

FYI

Sheila A. (Gentile) Grover

RICHMOND — Sheila A. (Gentile) Grover, 53, died peacefully on Wednesday, October 27, 2021, in her childhood home in Wilbraham, surrounded by her loving family.

Born in Springfield, Sheila attended Wilbraham schools and graduated from Minnechaug Regional High School in 1986. She earned a Bachelor's Degree from Emerson College in Boston. Sheila had many talents. She became nationally ranked traveling across the country as part of her college debating team. She loved to travel. She spent a semester touring Europe and visited India, Greece and Canada. After college, Sheila pursued her career in the entertainment business, working in Boston and eventually New York City. She worked her way up to Costume Supervisor for many movies and television shows, including many years at Law and Order, Criminal Intent. Her final employment was as Supervisor for Amazon's The Marvelous Mrs.

Maisel. This earned her two Emmy nominations as part of the Costume Team headed by Donna Zakowska. Eventually Sheila settled in Richmond, RI, close to the beaches that she loved so much. Sheila was active in the Richmond, RI community where she was elected to the School Committee.

She is survived by the "Light of her life" and her greatest accomplishment, her 12 year old daughter Emma Jane Grover, her devoted parents; Michael and Alice (Rohan) Gentile of Wilbraham, husband Steven Grover of Richmond,

RI, brother Michael Gentile and his wife Sharon of Wilbraham, beloved step daughter Sasha Emmens and her husband Jordan and granddaughter Millie, all of England, step daughter Nicole Grover and many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and friends.

Sheila's family would like to thank her "Mrs. Maisel work crew" who never forgot her during her battle with cancer. Also, the caring staff at South County Cancer Center, especially Dr. Taber. Services for Sheila will be private and at the convenience of the family.

Wilbraham Funeral Home, 2551 Boston Rd., Wilbraham is assisting the family. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial contributions be made to the "Emma Grover Benefit Fund," c/o Monson Savings Bank, 100 Post Office Park, Wilbraham, MA 01095.



Chariho Regional School District
Tri-Town Count - 10/1/2021

Enrollment by Attending School

	PK	KG	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12	Total
Ashaway Elem		43	44	38	35	37									197
Charlestown Elem		66	33	52	47	48									246
Hope Valley Elem	47	40	36	41	37	41									242
Richmond Elem		82	77	89	86	72									406
Middle School							229	211	221	245					906
High School											319	276	259	242	1096
CALA			1	1	1	3	3	2	2	8	17	12	5	7	62
Out-Of-District	1						1	1		3	1	1	1	2	11
Charter		2	7	14	6	14	11	4	9	6	4	9	7	15	108
Total	48	233	198	235	212	215	244	218	232	262	341	298	272	266	3274

Enrollment by Town of Residence

	PK	KG	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12	Total
Charlestown	10	64	36	53	50	52	59	54	58	66	65	63	68	69	767
Richmond	13	85	77	98	90	79	94	80	84	92	118	98	91	72	1171
Hopkinton	25	84	85	84	72	84	91	83	89	103	112	85	77	82	1156
Coventry											1	1	2	2	6
Cumberland											1	1			2
Exeter											4	2	3	1	10
Jamestown											2	1			3
Narragansett										1	2	1		1	5
North Kingstown								1			4	4	4	2	15
Out of State												1		1	2
South Kingstown											13	12	4	7	36
Warwick											1			1	2
West Greenwich											3	1	3	1	8
Westerly									1		15	28	20	27	91
Total	48	233	198	235	212	215	244	218	232	262	341	298	272	266	3274

