

While taking top honors for 2008

Yearbook editors complete new edition

In the world of yearbook production, one year melds into the next during April and May.

Early this month the final page proofs for the Trumbull High School yearbook "Trillium" were sent back to the Herff Jones printing plant in Gettysburg, Penn by overnight Federal Express.

At the same time, editors buzzed about next year's leadership roles, and advisers submitted last year's book for final judging by the New England Scholastic Press Association. It all happens at once in the spring.

With great excitement sophomore editors Samantha Mott and Emma Ryder and advisers Susan Berescik and Jordan Miller logged off and shut down the computers in the yearbook office at THS on April 3 after packaging the final 66 pages of proofs for shipment back to the plant.

With more than 8,500 index page entries for more than 2,700 people, groups and events cross-checked and adjusted in place, the 2009 edition of Trillium, "All We Are," was ready for printing.

The product of a year of work by 46 student editors, the 384-page yearbook and supplement focused on identity in a time of upheaval and change.

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With the high school facing a much-needed renovation, Trillium editors, under the leadership of editors-in-chief Alexis Minniti and Caitlin Wilczynski, chose the identity theme of “All We Are” to preserve the memories of 2008-09 and the delta triangle symbol to graphically illustrate the past, present and future of THS within the pages of the yearbook.

Pre-orders for Trillium closed before spring break on April 9, according to Berescik, but a limited number of copies will be available for sale at \$75 each in early June when the book is distributed to students at THS.

“This is a memory book for students in all four grades,” explained Berescik. “We make every effort to journalistically represent all the students in the school. That’s why events like the Great Trumbull High Clean-up and the Sophomore Ring Dance are covered in the supplement, as well as the Senior Prom and Graduation.”

The theme, selected last spring to reflect the spirit and tone of the up-coming school year, highlights three major ideas: All we built, all we are, and all we become.

Instead of the traditional six sections of the book, Trillium 2009 links these three major ideas — our foundation, who we are and what we aim to be — three major sections and a supplement.

“It allowed for more pictures and more journalistic coverage,” Berescik said. “The design also complemented the theme.”

“This book broke the mold of how a THS yearbook tells the story,” added Miller. “Everyone learned this lesson, and we now encourage the younger editors to step up and apply their training to the



Rebecca Gabor, Trillium’s managing editor, Stephanie Squires, underclass section leader, and Alexis Minniti, editor-in-chief, work together on a laptop computer in the College Union Building at Gettysburg College last summer, planning the 2009 edition.

(Submitted photo)

supplement and to next year’s 49th edition.”

But as one year melds into another, Minniti and Wilczynski reaped the rewards for last year’s success, just as those who follow garner the acclaim that the 2009 book will bring to Trumbull High.

As printing presses turned out the pages of “all we are” in Gettysburg, the two graduating seniors accepted honors for Trillium 2008, “Diffusion,” in the name of past editors-in-chief Sarah Afifi and Elena Speridakos, now finishing their freshman year in college.

And like previous Trumbull yearbooks, “Diffusion” has already earned top honors. Chosen for excellence by Herff Jones Publishing Company, sample pages of “Diffusion” were reprinted in Ideas That Fly, the Herff Jones salesman’s showcase book of the best of the best in the United States

and Canada.

Rated First Class among senior high schools by the National Scholastic Press Association with 4,110 out of 4,500 points, Trillium 2008 received Marks of Distinction for Coverage and for Writing and Editing.

The judge wrote, “By choosing the theme of ‘diffusion,’ you were able to skip the generic yearbook theme and choose something that was definitely specific to your school, this year. You worked hard to develop the concept, which appears in the spin-offs and division titles, as well as the theme development copy and, to a lesser extent, the headlines.”

“Diffusion” also received First Place Special Merit from American Scholastic Press Association with 960 out of 1,000 points.

That judge praised Trillium editors and advisers.

“Your yearbook shows excellence in the fields of writing, photography and page design. Congratulations to the editors, writers, photographers, layout designers, staff and advisers who have made this publication possible.”

Incredibly proud of the achievements of the student editors: in 2008 and 2009, Berescik and Miller credited the thousands of hours of care and dedication required for journalistic excellence.

“Every year we get phone calls and e-mails from people who want copies of old yearbooks,” said Berescik. “It’s a treasure that, for the most part, can’t be replaced.”

“At Trumbull High,” added Miller, “the yearbook is about the details. It’s scholastic. It marks the history of the events and people who learn and work here daily. That makes it pretty special.”