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## Pikes Peak Prep Celebrates Their 2011 Graduates

Michael Snell never expected he would be receiving a high school diploma from Pikes Peak Prep and an Associate's degree from Pikes Peak Community College simultaneously. His intelligence and strong work ethic earned him the honor as the 2011 Pikes Peak Prep Valedictorian.

Michael is a native of Colorado and was born at Memorial Hospital. His parents divorced and he ended up living with his dad who was a self-employed mason. The family had some difficult times that lead to family stress and finally Michael moved in with his mom. Michael joined Pikes Peak Prep four years ago and was able to take college classes and earn dual credits with Pikes Peak Prep. He was the first in his immediate family to get a college degree and other than his mom a high school diploma. Michael explained "I will be graduating college with my Bachelor's degree by the time I am twenty years old. Not many people have the opportunity to finish early with very little school debt. I am so relieved that I don't have to worry about student loans since Pikes Peak Prep paid for the tuition, books and transportation through their Middle College Program. It makes it so much easier for me and my family that they didn't have to worry about paying for my Associate's Degree." Michael plans on continuing his education at CSU Pueblo.

Pikes Peak Prep held a small and intimate graduation ceremony at Colorado College. Of the four graduates, two of the students (Kennedy Collier, Anthony Dorner) were able to graduate early by completing all required credits within three years. The other graduate, Quintin Terrell, and Kennedy plan on joining the armed forces. Anthony Dorner will work and continue going to college and Michael Snell will be heading

down to CSU Pueblo to continue his education focused on a Computer Information degree.

The ceremony included speakers Walt Glover, Pikes Peak Prep Board President and USOC CFO, Kevin Teasley, GEO (Greater Educational Opportunities) Founder and the Principal of Pikes Peak Prep, Dr. Patricia Arnold. Cathy Robbins, Vice President of the El Pomar Foundation was the keynote speaker for the ceremony. Her message included some key statistical information:

- 84% or more are the average earnings a college graduate receives over a high school graduate.

- 9.7% is the current unemployment rate for high school graduates and 4.5% is the current unemployment rate for college graduates.

- \$800,000 - \$1,000,000 is the difference in lifetime earnings for a college graduate over a high school graduate.

- Lower risk of heart disease. There has been a thirty year study of thousands of people that have shown that there is significantly higher rate of blood pressure with high school graduates leading to an increased risk of heart disease.



Ms. Robbins speech reinforced Pikes Peak Prep's belief in the importance of a strong educational foundation that will lead their students to college.

The ceremony concluded with a reception for the families, friends, staff and graduates that was hosted by Mike Edmonds of Colorado College.

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

**Open House:** Tuesday, August 16, 2011 at 5:00 P.M.

Meet the teachers, review handbook, answer any questions

**First Day of School:** Wednesday, August 17, 2011. Doors open at 7:30 a.m. for breakfast. Class starts at 7:50 a.m.

**PPP Required Student Planners:** Available for purchase for \$8.00 on August 16 / 17.

**After School Care Transportation:** If you intend on having the Pikes Peak Prep bus transport your child to after school care (Hillside Community Center, Early Learning Connections, YMCA - downtown, or Boy's and Girls Club) please contact Ms. Murphy, Office Manager, at Pikes Peak Prep immediately.

**Free and Reduced Lunch:** New this year you can apply for benefits online:

<https://www.applyforlunch.com/Home/DistrictRedirect/CSI>

Continue to look for the school newspaper to arrive at your email address every six weeks. We will continue to provide information about our ongoing activities at the school. Please contact Monica Ramey, Publisher, at 570-7575 ext. 3168 or [mramey@geofoundation.org](mailto:mramey@geofoundation.org) if you would like to include information in this paper.



# Graduation News

## Meet the class of 2023

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I was moved as I watched our kindergarten class graduate in their little white and light blue graduation cap and gowns. It made me think back to when my son was that small and how this was just one of the first momentous occasions of many. The students were so excited to receive their diploma, but had to wait as they performed the "We are Counting Kindergarten" and "The Problem Solving Rap". Commencement of the students was conducted by the principal of Pikes Peak Prep, Dr. Arnold and the kindergarten teacher, Ms. Sherman.

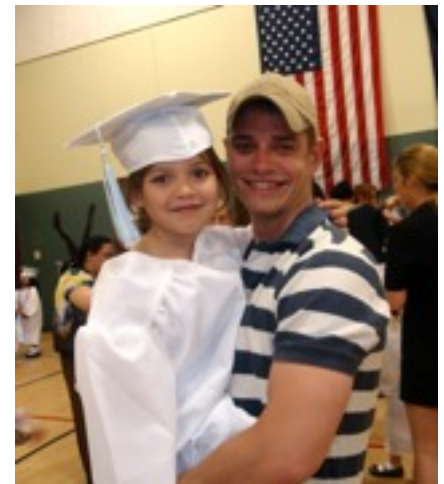
There was a lot of emotion from Ms. Sherman as she gave her closing and said goodbye to these students. Ms. Sherman and Ms. Trox, classroom aid, worked extremely hard to make certain they students were ready for their next step. These students were reading and writing. The event concluded with a pizza party in the classroom.