Chariho Regional School District
Tri-Town Count - 10/1/2021

Students Residing in the District by Town of Residence

	Elem	MS	HS	CALA	ODP	Charter	Total
Charlestown	251 23.01%	227 25.06%	244 26.32%	7 13.73%	1 9.09%	37 34.26%	767 24.79%
Richmond	419 38.41%	334 36.87%	357 38.51%	19 37.25%	5 45.45%	37 34.26%	1171 37.85%
Hopkinton	421 38.59%	345 38.08%	326 35.17%	25 49.02%	5 45.45%	34 31.48%	1156 37.36%
Total	1091 100.00%	906 100.00%	927 100.00%	51 100.00%	11 100.00%	108 100.00%	3094 100.00%

Charter School Students by Town of Residence

		KG	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12	Total
Compass	Charlestown			1		1	1		4	1					8
	Hopkinton		1	2		1	4	2	2	4					16
	Richmond			5	2	4	1	2	3	1					18
	Total	0	1	8	2	6	6	4	9	6	0	0	0	0	42
Greene	Charlestown										1		1	3	5
	Hopkinton											1		2	3
	Richmond													1	1
	Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	6	9
Kingston Hill	Charlestown		4		1	4	2								11
	Hopkinton	1	2	2	2	1	1								9
	Richmond	1		4	1	3	2								11
	Total	2	6	6	4	8	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	31
Met School	Charlestown													1	1
	Hopkinton													2	2
	Richmond												1		1
	Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	4
Other	Charlestown										1	4	2	4	11
	Hopkinton												1	2	3
	Richmond										1	3	1		5
	Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	7	4	6	19
Total		2	7	14	6	14	11	4	9	6	3	8	6	15	105

**Charlho Regional School District
Tri-Town Count - 10/1/2021****Tuition Students by Town**

	Total
Coventry	6
Cumberland	2
Exeter	10
Jamestown	3
Narragansett	5
North Kingstown	15
South Kingstown	36
Warwick	2
Westerly	91
West Greenwich	8
Out of State	2
Total	180



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OCT 29 2021

KRISTEN MERRITT
Human Resources Administrator

TO: Gina Picard

FROM: Kristen Merritt

DATE: October 29, 2021

SUBJECT: Staff Update

Name	Position	Reason
Alexandra Romano	ESSER Science Credit Recovery Facilitator – High School	Appointment effective 11/3-11/15/2021
Katherine Kirakosian	CSI Project Manager – CALA	Re-appointment effective 10/29/2021-6/30/2022
Alexa Bobbin	Grade 9 Class Advisor – High School	Appointment effective 10/29/2021-6/30/2025

Kristen Merritt

From: Andrea Spas
Sent: Monday, October 25, 2021 9:04 AM
To: Kristen Merritt
Cc: Alexandra Romano
Subject: Re: Appointment

My apologies, I mean Science position.



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From: Andrea Spas
Sent: Monday, October 25, 2021 9:00 AM
To: Kristen Merritt
Cc: Alexandra Romano
Subject: Appointment

Please appoint Alex Romano to the position of Math Credit Recovery Facilitator.

Andrea



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INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: GINA PICARD, SUPERINTENDENT

FROM: MICHAEL COMELLA, ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT *mc*

SUBJECT: POSTING AWARDS

DATE: OCTOBER 26, 2021

CC: KRISTEN MERRITT

The following posting is recommended for reappointment per the original posting and award:

Last Name	First Name	Position	Stipend	Expires
Kirakosian	Katie	CALA CSIP Project Manager	\$4,000	June 2022

Kristen Merritt

From: Andrea Spas
Sent: Thursday, October 28, 2021 7:07 AM
To: Kristen Merritt
Subject: Re: 9th Grade Class Advisor

Yes



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From: Kristen Merritt <Kristen.Merritt@Chariho.k12.ri.us>
Date: Thursday, October 28, 2021 at 6:29 AM
To: Andrea Spas <andrea.spas@chariho.k12.ri.us>
Subject: FW: 9th Grade Class Advisor

Ok to appoint her to this position?

