

Graduates with Honor & Distinction ... continued

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We conclude our interviews with the remaining Honor and Distinction graduates from Caginchaug Regional High School, including valedictorian Shaina Bradley and salutatorian Danielle Charette, plus seven other outstanding students who managed to achieve at least a cumulative average of 10.0 out of 12.0 over four years.

We begin, however, with a singular honor — the first we can remember of a local valedictorian at Vinal Regional Technical High School — Lauren Bradley of Rockfall.



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Lauren Bradley, Vinal Tech valedictorian

Lauren Bradley has been named 2010 valedictorian at Vinal Technical High School in Middletown after having earned the highest grade point average of her class in academic studies and Computer Aided Drafting and Design Technology. She is the daughter of John and Sue Bradley of Rockfall.

Lauren is vice president of the graduating class and a member of the National Honor Society. She received the DAR Good Citizen's Award and the CIAC Scholar Athlete Award. She was captain of the volleyball, basketball and track teams. She placed second in the statewide SkillsUSA competition for Technical Drafting. She was recognized in her junior year as a Connecticut Governor's Scholar and named in her senior year as Youth of the Year by the New Haven Register.

Lauren is also an active member of Vinal's Diversity Club, participating in numerous workshops and community outreach programs in area elementary schools.

Outside of school, Lauren is an active volunteer for Labs4Rescue, a local non-profit Labrador rescue group based in Killingworth. She also has volunteered with American Friends of College Cevenol for three weeks last summer in Le Chambon-sur-Lignon, France where she was involved in many service projects while immersed in the culture of the local village.

"The most meaningful thing for me throughout my years of school was without a doubt the support that I received from my friends, family, and teachers. I would not be anywhere near the person that I am today without their guidance," said Lauren. "Though at times my goals and priorities have changed, I feel as though I have always had at least one family member, friend, or teacher who has helped me to succeed. I appreciate all of the advice and lessons that I have learned along the way from them."

Lauren will continue her education in Mechanical Engineering at UConn in Storrs in the fall.



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Shaina Bradley, Caginchaug RHS valedictorian

Shaina said that there were many meaningful experiences

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