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Our Mission: Supporting exceptional children and families toward a successful future.

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INTRODUCING

Our New Website

We're so excited to share our brand-new website with you! It captures the magic of Spaulding and makes it easy to quickly find the information you need. Plus, we've added a cool interactive campus map to help you explore in a whole new way. **Scan the QR code to take a peek or visit us at SpauldingServices.org!**



HAVING FUN

A Rockin' Good Time at Spring Prom



Rock and roll, a burger bar, limo rides, glamour, and prom kings and queens were the winning ingredients for our very special Third Annual Prom on May 30th! More than 30 residential and day students attended prom with a companion. The

excited crowd of more than 60 kids aged 13 and older and their dates rocked from the time prom started at 6 p.m. until it ended two hours later.

This year's prom was better than ever, thanks to the generosity and hard work of so many!

Salena Durette, our Residential Daytime Supervisor and Coordinator, spent months working with students to create the hotly anticipated event (and then helped them count down the days until it finally arrived).

An article in the Laconia Daily Sun created a deluge of donations for our Prom Attic, a closet stocked with prom attire. We received so many wonderful clothing and accessory donations that students dressed up in their finest without purchasing a single thing.

On prom day, a large group of adult and student volunteers provided hair and makeup services. A donated limousine then drove students around the property on a 15-minute ride before arriving at the Community Center for prom.



Once inside, prom guests were treated to DJ Kristin Cain's great playlist of rock classics, reflecting the student-chosen rock and roll theme. While DJ Cain played a lot of great songs, the biggest hit of the evening

may have been the burger bar created by Spaulding's Food Services team.

This year's prom featured a new, only-at-Spaulding twist on the classic crowning of a king and queen. The names of four prom kings and queens were drawn from a hat to represent the four Choose Love pillars: Courage, Gratitude, Forgiveness and Compassion.

"Staff members from every department at Spaulding stepped up to help before, during and after prom to make sure students had an amazing event. When you see how excited the students are, it is so gratifying," Salena commented.

CERTIFICATION

Spaulding Gets an A for Academic Achievement

All certified Special Education Private Providers in New Hampshire go through a recertification process with the Department of Education. This process ensures that our curriculum, policies, and procedures are compliant with state and federal standards.

As part of the recertification, the Department of Education sent a team to spend the day on our campus and go through numerous documents. Each student's Individualized Education Program (IEP) was audited to ensure that all special education and related services are provided as they are identified in the IEPs.

We are pleased — but not surprised — that we earned an unusual 100% compliance rating from the certification team. They highlighted four areas that set Spaulding apart: modeling Choose Love for the nation, including students in staff interviews and school decisions, a well-organized system of documentation of services, and investing in staff health and well-being.

Garrett Lavallee, Spaulding's Principal and Director of Special Education, said that the 100% compliance rating reflects Spaulding's commitment to excellence. "To have 100% compliance is an unusual and incredible feat—one that speaks volumes about the dedication and collaboration across our entire school community. This was truly a whole team effort, with every member of our staff—from service providers and paraprofessionals to teachers and administrators—playing a vital role in making it happen."

NEW BEGINNINGS

Spaulding Pilots Game-Changing Foster Care Program

When youth on the spectrum or with disabilities need continued care and cannot access adult services yet, where do they go? Until recently, the answer would be to stay in a residential facility.

Amanda Champagne, Vice President of Family Services at Spaulding, has been working hard with New Hampshire's Department of Health and Human Services to offer another option. She has been building a network of licensed adult service providers and

training them to provide foster homes for Spaulding residents who need intensive level foster care until they can access adult services.

The new Comprehensive Foster Care (CFC) program was created to reduce stays in residential facilities, as well as the number of transitions in living arrangements that youth experience as they enter adulthood. "It's a real game changer. I am so excited to help create a new option for our students," Amanda said.

The CFC program placed its first student in an adult foster home in February 2025. Amanda plans to build capacity slowly, carefully matching placements to each young adult's needs. Amanda is pleased with the progress and looks forward to reaching her goal of six placements. "It's going really well. Everyone involved is so excited about the potential of this program to change the opportunities for young adults," she said.

STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Welcome to Our New CFO



We are thrilled to welcome Rebecca (Becky) MacLennan, MBA, CAGS to our team as our new Chief Financial Officer (CFO). Becky stepped in when our former CFO, Meaghan Emmons, was named CEO.

Becky has managed the finances and charted the future for a broad range of educational institutions over the course of her 33-year career. Her experience and passion for working with people to change lives made her the clear choice for our CFO position. We are excited to have her on the Spaulding team! **Scan the QR code to learn more about Becky.**



Event Highlights

Here's a glimpse of some wonderful moments from the past few months! Check out photos from our Community Dinner, the Special Olympics State Summer Games and Touch-A-Truck.