Kristen Merritt

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From: Alexa Bobbin <alexa.bobbin@chariho.k12.ri.us>
Sent: Wednesday, October 27, 2021 4:34 PM
To: Kristen Merritt <Kristen.Merritt@Chariho.k12.ri.us>
Subject: 9th Grade Class Advisor

Hi Kristen,

I am emailing you to let you know I am interested in being the 9th Grade Class Advisor. :)

I am not sure if I need to apply anywhere. Just let me know whatever you need from me and I will do it!

Thank you so much,
Ally Bobbin



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KRISTEN MERRITT
Human Resources Administrator

TO: Gina Picard
FROM: Kristen Merritt
DATE: November 3, 2021
SUBJECT: Staff Update

**Coaching positions are
pending season approved by
RIIL/State of RI**

Name	Position	Reason
Mariah Northrop	Grade 9 Class Advisor – High School	Appointment effective 11/3/2021 through 6/30/2025
Kevin Dorgan, Jr.	Boys Basketball, Assistant Coach – Middle School	Appointment effective 11/3/2021 through 6/30/2022
Lisa Smith	Temporary Lead Teacher – Richmond	Appointment effective 11/3-11/30/2021 (may be extended)
Janake Christensen	District School Counselor – currently assigned to High School	Appointment effective 11/22/2021

Kristen Merritt

From: Andrea Spas
Sent: Monday, November 01, 2021 11:48 AM
To: Kristen Merritt
Subject: Re: Class Advisor

Yes please.



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From: Kristen Merritt <Kristen.Merritt@Chariho.k12.ri.us>
Date: Monday, November 1, 2021 at 11:00 AM
To: Andrea Spas <andrea.spas@chariho.k12.ri.us>
Subject: FW: Class Advisor

Ok to forward her name for appointment?

From: Mariah Northrop
Sent: Monday, November 01, 2021 10:23 AM
To: Kristen Merritt
Cc: Andrea Spas; Alexa Bobbin
Subject: Class Advisor

Good Morning Kristen,

I would like to put in for the open 2025 class advisor position.

Thank you!
Mariah

Mariah Northrop
Chariho High School
Math Department
Field Hockey Head Coach

Kristen Merritt

From: Michael Shiels
Sent: Monday, November 01, 2021 1:56 PM
To: Kristen Merritt
Cc: Gregory Zenion
Subject: ms boys basketball position

Hi Kristen,

I would like to recommend Kevin Dorgan for the position of Middle School Assistant Boys Basketball Coach. Kevin was the assistant for boys soccer this past fall. thanks

Kristen Merritt

From: Sharon Martin
Sent: Tuesday, November 02, 2021 10:19 AM
To: Kristen Merritt
Subject: Re: Temporary Lead Teacher

We just finished the interviews today. We would like to appoint Lisa Smith to the position of temporary LT at RES.

Sincerely,

Sharon H. Martin, Principal
Richmond Elementary School
Chariho Regional School District
401-539-2441
<https://richmond.chariho.k12.ri.us/>
@Sharonhoytmar



From: Kristen Merritt <Kristen.Merritt@Chariho.k12.ri.us>
Date: Tuesday, November 2, 2021 at 10:10 AM
To: Sharon Martin <Sharon.Martin@chariho.k12.ri.us>
Subject: Temporary Lead Teacher

Hi Sharon,

Did you decide on a Temporary Lead Teacher? Please forward name for appointment.

Thank you!

Kristen Merritt

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Chariho Regional School District Superintendent's Interview Report

Name: Janake Christensen Date of Interview: 11/01/2021
Position: School Counselor (10-day rule) FTE: 1.0
Building: District – currently assigned to High School Starting Date: 11/22/2021

Individuals Present for Interview: Gina Picard

Years of Full-Time Public-School Teaching Experience in RI: 0

Years of Military Experience: 0

Years of Private School/Out-of-State Experience: 5

Currently Tenured in Another RI District: No

Decision: Recommended ☒ Not Recommended ☐

Salary Step Placement Step 7 (\$64,990)

Master's Degree in Area Directly Related to
Posted Position 2 Masters (\$4,240)

Subject Matter Training Compensation N/A


Have you been a member and contributed to the RI retirement system? Yes ☐ No ☒

Employment Notes:

1. Must complete Reflective Practitioner course by May 1, 2023.
2. Offer of employment is contingent upon submission of all required application materials, including but not limited to a criminal background investigation with no disqualifying information, completion of Chariho, state and federal forms; RI Department of Health requirements, and statements of service (if applicable) by 11/15/2021.

