

Yearbook training at Gettysburg

Six Trumbull High School (THS) students and advisers Susan Berescik and Jordan Miller dedicated a week of their summer vacation to yearbook training.

In order to ensure another book of award-winning quality for 2009, Alexis Minniti, Caitlin Wilczynski, editors-in-chief; Rebecca Gabor and Olivia Lyons, production editors; Hardeep Chana, managing editor; and Stephanie Squires, underclass section leader; attended the July week-long Gettysburg Yearbook Experience (GYE) convention at Gettysburg College in Pennsylvania.

Working as a team, the students and advisers selected the theme "All, We Are" as the

title of the 2009 Trillium to describe the coming school year and evaluate the tremendous changes in store for the high school during the four years of renovation ahead.

In addition to attending daily lectures, working in hands-on specialized training labs about design, desktop publishing and photography, and participating in small group presentations, the Trillium crew met in "theme group" sessions to plan the cover, end sheets, divider pages and layouts for "All We Are."

Herff-Jones publishing company representatives at GYE chose THS as a theme group award winner and presented a

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plaque to the students during the closing ceremonies.

The award identifies "All We Are" as one of the most fitting and creative theme ideas for development by a Herff-Jones school in 2009.

"As usual, the GYE training experience was a bonding time for our new editors, as well as a learning experience," Berescik said. "The 2009 Trillium will be unique in its organization

with a focus on past, present and future, as we prepare for change and renovation of the high school."

Since the convention, the conference participants have shared their expertise with the yearbook editorial board at THS. A total of 46 students accepted editorial responsibilities for "All We Are," signed contracts and attended August training classes in the Trillium office.

"Our mission is to record the history of the high school year and represent every single student," Miller said. "We take the job seriously. This year, at a time

of financial uncertainty, we are especially concerned about cost."

Editors want every student at THS to afford a yearbook, be pictured in the 2009 Trillium and treasure the memories preserved.

"Yearbooks are prepared for all students, not just seniors," Berescik said. "We want the 2009 Trillium 'All We Are' to be available for everyone without sacrificing our award-winning quality."

Order forms for the 2009 Trillium will be posted on the Trumbull High School Web site by mid-September.