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I have lots of news to report as we reach the halfway point in Dynamy's 35th year of providing experiential education programs for young people:

Expansion – On April 8th Dynamy's board voted unanimously to establish a new site in **Santa Rosa, California!** Internship Year is scheduled to begin in January 2005 and Youth Academy in September 2005. I am pleased to report that a number of individuals and foundations have expressed an interest in helping to fund the Youth Academy in Santa Rosa and we have already received our first applications for the Internship Year program in California. We have been successful in identifying potential internship sponsors and a number of Dynamy Externs living in California have also expressed interest in being involved in launching Internship Year in Santa Rosa!

New California Staff - Peter Kingston, Dynamy's Santa Rosa Site Director, began his duties on July 1st. Peter has worked with young people for many years in Europe and the USA as an employer, after school program coordinator and mountain guide. Peter is a seasoned and effective administrator, a good communicator and has the ability to motivate people and find creative solutions to organizational problems. Welcome Peter!

New Residence – This month we began the renovation of our new property at 47-49 Cedar Street, just two doors down from the Dynamy offices. The residence at 110 Highland Street is in the process of being sold and later in July work will commence to improve Dynamy's other two residences. The goal is to have the

major work on the three buildings completed before the class of 2005 arrives in September!

Changes at Dynamy - Laura Rickards, director of the Youth Academy since 1994, is leaving Dynamy to pursue new challenges. During Laura's ten years leading the Academy, over 150 students participated in the program and the majority of those students have gone on to attend college. On behalf of the Dynamy community, I recognize Laura for her commitment to the Youth Academy and the positive influence she has had on so many young people's lives.

Fred Kaelin, who came to Dynamy as an advisor in 1997 and who has been director of the Internship Year since 1999, has graciously accepted Dynamy's offer to provide leadership for both the Internship Year and Youth Academy. Fred has always been drawn to supporting young people in figuring out their personal path in life and how to achieve the goals necessary to follow it. I look forward to working with Fred and the Dynamy advising team to ensure that the Youth Academy students and families are well served during this period of transition and into the 2004-2005 program year.

Visit our website at www.dynamy.org to learn more about Dynamy's expansion to Santa Rosa and to become better acquainted with Peter Kingston and Fred Kaelin by viewing the staff directory.

Best regards,

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INTERNSHIP YEAR

What Lies Within Us – IY Graduation '04 By Fred Kaelin, Program Director

On May 29th of this year, we celebrated the accomplishments of the 35th set of graduates of the Dynamy Internship Year. These young men and women joined the over one thousand alumni who have met the challenges and successes of Outward Bound, full-time internships, community service, and independent apartment life. Their time here was not easy—in fact, it was often tumultuous—yet in many ways that difficulty sharpened the sense of accomplishment and



Sgt. Greg Ryan of the Worcester Police Dept. receives an Inspirational Sponsor award from graduate Nina Dwyer.

pride of the day. As a number of friends and family members commented on the difficulty of being a young person growing up in these uncertain times, I began to think back on how scary the wide world must always seem, particularly to adolescents.

For example, Dynamy opened in 1969, a year that saw Woodstock and the Amazing Mets, though public discourse was

dominated by questions about the continuation of the war in Vietnam and battles over school integration. Dynamy concluded its first program in 1970 (As Richard Nixon was completing his first year as President) just about a month after Apollo 13 was a nail-biting story of life and death rather than a nail-biting suspense movie. That May had also seen the

infamous shooting of students at Kent State.



Graduates (l to r) Eric Wisch, Eve Young, Dave Manning, Jake Wiesner, Tom Beubendorf, Theresa Andersen, Heather Dignan, & Tina Wagner surround their advisor, Tina Neil (center), after the Graduation ceremony.

A few weeks later, Dynamy held its first graduation celebrating the accomplishments and strengths of its young people, who were obviously heading off into a larger, chaotic, and even frightening world.

There are many obvious parallels with our country's present climate of raging debates and political polarization, yet what I most wish to focus on is not the large scope of society, but the resilience and hopefulness embodied in an individual, particularly one on the cusp of fully seizing adult life. The young people of thirty-five years ago, the graduates of 1970, are the parents, doctors, artists, and leaders of today. Each of their lives has touched many many others over these last three decades. In the same way, the graduates of last month will touch many more lives as they grow further into adulthood and shape their own lives each step of the way. They will encounter difficulty and sadness along the way, yet they will also encounter personal successes and happiness as well. Their graduation was a sign that they are ready to take that first step, that first fully immersed plunge into the big, scary and joyous *What Next?*

On behalf of the Dynamy staff, Board, and alumni who came before them, we recognize the accomplishments of the Class of 2004, wish them well on their road ahead, encourage them to use the strengths and tools they possess every step of the way, and to encourage them to remember that, as Ralph Waldo Emerson said, "What lies behind us and what lies before us are small matters compared to what lies within us." ■

Dynamy Internship Year 2004 Graduates:

Zachary Abrams, Theresa Anderson, Nick Bowerman, Tom Buebendorf, Kolin Claywell, Nora DeLaCour, Heather Dignan, Nina Dwyer, Kimberly Jeznach, John Lovelady, David Manning, Steve McHugh, Jason Moore, Matthew Robinson, Hal Ryerson, Henry Shepherd, Benjamin Stevens, Christine Wagner, Jacob Wiesner, Eric Wisch, Joseph Wlody and Eve Young.