Other Items Discussed:

1. 1:1 Initiative
2. Salary and Health Benefits
3. 10-day Rule (if applicable)


Superintendent of Schools

11/3/21

Janake Christensen

West Dennis, MA 02670

October 14, 2021

Dear Ms. Merritt,

I am seeking a position as a school counselor at Chariho High School. I have a comprehensive educational background, holding two Master of Education degrees, one in secondary teaching and one school counseling, and have varied experience working with students PreK-12. I am in my sixth year working as a secondary level school counselor at Bourne High School in Massachusetts with students in grades 9-12. Prior to that, I taught high school English at Marlborough High School, worked as a special needs educational assistant in the Nauset Public Integrated Preschool, tutored college athletes, and completed school counseling internships at both the high school and elementary levels. My experience working with students across the developmental lifespan and my passion for serving others further support my drive to serve as a school counselor.

Throughout my career at Bourne High School I have worked closely with students individually and in small groups, as well as provided large classroom instruction. I supported students, including those in our ELL and special education population, through the college application process, employing strategies from my ASCA training as College Admissions Specialist. I further honed my skills with regard to developmental variations and learning disorders through participation in IEP meetings and the facilitation of 504 meetings. This work is complemented by our counseling department's ongoing planning and implementation of strategies to support multi-level tiered systems of support (MTSS), particularly Tier 1 and 2 executive function supports. I also participated in the development of a comprehensive school counseling curriculum aligned with the MASCA/ASCA and College and Career Advising (CCA) standards. Through effective counseling, I have been able to increase students' self-confidence personally and academically. My counseling experience, combined with my teaching experience, positions me to serve as an understanding liaison and advocate for students and teachers alike.

Committed to expanding my knowledge of counseling and increasing the effectiveness of my role at Bourne High, I have immersed myself in several professional committees that focus on data driven tiered interventions as well as inclusion and equity. Furthermore, I recently completed the Lesley Institute For Trauma Sensitivity (LIFTS) graduate certificate program through Lesley University. I believe in the importance of ongoing education and collaboration to provide all students with behavioral and academic support in the classroom and strengthen partnerships between the community and within the school district. As a result of my participation in the LIFTS coursework, I partnered with our school adjustment counselor to lead faculty professional development on the impact of trauma on learning. Through my years of experience and continued education, I have a deepened understanding of the challenges that students face, which in turn supports my work to further effectively provide services to the school community as a whole.

Given the opportunity to be a part of your team, I will bring enthusiasm, classroom experience, and depth and breadth of experience in the field of school counseling. Throughout my education and work in schools, I have fostered meaningful relationships with students, families, faculty, and community members. I look forward to being a part of your school community where I will demonstrate my genuine commitment for creating a positive impact on the lives around me. Please consider me as a candidate for your school

Janake Christensen

counselor position.

Sincerely,
Janake Christensen

Janake Mary Christensen

West Dennis, Massachusetts 02670

Education

Gordon College

Wenham, Massachusetts

Postgraduate Coursework

Major: Course: Universal Design for Learning

Credit Hours: 3

Attended September 2021 to November 2021 (*expected completion*)

Lesley University

Cambridge, Massachusetts

Certificate of Study (Postgraduate)

Major: Trauma Certificate Program

GPA: 4.000

Credit Hours: 12

Attended March 2020 to May 2021

Degree conferred May 2021

University of Massachusetts - Boston

Boston, Massachusetts

Master of Education

Major: School Counseling

GPA: 4.000

Credit Hours: 60

Attended June 2014 to May 2016

Degree conferred May 2016

Transcript

(2.5MB)

