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June 7 marked a milestone in the lives of five young people and their families. Suzette Banick, Sarah Goodwin, Heather O'Keefe, Greg Whelan and Isaac Whitman, along with their families and friends, commemorated their graduation from the eighth grade at Seneca School.

Sam Seebart, a long-time resident of Seneca and board member of the Seneca School Foundation, spoke to the graduates and their families about gaining the skills necessary for success in life.

Seebart awarded the \$500 Seneca Loggers Memorial Scholarship to Suzette Banick. The money is kept in an interest-bearing account until Banick completes her first semester

of college. The award amount and all interest accrued is then paid to the college of her choice for continuation of her studies. In her essay, Ms. Banick talked about her goal of becoming a paleontologist.

O'Keefe was awarded the President's Education Award for Outstanding Academic Achievement for her dedication to maintaining a 3.5 GPA throughout junior high and meeting the state testing criteria. Banick, Whelan Isaac Whitman also received this award.

The evening was topped off with a reception. There was cake, punch, and lots of pictures to mark the end of this first chapter in these students' academic careers. O'Keefe may have stated it best in the poem she wrote for this occasion: "In your eyes you see a little girl becoming a woman. In my eyes I see me, one step closer to my dream."