

DECA Succeeds at State Competition

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After facing some tough competition at the DECA Business Regionals in Rockland County this past January, many students of the HHS DECA Business Club triumphed.

Several placed as top competitors in their events or their written projects/papers enabled them to advance to the New York State Competition.

The Harrison High School DECA Business Club has grown tremendously over the past year under the guidance and support of club co-advisors, Mrs. Deirdre O'Brien and Mr. Joseph Santo. The students prepared diligently all year long for the State Competition. It is an educational yet social event that many club members look forward to all year long.

"The best part of the State Competition is definitely the bus ride back from the competition," said freshman Nicole Herman. "Although competing against all of the New York State teams taught me so much about business and different presentation skills to use in the future, bonding as a chapter after competing is definitely an experience I will never forget."

This year the State Competition was held from March 6-8 in Rochester, NY. Harrison High School

sent a record number of 55 students to the Fifty-Ninth Annual State Career Conference. From the Harrison High School DECA Business Club, five students placed in the Top Five in New York State in their event, while 12 awards were seized in the Top 10 category in New York State. The sophomore team of Olivia Perini and Tyler Burden was awarded third place and junior Zach Grief placed fifth for the Financial Literacy Promotion plan. Senior student Anishka Sanghavi won fourth place in the Professional Selling Event and senior Olivia Naioti was awarded fourth place in the Public Relations Project. These five students will now advance to the National Competition, being held April 27 through May 1 in Orlando, Florida.

In addition, the DECA Business club members were able to capture many awards as the top 10 students of New York State in their events. The junior team of Darin Iraj and Jared Schnapp won



Ready to capture every moment. This year's Harrison Deca Business Club sent a record 55 students to the New York State Competition, wherein students are asked to take written exams and partake in live action role-play. The event is academic and social, meeting new people and representing our school in several categories of business situations. *Courtesy of Mr. Joe Santo*



Award winning crew. These 15 students won awards in the State Competition, and five of them will go on to attend the National Competition in Orlando, Florida. Pictured here are: (Back row, left to right) Julian Glover, Nate Applebaum, Olivia Perini, Tyler Burden, Aerin Grief, Anishka Sanghavi, Olivia Naioti, Matthew Griff, (Front row, left to right) Denise Hinojosa, Janelle Vasquez, Brandon Lum, Darin Iraj, Jared Schnapp, Peyton Gartner, Julia Kindler. *Courtesy of Mr. Joe Santo*

in Travel and Tourism Team Decision Making, juniors Janelle Vasquez and Denisse Hinojosa won in Finance Operations, juniors Julian Glover and Nate Applebaum in the category of Franchise Business Plan, and sophomores Peyton Gartner and Ally Leighton for their Creative Marketing Project. These students are keeping their fingers crossed, as they may have the opportunity to compete in the National Conference if for any reason one of the top five students from other schools in their categories drops from the competition.

The club also had four members that placed within the top 10 in the Multiple Choice Exam or Role Play. The fol-

lowing students achieved this prestigious award: senior Matthew Griff in Retail Merchandising, junior Darin Iraj in Travel and Tourism Team Decision Making, junior Julia Kindler in Integrated Marketing Campaign, and sophomore Brandon Lum in Business Finance.

The DECA Business Club trip to States has become one of the greatest highlights of the year, where students from Harrison come together to bond as well as to showcase their hard work and talents.

DECA President Matthew Griff adds, "The last time competing at the State Career Conference was bittersweet. The SCC conference provided the opportunity to communicate with like-minded peers in the business sector. Knowing that my time with DECA has ended is mel-

ancholic, however, knowing I will be succeeded by outstanding members of the Harrison High School DECA chapter gives me great happiness. I am thrilled to say that we have five students attending the International Competition who will represent Harrison High School, Region 3, and the New York State DECA chapter. I look forward to working with these students to best prepare them for the National Competition in Orlando, Florida. Students will apply the wealth of knowledge provided by the business classes at Harrison High School, and I look forward to seeing them perform at the highest level. I look forward to the bright future of the DECA program as I bid farewell to this amazing opportunity I've been provided with over the past four years."

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Students Shine in Science Research Symposium

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On Saturday February 9, 2019, eight students from the Science Research Program at Harrison High School attended the seventeenth annual Westchester-Rockland Junior Science and Humanities Symposium (JSHS). This prestigious competition was held at John Jay High School in Cross River, NY. The JSHS attracts regional science research students who have conducted their own authentic research. The students are exclusively selected from their high schools to compete.

Over 650 students participated in the competition, in which the first and second place winners in each speaker category would subsequently advance to the speaker competition in upstate Albany this spring for a chance to compete to become a delegate to the National Junior Science and Humanities hosted by a branch of the Armed Services. The third and fourth place winners will have the opportunity to present their findings in poster form at the upstate JSHS.

There were 15 speaker rooms in which senior year students had 12 minutes to share a Powerpoint presentation of their topic including background information, literature

The topics ranged in subjects such as behavior science, biochemistry, biology, cell and microbiology, environmental science, computer science/math, medical science and physical science.

The poster presentations for Harrison High school were presented by sophomore Larissa Iraj, junior Samantha Bernstein, junior Kapil Modi, junior Sara McSweeney, senior Caitlin Policarpio, and senior Georgia Kirakou.

After a tough day of competing, some of our own Harrison High School students stood out above their peers and earned awards. senior Danielle Bucci won second place in the Environmental Sciences Speaker Division. Danielle's research has been on Quantification and Chemical Analysis of Leachate from BPA-free Baby Bottles After Exposure to Microwave Stress.

Danielle explains that she became interested in this topic, "because I discovered the Great Pacific Garbage Patch, which is a gigantic mass of plastic floating the ocean (about three times the size of France), and I knew that plastics were a huge environmental problem because toxic chemicals would break down from the plastics, as a

es like UV light, heat, dishwashers or microwaves, and I wondered if people were ingesting toxic chemicals, even though products are labeled safe. I wanted to see if baby bottles that were labeled 'safe for consumption,' 'FDA-approved,' and 'BPA-free' could be considered safe under conditions of normal use by exposing them to daily use microwave stress and analyzing the chemicals that were leaching into the contents.

