year, the museum educators made 75 classroom visits to both grades at all Cape Ann schools, visiting classrooms twice. In these visits, the students learn about an artist from the museum collection,



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Gloucester resident Anthony Ahearn from Cornerstone Creative helps CAM Education Manager Cathy Kelley to display an art exhibit called “Feathered Friends” created



Raidi Alvarez, left, Cornerstone Creative Executive Director Adam Quinn, center, and Elijah Desir Kearns, right, help to install the art exhibit called “Facing Back Facing Forward.”

explore the themes related to the artist and artworks, and then create their own artworks.

These lessons culminate in a spring exhibition open to the community to view the work in the museum galleries.

Cathy Kelley, the

museum’s education manager, has seen how this program has caught the attention of many children. She and Gloucester artist Lesley Davison, another museum educator, designed and taught the lessons for this year’s community arts program.



An eighth grade art exhibit called “Facing Back Facing Forward”, which starts with the outline of student faces and is transformed into a map of their own imagination.

“The idea is for students to interpret the collection through their own learning and art-making,” Kelley said. “We like to create activities that include these large student exhibitions and installations that bring people together through art making.”

The second-grade project, “Feathered Friends,” focused on the story of the Gloucester-based Folly Cove Designers, a group of printmakers who worked together from 1938 to 1969. The designers celebrated subjects of everyday life, including the common image of seagulls circling overhead as depicted in the print “Cotillion,” by artist Lee Kingman Natti. The students learned about Virginia Lee Burton, who led this group, and about block printing. They too did block printing, in which they carved a Styrofoam block, and made a seagull block print of their own.

“These second-graders also celebrated the world around them through print

making,” Kelley said. “Every second-grader seemed to have a personal tale to tell about Cape Ann’s most notorious bird — a seagull.”

Their prints are now part of the outdoor exhibition at CAM Green in Gloucester as part of the “waves” that surround “Cassie,” the museum’s family-friendly sea serpent based on the local legend of 1817.

Meanwhile, Cape Ann eighth-graders worked on a project with the theme “Facing Back, Facing Forward.” The students first studied a collection of historic maps in the museum’s library, including the map of Gloucester Harbor created centuries ago by Frenchman Samuel de Champlain (c. 1567-1635). They learned to decipher a range of symbols shown on the map in addition to the importance of these historic maps.

“Using the profile of their face as a starting point, they explored symbolizing data and ideas, creating both real and imagined maps of their own,” according to the lesson plan. “The lesson included conversations about inventing symbols to communicate data, the many purposes of maps, and the influence of the map maker whose perspective influenced how a place was depicted.”

The students began by tracing a profile of their own face on a piece of acrylic, to “create their own maps to represent both real and imagined places.”

If You Go

What: “Feathered Friends” and “Facing Back, Facing Forward,” Cape Ann student exhibitions.

When and where: May 7 to June 1 at CAM Green, 13 Poplar St., Gloucester.

Gloucester Student Arts Festival Day: 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. May 17 at O’Maley Innovation Middle School, 32 Cherry St. in Gloucester with artwork on display in the Commons, performances from theater, band, recorder and chorus in the court yard and auditorium, food vendors, and 16 art-making activities; and at CAM Green from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. with exhibition, White Ellery House tours and Cassie Scavenger Hunt through the James Center Gallery. Parking at O’Maley School. The Gloucester Education Foundation is sponsoring shuttle bus service between the venues.

How much: Free to the public.

These works are now part of a special installation erected on the stone wall at CAM Green, which creates a colorful shadow when the sun shines through it.

The installation framework was installed in partnership with the Gloucester-based Cornerstone Creative, a local after-school youth mentorship woodworking and crafts-mentorship program.

EDITORIAL

Why the free press must remain free

Four billion people read Associated Press journalism daily.

A billion access Reuters content each day.

Bloomberg Media has 60 million video viewers monthly.

