The 2018 – 2019 school year was a very successful one. With the continuing support and interest of everyone involved in the school community, Winnacunnet High School has been able to achieve the accomplishments listed below:

**Faculty and Staff**

- Winnacunnet High School was ranked as the fifteenth high school (of 94 high schools) in New Hampshire and is ranked in the top 20% in the nation; has a national ranking of 3,223 (of 17,245 high schools) in the 2019 high school rankings by US New & World Report. The U.S. News rankings include data on more than 20,500 public schools in 50 states and the District of Columbia.
- Winnacunnet High School was listed as a top 100 (98th) high school in the nation by The Best Schools (https://thebestschools.org/rankings/best-public-high-schools-us/).
- Winnacunnet High School received a Blue Ribbon Achievement Award in recognition of the extraordinary volunteer efforts of Winnacunnet staff and students.
- Winnacunnet High School received a Gold Circle Award in recognition of the valuable partnerships that Winnacunnet has with local businesses.
- School-Wide embedded professional development focused on the important relationship between resilience, talent, and achievement. Using the book *Grit* by Angela Duckworth, teachers examined the links and implications of these to encourage more resilience in our students through mindset, encouragement, and embedding opportunities to practice “grit” in the curriculum. This experience allowed teachers to put these goals into action through both individual and collective practice.
- The Winnacunnet Data Team published the third annual School Report Card, highlighting academic, cultural and athletic accomplishments of the school.
- Winnacunnet High School held the annual Career Fair (over 50 professionals set up in the gymnasium to discuss their careers and answer any questions students may have had. There were representatives from every career cluster), and Alumni Fair (over 25 former WHS graduates gathered in the cafeteria to talk about their college and career experience since graduating from Winnacunnet). This year Winnacunnet added a Community Service Awareness Fair (Over 25 community service organizations/businesses discussed opportunities for students to become involved in community service), and the first ever Job Fair (Over 40 employers were on-site providing students work opportunities).
- The ELO Program continues to grow and is a model program for schools throughout the state and country. Students participated in 219 ELO’s, and were supported by 47 mentor teachers. Thirty-five community partners participated as mentors to students. The Winnacunnet program was spotlighted at NHSAA’s Best Practices Conference on Curriculum Instruction, and Assessment, Lunch and Learn with NH Legislators, NHSBA's Work Based Learning Workshop, and NH College and Career Readiness Alliance. Exemplars of Winnacunnet student’s ELOs are on the state Beyond Classroom website. Approximately 60 students displayed their ELO Learning experience for the public at the ELO Exhibition Night.
- Another successful Empty Bowls event conducted by the Art Department provided funds to the WHS Nurses fund and Seacoast Youth Services to support Winnacunnet students at risk
• Director of Technology, Jason Saltmarsh, was named the NH Cross Country Coach of the Year.
• Director of Athletics, Aaron Abood, was named the Division I Baseball Coach of the Year.
• Science teachers, Barbara Reid and Heather Noone, traveled with 40 students to Greece. This is the 15th year that Mrs. Reid and Ms. Noone have organized travel to Europe for students.
• French teacher, Kelley Richards, organized a French exchange program with a school in Saint Quentin, France. In October, ten students and their two adult chaperones from Saint Quentin, France came to participate in a linguistic and cultural exchange with Winnacunnet students. In April, seven Winnacunnet students traveled to France for a ten-day immersion program with students from Saint Quentin, France. The students attended classes and lived with French families. Students also visited historic and cultural sites in Paris.
• Health and PE teacher, Lorie Garand was awarded NH High School PE Teacher of the Year 2018-19.
• Cross Country coaches Jason Saltmarsh and Richard Osborne were honored as the Boys Team Coaches of the Year.
• Art teacher, Laurel Larivee, completed a two week artist residency and painting program in Tuscany, Italy.
• Health and PE teacher, Cassie Turcotte, presented to health teachers at the Maine Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance conference on Innovative and Student Choice Projects in PE.
• Social Studies teacher, Wendy Bergeron, was nominated for Holder Lehrman Teacher of the Year.
• Social Studies teachers, Sarah Trahan and Andy Gushee, traveled with 10 students to Washington, DC to participate in the Close-Up Program. Part of the program required students to research and present policy topics learned through this experiential education program. Additionally, students met and discussed their concerns with NH Representatives and Senators. Students participating received Foundations ELO credit for their senior year requirement.
• Family and Consumer Sciences teacher, Nicole Douglas, graduated from Merrimack College with a Masters in Community Health Education.
• Winnacunnet sponsored the 10th annual ‘culture matters’ event with Inca Son, the Andean group returning (performed here in 2013).
• The Winnacunnet community, led by the Guidance Department, continues to participate in a massive Thanksgiving basket campaign. Students and staff worked together to fill baskets for families in need in our district that include all of the items necessary for a Thanksgiving feast. Forty-three (43) baskets were distributed to families throughout the community and an additional twelve (12) baskets were provided to the Hampton United Methodist Church for their Thanksgiving meals. This year, Winnacunnet was very fortunate to receive fifty (50) turkeys donated by GATHER (formerly the Seacoast Family Food Pantry). This annual endeavor would not be possible without the faculty, student groups, and community partners working together.
The Community Advisory Board consisting of members of the community from various backgrounds including local manufacturing companies, marketing companies, science and technology, restaurants, real estate companies, and the chamber of commerce. This group assists the Extended Learning Opportunity (ELO) Program, as well as the entire school, to improve the avenues of collaboration (Individual ELOs, Career Fair, Community Service, etc.), to develop information and training materials that outline the responsibilities of mentoring students, and to offer opportunities to celebrate exemplary partnerships. This group also created a scholarship fund for senior students, raising funds to provide four $1,000 scholarships to the Class of 2019.