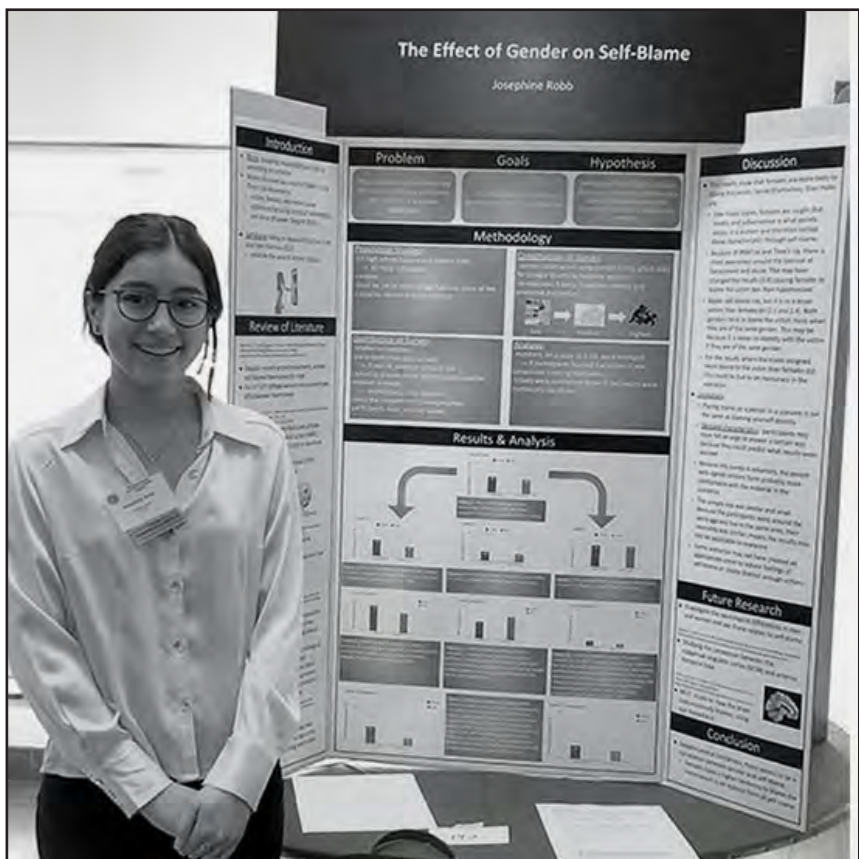
I worked at Manhattan College to use a complex machine for chemical analysis (Fourier Transform Infrared Spectroscopy), and an analytical balance to quantify the chemical. I got a mentor, Dr. John Regan, who is the Head of Chemistry at Manhattan College, and he helped me use these machines. I found that there was 100% confidence that there was a chemical desorbing out of the bottles. I also found out that the bottles were not made out of the material advertised, which means false advertising of a product intended for infants. This year, I worked with Ms. Blunt's daughter Sarah Blunt, who is a PhD student at Harvard. She helped me create a mathematical model to predict the long term ingestion of the leachate or chemical in infants for up to a year. I concluded that infants would be ingesting around three grams of the chemical every year, and that this amount would increase as the bottles were microwaved more."

Danielle Bucci has the opportunity to compete in the JSHS state competition. She says, "I look forward to using the JSHS state competition as an opportunity to show the benefits of research, as well as caution more people about the consequences of using plastics."

Joey Robb also won a category. Other seniors that had the opportunity to share their research in Powerpoint form were Anna Cahn on Thermo-Protective Properties of Aloe vera, Sunjo Mainsah on Impediments to Treating Malaria Vector Effectively, and Julia Kischkat on An Analysis of the Behavioral, Historical, and Biogeographical Aspects of the Paracheirodon innesi and Paracheirodon axel-



From a Garbage Patch to State Science Competition. Pictured here are the two big winners from the Junior Science and Humanities Symposium held at John Jay Cross River, junior Joey Robb and senior Danielle Bucci. Danielle's work developed from an interest in toxic chemicals being released from the breakdown of plastics on a garbage patch. She is headed to the State competition as well. *Courtesy of Mr. Randy Gunnell*



The Gender and Self-Blame Connection. Junior Joey Robb won in her category, another impressive display of our science research program at HHS. *Courtesy of Mr. Randy Gunnell*

searches, findings and implications, and five minutes to answer questions from the judges. In addition, over 460 sophomore and junior students displayed poster presentations in the cafeteria.

result of the UV light exposure, and destroy marine ecosystems.

I then started looking at the effects on humans because I knew plastics are used on a daily basis and are exposed to different stress-

rodi.

The Science Research students are now preparing for the next competition, WESEF, the Westchester Science and Engineering Fair, on Saturday March 16 and some students will attend the Tri County Science Fair in the spring. While these students prepare for their upcoming science fairs, the first year students continue to research and find information on their projects so they are ready to attend the WestLake Science Fair in June.

The highlights of the program and research from all students will also be showcased at the annual Harrison High School Science Research Symposium this year in May.

Danielle also competed in a science fair this past weekend. She explains, "I competed in the Westchester Science and Engineering Fair this weekend and got Second Place in Chemistry and the Stockholm

Junior Water Prize, which is considered the most prestigious award for high school science projects that are aimed at improving global water crisis. By winning the Stockholm prize I am now qualified to participate in the State competition, in which the winners are guaranteed an all-expense paid trip to the national competition."

Ms. Blunt, one of Harrison High School's science research teachers, is looking forward to watching how her students compete at the rest of the science fairs this year.

She said, "I love the competitions because it gives our students a chance to showcase all the exciting SHS work they do all year. I'm so proud of our students' passion for their research which is evident by how engaged they are in discussions with the scientists who judge them."



The science research life. Anna Cahn and Danielle Bucci were two of the seniors who competed against hundreds of other area students at the recent JSHS in Cross River. *Courtesy of Mr. Randy Gunnell*

IQ2US Brings Civility to Heated Debate

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In late February, ten students from Mr. Trebatch's *History of the Americas* classes traveled to New York City to watch the Intelligence Squared Debate. This monthly debate is a nonprofit, nonpartisan event that covers topics ranging from technology to politics to culture. Intelligence Squared US (IQ2US) was founded in 2006 to restore civility, reasoned analysis, and constructive public discourse to today's often biased media landscape.

The award-winning debate series, funded by Robert Rosenkranz and others, currently reaches over 30 million American households through multi-platform distribution. This includes radio, television, live streaming, podcasts, interactive digital content, and on-demand apps on Roku and Apple TV. With over 120 debates and counting, Intelligence Squared U.S. has encouraged the public to "think twice" on a wide range of provocative topics.

This specific debate explored America's possible involvement in a technomic Cold War with China. In simpler terms, it examined the U.S.'s competition with China surrounding the realm of technology.

The event was composed of three smaller debates, the topics being "The Next Silicon Valley Will Be in China," "The Belt and Road Initiative is a Trillion-Dollar Blunder," and "The U.S and China Will Both Lose the Trade War."

Once the topics were given to the audience, each debater who was

chosen at random by an audience member, would have 90 seconds to chose a side (being yes or no) and argue their position. With impressive backgrounds, the debaters were extremely intelligent people who were able to give a wide range of perspectives while informing the audience of what they were talking about.

Prior to the debate, for the sake of giving full disclosure, little knowledge had been acquired by any of the students about the technomic issue regarding China. One debater who provided interesting opinions was Susan Thornton, who has previously worked under President Trump, and brought a patriotic feeling to the debate since many of her stances were idealistic and nationalistic.

Junior Ariane Guyonnet, who attended the trip said, "I loved listening to Thornton because her perspective was the polar opposite of mine, which was really cool since I could then bounce my opinions off hers."

