

Scarlet Scoop

To the Class of 2006

*I've paid my dues
Time after time
I've done my sentence
But committed no crime
And bad mistakes
I've made a few
I've had my share of sand
Kicked in my face
But I've come through
And I need to go on and on and on and on*

*We are the champions - my friend
And we'll keep on fighting 'til the end
We are the champions
We are the champions
No time for losers
'Cause we are the champions of the world*

- Queen

Everyone has those few songs that define their high school years and it's different for everyone. For me, and especially in my senior year, "We are the Champions" by Queen seems to sum up the class of 2006 very well. We are champions. Never in my years here have I seen a class full of such talent, passion, drive, ambition and charisma. We seem to have the ability to excel in everything we get involved in and there are very few people in this class that will settle for second best. We strive to be the best and the greatest and I have seen that. The Class of 2006 are truly champions in everything they do and I know this attitude will follow them into the future. And yes, the future, a word that has many students feeling a bit uneasy.

We came into high school afraid, nervous, confused, and unsure. In all honesty, a lot of us are leaving the same way. We do not know what our future may hold. We are leaving our safe cocoon of high school life and going into the "real world". Many of us are going to schools where we will not know anyone and we will be given that rare opportunity to reinvent ourselves. We will do exactly what we've done here at Belvidere – we will keep on fighting 'til the end. That's just the tenacity this class seems to have.

My experiences at Belvidere, both good and bad, have made me into a stronger person. I know that many feel the same way. Without that strength garnered through life's lessons, we would have no idea how to cope once we graduate. I know that this class will succeed in every way possible. We are strong, we are fearless, we are champions.

- Erica Farley
retiring Editor in Chief beginning her
career at Quinnipiac University with a major in
communications



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Jon Stewart

Anyone who has ever had an actual conversation with me knows that I think Jon Stewart is the greatest thing since sliced bread. I faithfully watch *The Daily Show with Jon Stewart* on Comedy Central. The undoubtedly “out there” comic even adorns my computer desktop. I’m even so “obsessed” that I submitted a request for tickets to be a part of the studio audience of *The Daily Show*...four and a half months ahead of time. I know...I have a problem. Yet the man is one of unprecedented greatness and his life deserves a closer look.

The young Jon Stewart (originally Jonathan Stuart Leibowitz) was born and raised in our own state, New Jersey, bestowing upon this humble state at least one worthy claim to fame. (Crossroads of the Revolution...poppycock.) However, the sad day when Jon, after growing to a prodigious height of five feet seven inches, left this great state in order to begin college at the age of seventeen. (So, my point is he is a genius.)

While attending the College of William and Mary, Stewart became a renown soccer player. No, he was not the star athlete, actually he was horrible. Basically, he was the worst player on the team, but he became famous for another reason, his sense of humor. Jon tried his hardest to play well, but he was more successful in his attempts to make his teammates laugh. In honor of Stewart’s athletic legacy, the men’s soccer team of the College of William and Mary annually bestow upon the hardest working and most amusing player the Leibo, a most prestigious award.

After college, Stewart got a job. And, no, it wasn’t as the host of *The Daily Show*. Actually, his first jobs were rather lacking in the prestige department, and included, the obligatory waiter, bakery worker, puppet master in children’s shows, and, yes, a construction worker.

One of his more ill-fated occupations included a shelf-stocking gig at Woolworth’s, where his brother was assistant manager. He lost this job when, in true boredom induced fashion, he jump onto a beanbag which slid into multiple aquariums, producing a large dent in Woolworth’s wallet. And, yes, his own brother *did* fire him.

Eventually, however, his show biz career did blossom, slowly and freakishly into what might resemble a bloom of entertainment. After moving to New York City (cliche, I know, but effective) Stewart began performing as a stand-up comic. Later, he signed a contract writing for and appearing in several movies, which he did fulfill. The Talented Mr. Stewart also multi tasks. While writing for the films, Jon Stewart wrote his book, *Naked Pictures of Famous People*.

Finally, after many years of unrealized anticipation, Jon Stewart found his place in the world. He became host and co-executive producer at *The Daily Show*. Rumor has it that Mr. Stewart had only seven days to prepare for this new and important role, yet he carried out his commission without a hitch. His show is clearly a necessity to our society today, and one whose existence I, for one, am rapturous over.

- Nicole Burns

* info from -

<http://www.jonstewart.net/bio/index.html>



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Dealing With a Busy Schedule

Dealing with a busy schedule can be tough for anyone but as a high school student the stress levels caused by a busy schedule can be detrimental to their schoolwork as well as their health. This is why it becomes essential for a student to take a step back and think about following some of these simple steps to help keep one organized and to help reduce stress.

Keeping a small calendar or day planner is a huge help for those who worry about forgetting important dates or those who need to work on their time management. On this calendar, one can write down club meetings, after school activities such as sports, homework assignments, term papers, tests, doctor appointments, etc. By doing this it makes it very easy to look at your schedule and know where you can fit things in. For all the years that I've been keeping a calendar, it has greatly reduced my stress levels. I never have to scramble to remember dates and appointments and I'm rarely late for things. Don't forget to leave some free time for yourself though. It's very important that you do not over-schedule.

If you are involved in several different clubs and organizations and you constantly feel that your schedule is just way too busy, it may be a good idea to think about the clubs you really like and about which ones you think you can do without. If you don't really enjoy one of the clubs you are a part of, then don't continue to be a member. If you love one particular club more than the other, then concentrate on that one and limit the others.

Many teenagers today also hold part-time jobs. With the prices of gas these days it can be essential to have one, and who doesn't like the extra spending money? However, having a job – even a part time one – can make doing anything else very difficult. If you feel that your work schedule is getting to be too much to handle,

ask your employer for a less rigorous schedule. Most employers understand that school comes first, but if they don't then you can always look into a new job.

Chances are that if you think you feel stressed out, you may have too much on your plate. There are many ways to lower your stress levels. A less stressful life means a healthier and happier life.

- Lauren McEllen



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Prom 2006

The “Island Paradise” Belvidere High School Junior/Senior prom took place on Saturday May 13th, 2006 at the Skylands in Randolph, NJ. It was beautifully decorated in our chosen “Island Paradise” theme, with leis, straws with flowers, palm trees on drinking glasses, and colorful fans. The music played, voted on by students, was a good mixture of slow and fast songs of different genres. There was a decent selection of food served, including chicken dishes, steak, vegetables, fruit, and even Chinese food accompanied by chopsticks and fortune cookies. Overall, prom 2006 was a hit with everyone. It was the perfect “last party” for the graduating seniors.

- Kim Kaufman



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