

Congratulations

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by the Guidance Department)

As NCSSM's first senior class eagerly anticipates graduation, many are interested in where the members of this precedent-setting class are headed. According to a college survey conducted in early May (with 85% response) eighty-one seniors plan to attend colleges in-state, while thirty-six others will journey to out-of-state colleges.

Cost and financial aid/scholarships offered proved to be an extremely influential factor in students' decisions. Perhaps the major factor influencing final college choices was the quality of the academic program and its reputation. Location was another factor playing an important role.

The reported acceptance rate was eighty-nine percent, while ten-percent were placed on waiting lists. The belief that scholarship opportunities would have been more favorable if the student had remained at home, remaining at the top of his class, was held by many seniors; however, the seniors have done exceptionally well in regard to scholarship awards, amassing a total of \$325,641 in scholarship award money alone. This figure is not complete--many scholarships won, arrange the amount awarded based on need, and not all the financing on these additional scholarships was completed at the time of the survey.

According to the guidance department, parents had significant influence on decision-making, but almost one-third reported that their college choice came solely from themselves.

Areas of intended further study indicated a large concentration in math/science related areas. Specific areas of academic interest are as follows:

Accounting	chemical
Archaeology	civil
Astrophysics	electrical
Biochemistry	nuclear
Biology, General	English
Biology, Marine	Genetics
Biophysics	Languages
Business	Mathematics
Chemistry	Pharmacology
Computer Science	Physics
Engineering	Political Science
aerospace	Psychology
biomedical	Zoology

The colleges that seniors will be attending are:

In-State

Davidson	6	North Carolina A&T	1
Duke	17	North Carolina State	23
East Carolina	1	UNC-Chapel Hill	27
Livingstone	1	Wake Forest	5

Out-of-State

Allegheny	1	Northwestern	1
Carnegie-Mellon	1	Notre Dame	1
Clemson	1	Princeton	2
Cornell	4	Rennesalaer	2
Emory	1	Rice	1
Erskine	1	Spelman	1
Furman	1	Univ. of Tennessee	1
Georgia Tech	2	U. S. Air Force Academy	1
Harvard-Radcliffe	3	U. S. Military Acad/West Point	1
Haverford	1	U. S. Naval Academy	1
Howard	1	Vanderbilt	1
MIT	1	Virginia Tech	1
Michigan Tech	1	Wofford	1
New College of USF	1	Yale	1

The first senior class at NCSSM has met with quite staisfying and formidable results. Math/science related areas will receive a large proportion of the seniors, an many have decided to remain in N. C. for college. To all observers, the school seems to have served its purpose well.

CONGRATULATIONS SENIORS!!

Did You Know?

ancient genes with their counterparts in the gnats of today. If the DNA has been preserved, then the possibility exists that life could have arrived on Earth from a distant planet over a 40 million year period in the form of a spore or other dormant organism.

And just a few weeks ago, further support of the theory that our origins might be unearthly was found. Researchers at the Carnegie Institute who were studying a meteorite that fell in Australia in 1969 found a predominance of left-handed (L) amino acids, the type from which the proteins of most life forms are built. This particular meteorite contained an amino acid that occurs on Earth. Dr. M. Engel of the Carnegie Institution believes that a cosmic ray or other radioactive exposure created the amino acids in the meteorite, that perhaps life was seeded in space. Of course, the most widely accepted theory today is that the amino acids of living beings were formed on earth. But who knows? If Einstein's theory is being questioned in the world of physics, then even the most long-held biological assumption can be challenged.

To My Brother and the Class of 1982

Maybe I should tell you
That you will always be a part of me,
But
Somehow I must believe you know.

Maybe I should say
Goodbye
Because tomorrow you go your own way . . .
to find -
To find something that's out there for you
But
Somehow I must believe that there are no goodbye's for us.

Maybe I should remember all the times we've shared
And think of them often
But
Somehow I must believe that there will be New Times for Us.

Maybe I should mention all
the laughter echoing in the halls,
the pictures of my tears on your shoulder,
the sighs we have known
But
Somehow I must believe
that they are so much a part of you
that mentioning them only dims their meanings.

Or -

Maybe I should just let you go
Somehow
I believe that this is what I must do.

Please Remember:

the song the piano man played
over the years
in dark corners
Of our minds.

Love Always,
Regina

So fresh and fragile we all seemed,
As each of us walked into the school.
The zombie-like faces and strange wild stares,
All encased with the meeting of friends.
And somehow we made it through last year,
But those memories of good and bad times,
Left marks of happiness and grief,
And yet somehow, we turned it all to our gain.
We managed to trim our personalities,
To later bloom like some beautiful new roses,
And like those fresh sweet roses,
We found a freedom in the middle of summer.
By the time the second year rolled around,
New juniors had come but the seniors ruled the town.
We had a special gift that blazed like gold,
And we offered aid to help them all unfold.
But then each class must find their own ground,
And the seniors here have laid their's all around.
We are the first class of NCSSM,
But that's not the only thing that makes us special.
We found a world which belongs to us alone,
And no others can plant the seeds that we have sown.

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