Ian Bremmer, another debater,

as well as the founder and President of Eurasia Group, voiced more logical and plausible explanations to the debate topics. Having such a vast



An idealistic stance. Susan Thornton, American diplomat and former Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs, brought a patriotic zeal to her opinions in the debate over the technomic Cold War with China. .
Courtesy of IQ2US

variety of intelligent minds and great arguments made for a roomful of fun energy.

Additionally, this debate brought to light the pressing issue of the U.S.'s relationship with China. Many high school students do not realize how strained tensions are getting, and the threat China poses in regards to technology and world power. One of the most interesting and

perspective-altering issues talked about was the Belt and Road Initiative. With its beginnings in 2013, the BRI is "an ambitious effort to improve

na in order to make those payments. These types of situations presented the audience members with a dilemma that incited opinions being formed. This method kept the audience fully engaged and tuned in.

Lastly, many students might think attending such a sophisticated extracurricular event would be overwhelming, but the debate made is simple enough for any common person to understand it (although having prior knowledge of the topic would definitely improve comprehension of the discussion further).

The debate kept everyone engaged by reason that the platform the information was presented on was interesting and well organized. This debate would appeal to people who love debates and the idea of arguing two sides.

The amount of perspective provided during the course of this night broadened appreciation for the event and the great speakers that were present. In the future, these are events that everyone should consider going to or checking out on the organization's website podcasts (www.intelligencesquaredus.org).

CPAC 2019: Conservatives Welcome Trump

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Roars, whistles and loud applause filled the Potomac Ballroom of the Gaylord National Harbor Hotel and Convention Center in Maryland, as President Donald J. Trump stepped out onto the stage. Smiling broadly, Trump passed an American flag and in a typical unscripted moment that endears him to his base while driving detractors batty, gave it a long hug. The standing-room-only crowd exploded in appreciation and laughter ahead of what would be become a two-plus hour speech – the longest of his Presidency – to the people on whom he built his successful campaign, his base.

Trump was in his element, comfortably going off script, calling the Mueller probe 'BULL****' and telling an anecdote about spending time with General "Raisin' Cain" (General John D. Caine, deputy commander of CENTCOM) who explained why Air Force One had to land in Iraq without lights, exclaiming: "We spend seven trillion dollars, and we can't land with the lights on!"

The American Conservative Union's Conservative Political Action Conference (CPAC), was held this year from February 27 to March 2. Conservatives from all over America congregate annually for this event which also hosts guests from foreign countries such as Great Britain and Japan.

Aside from Trump, high profile speakers included Vice President Mike Pence, Sen. Lindsey Graham

(R-SC), NRA chief Wayne LaPierre, and pundit Dennis Prager. Smaller breakout sessions addressed more specific topics like the Green New Deal, the rise of anti-Semitism, and the systemic silencing of free speech, but also addressing positive things about America, fulfilling the theme of this year's CPAC, What Makes America Great.

The progressive "Green New Deal" was a favorite target of many speakers who mocked its risible claims, such as eliminating all carbon emissions within ten years which would involve getting rid of "farting cows" and providing economic security even for those unwilling to work. In a memorable put-down, Dr. Sebastian Gorka, former Trump staffer and host of the podcast America First, called the Green New Deal a "watermelon", stating that it is "green on the outside, and deep deep red

Communist on the inside." Gorka continued, lambasting the supporters of the Green New Deal who.. want to take away your pick-up truck, they want to rebuild your homes, and take away your hamburgers," ending the sound-bite with the line "This is what Stalin dreamed about but never achieved."

Brexiteer and Member of the European Parliament (MEP) Nigel Farage, a repeat speaker and crowd favorite, closed out the second day of the conference to a packed house after selling out his book signing which was quite remarkable for a man largely unknown to most of the American public but a hero to many conservatives for his advocacy for British sovereignty.

In addition to the featured speakers and breakout sessions CPAC designated an area called "The Hub" where a large group of

organizations set up information booths. These included conservative stalwarts like The Heritage Foundation, the National Rifle Association, and the Young America's Foundation but also included newer groups like Turning Point USA as well as the Log Cabin Republicans. These booths showcased the diversity of the conservative movement and sought to inform conference attendees of their organizations.

When Donald Trump was first elected, the GOP was deeply divided on whether or not to support him. Two years later, this has changed dramatically and nowhere was this more evident than at CPAC which was, arguably, a huge Trump pep rally. Certainly a few neo-cons and Never Trumpers remain outside the fold but the President has won over most of the party with his unapologetic stance towards the Left, his tireless campaigning for key Republican candidates in the midterm elections and his two successful Supreme Court nominees particularly his full-throated and steadfast support for the then embattled Brett Kavanaugh. Senator Graham, who was often a critic of Trump, even joked openly about it. He told the audience that the night Trump was elected, the President-Elect said, "Hey Lindsey, I don't have your phone number," to which Graham responded, "There's a reason for that." Despite their differences, Senator Graham made it clear that he was

very "...proud of President Trump... during the Kavanaugh hearings." Trump has endeared himself to conservatives who have largely returned the favor.

While CPAC attendees are often stereotyped as rednecks and deplorables, this was clearly a mischaracterization. Asians and Hispanics were reasonably represented as well as a substantial and visible number of African Americans. The audience was noticeably youthful with many college contingents as well as some high school students and many young women. Many of the speakers also came from diverse racial backgrounds. The female African-American conservative duo of Diamond and Silk closed the first day, bringing down the house while a strident Michelle Malkin had a prime-time slot. *Turning Point USA* executive Candace Owens was impressive and extremely popular with the attendees.

Whereas conservatives and President Trump have had broad and deep philosophical and stylistic differences in the past, CPAC 2019 seems to indicate that they have found common ground or at least have learned to work well together, other than the fiscal hawks who have become an endangered species.

It remains to be seen whether conservatives have cooperated with Trump or if the President has changed the conservative movement.



Graham has come into the fray. Admitting he was often a critic of President Trump, Senator Lindsey Graham joked about it with the CPAC crowd.
Courtesy of Luke Wong

Tappan Zee's New Life

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In its next life, the old Tappan Zee Bridge is taking a dive underwater. At 10:52 a.m. on January 15, the Old Tappan Zee Bridge was taken down in a controlled explosion. Residents from surrounding areas seemed to be feeling great remorse about the loss of the long-standing bridge.

The 64-year-old bridge had been a hotspot for car crashes and driving accidents for years due to its narrow lanes and lack of emergency shoulders. As compared to the rest of the Thruway system, the Tappan Zee Bridge had double the average accident rate per mile.

This also meant that it had double the cost to maintain it. In the last decade alone, the bridge has cost hundreds of millions of dollars to preserve. The cost of a new bridge came very close to matching what the existing bridge was already costing the government, so they saw no cons when deciding that a new bridge was to be built. When the new bridge had finally been constructed, and it was time to take down the old Tappan Zee Bridge, they found a controlled explosion to be the way to go, though this was not the original plan.

