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Class of 2009 must schedule yearbook portraits over the summer. Senior Portraits must be taken by August 29, 2008 to be included in the yearbook. If the portrait is taken after July 17, it will be included in the yearbook, but retakes will not be available. Lake Forest High School Class of 2009 senior portraits will be taken by SRImage, a division of Stuart-Rodgers Photography. A mailing was sent to the parents of students in the Class of 2009 from Stuart-Rodgers in June. For complete information and instructions, visit www.srimage.com. Click on Schools, then Your School, then on Lake Forest High School. To schedule an appointment, call 877 929-0006. Due to construction at the high school this summer, sittings will take place at the new Stuart Rodgers Highland Park Studio at 1580 Old Skokie Road.

LFHS art students entered artwork in the Annual Congressman Kirk Art Show, held on Friday, May 9 in his Northbrook offices. Artwork was submitted from about 20 area schools and judged by the North Shore Art League. Kristoffe Zehr, LFHS senior, was awarded the second place prize at this show for his self-portrait. His piece will be displayed in Congressman Kirk's Washington D.C. office for the next calendar year. Other LFHS participants were: Letra Baehr, Lizi Leider, Kelly Stevens, and Leigh Terhaar.

Congratulations to the winners of the recent 8th Annual Egg Harbor Egg Photo Contest. Group 1 first place winner was Matt Mitter with 2nd place winner Paula Bielnicka. Group 2 first place winner was Anne Stuckslager with 2nd place winner Sasha Jahp. Other students who were chosen to participate included Michael Brandorff, Grace Briggs, Margeaux Flannery, Natalie Horcher, Drew Kenning, Taylor Koch, Mira Manella, Molly McQuillen, Jackie Phelps, and Karen Rosenbaum.

The Lake Forest High School Foundation is pleased to announce that Ann Dodge of Lake Forest is the winner of the “Jewel of a School” diamond pendant generously donated by Jewels of Lake Forest. We would like to express our sincerest thanks to everyone who participated in our “Jewel of a School” campaign, and to all who have donated to the Lake Forest High School Foundation. Through your generous contributions, we are able to enhance the educational experience of all students. Please visit our web site, LFHSFoundation.org, for a complete list of our donors.

Lake Forest High School Telecom department received three first place, four second place and one third place finishes at the largest regional High School video festival in the nation. The 15th Annual CTEC (Chicagoland Television Educators Counsel) Video Festival took place at NIU-Hoffman Estates on Friday, April 25th. The festival showcased more than 300 pieces from 30 area high school programs. Of the eighteen videos that were shown at Friday’s festival, seven were selected to receive awards within the top three places for their specific category. In the Documentary, Junior Hunter Ries received a first place out of forty three entries for his video, “Farewell to Tammy McHaney.” Senior Bobby Graham received a second place award in the same category for his video that captured the unique teaching style of LFHS Math teacher, Dan Coad. In the Computer Animation category, Senior Connor Fleming received a first place award for his animation, “The TV Commercial.” Junior Louay Jajeh took second place in the same category for “The Lost Frog.” Senior Cody Vandenberg and Ries teamed up to produce the first place winning movie trailer, “Starlight over the Warden,” which is based on an original screenplay Vandenberg is developing with fellow Senior and third

place award winner Mark Magnus. The trio's work stood out to the industry judges who viewed 33 other movie trailers. Lake Forest was also very successful in the most popular category for submissions, comedy, which Ries and Senior Ryan Sager shared second place for their work out of forty-eight entries. Ries won for "Me Amore" and Sager won for his intramural basketball documentary, "Object vs. Monstars." Additional award winners were Seniors Brad Douglass, Henry Slingerland, Kevin Gaughan, Junior Zach Telender and Sophomore Ben Davidson making it a very strong finish this year for the High School's Telecom program, headed by Steve Douglass and Christine Friedman.

This summer, Lake Forest High School history teacher Mark Kuhl traveled to the University of Virginia in Charlottesville, Virginia, to attend a one-week competitive application seminar entitled "The American Civil War: Origins and Consequences, Battlefields and Homefront," led by Gary Gallagher, John L. Nau III Professor in the History of the American Civil War at the University of Virginia. The seminar, sponsored by the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History, was attended by twenty-five educators and examined the scope and consequences of the American Civil War.

The Gilder Lehrman Institute's summer seminars are designed to strengthen educators' commitment to high quality history teaching. Public, parochial and independent school teachers are eligible to apply. These week-long seminars provide intellectual stimulation and a collaborative context for developing practical resources and strategies to take back to the classroom. Over the past thirteen years, more than 6,000 educators have participated. This year, more than 900 participants from 49 states and 6 foreign countries will take part in one of thirty-two different seminars held in the United States and England. In each seminar, educators work with primary source documents provided by the professors and the Gilder Lehrman Collection. The documents are used by all of the attendees to produce materials that can be brought into their classrooms. Each educator receives reading materials, room and board, transportation for tours and a stipend.

Founded in 1994, the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History promotes the study and love of American history. The Institute serves teachers, students, scholars,

and the general public. It helps create history-centered schools, organizes seminars and programs for educators, produces print and electronic publications and traveling exhibitions, sponsors lectures by eminent historians, and administers a History Teacher of the Year Award in every state through its partnership with Preserve America. The Institute also awards the Lincoln, Frederick Douglass, and George Washington Book Prizes, and offers fellowships for scholars to work in the Gilder Lehrman Collection. The Institute maintains two websites, www.gilderlehrman.org and the quarterly online journal www.historynow.org.

Congratulations to the German students who won trips to Germany. Three students are receiving certificates of merit from the American Association of Teachers of German for their scores on the National German Contest. Jeffrey Niedermaier is a 3rd year student in Mary Kay Koerner's class and received a 95th percentile ranking nationally. He has won the AATG-PAD trip to Germany this summer. Connor Ryan also a 3rd year student of Mrs. Koerner and Elaina Kienzle, a 2nd year student of MaryAnn Dolezal, will receive certificates of merit for achieving scores in the upper quarter of national rankings.

Congratulations to Anna Shustitzky, LFHS senior, who won the 2008 Ravinia Festival poster competition! Anna is in Graphic Design 5 with teacher Carolyn Bielski who encouraged her class to enter the competition as a class project last semester for a unit that emphasized poster design and communicating clearly with one's target audience. The class researched the Festival, its history and its programming. Anna's design honed in on the Festival's 2008 theme "Find Your Inner Lawn" and paid tribute to the architecture of the front gate and the pavilion. Her design was unveiled on May 21 at the Ravinia Women's Board meeting, where she was recognized for her work and presented a \$1000 check. Teacher, Carolyn Bielski received \$500. The poster will be featured in hundreds of store windows.

Congratulations to Courtney Marcusson who was nominated for and participated in the "National Young Leaders State Conference" recently with 100+ students from around

the Midwest. This student leadership development program helps young scholars take an introspective perspective of their leadership skills and abilities.