University of Massachusetts - Amherst

Amherst, Massachusetts

Master of Education

Major: MA

GPA: 4.000

Credit Hours: 36

Attended August 2011 to May 2012

Degree conferred May 2012

Transcript

(3.5MB)

University of Massachusetts - Amherst

Amherst, Massachusetts

Bachelor of Arts

Major: English, **Minor:** Minor in Psychology and Minor in Education

GPA: 4.000

Credit Hours: 121

Attended September 2007 to May 2011

Degree conferred May 2011

Transcript

(1.7MB)

Experience

Bourne High School

Oct 2016 - Present

School Guidance Counselor

Bourne, MA

- Served as Early College Experience Program and Dual Enrollment Coordinator
- Facilitated 504 meetings
- Took position of Student Study Team Coordinator for 21-22 ASY
- Cape Cod Community College Pathways Program Coordinator
- Led Professional Development for faculty on the Impact of Trauma on Learning
- Developed digital guidance department newsletter
- Taught Directed Support class for academically at-risk students
- Participated in IEP initial and re-evaluation meetings
- Led Common Application, Scholarship, and related College Process workshops for students and parents
- Proctored MCAS, PSAT, SAT, and AP exams grades 9-12
- Met with all students on my caseload and upcoming 8th graders to advise in course selection process
- Maintained department webpage, Google Classroom, and Remind App
- Wrote letters of recommendation for college and scholarship applications
- Co-developed a comprehensive guidance curriculum 9-12
- Facilitated individual junior and senior year meetings to develop and review post-secondary transition plans
- Facilitated individual counseling to address social, emotional, and academic issues
- Monitored attendance and student academic progress

Reason for leaving: I am moving to Rhode Island and am seeking employment closer to my new home.

Supervisor: Amy Cetner, Principal (508-759-0670)

Experience Type: Public School, Full-time

Please **do not** contact this employer

Wellfleet Elementary School

Aug 2016 - Oct 2017

Educational Support Staff

Wellfleet, MA

I worked in a substantially separate Kindergarten/ First Grade classroom. In my role as an educational assistant I provided academic, emotional, behavioral, and social learning support for students with moderate special needs.

Reason for leaving: My reason for leaving WES was that I was offered a full time position as a secondary level school counselor in Bourne. I accepted the offer.

Supervisor: MaryBeth Rodman, Principal (508-349-3101)

Experience Type: Public School, Full-time

It is **OK** to contact this employer

Wellfleet Elementary School

Mar 2016 - Jun 2016

School Counselor Intern

Wellfleet MA

- Led lunch bunches and small groups with grades 4,5
- Helped develop and implement behavioral support plans
- Administered educational assessments

- Assisted in community service project for local veterans
- Observed and participated in Second Step lessons
- Helped coordinate annual health fair
- Assisted with academic progress monitoring and data collection
- Supported 5th grade with middle school transition activities
- Visited local community food, clothing, housing shelter offices

Reason for leaving: My internship at WED was a temporary position while I was completing required graduate school field work hours. I left when my coursework was finished and the school year was completed.

Supervisor: Dr. Margaret Mack ((508) 349-3101)

Experience Type: Student Teaching, Part-time

It is **OK** to contact this employer

Dennis Yarmouth Regional High School

Sep 2015 - Jun 2016

School Counselor Intern

Dennis, MA

- Delivered classroom guidance curriculum grades 8-12
- Implemented digital attendance initiative, REMIND, to motivate students to get to school and be punctual
- Led Cape Cod Community College Pathways Program
- Managed student transcript requests using Naviance
- Designed an 8 week 8th/9th grade girls life skills group curriculum and co-led with school adjustment counselor
- Assisted students in completing Common Application and writing college essays
- Conducted Solution-Focused Counseling sessions
- Aided at-risk individuals with goal setting and study skills
- Membership on Career Day Committee
- Observed and assisted in student course scheduling

Reason for leaving: My internship at DYRHS was a temporary position while I was completing required graduate school clinical hours. I left at the end of the school year when my coursework was finished.