The original plan for demolition of the old Tappan Zee was to use cranes and pull the bridge apart piece by piece. Taking down the bridge in pieces would have been a safer and a more controlled demolition, which

would have saved many sturgeon and other species of marine life. But everything changed on September 8 when a piece of the bridge fell into the Hudson River, leaving the bridge unstable and unsafe for the previously planned crane demolition. The team of men and women working to take down the bridge had to go back to the drawing board and decide on a new method for getting the bridge down safely, while harming the least amount of marine life in the process. Ultimately they decided a controlled explosion would be the safest course of action for everyone involved.

The bridge is far from being wasted though. In fact, 11,000 tons of recycled steel and concrete from the old Tappan Zee Bridge are being added to six of the 12 artificial coral reefs existing in the Long Island Sound, Great South Bay, and the Atlantic Ocean.

Contrary to popular belief, there are many natural structures existing in these bodies of water, such as cliffs and canyons, that are used as habitat for aquatic life. Coral reefs are extremely valuable for the planet, protecting coastlines from wave action and storms, and are the source of nutrients for marine food chains, helping with nutrient recycling and most prominently, providing shelter. These are all reasons why New York State wants to create more.

New York State is excited not only to put their new, practical and

affordable way to expand the diversity of marine life into action, but also because they plan on expanding the other six artificial coral reefs with other recycled materials. Some 30 decommissioned barges, tug boats, and tenders from the Erie Canal and

scomb, a boat captain on the Hudson River who works for *Riverkeeper*, an environmental organization that works to preserve and protect the Hudson River, expressed opposing views to this seemingly perfect plan.

"It's a nice idea," John Lipscomb acknowledges, "as long as it doesn't become a hunting ground." The idea seems like it will have a positive impact at first, but after looking beyond the surface plans, the outcome isn't as clear-cut as it may seem.



Detonation underway. The controlled explosion of the old Tappan Zee Bridge went off without a hitch.
Courtesy of Mr. Peter Carr/The Journal News

waterways upstate are being sunk for a good cause, along with the parts from the Tappan Zee Bridge and with other metals and pipes from state transportation projects.

An interview with John Lip-

scomb, having these coral reefs allow the marine life to congregate together would leave the fishermen with knowledge of where these locations are. This could prove fatal for the marine life.

This Tappan Zee Bridge-Coral Reef is being advertised as an amazing thing, and it definitely has its advantages, but its disadvantages can really weigh in as well.

Parkland Suicides Cause Great Concern

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News Editor

On Saturday March 23, 2019 an unidentified student who was a member of the Florida high school where 17 people were killed in a shooting on Valentine's Day reportedly took his own life six days after another student, Sydney Aiello, committed suicide herself.

The boy is said to be 16 years old and his death is still being investigated.

Sophomore John Carpino said, "It's surprising that it has been a year and a half, and it's still affecting children and parents. It shows how horrible and huge this event was. It's very real."

Ryan Petty, the father of Alaina

Petty, a freshman killed in the February 2018 high school shooting, calls the two new deaths "heartbreaking."

Aiello was a close friend of Meadow Pollack, a student killed in the attack.

According to *National Public Radio*, her parents say she struggled with "survivor's guilt." Shortly after her graduation, she shared a post about suicide prevention on her Facebook page with a hashtag, "asking for help is not a weakness."

News of Sydney Aiello's death spread quickly, drawing tens of thousands of dollars to a web page for donations for the young woman's funeral and memorial.

It also started a discussion in Parkland about preventing suicide and offering long-term resources to young people who have continued to struggle to cope with their trauma and loss.

Senior Becky Burkhardt said, "We need to raise awareness about mental health and the effects of such horrible events on young students. It's obviously an important issue that is not going away."

Also according to *National Public Radio*, Les Gordon, a family therapist who counsels students and former students of the high school, says survivor's guilt is a problem for many of his clients.

"They wonder why they're alive and their friend is not," he says. "I've had kids just tell me that they should have been able to do something to stop the shooting."

A recent Sunday marked the anniversary of the *March For Our Lives*, a student organized campaign and walkout that rallied people across America against gun violence.

According to Patricia Mazzei at *The New York Times*, public officials met last Sunday afternoon to discuss efforts to be taken in order to assist children and their families through the suicide epidemic.

These suicides raise the question about steps that may even need to be taken in smaller communities farther away from the tragedy, such as Harrison itself.

According to *The Sun Sentinel*, suicide in Florida has become the

third highest killer of teens and college students, behind unintentional injury and homicide. Experts say the real numbers are greater than those recorded.

"We do not know real numbers because many times the death is not determined as suicide, but rather deemed an accident," said Jackie Rosen, executive director of the *Florida Institute for Suicide Prevention*.

Suicides can often cause a chain reaction and unless mental health young children and teens, and even adults, this events will keep happening.

The long-lasting effects of these mass shooting on mental health is very clear in the apparent suicide of Jeremy Richman, the father of 6-year old Avielle Richman, who was killed in 2013 in the Sandy Hook Elementary shooting, which resulted in the death of 26 people, mostly children.

These tragedies at surface-level may not appear to be connected, but a closer look at these three instances demonstrates a disturbing pattern.

Jeremy Richman was seemingly doing as well as a father who lost his 6-year old daughter could, with he and his wife, Jennifer Hensel, founding the Avielle Foundation, which helped to support research on behavioral sciences.

According to *National Public Radio*, a statement released by the Avielle Foundation read: "Tragically,



In better times. The recent suicide of 19-year old Sydney Aiello has rocked this grief-stricken community again.
Courtesy of GoFundMe

[Richman's] death speaks to how insidious and formidable a challenge brain health can be and how critical it is for all of us to seek help for ourselves, our loved ones and anyone who we suspect may be in need."

This is strikingly similar to the circumstances around the unidentified male and Sydney Aiello, who was reported to have struggled with survivor's guilt and PTSD.

No matter how many years pass, these shootings have been shown to create long-lasting, and often deadly mental health issues that can affect all ages. And if America doesn't start to invest time and money on resources for potential solutions, the problem will only get worse.



Showing love at a time of loss. People are now adding to the memorials already present after the recent suicides of two surviving students.
Courtesy of The Washington Post



Actor allegedly manufactured fake crime. *Empire*'s Jussie Smollett recently had all charges against him dropped. This move surprised many.
Courtesy of The Chicago Police Department

The Dangers Inherent in Make-Believe Stories

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News Editor

On the morning of January 29, 2019, multiple news outlets had reported that Fox's *Empire* actor Jussie Smollett was seriously injured after being a victim of a hate crime.

He allegedly was attacked by two white men wearing ski masks shouting "This is MAGA country" while beating him up, putting a noose around his neck, and pouring a chemical substance on him.