Annual Meeting

On June 10, 2004, the Dynamy board held its Annual Meeting and elected new officers for the 2004-2005 year: Rose Hayes as President, Tom Dube as Vice President, Don Doyle as Treasurer and Donna Truex as Clerk. Elaine Cinelli, who was recognized for her service as President for the past two years, was elected to a new term on the board, as were Donna Truex and Bob Ross. Judith Fleming, who has served in many capacities during her six years on the board, and Mary Philbin were also honored for their contributions to Dynamy.

YOUTH ACADEMY

April Retreat, by Michael Riggieri – Class 2007

On April 19, 2004 the entire Dynamy Youth Academy community attended the annual April Retreat. When we first got there we were all tired, but that ended when our day started to rock and roll. We had Tai' Chi in Elm Park and pizza for our snack and tacos for lunch. After lunch we went to the skills course of our choice. There was survival training, a nutrition class,



budgeting, and local political activism. We had an all group workshop on improvisational theater. They were all very cool. Then we went to our enrichment courses, board games, football, belly dancing and more. The best part was our Hawaiian dinner; the food was delicious. After dinner we got into our sleeping bags and watched a scary movie. People like myself didn't watch it because we don't like to be scared. We all went to sleep around 2 a.m. When we woke up at 8:00 we were all still tired, but we had a big day ahead of us. We cleaned everything up and then had a book making class. It was nice for some and frustrating for others. And then we all went home. ■

Hike for Humanity, by Phil Pham – Class 2005

Whew! The Hike for Humanity was a blast! The hike raises money so that people who can't afford to build their houses can have a home. The experience of collecting money was all right; I had no problems with anyone sponsoring me for the hike because there



are a lot of good-hearted people. We were all prepared to go on the hike, when we reached the parking lot, and a few of us got bitten by mosquitoes...that

was annoying. It was a good thing, I had long pants and a sweatshirt, or I would have been doomed to scratching. But the bug spray worked...most of the time... It took the group about two and a half hours to reach the top, when it only felt like an hour.

On the summit we saw many great views. I had a great nap on top of the mountain, until I was awakened by nuts and candy thrown at me. The whole group had to hike back down after our break, and it was much easier for the group going up the mountain rather than down... as I was going down, it was hard to stop myself from falling, as I witnessed one of our leaders going down like a slide.

All in all, the hike was fun and a great achievement, because at the end of the hike, we found out that the Dynamy Youth Academy raised a little bit over \$1,700 and that was the most raised by all supporters. I felt good hearing that, and hope that many more people will follow our paths and help many people that cannot afford to build their homes. ■

WELCOME to the entering Youth Academy Class of 2008!

Orlando Agolli
Tiffany Bailey
Benjamin Buteau
Kristin Dejoinville
Donnie Doughty
Nava Goodman
Numan Enders

Billie Hernandez
Katarzyna Hoscilo
Ivan Martinez;
Masill Miranda;
Michelle Nasrah
Tu-Tran Nguyen

Thirteen new students will begin their YA experience this August with a full day program orientation and a week in Wiscasset Maine.

Congratulations and welcome one and all!

Youth Academy Graduation

We celebrated again in Tilton Hall, Clark University on Thursday, May 13th for the 13th annual graduation ceremony of the Youth Academy. The event's keynote address was given by Jean Tatis, M.Ed., a counselor at the Worcester Youth Guidance Center.



(front row: l to r) Julie, MyHoa, Ashley Stacie, Tony, German & Dominique

College Destinations:

Stacie Ann Brimmage
Julie Chau
German Diaz Jr.
Dominique Marie Mongeon
MyHoa Thi Son
Tony Phillip Stevens
Ashley Elizabeth Whalen

College of the Atlantic
Assumption College
Quinsigamond Community College
Quinsigamond Community College
Anna Maria College
The New England Institute of Art
Worcester State College

Good-byes:

We are sad to say so long to Angela Quitadamo and Jim Haupt, YA advisors. They are both moving on, due to family responsibilities. Angela had her baby girl, Ainsley Elizabeth, on June 28 and Jim has found a second shift position at the Valley View School that allows him to care for daughter Meghan during the day. Good luck to you both. We thank you for your service and dedication to the students of the Youth Academy.



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Dynamy in the News

On April 18th Dynamy was featured in a Boston Globe article entitled "Taking Time off for Gap Year, Growing Trend Finds Seniors Opting to Delay Start of College." The article highlighted the experience of 2004 Dynamy Intern Jake Wiesner, who interned at the Flagg Street School in Worcester.

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

APPLICATIONS are being accepted for the 2004-2005 Internship Year, which begins in September. Please contact Keith Robichaud in the Admissions Office for more information. Space is limited.

JOIN US to celebrate Dynamy's **35th Anniversary** on **Saturday, October 9, 2004** at the **EcoTarium from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.** This event will feature an Alumni Art Auction to benefit our scholarship fund. If you have a piece of artwork that you would like to donate to Dynamy, please contact Lisa Wheeler at 508-755-2571 or by email at lwheeler@dynamy.org for details and submission deadline.

This is one celebration that you won't want to miss!

Thanks to the following eight graduates for already agreeing to donate artwork for this event:

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| Carrie Crane, 1975 | Max Lefko-Everett, 1999 |
| Tyler Gulden, 1989 | Sarah Peck, 1998 |
| Sallie Ketcham-Stabler, 1974 | Matt Purdy, 2003 |
| David Kloc, 2003 | Brandon Smith, 1999 |

DYNAMY'S MISSION

To challenge, support, and empower young people to discover their purpose in life and to practice their values. Dynamy is a not-for-profit educational organization founded in 1969. INTERNSHIP YEAR is a year-long program for high school graduates, YOUTH ACADEMY is a four-year, after-school program for underserved high school students in Worcester.



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