Supervisor: Dale Fornoff, Guidance Director (508-398-7630)

Experience Type: Student Teaching, Part-time

It is **OK** to contact this employer

Eastham Elementary School

Aug 2015 - Jun 2016

Educational Support Staff

Eastham, MA

As an educational assistant, I provided academic, emotional, behavioral, and social learning support for students with moderate special needs.

Reason for leaving: Following a reduction in force at the end of the school year, I sought full time employment in the Nauset school district and was hired at Wellfleet Elementary School.

Supervisor: Yvonne O'Connor (508-255-0808)

Experience Type: Other, Part-time

It is **OK** to contact this employer

Nauset High School

Jan 2015 - Jun 2015

School Counselor Intern

Eastham, MA

- Co-facilitated junior-parent college meetings
- Conducted case study with academically underachieving student using motivational interviewing
- Communicated with parents about student academic progress
- Participated in Career Fair
- Participated in IEP meetings and assisted in writing transition plans
- Observed crisis intervention and collaboration with SRO
- Assisted students with scholarship application process
- Assisted students in creating College Board accounts

Reason for leaving: My practicum at NHS was a temporary position while I was completing required graduate school practicum hours. I left when my coursework was finished.

Supervisor: Brian White, School Guidance Counselor (508-255-1505)

Experience Type: Student Teaching, Part-time

It is **OK** to contact this employer

Marlborough High School

Aug 2012 - Jun 2013

English Teacher

Marlborough

- Taught grade 10-12, honors and college preparatory levels
- Developed units, lessons plans, and assignments, differentiated to meet student needs
- Performed all teaching duties as assigned

Reason for leaving: As a result of being named a 2013 American Red Cross Hero, I was invited to intern at the MA State House. I felt this was an extraordinary once in a lifetime experience that would allow me to expand my horizons and professional skills; I accepted the position.

Supervisor: Jose Reyes (508-460-3500)

Experience Type: Public School, Full-time

It is **OK** to contact this employer

2013 American Red Cross Hero

I was named an American Red Cross Hero in 2013 for a water rescue I had on Head of the Meadow beach in Truro, MA 2 minutes prior to going off duty.

CHARIHO SCHOOL COMMITTEE

November 9, 2021

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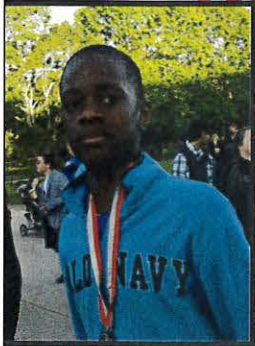
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Since the untimely passing of Maddie Potts, a Chariho High School senior and star athlete, her family and the community have come together to form the **Maddie Potts Foundation**. The Foundation has made a great impact well beyond the Chariho community, with countless events and fitness challenges, for example, which focus on Maddie's life and love of sports. A main effort of the Foundation over the past few years has been to build a field house on the main Chariho campus, honoring Maddie's legacy. For those who might not have been aware, some critical developments with the Maddie Potts Memorial Field House have occurred over the past few months, which we wanted to share. The field house groundbreaking occurred on April 11th 2021 and site work began on October 11th. The 11 holds significance, as this was Maddie's team number and connects to her birthday on April 11th. The Foundation's [Twitter](#) account ([@mpfoundation11](#)) often includes the hashtags [#forever11](#) and [#maddiemortality](#), which speak to her incredible impact during her life and since her passing. Follow the Foundation's website to learn more about **Maddie**, get the latest information on the **Field House**, find ways to participate in events, and to donate to the Field House. Click on the following [link](#) to read a recent story about Maddie and to watch a short film that highlights her story.