The story blew up, and the Chicago Police Department started an investigation, labeling it "a possible hate crime" as Smollett is both black and gay.

Many spoke of the crime as a "modern day lynching" and multiple celebrities and politicians, including Smollett's *Empire* co-stars, offered their support. Fox Network itself was saying the "entire studio, network, and production stands united in the face of any despicable acts of violence and hate."

The next day provided the first tangible piece of evidence: surveillance footage showing two men with the backs to the camera who police said were "potential persons of interest."

According to Sopan Deb at *The New York Times*, the F.B.I. was then also investigating a threatening letter

sent to Smollett at the *Empire* production offices.

The days leading into February were filled with Smollett's family issuing a statement describing the attack as "a racial and homophobic hate crime" and Smollett thanking his fans for their support.

According to Khal at *Complex*, Smollett seemingly went on to bounce back through a performance at the Troubadour stage in West Hollywood, where he compared himself and his situation to Tupac.

He also appeared to be working with authorities, as he handed over phone records that occurred around the timing of the attack (although they were later rejected because they were "limited and heavily redacted").

The day after that, police arrested Nigerian (certainly not white) brothers Olabinjo and Abimbola Osudairo for possible involvement. Olabinjo had been an extra on *Empire*.

But they were quickly released. Smollett gave his first interview about the incident on ABC's *Good Morning America*, repeatedly saying his story was real and he was being honest, despite talk surrounding the timeline and credibility of his story.

But that came along with re-

ports implying Smollett had staged the attack, and it was soon confirmed by Deadline via a statement made by the Chicago police that the department had shifted the trajectory of the investigation, no longer looking at Smollett as a victim.

Senior Becky Burkhardt said, "I remember when it happened. It was a big deal, the possibility that this man may be lying about something this serious."

On February 20, Smollett was officially considered as a suspect.

He was arrested the next day for filing a false police report.

In early March, however, he was indicted on 16 felony counts.

So all the initial suspicion and reports turned out to be true; Jussie Smollett pretended to be a victim of a crime.

But the story has a bigger impact than initial shock and headline material.

When stories are faked - emotional, serious stories - what do we do?

It was probably easy for many to get behind the idea that two white Trump supporters hurt someone because he was black and gay. The entire storied played into people's prejudices and fears.

Along with simply being dishon-

est, the story does damage. Faking a hate crime inevitably makes it that much harder for true victims to come forward, and if they do, to be believed.

There is a lot of stigma concerning these types of accusations. Victims, whether of hate crimes or sexual assault, have to work extremely hard to be believed. They always have to "prove" they're telling the truth.

When fake stories are spread, it automatically discredits other ones, and this results in people not getting the justice they deserve.

What possibly possesses someone to fabricate such a tale is difficult to know, but what's for sure is that people without the money and resources will certainly struggle to be effectively heard.

Leilah El-Azizi, sophomore, said, "There's enough violence and conflict as it is; we don't need this too. There are already issues with people not believing victims, and this makes it worse"

But on March 26, Cook County prosecutors announced all charges against Smollett have been dropped.

According to *Time Magazine*, Smollett said after the hearing, "This has been an incredibly difficult time. Honestly one of the worst of my en-

tire life. But I am a man of faith and a man that has knowledge of my history and I would not bring my family, our lives or the movement through a fire like this. I just wouldn't."

Many people, including the Chicago mayor Rahm Emanuel, are confused by the sudden decision and believe Smollett should be prosecuted.

Emanuel stated, "This is an unbelievable not just whitewash of justice, this is a person now who has been let off scot free with no sense of accountability of the moral and ethical wrong of his actions."

Two days later Smollett had been ordered to pay \$130,000 to make up for the cost, time, and resources of the police investigation. The amount is separate from the \$10,000 bond he agreed to pay when the charges were dropped.

He will also have to do community service.

Smollett's actions bearing no consequences has seem to upset many, as the Chicago police uphold their belief he orchestrated his own attack, prompting a tweet from the President: "It is an embarrassment to our Nation!"

After Ethiopian Crash, Boeing 737 Max 8 is Grounded in US, Worldwide

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Staff Writer

Any airline disaster demand explanation, but the recent Ethiopian Airlines crash — the second in less than five months of the same new model of a plane — raises more than the usual questions and fears.

Shortly after the Boeing 737 Max 8 took off from Addis Ababa, the capital of Ethiopia, bound for Nairobi, Kenya, the pilot sent a distress call and received permission to return to the airport. Six minutes after takeoff, the jet nose-dived to the ground, killing all 157 people aboard.

According to *The Guardian*, it is much too soon to say why the plane went down. The "black box" flight data and voice recorders were recovered, but the information in them can take weeks or months to analyze. Investigators still have not said what was learned from the recorders recovered after a previous 737 Max 8 crash, in Indonesia this past October.

Speculation about that earlier crash was that the aircraft software put the plane into a dive, overriding the flight crew manual controls, based on incorrect data about the jet's speed. That has raised ques-

tions about whether the computer system — which differs from earlier models of 737 — was flawed, or whether pilots have been adequately told about changes to it and trained.

"I feel like incidents which involve technological malfunctions or overrides really show how, especially now in the 21st century, individuals really put sometimes too much trust in technology," says junior Ava Franco. "Having technology as a tool is great, but when it comes to the point that technology is a crutch, such as autopilot in cars, for simple tasks we should know how to do is when it becomes dangerous, and could lead to horrible events such as this crash."

On Monday following the crash, China and Indonesia ordered their airlines to ground their 737 Max 8's at least temporarily. A handful of other airlines, including Ethiopian, have also suspended its use. But for a short time, about half of the four dozen carriers that have the model in their fleets continued to fly it. Those include the three largest users — Southwest Airlines, Air Canada and American Airlines — and other Western companies like West-

Jet, a Canadian carrier; TUI Group, a European line; and Norwegian Air. Two of the largest carriers based in the United States, Delta Air Lines, and United Airlines, do not have the Boeing model.

More than 350 Max 8's have been delivered around the world.

Boeing introduced the 737 more than 50 years ago, and more than 10,000 have been built, making it the most widely used airliner in the world. But it has undergone so many changes over the years that earlier models have little in common with newer ones.

The Max 8 entered commercial service in 2017, the first model of a fourth generation of the 737 that is more technologically advanced and fuel-efficient than predecessors. The model's newness makes it difficult to make meaningful comparisons with more established planes that have flown millions of times. Models from the 737's second generation, introduced in the 1980s, and the third generation, first produced in the 1990s, are among the world's most popular and safest airliners.

Those killed in the Ethiopian

crash came from more than 30 countries. They included at least 22 United Nations employees, some of them headed to a U.N. Environment Assembly meeting in Nairobi. Other victims included aid workers, professors, diplomats, entrepreneurs, and consultants.

