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## PORTSMOUTH SCHOOLS' SENIORS EARN CULINARY AWARDS, SCHOLARSHIPS

Three of Portsmouth Schools' culinary studies students have been recognized for their outstanding work, and rewarded with scholarships with which to launch their budding careers. We are extremely proud and pleased to introduce them to you here.

**Katie Daoust** (top, left) won 4<sup>th</sup> place – and \$7,000 - in the Culinary Decathlon Scholarship Competition held at the Culinary Institute of Virginia in Norfolk on Saturday, February 8. She also received CIV's Early Action Scholarship, and will attend the CIV in July.



**Amanda Baden** (middle, left) received a renewable \$8,000 Presidential Scholarship for academic excellence to attend Johnson and Wales University in Miami where she will begin work this fall. Amanda also received a \$1,000 Culinary Essentials Scholarship.



**Zoe Parker** (bottom, left) also received a renewable \$8,000 Presidential Scholarship for academic excellence to attend Johnson and Wales University as well as a \$1,000 Culinary Essentials Scholarship. She will attend Johnson and Wales University in Charlotte, NC, in the fall.

**Hearty congratulations to you all!**

## Also happening in our schools . . .



**Simonsdale Elementary School** will continue, through June, to partner with **Just Kid 'N Art** and the **Riverview Gallery**, located at High Street Landing, to showcase student art for purchase at receptions held on the first Sunday of each month. Now in its 4<sup>th</sup> month, the program strives to increase awareness of the value that the arts bring to our children. We thank proprietor **Wayne Potrafka** for making this real-world experience happen for our kids.



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# Lefcoe Class of 2014 Reaches Out to EDMARC Families



Each year, Lefcoe Leadership class participants must create, fund and complete a “hands-on” project that will be of benefit to the community. This year’s class has elected to build a toddlers’ playground at the **Ida Barbour Early Learning Center** (more to follow in the coming weeks). However, a project idea floated by TowneBanker Chad Marshall also got support from the class: using the donated **TowneBank** ODU sky box to host families of

children served by **EDMARC**, the Hampton Roads region’s children’s hospice, located in Olde Towne Portsmouth, to see the **Harlem Globetrotters** in action. EDMARC Executive Director and Lefcoe alumna Debbie Stitzer-Brame selected families from five Hampton Roads cities, limo rides were arranged through **Orange Peel Transportation**, funds were raised by the Lefcoe group, and the evening’s plans were in gear. But the evening’s guests didn’t simply watch the famous Globetrotters perform on the court; they enjoyed food, great seats and, at the end of the evening, visits by two Globetrotter players who met the group and signed basketballs for each of the kids who were on hand – siblings, too.

**Congrats are in order** to the Lefcoe group for making it all happen, and for finding yet another way to “connect the dots” between the needs and the “givers” in our community.

## BOOKMARK THIS:

The Portsmouth Partnership’s new web site is now “live!” Sure, we’ll feature information about us. But we’ll also have news about what’s happening in Olde Towne, what our growing group of Lefcoe alumni are up to, plus events calendars, links to our many partners, a link to the latest “Path of History” walking tour, and our archived newsletters. We hope to keep this site useful to our residents, our visitors, and our potential visitors. Enjoy, and share it with friends!



## JOB, INTERNSHIP AND MENTORING OPPORTUNITIES . . .

Thanks and congratulations go out to **Goodwill Industries, Roger Brown’s Restaurant and Sports Bar, and Brutti’s** for lining up internships for our school kids. We also thank the **NNSY** for working with us toward making additional internships possible for Portsmouth Schools’ culinary program.

**Is your company looking** for seasonal or summer help? The Portsmouth Public School System has responsible students eager to work in the areas of nursing, culinary arts, child care, the hospitality industry, industrial welding, and more. To find out how you, your company and our kids can benefit, please contact:

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