Former NH Chief Justice, John Broderick, spoke to students about changing the conversation on mental health and how to reduce the stigma around mental health. He presented his own personal story regarding his son’s mental health issue, and how as a family they overcame it. The presentations were very well received by the students, and several students spoke with him afterwards. Also speaking, was Stephen Merrill, the first Governor of New Hampshire to graduate from Winnacunnet High School. The event was coordinated by Winnacunnet senior Lidet O’Connor.

Class of 2019
Two-hundred and twenty-five (225) seniors graduated in the Class of 2019. Graduates were accepted into over 200 colleges and universities and will be attending those listed below:

Adelphi University, Arizona State University, University of Arizona, Assumption College, Babson College, Berklee College of Music, Binghamton University, Carleton College, Coastal Carolina University, College of Central Florida, Colorado College, Curry College, Dartmouth College, DeSales University, Emerson College, Emmanuel College, Ferris State University, Flager College, Florida Gulf Coast University, Franklin Pierce University, George Washington University, Georgia Technical Institute, Great Bay Community College, High Point University, Husson University, Keene State College, Kent State University, Lakes Region Community College, Lesley University, Long Island University, Maine Maritime Academy (Marine Transportation Operations), Manchester Community College, Merrimack College, Montana State University, New England College, New Hampshire Institute of Art, NHTI - Concord's Community College, Nichols College, Northeastern University, Northern Essex Community College, Northern Vermont University-Johnson, Nova Southeastern University, Pace University, New York City, Pennsylvania State University, Plymouth State University, Rivier University, Roanoke College, Rochester Institute of Technology, Roger Williams University, Saint Anselm College, Saint Joseph's College-ME, Saint Michael's College, Salem State University, Salve Regina University, Santa Clara University, Sattler College, Seton Hall University, Southern Maine Community College, Southern New Hampshire University, St. Francis Xavier University (Canada), St. John's University, Syracuse University George Washington University, University of Arizona, University of Tampa, Thomas College, Trinity College, Tufts University, University of Central Florida (Savannah Georgia), University of Illinois at Chicago, University of Maine at Farmington, University of Massachusetts at Amherst, University of Massachusetts at Dartmouth, University of Massachusetts at Lowell, University of New England, University of New Hampshire at Durham, University of Notre Dame, University
of Vermont, University of Washington, Wentworth Institute of Technology, West Virginia University, Westmont College, Wheaton College MA, Worcester Polytechnic Institute.

Winnacunnet Student Council hosted the Southern District Winter Conference. Approximately 100 students and their advisers from Exeter, Raymond, Sanborn, Somersworth, and Timberlane high schools attended the Leadership Conference. The theme of the conference was "The Amazing Race" which included team building challenges to promote positive communication and teamwork.