According to their website, Boeing has released a statement saying "Boeing is deeply saddened to learn of the passing of the passengers and crew on Ethiopian Airlines Flight 302, a 737 MAX 8 airplane" said a Boeing representative. "We extend our heartfelt sympathies to the families and loved ones of the passengers and crew on board and stand ready to support the Ethiopian Airlines team. A Boeing technical team will be traveling to the crash site to provide technical assistance under the direction of the Ethiopian Accident Investigation Bureau and U.S. National Transportation Safety Board."

The still-ongoing investigation of the Lion Air crash revealed a malfunctioning safety system that caused the nose of the plane involved to tilt downward despite the

pilots' best efforts. Aviation authorities reportedly observed, "similarities" in the Ethiopian Airlines crash that raised concerns about the 737 MAX 8.

The United States was slow to take action. , however, was not as quick to take action. President Trump weighed in early, via Twitter, saying that modern aircrafts "are becoming far too complex to fly" but not calling for a ban of the planes. But just one day after Acting FAA Administrator Elwell's announcement that the FAA lacked a basis for grounding the planes, President Trump changed his tone and called] upon the FAA to issue an emergency order "to ground all flights" of both the 737 MAX 8 and 9.

The FAA followed with just such an order. Acting Administrator Elwell claimed that "new information from the wreckage concerning the aircraft's configuration just after takeoff" had revealed similarities between the Ethiopian Airlines crash and the Lion Air crash. These similarities merited "further investigation of the possibility of a shared cause" between the incidents.

opinions & editorials

Stop Unfairly Gaming the System Student Staff Editorial

Recent headlines have put the spotlight on the idea of acquiring extra time for test-taking, particularly standardized tests such as the SAT or ACT. These tests weigh so heavily in determining one's future and can become much easier to handle when given extra time to complete. This is not to say that there are not children with real issues who require such extra time. There are, but this is not about them. This is about those who pretend in order to game the system for their own benefit, and perhaps make it harder for those who really do require such extra time..

For instance, actress Felicity Huffman and her husband actor William H. Macy allegedly paid \$15,000 so that their daughter could take her SAT with an unlimited amount of time.

In the case of actress Lori Loughlin and her husband, special proctors were employed (ones that usually are reserved exclusively for kids with disabilities). Loughlin and her husband are accused of paying \$500,000 to have both their daughters gain admission into USC as crew recruits. What's wrong with this picture? Sorry, Olivia Jade, but neither you or your sister ever rowed.

Not only is there outrage from the public about the way that privilege bought elite college admissions for these students, but also because the fact is that for every one of these students who gamed the system, another more deserving, hard-working student was denied admission as a result.

While many seem outraged over the recent headlines regarding the college admission scam that has implicated celebrities and dozens of other people, those here at the high school know that this is just a more extreme version of the kind of "justice" that exists for those who have the wealth and the wherewithal to make special things happen: exceptions, more time, better odds, etc.

While no one here seems to be Photoshopping their head onto an athlete's body in order to gain elite college admission in a sport they don't even play, there are other activities that occur locally that are smaller, but no less incendiary and unethical an issue.

Here in the Harrison High School community, we too have seen a new trend of dishonesty emboldened and empowered by wealth and privilege. Certain students wishing to take advantage of the system have (with parental support) claimed that they have special medical needs. Those needs mean that such students both "need" and require extra time when taking standardized tests (or even localized classroom work). With the "right" parents willing to go to bat for their children, a doctor's note can be obtained, or a new assessment can be demanded, so that in this highly competitive environment, those privileged students can "magically" receive double the time of a normal test situation, giving these "chosen" children strong advantages over their peers.

When people cheat the system in any way, it becomes an ethical issue. Is it right for people to fake dyslexia or ADHD or anxiety disorders in order to get more time on tests? While it might not be making headlines in national newspapers, the essence behind these acts are just as unethical. It's like the kid who gets caught cheating who claims that everyone is doing it. It doesn't make it any better; it doesn't make it right.

Still, certain parents of privilege feel no qualms or remorse about doing such things, especially when they have seen or heard other parents who do the same.

With this recent expose in the national headlines, there is new hope that on our local level, parents might own up to the fact that gaming the system is wrong and unfair. Let's provide advantages to those who truly need them. The current system of college admissions needs correction, and perhaps changes and improvements against such "gaming the system" actions might now be underway. But even before such changes occur, it is time for those who game the system unfairly to stop their unethical actions.

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Is There Hatred at Harrison High School?

Michael Jubak, Jr.
Staff Writer

Hatred in America has been a hot topic in the past few years, with hate crimes at a seemingly all-time high.

"It seems like there isn't a week without a hate driven crime," says an anonymous sophomore. "It seems like a pretty big problem to me."

Hatred, harsh stereotyping, and abuse have become highly discussed socio-political issues in the past few years, with people claiming to be victimized from all ends. Whether it be exploitation of women, children, abuse towards the LGBTQ community, religiously driven abuse, or hatred towards African Americans, it is clear that such actions can target anybody.

"Nobody is safe from hatred," says *YouTube* personality Steven Crowder, a right leaning host of the show *Lowder With Crowder*. "It has, and will target every group of people in this country, regardless of what portion of the country they represent percentage wise."

With the current political climate taking a toll on modern youth, and teenagers becoming more active in the political scene then ever, this discussion has made its way to Harrison High School. Students want to know: Is there hatred in Harrison High School?

Recently, the Harrison High School Playhouse put on a performance of *The Laramie Project* for its

Fall production, and was a massive success for the club, nearly selling out each night. *The Laramie Project*, for those not aware, is a verbatim theatre piece consisting of interviews and real events after the brutal beating and kidnapping of Matthew Shepard, a gay college student.

The crime was one of the most significant hate crimes in American history and sparked national outrage and conversation, clearly, as the play is one of the most produced plays out there.

The play was so successful at Harrison High School that it truly did start a conversation about whether or not hatred is present on the campus of this school, and how large

a problem hatred is in this day and age.

After each performance audience members were invited to participate in a post-show discussion about our current climate when it comes to hatred. The run of the production at Harrison High School was just days after the hate driven shooting that occurred at the Tree of Life – L'Simcha Congregation in the Squirrel Hill neighborhood of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, so acts of hate were already relevant at the time.

The relevancy of hate crimes and associated actions continues in our daily news cycles. To find out whether it is here at Harrison High School, it is important to listen to the

students.

"I think hatred is a problem here," says an anonymous senior. "I have seen hatred towards me and towards my friends. I have experienced it firsthand."

Harrison High School is not all bad, however. Harrison High School does offer help and assistance to all groups of people, offering exceptional counseling, social workers, school psychologists, and even clubs to help those who may feel victimized, like *The Friends of Rachel* and the *Gay Straight Alliance (GSA)*.

"Yeah, I think hatred is present here," said another anonymous senior, "but i do feel optimistic that it will get better. It's not here to stay."

Regarding HHS's Late Calls on Snow Days

Luke Wong
Staff Writer

On Sunday March 3, 2019, students and staff watched a heavy snow start to fall in the early evening.

