



## PORTLAND HIGH SCHOOL

**Miranda Balow Richman**, daughter of Brad Richman and Mari Balow, is the valedictorian of Portland High School's Class of 2015. While at Portland High School she was vice president of the Photography Club, captain of the Academic Decathlon, treasurer of GSTA, a member of the Environmental Club and participated in the Global Studies certificate program. Miranda belonged to

the French Language and Literary Group and did peer tutoring with the Make it Happen! program. She took Japanese language lessons and volunteered with the Maine Democratic Party in her senior year. She was on the tennis team all four years. Miranda's scholastic achievements earned her High Honors throughout her high school career, National Merit Recognition, AP Scholar with Honor, the Longfellow Writing Award and the Harvard Book Award. Miranda plans to attend Harvard College.



**Francesca Lea Butterfield**, daughter of Michele and Lou Butterfield, is the salutatorian of Portland High School's Class of 2015. While at Portland High School she was a member of the Executive Board, Key Club, Drama, Film Consideration Club and GSTA and also was newspaper editor. Francesca is a volunteer with the Fuller Center for Housing in Nicaragua, a teacher aide at Longfellow

Elementary School and has taken a photography class at MECA. She was on the cross country team and lacrosse team. Francesca's scholastic achievements earned her membership in the National Honor Society, High Honors throughout her high school career, the Columbia Book Award and first place in the Classical Association of New England Writing Contest. Francesca plans to attend Barnard College.



## DEERING HIGH SCHOOL

**Olivia Blom**, daughter of Lynn and Eric Blom, is Deering High School's valedictorian for the Class of 2015. She is a National Merit Finalist and winner of the Harvard University Book Award. Olivia is truly a lovely human being both musically talented and deeply caring of others. She has been a member of the First Parish Unitarian Church her whole life. Throughout her teen years, Olivia has served on her church's Sunday School Board as a youth representative, helping to plan and run events that accomplish continued growth and vibrancy for the children and young families of her church community. She was asked last year by the church elders to participate on a mission trip to Birmingham, Ala., where she had the opportunity to visit key historical sites of the Civil Rights Movement as well as

meet people who lived through that pivotal time in American history. Olivia believes this trip to be one of the most influential and amazing experiences of her life.

At Deering, she is president of the community service Key Club, planning a variety of fundraising events for Portland area charities. Voted by her peers in her sophomore year as one of only 10 students in the class to be considered a most trusted and excellent listener, Olivia became an invaluable member of Deering's Natural Helpers program. Olivia also is a beautiful soprano for the Portland based, all female Musica De Filia chorus, which has Musica De garnered numerous community and Maine state accolades. Last year the group was invited to sing at Carnegie Hall in New York City. Olivia can say that she has graced this iconic stage with her fellow chorale singers from Maine. Olivia plans to attend the University of Pennsylvania.



**Christopher Richardson**, son of Ann Richardson, is Deering High School's salutatorian for the Class of 2015. Involved in many activities outside the classroom, Chris serves as president of the National Honor Society, volunteers weekly to work with kindergarteners through the school's Future Teachers of America organization, performs as a first chair clarinetist in the concert band and holds down a job as a customer service representative at a grocery store. Chris says that one of his greatest achievements, however, comes from helping to care for and raise his now 5-year-old niece. He notes, "I am accomplished at both bottle-feeding and diaper changing." Chris plans to attend the University of Pennsylvania.



## CASCO BAY HIGH SCHOOL

**Sebastian Andrew** was chosen by his peers at Casco Bay High School to be the class speaker for 2015. Sebastian is the son of Hilary Andrew and Stephen Andrew. He will be attending Concordia University in Montreal.

In the school's production of "Alice in Wonderland" last spring, Sebastian played both the preternaturally cool Caterpillar and the goofball hero, the White Knight. A few months earlier, at school meeting, he performed a Hamlet monologue that underscored the Dane's deep and philosophical mind. Somehow, Sebastian seemed typecast for all three roles – and made all three characters eminently likeable. And although Sebastian started his high school career with some of the Caterpillar's haze, he is finishing it more like a true leading man. Though to be truthful, he's no Vin Diesel – he's more like the lead in a Wes Anderson movie. Sebastian has a great mind and a greater heart. He's a navigator for his class – and a whimsical peacemaker. Sebastian never takes himself too seriously, while ever recognizing the serious value and worth in others. His peers showed great wisdom in selecting him as class speaker. The White Knight Hamlet Caterpillar is ready for the next part of his quest – and his journey will be replete with joy, triumph, twists and plenty of quirk.



**Liam Fowler** is the Casco Bay High School senior with the highest GPA (3.9) in the class of 2015. Liam is the son of Bruce Fowler and Susan Webster. He will be attending Middlebury College.

Liam is kind, brilliant, funny, determined and athletically gifted. Since Liam arrived at Casco Bay as a freshman, he has won the hearts and minds of not only his teachers, but of his fellow classmates. His humble nature and gentle pursuit of excellence drive his passion for academics and for athletic success.

Liam has taken every AP course that CBHS has offered. Since his freshman year, he has been on the school's Honor Roll every trimester and has earned High Honors every trimester except for one. As a freshman, Liam was honored as the HOW (Habits of Work) student of the year. As a sophomore, he was a finalist for "When World's Collide," where all students choose a nonprofit organization in Africa to represent and present a proposal to win money for that organization. During his junior year, Liam volunteered in the Rockaways, N.Y. with his entire junior class to aid in Hurricane Sandy relief efforts. Liam represents the best of Casco Bay High School. His presence and sheer determination will be missed next year.