Winnacunnet student Mac Baker was published in the Educational Leadership (May 2019 issue) and three of our seniors - Macy Fraser, Thomas Prior, and Keelyn McNamara - have been interviewed by the UNH professor Thomas Newkirk for his new book on creative writing in public schools.

The Senior Class volunteered with the PTA in Hampton with the Harlem Wizards. The senior class also hosted the Comic Book Show fundraiser.

Winnacunnet student Claudia Reuss was awarded a Friends of Winnacunnet grant to purchase materials for the gardening program at Winnacunnet.

Art students compete annually in the Scholastic Art and Writing Awards. These awards recognize the vision, ingenuity, and talent of our nation’s youth, and provided opportunities for creative teens to be celebrated. Nearly 320,000 works of art and writing were submitted by young artists and writers, filmmakers and photographers, poets and sculptors, video game artists and science fiction writers in an effort to earn scholarships and have their works published. The following students received the Gold Key Award: Shanier Lohnes – Paintings Mason Jar and Yeay, Brileigh Penniman – Ceramics & Glass Same is the New Different. The following students received the Silver Key Award: Emma Clark – Painting Banter, Lauren Hill – Drawing & Illustration Sitting Beside Myself, Brennan Kittredge – Photography Mountain, Shanier Lohnes – Painting Figure at Sea, Katherine Moran – Painting Lock em up, Madeline Pender – Painting Sunken Liberty, Katherine Shrek – Painting 1950, Nikki Treadwell – Painting Unwrapping Wonder. The following students received Honorable Mention: Brennan Kittredge – Photography Sprouts, Shanier Lohnes – Painting Color Theory, Brileigh Penniman – Ceramics & Glass One World, Sarah Taylor – Ceramics & Glass The True Meaning of Thanksgiving.

Interact Club students helped at the Seafood Festival, assisted with the road races at the beach in October, created Thanksgiving baskets, delivered poinsettias to the elderly, hosted Friends Forever Northern Ireland students and officers traveled to NYC. The Interact club also hosted the 17th annual Sweetheart Brunch with 79 attendees with 15 local business donating raffle items for our senior citizens. The Winnacunnet Chamber Singers and Dance Team provided much appreciated entertainment.

The Human Rights raised over $500 for the Thirst Project which is dedicated to bringing clean water to underserved communities around the world. The club also organized two assemblies with the group to examine the issue of global access to clean water and its impact on the health and well-being of communities around the world.
Decisions Program students created a video and experiential presentation to over 17 parents during Teacher Conferences (Back to School Night) and served homemade treats as well. At the annual Thanksgiving Dinner, students cooked, baked and served over 95 family, friends, and teachers who have made a difference in their lives.

MCJROTC students accumulated over 1,380 community service hours supporting the following events: 2018 Veterans Count Gala, 2018 Hampton Seafood Festival, 2018 100 Nights of Remembrance and Hampton's 9/11 Ceremonies, 2018 New Hampshire Run for the Fallen, 2018 Exeter Breast Cancer Walk, Color and Honor Guards (Veterans Day, Marine Corps Birthday weekend, Memorial Day, and numerous veteran and community events), End 68 Hours of Hunger Food Drive (over 1,000 lbs food collected), 2018 Wreaths Across America Ceremony, 2019 Special Olympics New Hampshire Penguin Plunge, 2019 Special Olympics New Hampshire Winter Games held at Waterville Valley. Additionally, MCJROTC finished in top 10% of Rounds 1 and 2 of 2018-2019 Cyberpatriot Competition (Over 800 teams in All-service JROTC Division)

The GSTA (Gay Straight Trans Alliance) club participated in the Hampton Christmas Parade, prepared for Day of Silence, and held a bake sale to raise funds for the club. The ongoing goal is to raise awareness of our club and support students who are struggling with being gay or trans.

The Sailing team competed in 4 major regattas and 1 championship.

The Dance Team competed in the Elite Dance Challenge competition and earned a Gold medal for their contemporary routine

International Thespian Society/Drama Club traveled to New York City to see a Broadway show in June.

The Winnacunnet Marching Band performed its first halftime show in 20 years.

Winnacunnet student, Zack Rummler received the 3rd highest score in the state on Bass Clarinet at the New Hampshire Music Educators Association Classical All-State Auditions, and was accepted into the NH All-State Band on Bass Clarinet.

