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Achievements of Pilgrim's top 10 reach well beyond the classroom

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Pilgrim high School's class of 2010 has succeeded in the classroom, on the field, on the stage, and on the court.

"We were a different kind of class," said Leah Furney, who was ranked third in her class. "There were more of us that excelled than in other years." This year the Pats' field hockey team reached the semi finals, a wrestler and a javelin thrower received the titles of state champion, and two girl's basketball players became thousand point scorers, being the fourth and fifth in the school's history to achieve this honor.

This class raised approximately \$5,000 in their "Pennies for Patients" fundraiser, and ended their high school career by leaving their handprints on the wall of the '95 corridor.

Caitlin Carlsson

Leading the Pilgrim High School's 2010 class as valedictorian is Caitlin Carlsson, but her accomplishments extend farther than an academic title. She played soccer for four years at Pilgrim and competed in outdoor track for four years as well. She was a captain for both teams her junior and senior year, and was president of the National Honors Society for those years as well. She has participated in model legislature and the math team, and she has volunteered at the Providence Ronald McDonald house "once a week during the school year and twice a week during the summer," she said. She has received numerous awards for her academic and extracurricular activities, including the Harvard Book Award, the Society of Women Engineers Book Award, and the Joyce Donahue Scholarship. Carlsson said what motivates her to excel is her "strong desire to become a doctor in order to help people." She will pursue this desire at The College of the Holy Cross in the fall.