

ACADEMIC Excellence GRADUATES

Hamilton College

Wallingford resident, Hadley Rogers received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Hamilton College on May 24th, in a Commencement ceremony concluding the college's 2025-26 academic year.

Rogers, a Psychology major, graduated Magna Cum Laude with departmental honors in Psychology and was recently elected to the Epsilon Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa.

Adelphi University

Wallingford resident, Sydney Rossacci was among the undergraduate and graduate students recently awarded degrees at Adelphi University, including those who completed degree requirements.

College of William & Mary

Wallingford resident, Kayce Madancy recently graduated from the College of William & Mary with a Bachelor of Arts degree.

K of C Pinta Council #5 Scholarship Award Winners



Pictured: Sheehan senior, Amelia Tangreti second from right, was awarded the council's top award, the Steven Denya/Nick Molnar Scholarship. Amelia and the Tangreti family is pictured with scholarship committee chairman Tony Scafariello (left).



Pictured: Jarrett Cyr, Xavier senior second from left, was awarded the second level award, the Raymond Flynn Scholarship.



Pictured: The final Donald O'Byrne Scholarship award was awarded to Dag Hammaraskjold's middle school graduate, Luca Santore.

Wallingford: On Tuesday, June 16th, The Knights of Columbus Pinta Council #5 of Wallingford awarded their three scholarships to this year's winners.

PRESIDENT'S and PROVOST'S LIST

College of Charleston

Wallingford resident, John Ackerman was named to the College of Charleston Spring 2026 President's List. Ackerman is majoring in Business Administration.

Hofstra University

Wallingford resident, Madison Demko achieved a perfect 4.0 GPA during the Spring 2026 semester, earning a spot on the Provost's List at Hofstra University. Madison's major is English.

DEAN'S LIST

American International College

American International College (AIC) is proud to announce that several local area students have earned a place on the Dean's List for the Spring 2026 semester.

Hamden: McBenedict Mweze, Isabel Robinson, Kashera Stewart.
Wallingford: Trinity LaValley.

Elms College

Elms College has named the following local area students to the Dean's List for the Spring 2026 semester:

Hamden: Aden Goffe.
North Haven: Reece Hebert.
Wallingford: Shea Barron.

University of Hartford

Local residents named to the Dean's List at the University of Hartford for the Spring 2026 semester are as follows:

Hamden: Mariano Burgos, Julia Caraballo, Aidan Dejesus, Nico Digioia, Stefania Dimeo, Layla Gilliard, Chris Hergott, Uriah Nartey, Sinead Noone, Joshua Rose, Kori Tatman, Crystal Tracy.

Northford: Lauren Ackerman, Alec Johnson, Ezra Nierenberg.

North Haven: Justin Gouin, Erin Johns, JP O'Neill.

Wallingford: Steven Behrens, Piper Birney, Aliah Biro, Connor Canto, Megan Connors, Cole Debase, Sam Diehl, Kobierowski, Elijah Dineen, Madison DiPasquale, Isabella Gierla, Connor Nickischer, Miguel Ruiz, Derek Torres, Emily Unger.

University of Alabama

The University of Alabama named the following local area students to the 2026 Spring Semester Dean's List:

North Haven: Grant Curtis.
Wallingford: Gabriella LaLuna.

Univ. of New England

Wallingford resident, Jocelyne Barba has been named to the University of New England's Dean's List for the Spring 2026 semester.

WPI Students Complete Intensive Capstone Research Projects

Worcester Polytechnic Institute students completed a capstone thesis called the Major Qualifying Project (MQP), a research-driven professional-level project that challenges students to solve the kinds of problems they would typically encounter in their professional discipline.

North Haven: Jake Cieniawa, '26, majoring in Chemistry, completed a project titled "SALDETA" Ligand as a Platform For f-Block Metal Chelation."

Paola Frunzio, '26, Computer Science & Physics, completed a project titled "Sensitivity Characterization of Nitrogen-Vacancy Centers."

Zoe LoPresti, '26, majoring in Mechanical Engineering, completed a project titled "Design of a Quiet Competition Level Pickleball."

Northford: Makenna Stone, '26, majoring in Mechanical Engineering, completed a project titled "Reducing ACL Injuries Through Ski Binding Plate Design."

Wallingford: Olivia Hollenbeck, '26, majoring in Aerospace Engineering, completed a project titled, "Design of a Fan Array Wind Tunnel for Drone Flight Tests."

Connor Howard, '26, majoring in Mechanical Engineering, completed a project titled "Aperture-Based Candle Extinguishing Lid."

Nikita Zuev, '26, majoring in Mechanical Engineering, completed a project titled "Design of a Vibration-Canceling Baby Carriage."

Local Resident Inducted Into Honor Society

Wallingford resident, Sara Wilonski, a Criminal Justice major in the class of 2029 at Saint Anselm College, has been accepted into Alpha Lambda Delta, a national honor society for first-year success, for the 2025-26 academic year.

Wallingford Resident Awarded at Lasell Univ.

Alena Dantonio, of Wallingford, was selected to receive the Collaboration Recognition Award at Lasell University for the Spring 2026 semester.

This peer-nominated award recognizes students who demonstrate excellence in collaboration through effective communication, idea-sharing, and teamwork.

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Question & Answer - Dr. Richard Durocher

Q: I have burning in my feet. What causes this?

A: Burning in the soles of the feet can be due to different causes. Sometimes a person may get a burning for a short period of time, but there are times that it is long lasting. The sensation or pain can flare up with little or no provocation. Sometimes the problem can be traced to a person's shoe gear due to inappropriate fit or sensitivity to the chemicals used in the shoe linings. In other cases, the cause is more serious, involving health disorders such as impaired circulation, hypothyroidism or damaged peripheral nerves. Diabetes is one of the causes of nerve sensation changes.

To determine the actual cause may require examination, laboratory testing and a thorough review of a person's medical history.

Please contact Dr. Durocher for further evaluation and preventative measures that can be taken to avoid this problem.



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