Let me introduce you to the Class of 2023 and welcome them all to First Grade.

Amathist Anderson  
Nathaniel Bregard  
Ashley Brown  
Devon Cardenas-Wilson  
Samantha Cutter  
Jaheim Doughty  
Bethany Good  
Ella Harper  
Raymond Maiava  
Isabella McWillis  
Zariah Mock  
Samantha Skinner  
Rebecca Stone

Emily Anderson  
Anna Brosa  
Kahdence Brown  
Olivia Clauda  
Christina Diaz  
Lilian Ford  
Bianca Hardesty  
D'amarion Kelly  
Rhiannon Martel  
Jasmine Meagher  
Olivia Pitts  
Auvrianna Spooner



## BE SOCIAL WITH US.

We are constantly updating our website, Facebook and blog with new information.



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## KEEP KIDS HEALTHY, ENERGETIC ALL DAY WITH GOOD LUNCH

Lunch plays a critical role in children's overall health and school performance. Whether they are eating lunch at home, enjoying a school provided lunch or packing a lunchbox, the goal is a nutrient-rich meal to fuel their brains and bodies for the afternoon.

Use school lunches as a chance to teach your children healthy eating habits. Explain how a nutritious lunch will give them energy to finish the school day and enjoy after-school activities. Check your children's schools to find out if there are restrictions on what students can pack in their lunches. Involve your child in creating a menu for the week so you can choose foods your child likes.

A healthy diet includes a variety of nutrient-dense foods, especially whole grains, fruits, vegetables, low-fat or fat-free milk or milk products, and lean meats or other protein sources. Saturated and trans fats, cholesterol, added sugars and salt should be limited. Take a look at the federal government's new food icon, MyPlate at [ChooseMyPlate.gov](http://ChooseMyPlate.gov) to learn more about how to build a healthy plate at meal times. The new MyPlate icon emphasizes the fruit, vegetable, grains, protein and dairy food groups.

REMEMBER: At Pikes Peak Prep we offer breakfast at 7:30 A.M.

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# AWARDS

## End of Year Awards

Pikes Peak Prep held their end of year awards ceremony with more than two hundred awards handed out to students that demonstrated Academic Excellence, Most Improved, Good Citizenship and Perfect Attendance.

At Pikes Peak Prep students must demonstrate an 80% mastery of their work before moving on to new material. This semester 20 students earned placement on honor roll and another six students hard work placed them on high honor roll. Congratulations to these students for their time and commitment.

**Honor Roll:**

- Adrian Lopez
- Eliza Barrington
- Anna Hook
- Daneile Cole
- Sarina Mancuso
- Arika Mercer
- Rachel Evans
- Vernon Blair
- Connor Traynor
- Keonna Williams
- Michayla Starling
- Chuck Sipe
- Mander Phillips
- Misha Parlier
- Zorayah Keyes
- Ressya Brown
- Quinn Avion
- James Alexander
- Samone Roberts
- Savannah Martinez

**High Honor Roll:**

- Kathrine Hartleben
- Dalton Sala
- Fernandon Davison
- Arrianna Davison
- Shaun Galvez
- Jacob Holeyfield

It is a proven fact that attendance is a major contributor to good grades. Pikes Peak Prep had 33 students with perfect attendance. Most of these students received awards in other areas.

**Perfect Attendance:**

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| Nathaniel Bregard | Kindergarten |
| Ashley Brown      | Kindergarten |
| Kahdence Brown    | Kindergarten |
| Christina Diaz    | Kindergarten |
| Zariah Mock       | Kindergarten |
| Olivia Pitts      | Kindergarten |
| Kersten Lucas     | 5th          |
| Daniel Evans      | 5th          |
| Mia Pagani        | 5th          |
| Roger Bianchi     | 3rd          |
| Anthony Brown     | 3rd          |
| Lily Delay        | 3rd          |
| Mariah Hernandez  | 3rd          |
| Donald Lambert    | 3rd          |



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| Alaya Davison    | 4th |
| Krista Elington  | 6th |
| Brianna Keye     | 6th |
| Dominick Pagani  | 6th |
| Alejandro Ramos  | 6th |
| Josh Terrell     | 6th |
| Jeremiah Terrell | 6th |



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| Angel Bettis       | 7th  |
| Vernon Blair       | 7th  |
| Adrian Lopez       | 10th |
| D'Metria Thornburg | 11th |
| Shaun Galvez       | 9th  |
| Brandon Pullins    | 9th  |

Ms. Duran, science teacher, presented a special award to an individual student that demonstrated a passion for science. This year that award was presented to 8th grader, Madison Lucas.