Yet the Trump administration is drastically curtailing these three major wire services' access to White House press conferences.

For generations, a spot in the press pool at White House media events was reserved for wire services. The Trump administration recently announced it was adding a second spot for a print journalist to pool, but the long-time reserved position will no longer be guaranteed a seat at each press conference.

The wire services can still apply to fill one of the designated seats.

The result is that newspapers, broadcasters and other media outlets across the world that depend on wire services for national and international news will no longer have secured access to coverage of White House press events. The AP alone serves more than 15,000 media outlets around the country including The Salem News and the Gloucester Daily Times.

The Trump administration is choking off the ability of an independent press to ask questions and report on White House press conferences while simultaneously shutting down the flow of reporting from the White House to communities across the country served by news organizations that use the wire services.

For decades, the White House Correspondents' Association has been in charge of setting the rules for the press pool, an important task given that many of the press conferences are conducted in small spaces that can't accommodate more than a few dozen journalists.

But the Trump administration in February wrested control



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over the press pool from the correspondents' association, announcing that it would allot fewer spaces to legacy news organizations in favor of new media, including social media influencers. The decision, without a doubt, was driven by Trump's desire to reduce access for organizations that critically report news about him.

That same month, the administration revoked AP access to White House pressers after Trump issued an executive order to change the name of the Gulf of Mexico to the Gulf of America and the AP declined to adhere to the change in its reporting and in its stylebook, because AP is an international wire service and throughout the world the gulf is still called Gulf of Mexico.

The AP sued, and U.S. District Judge Trevor McFadden ruled that the White House could not deny AP access on the basis of its decision to continue using "Gulf of Mexico." McFadden ordered the Trump administration to restore the AP's White House press pool access.

Clearly, the administration's recent decision to remove the press pool seat for AP, Reuters

and Bloomberg is a ploy to continue curtailing AP access, and by extension, that of thousands of news outlets relying on these services.

Previous presidents have recognized the importance of White House coverage by independent media to ensure transparency and the free flow of information. The Trump administration's battle with the AP and restriction of wire service access are unmistakable signs that it does not. The U.S. Constitution prohibits infringing on a free press with the understanding that a free, independent and unfettered press is crucial for democracy.

Instead, the president wants to control not only terminology used by media outlets, but also their ability to provide news to millions of Americans through community newspapers and other local media across the country.

Without a free press, we are all less free.

This piece originated with The Herald Bulletin in Anderson, Indiana, a sister CNHI newspaper to The Salem News and The Gloucester Daily Times.



REAL NEWS IN SCHOOLS

How the program works

Your school can have access to local, trusted journalism from The Salem News and Gloucester Daily Times on a daily basis. We report on news throughout the North Shore and Cape Ann, covering all things local — from schools, to sports, to government, people profiles, business, entertainment and more. You get the facts — the real news — from experienced reporters, photographers and editors you can count on at no cost to your school.

Here are the basics of the program:

What is it? The Salem News and Gloucester Daily Times partner with local businesses to provide free digital access to our newspapers to anyone within a school in our coverage area at no cost to the school. This access encourages students to value the vital news coverage being produced by The Salem News and Gloucester Daily Times. They will build awareness and gain critical thinking skills in the process.

Who can participate? This program will benefit teachers, students, and others in the school community.

Where does it take place? You can access our newspaper online. Teachers can incorporate the program into their curriculums, even having reporters, photographers and editors visit your class.

When can we start benefiting? As soon as we have your commitment to participate in Real News in Schools we will go to work to find a local business who wants to sponsor you. Once we have one, we will work with your IT Department to get the program up and running.

Why is this valuable? There's a lot of fake news out there on social media and elsewhere. The Salem News, founded in 1880 as The Salem Evening News, and the Gloucester Daily Times, founded in 1888, both award-winning publications, have long track records of fair and accurate reporting that cuts through the misinformation.