The Winnacunnet Music Department hosted the Voices of the 603 Acapella festival.

Winnacunnet Drama performed three successful shows of "Nana's Naughty Knickers".

Seventeen Scholar Athletes were honored at the Capitol Center for the Arts in Concord, NH for their academic and athletic accomplishments and their community service efforts: Maggie Brown, Emily Eaton, Charlotte Grippo, Brooke McErlain, Alisyn McNamara, Keelyn McNamara, Abigail Saltmarsh, Abbie Simard, Caitlin Trott, Mills Waddell, Benjamin Allen, MacLean Baker, Parker Kirby, Aidan O'Keefe, Zachary Rummler, Jack Schaake, Charles Webb-McClain
Girls Field Hockey: Division I State Champs

Girls Lacrosse - Division II Runner-up

Boys Lacrosse - Division II Runner-up

Girls Softball - Division I Runner-up

Wylie MacDougall, Marisa Lamprey, and Ashley Gallant were named Academic All-State for girls Division I Basketball.

Marisa Lamprey was selected to play in the NHBCO East West Senior Games for girls’ basketball.

Indoor Track: Jack Taylor - Division I Runner-up 1,000m, Samantha LiPetri, Taylor Nydam, Kylee Quinlan, Tess Rodgers - New England Qualifiers 4x400m Relay

Swimming: Wolfgang Brandt, Duncan Collins, Evan Domingos, Anthony Daniels - Division II 200 Medley Relay State Champs, Division II 400 Freestyle State Champs

The boys cross country team of Colin Donnelly, Austin Denis, Jack Taylor, Noah Taracena, Matt Lambert, Devin Eaton, and Hayden O'Hara qualified and competed in the 84th New England High School Interscholastic Cross Country Championship. They were the fourth best NH team at this meet. Colin Donnelly was elected to be NH All-State.

Indoor Track and Field:
- Ryan Walker scored fifth in the 600m at the Division 1 State Championship.
- Jack Taylor scored second in the 1,000m at the Division 1 State Championship.
- Colin Donnelly scored sixth in the 1,500m and fourth in the 3,000m at the Division 1 State Championship, and broke the 3,000m school record with a time of 8:56.45.
- Girls 4x400m Relay consisting of Samantha LiPetri, Taylor Nydam, Kylee Quinlan, and Tess Rodgers scored fifth at the Division 1 State Championship, and qualified for the New England Championships where they ran the third best time in school history (4:13.66). Haley Blaisdell subbed in for Taylor Nydam at NE's.

Outdoor Track and Field:
- Boys 4x800m Relay consisting of Colin Donnelly, Noah Taracena, Jack Taylor, and Ryan Walker broke the school record (with a time of 7:59.09), won the Meet of Champions, and qualified for the New England Championships and the New Balance Outdoor Nationals. At the Nationals, they placed 12th.
- Colin Donnelly scored third in the 3,200m at the Division 1 State Championship, broke the 3,200m school record (with a time of 9:22.39), and qualified for the New England Championships and the New Balance Outdoor Nationals. At the Nationals, he placed 18th.
- Jack Taylor scored third in the 1,600m at the Division 1 State Championship and scored second in the 800m at the Meet of Champions.
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- Slade Laszewski scored fourth at the Division 1 State Championship and sixth at the Meet of Champions in the Pole Vault to qualify for the New England Championships.
- Girls 4x400m Relay consisting of Haley Blaisdell, Samantha LiPetri, Taylor Nydam, and Kylee Quinlan broke the school record (with a time of 4:00.78), won the Division 1 State Championship, won the Meet of Champions, and qualified for the New England Championships and the New Balance Outdoor Nationals. At the Nationals, they placed 18th.
- Kennedy McCarthy broke the 800m school record (with a time of 2:24.13).
- Katherine Moran scored third at the Division 1 State Championship, scored fifth at the Meet of Champions, and broke the school record in the Pole Vault (with a mark of 10-00.00).
- Kylee Quinlan scored third in the 400m at the Division 1 State Championship, scored third at the Meet of Champions, broke the 400m school record (with a time of 57.80), and qualified for the New England Championships and the New Balance Outdoor Nationals. At the Nationals, she placed 21st.
- Samantha LiPetri scored sixth at the Division 1 State Championship and fourth at the Meet of Champions in the 400m, and qualified for the New England Championships.