This was the first year that the school recognized a parent for the valuable volunteer contributions. The Volunteer of the Year award was presented to Cyndi Chappell for her dedication and commitment to Pikes Peak Prep. Over the past few years Cyndi has worked as President of the PTO and has donated countless hours to events, fundraising and committee meetings. Thank you Cyndi for all your hard work.

# END OF YEAR FUN

## PPP Marching Band

Saturday June 18, 2011 The Pikes Peak Prep Marching Band led by Mr. Thomas Willmann, proudly marched in the first Juneteenth African American Caribbean Heritage Festival Parade down Ohio Avenue into John Metcalf Park in Fountain, Colorado. Students held the Pikes Peak Prep banner while Principal, Dr. Arnold with all the Pikes Peak Prep supporters insured that the gleaming eye and jubilant personality of our mascot, the soaring eagle was on his job! Fountain Mayor Jerry Howell read the emancipation proclamation as the Buffalo soldiers proceeded with the "raising of the flag ceremony". Endorsed by all the El Paso County Commissioners, June 16, 2011, Colorado became the first state to host such an event.

What an historical event to be part of!



## Staff Sings and Dances

The student body recently selected three staff members to compete in the first annual Pikes Peak Prep karaoke contest on Tuesday, June 28. Songs were voted on by the students for each of the staff finalists to perform. Ms. Lindsay Carlson, Spanish teacher, was given the honor to perform "Hips Don't Lie" by Shakira. In front of a packed house, Ms. Carlson



swung her hips with a hula hoop while tossing glitter into the crowd. Next, Mr. Tony Vorster, third grade teacher, sang "Don't Stop Believing" by Journey. And lastly, Mr. Andrew Pompelia performed "Single Ladies" by Beyonce. The crowd roared with laughter while Mr. Pompelia danced and moved like never seen before. I think Beyonce would have been proud. The judges, which consisted of music teacher Mr. Willmann and student council representatives Jaydi Starling and Katie Hartleben, selected Mr. Pompelia as the winner and all three staff members sang the final song "Barbie Girl" by Aqua. This was so much fun that we may need to do this again in the fall.



## **Pikes Peak Prep Mission and Vision**

Our mission is to provide a comprehensive educational experience for students in Colorado Springs, utilizing innovative methods of instruction designed to produce excellence in educational achievement.

Our vision is to go beyond a typical college prep education and empower our students with college experience, workforce readiness, and community leadership so that they are prepared to compete, excel and lead in the 21st century's global economy.

# FIELD DAY FUN

## A day of fun for the entire school.

Field day at Pikes Peak Prep was a day of sports, music and magic with a ice cream treat to enhance the experience. Kindergarten - sixth grade students started the day by participating in long jump, tug-a-war, 50-yard dash, sack races, and other fun outdoor activities. All the kids were ready for a cool ice cream treat that was served by the PTO. The junior and high school students enjoyed a competitive game of softball. Even Spanish teacher, Ms. Carlson swung the bat to get on base. All the classes had fun at the magic show and finished their day with some dancing to the Mariachi Band.



# MAKING A DIFFERENCE

On Make a Difference Day in June the kindergarten class at Pikes Peak Prep cleaned up the school yard. Our students are proud of where they go to school and wanted it to look nice. The second grade and sixth grade class decided to give back on Make a Difference Day by cleaning up their community. The class went on a "Litter Walk" during which students picked up trash along sidewalks and in parks by the school. Students sorted what they found on their Litter Walk and disposed of everything in an environmentally friendly way. The fifth grade class went door to door to collect used soda cans. While collecting cans, the students provided information about the importance of recycling and explained how to recycle to local residents. The cans were cashed in and the money raised from the can collection was donated to the Cancer Society in honor of a student's mother, who recently went into remission. The Pikes Peak Prep third, fourth, and eighth grade classes painted a large wall just south of the school with geometric shapes. They were supervised by the staff and the 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade students. This project provided an opportunity for students to brighten up the neighborhood around the school. The El Paso County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility provided some paint for the project. The ninth grade class spent their day trying to make a difference in the lives of the residents of Medallion Health Center/Retirement and Terrace Gardens Healthcare Center. This class spent the morning with the residents of Medallion in several capacities. Some students sitted while others dipped in the pool with independent residents and used their art skills. At Coffee Time, the entire 9th grade showed off their musical talents by performing several vocal and instrumental tunes for the residents. The afternoon was spent with the residents of Terrace Gardens. Students delivered popcorn to the residents while chatting with the residents. The Pikes Peak Prep students had fun making a difference in their community.