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Fifth-graders to visit historic Concord sites

Fifth-graders at Gloucester's East Veterans Elementary School and their teachers will head to Concord this June for a hands-on history learning opportunity.

The trip is possible because East Veterans teacher Krysta Houghton entered a competitive national application process on behalf of the fifth-grade team and was awarded a \$700 grant from the American Battlefield Trust's History Field Trip Grant Program.

Houghton said the grant will cover all the field trip expenses for the roughly 80 fifth-graders expected to go on the trip.

"Usually we go to Boston, but this field trip better aligns with our Wit and Wisdom curriculum which focuses on the Civil War," Houghton said. "They'll visit sites to learn about the abolition of slavery, ties to the Civil War, and kids their age who fought in the Civil War."

The fifth-graders will take a 45-minute walking tour, and visit sites in downtown Concord and Sleepy Hollow Cemetery with its memorial to George Dugan, who has been identified as the only native Black man who went to the Civil War from Concord. Dugan at age 43 joined the newly formed 54th Massachusetts and was killed during a battle at Fort Wagner, depicted in the film "Glory."

"We are incredibly grateful to have received funding through the American Battlefield Trust's History Field Trip Grant Program and are excited for our trip in June," Houghton said.

The American Battlefield Trust is the largest battlefield land preservation organization in the country, having saved more than 58,000 acres of hallowed ground across 24 states. Its History Field Trip Grant

Program offers funding and assistance to K-12 teachers planning field trips to Revolutionary War, War of 1812, and Civil War battlefields and related historic sites. Through the program, the trust aims to educate schoolchildren about what happened at these battlefields and historic sites and why it matters today. During the 2022-2023 school year, more than 10,000 students from 33 states took part, the trust

said.

"These kids get a chance to go to where history was made, where our country was created and defined," said Trust President David Duncan in a prepared statement. "Battlefields are outdoor classrooms that will teach future Americans about our democratic republic."

More information about the American Battlefield Trust is available at www.battlefields.org.

GHS mental health ambassadors organize health fair

Gloucester High School's Mental Health Ambassador Program organized a Health and Wellness Fair in the high school's field house on Wednesday, April 30, from 11 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.

About 45 partner organizations took part focusing on topics ranging from yoga to mental health. The Gloucester Public Schools and the Gloucester Public Health Department's Youth Leadership Council sponsored the event.

Among those on hand were eating disorder specialists, school resources officers, martial arts instructors, and those involved in substance use support and recovery. Among the many organizations involved were The Open Door, Healing Abuse Working for Change, CATA, Cape Ann Art Haven and Backyard Growers.

High-school health teacher Rosa Goulart and the district's director of mental health and social-emotional Learning, Amy Kamm, helped organize the fair.

— Ethan Forman



Gloucester High's field house was the scene of a Health and Wellness Fair on April 30. Standing at the Mental Health Ambassador Program's table during the fair are students, from left, Merina Earl, Aleena Brown, Maddy Goodhue, Hayden Kholer, Ava Paone, Edan MacDonald, Angie Della Cruz and Ava Borowick.

The Mental Health Ambassador Program at Gloucester High organized a Health and Wellness Fair in the field house April 30.

COURTESY PHOTOS



More than 40 partner organizations took part in a Health and Wellness Fair at Gloucester High on April 30 organized by student mental health ambassadors.



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Carovillano takes the crown

UNC-bound goaltender is Manchester's first Salem News Student-Athlete winner in 42 years

By Phil Stacey
» Executive Sports Editor

DANVERS — Brigid Carovillano is fond of saying that she's most comfortable in situations where she's forced to challenge herself.

Pushing boundaries and finding out exactly what she's capable of achieving has opened up a world of possibilities for the Manchester Essex Regional senior — who added one more accomplishment to her already-stacked resume last month.

Carovillano was named the winner of the 63rd annual Salem News Student-Athlete of the Year during a grand celebration at the Danversport Yacht Club on April 2.