UPDATE: We recently highlighted alumni Dan Riordan and Dana Saint--the founders of Gnarly Bay. Their most recent LL Bean commercial, partly filmed on Chariho's main campus, is hot off the press and can be viewed [here](#).

We are always accepting story ideas for the newsletter. If you are interested in connecting or sharing in some way, please contact Katie Kirakosian at 401-552-7277 or katie.kirakosian@chariho.k12.ri.us.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT: LONDON BROMELL

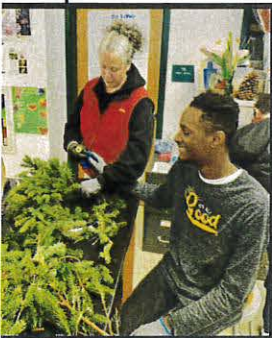


London's mother, Tammy, describes him best--"He is a blessing." At 19 years old, London has accomplished amazing things both within the District and beyond. He is a celebrated athlete--playing basketball, volleyball, golf, and bowling. He has competed in the Special Olympics for years where he plays several sports including unified bowling with the Westerly Wildcats. London has also played Unified Volleyball through the Chariho District. In 2020, he was celebrated as the Special Olympics Rhode Island Unified Champion Schools Athlete of the Year. Sports are a family affair, as he loves to play golf with his father Rockie as well.



Chariho's Unified Volleyball team

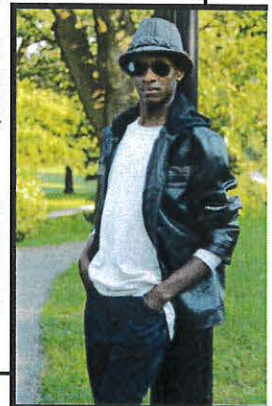
London's kindness and gentleness is so contagious that London's former Pass worker Roberta Curry has started hosting a Zoom dance party every Saturday. As London's mother explains, "all adults that used to and still work with him take time out of their Saturday to come to 'the London party'." He has a great fan following." As a well-rounded student and citizen, he also loves to spend time supporting his community. London works with **Perspectives Corporation**, where he volunteers several days a week at Rhode Island Center Assisting those in Need (**RICAN**). Although COVID-19 impacted his ability to work in the community, he was able to work through it. As his favorite saying goes, "It's OK. It's just different."



At school, London has taken many classes. Some of his favorites were Plant Science and Floral Design with Ms. Pepperd. She enjoyed working with him too, sharing that "London is an absolute delight to have as a student in the classroom, and to have as a member of the school community! His positivity is infectious, and his smile will always light up a room. There is not a single person that I know that does not immediately develop a smile once they hear London's name." Chariho Middle School Principal, Mr. Zenion, visited London's class everyday when he was a Middle School student. "London is a great student that will warm up to you if you take the time to get to know him," Mr. Zenion added. Ms. Champney, a Chariho Speech Language Pathologist, has worked with London for several years. In their time together, she has found him to be a "hard working student that is eager to please everyone that he works with. He enjoys playing

games with his friends at school and often talks about watching football or basketball on the weekends with his dad. He loves spending time with his family and friends and looks to greet everyone he knows by name in the halls of the high school whenever he sees them." Ms. Lightfritz perhaps knows him best, having been London's teacher since 5th grade. His ability to remember names has always impressed her, as he knows all of the teachers names and the cafeteria staff. London's dream job, in fact, is to work in the cafeteria at Charlestown Elementary School, where he was also a student. He adores the lunch staff and thinks they have a pretty awesome job!

London is also an avid follower of Jeopardy and Wheel of Fortune, which he watches everyday. He also always works to challenge himself and try new things. Several years ago he signed with the Westerly agency **The Beauty Within**--the first person with special needs to sign here. Although he did try this on for size, he is always setting his sights on new adventures. Thank you, London, for being a phenomenal Chariho Charger and for always being a great example for others!!



