

# Island School Graduates One of Larger Senior Classes

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for his senior year and said that he was glad to be back with the people he had grown up with.

While a student here, Mr. Cowell was a tutor for younger students. In Cheboygan he was involved in student council, Science Olympiad, National Honor Society, volunteering, and the football team.

This summer, Mr. Cowell will be working at the bike rental shop at the end of the Arnold Line Dock.

In the fall, he will attend Saginaw Valley State University on a full scholarship. He would like to attend the University of Michigan for graduate school, where he hopes to study mechanical engineering.

Mr. Cowell is the son of Jim Cowell and Kendra Wolfgram.

## Tyler Finkel

Tyler Finkel has lived his entire life on the Island with his parents and sister.

While attending Mackinac Island Public School, he has been a member of the basketball, track, soccer, and golf teams. He also had the opportunity to be an exchange student in Japan last year.

Mr. Finkel will attend Michigan State University in the fall, although he has not yet decided what field he will pursue.

He is the son of Lee and Pam Finkel.

## Sam Kamphuis

Sam Kamphuis has lived on the Island and attended Mackinac Island Public School since he was in ninth grade. Before coming to the Island, Mr. Kamphuis lived in Holland, Michigan.

While attending Mackinac Island Public School, he was a member of the soccer, track, and basketball teams. He said he enjoyed the small school environment. "It has been a privilege going here," he said.

This summer, Mr. Kamphuis will be working as a waiter at The Gate House.

He plans to attend Grand Valley State University in the

fall, where he intends to study engineering.

Mr. Kamphuis is the son of Don and Karen Weersing and Kirk and Diane Kamphuis.

## Christina McLean

Christina McLean lived on the Island year-around until she was 10 years old and then moved back to the Island when she was 16. She lives with her father and brother. When she wasn't living on the Island, she lived in St. Ignace with her mother, sister, and two other brothers.

While attending school on the Island, she was a member of the volleyball, soccer, and track teams and participated in Close-up.

Ms. McLean will attend Northern Michigan University in the fall, although she is unsure of what she wants to study. She said she doesn't want school to be over because she liked being at a smaller school where she knew everyone.

This summer, she will work at Cindy's Riding Stable, where she has worked previously.

Ms. McLean is the daughter of Gary McLean and Laurie McLean.

## Miranda McMahon

Miranda McMahon has lived on Mackinac Island since she was a toddler, moving here from Cedarville.

As a student at Mackinac Island Public School, Ms. McMahon was involved in art, the school newsletter, and yoga.

She has one younger brother and an older sister.

This summer, Ms. McMahon, who has worked a different job every summer, will be working at Mackinac Outfitter and Marine Supply.

In the fall, she will attend Aquinas College in Grand Rapids and will possibly be majoring in business and communications. She is excited about experiencing big city life, as she is most familiar with the Island.

Ms. McMahon is the daughter of Rodney and Lori Myers.

## Ben Mosley

Ben Mosley has lived on Mackinac Island his whole life with his parents and three sisters.

He said he is "ready to move on," but is grateful for the small classes provided at Mackinac Island Public School, where he was a member of the soccer, basketball, and track teams.

This summer he will be installing sprinkler systems in Petoskey. He plans to become an apprentice and wants to become an electrician.

Mr. Mosley is the son of Ben and Louann Mosley.

## Jason Pettit

Jason Pettit has lived on the

Island his whole life with his parents and sister.

While attending Mackinac Island Public School he has been a member of the basketball, soccer, golf, and track teams.

In past summers he has worked at various bike rental shops, but this year he is unsure of where he will be working.

Mr. Pettit plans to attend Grand Valley State University in the fall. Although he is undecided about what he will major in, he is interested in psychology.

He said he has had good times at the school and will have good memories.

Mr. Pettit is the son of Jim and Brenda Pettit.

## Emily St. Onge

Emily St. Onge has lived on Mackinac Island her entire life.

As a student at Mackinac Island Public School, she has been a member of the volleyball, soccer, and track teams.

During the summer, she will work at Cindy's Riding Stable. Ms. St. Onge plans to attend Northern Michigan University in the fall and wants to become a veterinarian.

"I'm excited to graduate," she said.

Ms. St. Onge is the daughter of Anne St. Onge and John St. Onge.

## Teachers Recognized for Dedication

Mackinac Island teachers were recognized Thursday, May 11, with a proclamation thanking them for all of their efforts. It was read by School Board Trustee Leanne Brodeur as they arrived at school.

Teachers Karen Allen, Susan Bennett, Liz Burt, Jessica Clark, Sarah Dehring, Laura Eiseler, Jeffrey Ferguson, Pam Finkel, Lance Greenlee, Cindy Komblevitz, Andrea McClintock, and Vicki Urman were presented with cards and a gift certificate for lunch at The Gate House.



School Board Trustee Leanne Brodeur (left) presents teacher Karen Allen with a card and gift as fourth grade students Amelia Roe and Adrienne Rilenge and sixth grade student Devon Hunt look on. (Photograph courtesy of Susan Bennett)

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