

# Seek To Do More

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*“Our pride in Vermont and its history is one of our strengths...It is an exceptional quality which encourages Vermonters to seek to do more than might otherwise seem possible.”*

- Governor Richard A. Snelling



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## Vermont Leadership Institute Commencement

On June 2, 2007, the twelfth class of the Vermont Leadership Institute celebrated its completion of the intensive ten-month program with many family and friends in attendance.

As part of the commencement celebration, Madeleine May Kunin, former Vermont governor, received the thirteenth annual Patricia S. Walton Award in recognition of her significant contribution to public service. The award was presented to Governor Kunin by UVM professor Curtis Ventriss on behalf of the Vermont Chapter of the American Society for Public Administration.

This year's keynote speaker was Joseph Jaworski, author of *Synchronicity*, co-author of *Presence: An Exploration of Profound Change in People, Organizations, and Society*, and founder of the American Leadership Forum, an organization dedicated to strengthening collaborative civic leadership in the U.S. Mr. Jaworski's message of the transformative power of being open and present in the moment clearly resonated with the VLI audience. The afternoon closed with many hugs and heartfelt congratulations to the Class of 2007.



## Congratulations Class of 2007

Laine Akiyama, *Manchester*  
Sarah Alberghini, *Waterbury*  
Steve Ames, *Morrisville*  
Denise Barnard, *Jonesville*  
Brendan Cosgrove, *Waterbury*  
Vivian Cullen, *Barre*  
Lauren Curry, *Westford*  
Kara DeLeonardis, *Burlington*  
Catherine Dimitruk, *Winooski*  
Mary Garceau, *St. Albans*  
Alexander Graham, *Burlington*  
David Hill, *Charlotte*  
Sarah Hofmann, *Worcester*

Wendy Webster Huff, *Williston*  
Mediha Jusufagic, *Burlington*  
Steve Kappel, *Montpelier*  
Dave Lahr, *Montpelier*  
Jill Olson, *Middlesex*  
Nancy Potak, *Greensboro*  
Lisa Purcell, *Chittenden*  
Dee Rollins, *Washington*  
Don Seville, *Hartland*  
Kathleen Swanson, *South Hero*  
Susanna Weller, *Starksboro*  
Christine Zachai, *Montpelier*  
Yasmine Ziesler, *Huntington*

## Welcome VLI Class of 2008

We are please to welcome the Class of 2008. For a complete listing of incoming VLI associates, please visit [www.snellingcenter.org/Leadership/Vermont Leadership Institute/VLI Current Class](http://www.snellingcenter.org/Leadership/Vermont Leadership Institute/VLI Current Class).

### Leadership for a Better, Cleaner Vermont Hybrid Car Raffle

An enthusiastic crowd put yard work aside on May 5th and gathered at Heritage Toyota in South Burlington for the SCG Hybrid Car Raffle drawing. We had a great afternoon, with Governor Jim Douglas on hand to draw the winning tickets. Over \$45,000 was raised in direct support for the Vermont Leadership Institute and Vermont School Leadership Project. Many thanks to all who participated!



**Congratulations to Richard Saudek , winner of the 2007 Toyota Prius!**

Other winners included **Bea Grause**, *Shelburne Museum Family Membership*; **Alex Wylie**, *Shelburne Museum Family Membership*; **Paul Ode**, *Vermont Mozart Festival Tickets*; **Susanne Whitney**, *Vermont Mozart Festival Tickets*; **Heather Dwight**, *Neuton Garden Cart - DR Power Equipment*; and **Gene Richards**, *Dinner for Two - New England Culinary Institute*.

## Vermont School Leadership Project

After a two-year hiatus, this important program is back and we are pleased to welcome the incoming VSLP Class of 2008. For a complete listing of the 2008 VSLP associates, please see [www.snellingcenter.org/Leadership/Vermont School Leadership Project/VSLP Current Class](http://www.snellingcenter.org/Leadership/Vermont School Leadership Project/VSLP Current Class).

## Rozo McLaughlin Memorial Scholarship Fund

The VLI Class of 2006 has announced the creation of the Rozo McLaughlin Memorial Scholarship Fund in honor of their classmate, Representative Rozo McLaughlin, who lost her battle to cancer in the fall of 2006. In her memory, a \$500 scholarship will be awarded each year to the incoming Vermont Leadership Institute associate who best exemplifies Rozo's spirit and commitment to improving life in Vermont.

If you would like more information about this fund or you would like to contribute to it, please contact the Snelling Center.

## Policy Update

### Term Length Project

Senators Jeanette White (D-Windham) and Bill Doyle (R-Washington), who lead the Senate Government Operations Committee, have committed to take a hard look at whether Vermont should keep its two-year election cycle or enact a four-year term for the governor and other officials. Two proposals have been introduced with half the Senate signed on as sponsors. The committee is planning deliberations for January 2008 to allow time for Vermont citizens to join the debate and help to shape the outcome. For more information, please visit [www.snellingcenter.org/Public Policy/Constitutional Amendment/Press Coverage](http://www.snellingcenter.org/Public Policy/Constitutional Amendment/Press Coverage).

### Ethical Decision Making Workshop

In May, Charlie Smith, Snelling Center president, and Snelling Center board member Cheryl Hanna (Vermont Law School) presented a workshop on ethical decision making to participants in the annual conference of the Vermont League of Cities and Towns.

For more policy updates, recent publications, and presentations, please visit [www.snellingcenter.org/Public Policy](http://www.snellingcenter.org/Public Policy)

## SCG NEWS

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