Do you have an inspiring Chariho story to share or know a Chariho alum with a great story to tell? If so, reach out to katie.kirakosian@chariho.k12.ri.us.

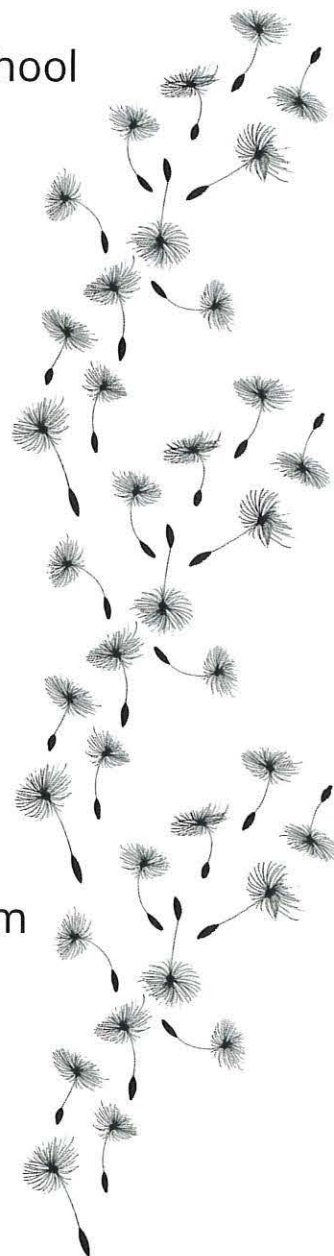
IN THESE UNCERTAIN TIMES, LET'S MAKE ONE THING CERTAIN--
OUR COMMITMENT TO ALL KIDS. ALL OF THE TIME.

Ways to support the District during the '21-'22 School Year

- Make a financial donation to the District or a specific school
- Make a donation of supplies to a school or the District
- Sponsor a youth sports team or club
- Sponsor an event or assembly
- Support our PTO events
- Support our community partners in their work
- Establish a student scholarship
- Give a gift from your retirement plan
- Make a charitable bequest to the District

Your time and expertise are invaluable as well.

- Attend School Committee meetings
- Attend District and school-based events
- Share your time and expertise as a guest speaker
- Become a mentor through the CHILL Mentoring Program
- Host a job shadow or intern at your place of business
- Serve as an Independent Study mentor



Find out more on our "[Support Chariho](#)" page on the District's website.

WITH **YOUR** SUPPORT, WE CAN PAVE THE WAY
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CONTACT US TO FIND OUT MORE.

THE GENEROSITY OF THE CHARIHO COMMUNITY IS FELT THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT



We would like to take a moment to acknowledge one of our own donations from the Richmond School garden.

Over the summer and fall, the Richmond Green team donated 249 lbs of fruit and vegetables to local food banks and Richmond School. They far exceeded their goal by over 80 lbs. Way to go, Richmond students and staff!! You make us proud!!

If you would like to make a donation to support the Chariho Regional School District, or a particular school, or initiative; please contact Katie Kirakosian, the District's Development Officer, at katie.kirakosian@chariho.k12.ri.us or 401-552-7277.

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT



Recently Katie Kirakosian sat down with Jack (Jenkins) Moody ('17) to learn about his adventures since graduation. From college, to ROTC, to his research on nuclear physics, and his work in cyber operations, he is a Chariho alumnus making history. Click [here](#) to learn more about his journey and his foundational experiences as a Chariho student.



PLANNING AN ALUMNI REUNION OR EVENT? WE WOULD LOVE TO BE A PART OF IT

If your class is planning a reunion or other event in 2022 or 2023, please let us know. In the past, we have supported reunions with custom cakes through our Culinary Arts Pathway, planning support through our Hospitality and Event Planning Pathway, and even offered school tours. Reach out to our Development Officer with your event details and your ideas for collaborative consideration. We would love to work together! Be sure to share your reunion pictures with us too!



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