Selected by a panel of five judges who interviewed 15 candidates from across The Salem News and Gloucester Times readership areas and sponsored by Salem Five Bank, Carovillano becomes the first winner from Manchester in 42 years ... and just the second Hornet ever chosen.

"I definitely did not expect to hear my name called," said the 18-year-old Carovillano. "There were so many great candidates here; just to be included among them was such an honor."

Carovillano, the salutatorian in Manchester Essex's Class of 2025 with an impressive 5.57 grade point average, is headed off the University of North Carolina. A two-sport all-star goaltender in lacrosse and field hockey, she'll tend net for the Tar Heels' women's lacrosse team while playing in the highly competitive



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Brigid Carovillano, of Manchester-Essex High School, poses with the Salem News Student-Athlete Award trophy after being named its 63rd annual winner during a gala event at Danversport Yacht Club.



Salem News Executive Sports Editor Phil Stacey addresses athletes and parents.

Atlantic Coast Conference.

During her interview that afternoon, Carovillano spoke with poise, confidence and conviction. Speaking of how she likes to be "engaged", "goal oriented" and being able to "control the controllables



Beverly High student-athlete nominee Will Ryan speaks with his peers.

while dealing the uncontrollables", she enamored the judges.

"We're really looking for a holistic student that encompasses so many wonderful skills, and Brigid was the total



The 2025 Salem News Student-Athlete nominees are (back row, left to right): Amanda Schneider of Masconomet, Simone Brooks of Pingree, Ryan DeLucia of St. John's Prep, Quinn Rocco Ryan of Salem, Danny Rowan of Bishop Fenwick, Will Ryan of Beverly, Will Conklin of Danvers, Sean Dolan of Marblehead, and Liam Keaney of Swampscott (front row, L to R) Skye Ciolino of Gloucester, Lily Harper of Ipswich, Brigid Carovillano of Manchester-Essex, Georgia Wilson of Hamilton-Wenham, Janelle Dalton of Essex Tech and Allyson Bettencourt of Peabody.

package," said Erin Truex, the Executive Director of Beverly Main Streets and one of the Student-Athlete judges. "She's a phenomenal student, a phenomenal athlete, and we're excited to watch her athletic career continue at UNC."

"What stood out to me was her relentless drive and passion in whatever she's doing," noted another judge, Brad Hunt, a Vice President at Salem Five. "It stands out to me that she used as an example her attempts to make the U.S. National (U16 and U18 girls lacrosse) Team Development Program as one of her proudest moments when she actually failed not once, but coming back to fail again. But she came out of it saying, 'This is something I know I can still do, and I did my best.' That tells me Brigid is someone who's going to succeed in all facets of her life ... and that she can help others do that, too."

How incredible of a student is the self-professed goal-oriented and engaged Carovillano? She has earned 68 A+ grades in her high school

career; the lowest mark she's ever received for a class, an A-, has happened only twice.

A National Honor Society member, Carovillano has been recognized for Academic Excellence awards in Evidence-Based Argumentation, Honors Chemistry and Honors Biology, as well as being a Manchester Essex Junior Scholar. She also volunteers with both Cape Ann Youth Lacrosse and Adaptive Lacrosse, has worked with the Anti-Defamation League, and is part of Morgan's Message, which works with young student-athletes to help end the stigma dealing with mental health.

Shelley Murray the Senior Vice President, Regional Manager at Salem Five, served as a Student-Athlete judge for the third straight year and raved about the complete package that Carovillano presents.

"Resilient, passionate, self-aware, a leader ... Brigid is an overall great young woman," said Murray. "She'll be a great inspiration for young women coming up."

Salem News assistant sports editor Matt Williams stated that Carovillano moving on to play goaltender at North Carolina is the equivalent of a local football standout moving on to the Southeastern Conference, the country's preeminent college football league.

