

Erskine Happenings

Olympian Julia Clukey Visit

In May, Olympic luger Julia Clukey gave an inspiring presentation about her experiences as an Olympian and how the many challenges have to be met with courage to be surpassed. She presented her Courage Award to student Jeff Kierstead '17; Rep. Tim Theriault participated in the presentation. It was a very inspiring event for the Erskine students. Julia is training to compete in the 2018 Olympics in South Korea. Read more at <http://clukeyluge.com/>.

Student Council State Conference

Student Council members attended the Student Council Leadership Conference in Bangor in May. Student leaders from across the state spent time learning from each other.

Dozens of young people from nine schools take part in the Student Council Leadership Conference at Brewer Auditorium. They get together a couple of times a year to tackle issues and share ideas. They also heard from a motivational speaker who encouraged them to keep giving back to their schools and their communities.

Erskine's Hannah Burns, President of the Maine Association of Student Councils said: "I'm just very happy to see all these people here. It's great to see all of these schools coming together with a common goal to make their schools a better place."

Congratulations to the Erskine Student Council members on their excellent work at the state level. They won the top State Award again this year. This is the 11th time Erskine has won since the award was started in 1987. For a student council, this is like the state championship in a sport. Also, they won the banner award for the best banner. Alainie Sawtelle and Hannah Burns were recognized for having been on the State Board, and Hannah is the new State President and Kaylee Porter is the new President-elect. Adviser Mary MacFarland and the Student Council thanks everyone who supports their many activities.



LEFT Olympic luger Julia Clukey presenting a talk. ABOVE A Courage Award being presented by Julia to Jeff Kierstead '17 with State Representative Tim Theriault and Headmaster McQuarrie.

HOPE Club

The HOPE Club (Helping Others Persevere at Erskine) is thriving in its mission to provide needed school supplies, clothing, and food to students in need.

It is that time of year when heating oil/wood/propane needs to be purchased and some student may have to go without because of that need being met. The HOPE Club purchases gift cards for food, keeps a closet well stocked with school supplies, purchases clothing as well as houses its own donated clothing, and maintains a good supply of food items.

Spearheaded by advisor Shara MacDonald and a group of dedicated club members, teachers are requested

regularly to let the club know of anyone in need and to not hesitate to either send them HOPE's way or come with a student to see what the club can do to help.

Future Business Leaders of America

Over 30 students attended the "Lead Your Way to the Future It's Your Legacy" Fall Leadership Workshop for Future Business Leaders of America on October 28 at the China Lake Conference Center. The agenda included useful topics such as how to succeed in high school, preparing for your first job and college, how to be a successful public speaker, and leadership skills.

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