As the snow started to accumulate, students, parents and staff alike wondered if the next day of school would be cancelled or whether the opening might be delayed.

Mayor Bill de Blasio had already announced that all New York City public schools would be closed in anticipation of the inclement weather. Nearby districts including Scarsdale and Blind Brook had announced delayed openings by dinnertime and by late evening nearly all of Westchester County public and private schools had followed suit.

Unsurprisingly, there was silence from the Harrison Central School District. Faculty, parents and students alike have come to accept that Harrison would not make the call until 5 a.m. the next morning. It's difficult to see why Harrison wants to

stand out in this regard.

On one hand, holding off on calling a delay or cancellation allows HCSD administration to have most current information on the status of roads and helps conserve our limited supply of snow days.

However, the value of this accuracy has to be measured against the cost/benefit of letting parents and staff know far enough ahead to plan accordingly for a delayed start or cancellation.

For students with working parents, there is uncertainty whether arrangements need to be made for child care for younger students



for part of or the entire day. Furthermore, it also puts parents in distress if their children go on buses during days with inclement weather; parents have to worry if their children will be safe on the bus. School buses are very safe, but parents shouldn't have to worry more during days with inclement weather.

It should be noted that Harrison, as of this current writing, has used only one of its allotted snow days during the current school year.

The recent trend of late calls also negatively impacts the faculty and staff in the school district as, unlike students, many do not live locally.

For those who commute from New York City, Long Island, or Rockland County, an

earlier call regarding school status could help them plan ahead and potentially not get on roads in dangerous conditions in order to make it to school either before first period, or even earlier for those offering extra help before school.

The administration fails to consider how, by the time they call parents and faculty, some faculty who live particularly far away end up receiving that call while already on their drive to school.

For those leaving so early in the morning, this could result in a major inconvenience.

The administration needs to be more transparent with regard to its process and should review its criteria for what constitutes a snow day or cancellation in order to keep pace with what seems to be the more timely calls of other local school systems.

Facts Versus Opinions: A Big Concern

Emma Berkowitz
Managing Editor

News is associated with facts, especially when there are numbers and evidence that backs up the given claims. Although there sometimes is some informed opinion included alongside the news, it is becoming more and more difficult for readers to distinguish between what is fact and what is opinion.

On the surface, there seems to be a definitive difference between the two. A fact is something that can be proven true while an opinion is an expression of judgment or bias. Why has this simple distinction between a fact and an opinion gotten so complicated these days?

While one could go on about the threat to free speech, this isn't the problem that needs to be addressed here. Freedom of speech refers to expressing thoughts without censorship. The problem here is that even straight-up facts are now being censored and questioned.

Journalists investigate and report on everything. It is entirely possible for them to report on something with which they do not agree. Obviously, journalists could express their own opinions. Some write for the purpose of getting their thoughts across on topics in editorials or opinion pieces, but journalists also present unbiased information in their news articles. Just because some facts are presented that do not support some of the public's views does not mean that this journalist's opinion is "fake news." It is important to understand that journalism is used for the purpose of informing the public at large, even if it is about something that goes against a reader's opinions or beliefs.

In the *Husky Herald*, we clearly distinguish which articles are news and which are opinions by having specific sections for each. However, when a recent article about the

wave of new female representative was moved from the News section to the Opinion section, it caused

"...students are unable to determine news writing from opinion writing."

concern. While it may have seemed that the facts presented were partisan, this reporter and many others felt it should have remained a news article. The article contained facts - and while those facts may be ones

that not every HHS reader supports, it is a cause for great concern when truth is questioned for differences in political beliefs. We strive for accuracy and are happy to present all sides in our high school newspaper.

This particular local incident calls attention to the many news stories we hear on a daily basis. Do people perceive the facts in these articles as opinions and therefore don't believe them? This is concerning, but what is more concerning is that people are often now perceiving opinions as facts. This could be connected to the "fake news" phenomenon. "Fake news" are false stories that sound like credible journalism. Perhaps some of the "fake news" that is spread stems from opinions that are believed to be facts.

It seems like it would be fairly easy to decide between a factual story or one's opinion piece, but as we have learned that is not always the case. This is not only a localized matter. Ms. Malorie Paine, a journalism teacher from Kingsbury High School in Memphis, Tennessee reports that, at an almost alarming rate, students these days are unable to determine news writing from opinion writing. She now takes extra time in her teaching to try to show students the difference. This is a concern with high school journalists across the nation.

It's important to understand that journalists at any age can write and report on situations in a factual journalistic way. It's also necessary to recognize the facts versus the opinions in journalism. Let's not let our own opinions as readers get in the way of determining journalistic truth.

The 2019 IB Art Show

The IB Art Show, on March 8, displayed the hard work and incredible talent of the IB Year Two Artists here at HHS. Each artist focused on a theme for their exhibition, each piece illustrating their theme in a unique way. The A-hallway morphed into a museum; the carefully and purposefully curated exhibitions lined a long red carpet down the hallway. The show attracted viewers of all ages, leaving all in awe of the amazing artistic work of the seniors, and the thoughtful meaning behind each composition.

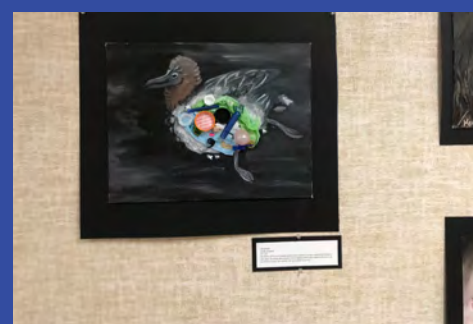


The smile of success: the artists gathered together for a group picture after the show.

Top Row: Mrs. Root, Maddie Kempsey, Jordan Blair, Carmelina Albanese, Caitlyn Policarpio, Michael Barletta, Maddy Kraus, Ashley Medina, Jerusalem Castro, Kelly Quinn.
Bottom Row: Suraya Ortiz, Ciara Gougherty, Ella Napack, Anna Cahn.



A glimpse into her memory: Anna Cahn stands proudly by her unique exhibition, each piece representing a specific place, experience, or time and the primary emotions associated with that memory. Her use of symbolic colors and subject matter takes the viewer on a beautiful journey of self reflection.



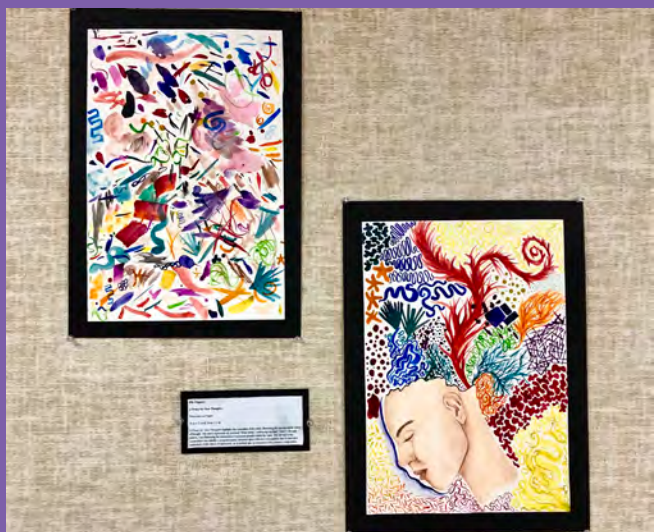
Trashbelly

This half 2D, half 3D piece displays a garbage filled stomach of a decaying seabird to draw attention to the harmful nature of the plastic epidemic in America.

