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Going beyond

People who have what it takes to be successful



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Juggling jobs, standardized tests, homework, and the everyday emotional stress of teenage life, it's hard to believe high school students make it through the day. However, some students at Lake Zurich go beyond the norm, letting their passion and drive lead them through the day.

"The Thespian"

"The show must go on" is a phrase Savannah Haeger, sophomore, lives by. Haeger, the student director of the fall play, *Dancing at Lughnasa*, was the person behind the mechanics of the show, attending every rehearsal, running scenes, and making calendars and schedules. Haeger worked closely with both the actors and the director, acting as a liaison for communication.

"Sometimes [Ron Culver, drama club sponsor] lets me direct things and decide how things are supposed to go. He lets me give insight, too," Haeger said, two weeks before the show opened. "You get to see the inner-workings of the drama department."

Haeger's passion and dedication for the dramatic arts is evident in the time she spent working towards the show's success.

Haeger dedicated two and a half hours every weekday preparing for the show. Two weeks before the performances, Haeger upped the ante, and stay at school until 9pm every weekday. The work she put in was worth it, however. Haeger felt a true responsibility in doing the best she can.

"The main thing I've learned is to do everything I possibly can to make everything go smoothly," Haeger said. "If something goes terribly, all the work everyone



Above: Coach Christopher Bennett talks to his athletes at an open gym basketball practice held earlier this month. **Directly above:** Jeff Simnick, senior and Habitat for Humanity president, speaks to members of Habitat at a group meeting. Simnick is involved in six other sports and is enrolled in six AP classes. **Right:** Savannah Haeger, sophomore and student director of the fall play, *Dancing at Lughnasa*, attends a play rehearsal. **PHOTOS BY KAY DUNN AND EMILY DAAB**

has put in to lead up to the show will be worthless."

In addition to learning how to interact with others in her high school activities, Haeger will take away valuable life lessons from her experiences as student director, she said.

"Everything I'm doing in high school is gearing up for getting out of high school," Haeger said, laughing. "It will teach me how to deal with everybody. There's so many different personalities of people in the world."

"The Mogul"

Six AP periods may seem like a full load for most students, but not for Jeff Simnick, senior, who is also a member of seven clubs,

with leadership positions in four, including president of Habitat for Humanity. In addition to his high school extra-curricular activities, Simnick takes part in the Lake Zurich Treasury, the Kildeer Treasury, and the Young Entrepreneurs' Academy.

"Habitat is one of the biggest commitments," Simnick said. "I have to lead every meeting and update everyone on what we're doing. [My other responsibilities are] organizing everything and contacting the habitat national organization to schedule build days in Waukegan."

In addition to his presidential duties in Habitat for Humanity, Simnick also has officer-related duties for FBLA and NHS, coordinating events, agendas, planning, and



attendance. Simnick believes his hard work is a result of his personality.

"I have always wanted to give back. I've always liked volunteering," Simnick said. "Being organized helps a lot. Also, obviously a strong work ethic and passion are important. You need to enjoy what you're doing, and enjoying other people is actually one of the more fun parts of the job. You have to be able to take on responsibilities." Simnick hopes his skills and dedication in his high school achievements will prepare him for success in college and beyond, providing valuable life lessons.

"My experiences have taught me how

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Administration makes changes to Prom banning limousines, ending boat tour

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All students will be required to take buses to and from Prom this spring because of safety and financial concerns, administration said. The Odyssey scenic boat tour also will be replaced with entertainment at the hotel.

Administration, concerned parents, and student complaints are behind this change. There will be no other modes of transportation allowed to Prom besides the buses.

"We need to ensure the safety of all students," Ryan Rubenstein, assistant principal, said. "I can't tell you how many times in the past kids have left Prom at 9pm. It's my belief that if a kid goes to Prom, they're our responsibility

from the time Prom starts to the time Prom ends. We are ensuring that all students are there from the time Prom begins to the time Prom ends."

Students will meet at the school where they will check in and be searched for prohibited items. Previously students were searched at the Prom site, and doing the search ahead of time will make things run smoother, Rubenstein said.

Junior class board sponsors Amy Faith and Suzanne Santiago also cite safety concerns as a main reason for the change to busing. They both say limo drivers can create hassles for students.

"We've had kids pay for limos and then the limo driv-

ers don't show up because they know it's a prom, and they know that kids can't really do anything. Last year we actually had two of those—where limos were no shows," Santiago, science teacher, said. "We had a limo driver who was an hour late, or the limo driver didn't know where he was going."

Santiago and Faith, English teacher, think the buses are a good solution to this problem because all students will arrive at prom without these complications. They are also working with junior class board to plan a 'red carpet event' at the high school for students when they arrive to

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