"Brigid plays arguably the most difficult position in sports because of how hard it is to stop the ball, and she embraces the challenge that comes with that," noted Williams. "She's a great example of how to balance success and overcoming adversity."

"I was really struck by the way she wants to challenge herself by leaving a small pond in Manchester and diving head first into a big pond at North Carolina, not just athletically, but also because Chapel Hill is one of the most difficult schools to get into academically in the whole country," he said.

The only other student from Manchester to win The Salem News Student-Athlete Award was Conrad Keville back in 1983.

Truex gives life lessons to student-athletes

By Nick Giannino

» Staff Writer

DANVERS — Each individual nominated for this year's Salem News Student-Athlete Award shines athletically in one way or another.

From star football and track standouts to ice hockey forwards, rock climbing enthusiasts and slalom skiers, all 15 candidates have their niche. But as much as those high school seniors accomplish throughout their respective sports careers, it will pale in comparison to the impact they'll make as well rounded, respectable young men and women in society.

Guest speaker Erin Truex — a phenomenal athlete in her own right — shared some words of wisdom at the 63rd annual Student-Athlete banquet at Danversport Yacht Club on April 2 and made that

point very clear.

"Whether life after graduation involves sports or not, people will forget the accolades, they'll forget the successes, but they'll never forget how you made them feel," said Truex, the Executive Director of Beverly Main Streets.

"There will be a lot of talk of the future and all you have to look forward to upon graduation, but I want you to sit with these final few months of your high school experience and think about how people are going to remember you. Not for your successes, not your accomplishments, but who you are as a person."

Truex speaks on personal experience.

A former offensive tackle for the Boston Renegades professional women's football team, she helped her team win four straight Women's Professional Football (WFA)

championships without losing a single game. In her final season, the Renegades outscored opponents by a ridiculous 528-70 margin across the nine-game campaign, and Truex played a key role in not allowing a single sack of her quarterback during that stretch.

Two of the Renegades championship victories were shown live on ESPN, and her team's jersey is displayed in both the Pro Football Hall of Fame and the Sports Museum in Boston.

Needless to say, Truex was a superstar on the gridiron and true advocate and promoter for women's sports.

But despite all the glory that came with playing pro football, it was her influence off the field that Truex is most proud of. The West Coast native recalled one particular instance

after one of her squad's big games where a player from the opposing team came up to her to thank her for what she'd done.

"The player speaking to me heard an interview of mine where I raised against the hate and vitriol that seemed to be getting more aggressive online against women's football fan bases," she explained. "This player received particular heat because she was bigger, heavier, and didn't look like the rest of us. Reasons that had nothing to do with football or her skill and everything to do with reasons that divide."

"She sought me out and told me how much it meant to her that she felt supported and how grateful she was," continued Truex. "To this day that stuck with me more than anything ... that player has remained one of my closest

friends."

Truex said her team won the game, advancing to the championship in the process, but she doesn't even remember the final score or any of the plays throughout the action. She certainly remembers that conversation with an opponent turned friend, however, and it's moments like that that make it all worth it.

"People will never forget how you made them feel," she said. "It may feel small but it makes such a difference

to those around you, just by how you choose to interact with them."

So while each of this year's senior nominees from 15 schools across the North Shore and Cape Ann area will undoubtedly go on to have exceptional athletic and academic careers in college, it's how they interact with others that will shine brightest. Certainly, there's no question that every one of them will make their presence felt in that regard.



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Guest speaker Erin Truex, executive director of Beverly Main Streets, addresses this year's Salem News Student Athletes during the 63rd annual event at Danversport Yacht Club.

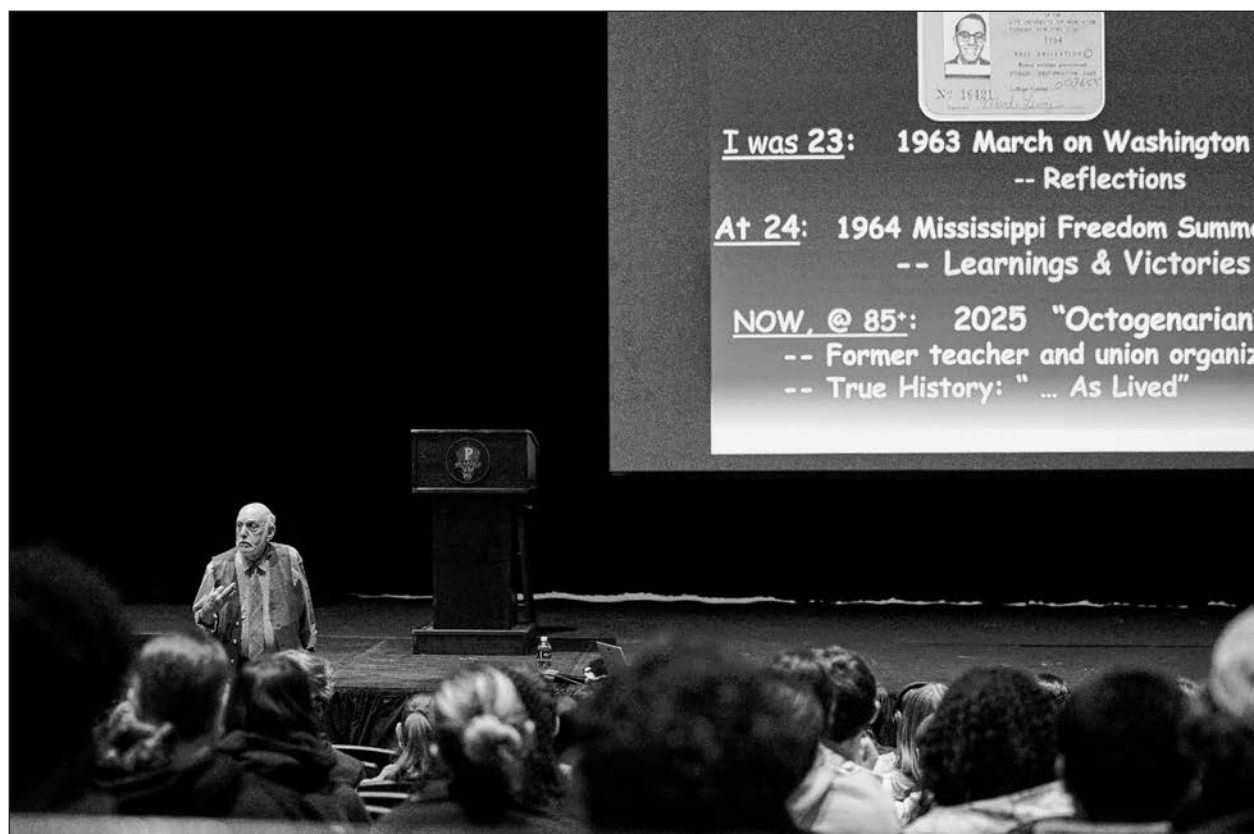
Freedom Summer volunteer shares lessons of activism at Peabody High

By News Staff

PEABODY — Sophomores at Peabody Veterans Memorial High School attended a presentation at the school April 8 featuring Mark Levy, a leader of a Mississippi Freedom School and a volunteer in the 1964 Freedom Summer.

Levy became involved in the Civil Rights Movement while attending college at Antioch University in 1957. He later met Freedom Summer organizers at Queens College and joined their campaign to enroll more Black voters in Mississippi, where discriminatory voter laws and threats of violence against Black voters had kept many members of this community away from the polls.

He spoke to PVMHS students about his experiences and how the students can take action when witnessing injustice.



Mark Levy, a leader of a Mississippi Freedom School and a participant in the 1967 Freedom Summer speaks at Peabody High School.

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