Trashpic

This piece, by Maddie Kempsey, uses a jelly mold to communicate and challenge socially constructed ideas of incompatibility. The jello holds a collection of various undesirable items as well as trash, alluding to the prevalence of jello in the 1950s, representing "the bad" of this decade covered up by a seal of faux perfection.





A Penny for Your Thoughts

This watercolor painting by Ella Napack highlights the surrealism of the mind, depicting the uncontrollable nature of thought. The piece is a “brain dump,” embodying authenticity in the chaos of expression through both halves of the piece.



He Loves Me, He Loves Me Not

This piece, by Anna Cahn, captures both the immense emotional pain due to infatuation and the intense physical pain that follows. The hands are a symbolic representation of the “he loves me, he loves me not” game, the fingers representing the petals on a flower in which a child would pluck.

“I am in awe everyday as I look at and live with each artist’s exhibition space. I see the obvious evidence of the skills that these individuals worked so hard to cultivate and the many hours it took to produce each thoughtful piece. I also appreciate how every artist carefully and beautifully articulated the thoughts and intentions that informed their collections of work.

The IB Year Two Artists of 2019 took great personal risks and allowed themselves to be vulnerable. They shared a piece of themselves and their own unique stories with an audience. In my opinion, the greatest gift that any art form has to offer is to create a space and moment for sharing, learning and understanding. This year’s exhibition embodies that idea.

Congratulations Artists, for being so courageously creative and teaching us all to strive for excellence in every facet of our lives.”

- Mrs. Root



Interpretation of anatomy: in this exhibition, Michael Barletta presents anatomy through a variety of points of view, while also illustrating that the word ‘anatomy’ can be attributed to any thing, concept, or idea.



Overflow

This abstract painting, by Caitlyn Policarpio, uses line and form to explore the fragility of the art making process. Caitlyn uses the “drip” method here to create the delicate webs.



Teenage Wasteland: this exhibition by Kelly Quinn focuses on the idea of teenagers struggling through adolescence, illuminating the prevalence of anxiety, depression, and death.



A focus on line: this exhibition by Ashley Medina presents the concept of line through different artistic mediums, depicting how line can communicate different aesthetics and emotions. The pieces in view highlight both the two-dimensionality and three-dimensionality of line that Ashley intended to convey.

ARTS & entertainment

Me and My Girl Showcases Talented Cast

Micaela Udell
Copy Editor

The Harrison Footlight Players dazzled the high school with the recent production of *Me and My Girl*. This musical, with original book and lyrics by L. Arthur Rose and Douglas Furber, and featuring music by Noel Gay, was first produced in London's West End in 1937.

It tells the story about a Cockney man named Bill who learns he is the long-lost heir to the title of Earl of Hareford. He can only qualify to gain this inheritance with "fit and proper" gentlemanly manners. However, Sir John and the Duchess believe that with a little priming, Bill can be worthy of receiving his inheritance. His girlfriend Sally from Lambeth is not exactly lady-like, and she is frowned upon by Sir John and the Duchess. Eventually, though, Sally changes herself to be more polite and worthy enough of Bill, allowing him to have both his money and his girl.

The part of Bill Snibson was played in animated fashion by talented senior Harrison Sakai and his girlfriend Sally Smith was played by strong-voiced senior Christina Ledesma. This pair of actors did an amazing job of portraying their characters to the audience, including some tricky accent mastery to convey the script's humor, and singing and dancing to "The Lambeth Walk" and more. The drastic change in costume and personality before and after their grooming truly was outstanding. Their use of British accents (with help from Mrs. Moore) was also very impressive. The singing and dancing from the company as a whole was first rate - something we have come to expect from

the fine productions directed and choreographed by Ms. Toteda with musical direction produced by Ms. Test.

Sir John was played by senior Spencer Barich and the Duchess was played with comic finesse by senior Jessica Alfieri. They wowed the audience with their talented accents and ability to stay in character. Comic relief was also provided by the solicitor Parchester, played to perfection by Michael Jubak, Jr. Peter Neureuther did a fine job as the initially spurned Gerald, who then has to win back Lady Jacqueline Carstone, played by senior Lydia Crozier, who did a fantastic job of portraying an adventurous, seductive role.

Although the acting was very well done, the storyline was at times a tad sexist. The idea that Sally must change her personality to be worthy enough of Bill



A little dance to celebrate a new opportunity. Bill (Harrison Sakai) and his girlfriend Sally (Christina Ledesma) are happy that he can possibly become the next Earl of Hareford, with palace and inheritance included.
Courtesy of Mrs. Debbie Toteda

said senior Ella Napack, "but I was a little upset with the inferior roles of the women in it." In spite of that, the whole company did a stellar job in rising to the musical's challenges, and the singing and dancing were extraordinary. The audiences seemed to thoroughly enjoy the performances, and the cast displayed a true chemistry.

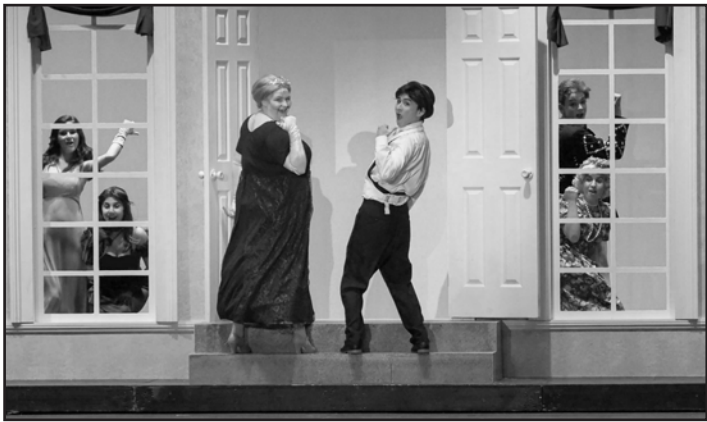


Another proposal. Gerald (Peter Neureuther) once again proposes to Jaquie (Lydia Crozier). This time she says yes.
Courtesy of Mrs. Debbie Toteda



Never underestimate the value of a good solicitor. The family prepares to celebrate the services of Parchester (Michael Jubak), the family solicitor. Impressive singing, dancing, and comedic turns made this play a pleasure to watch.
Courtesy of Mrs. Debbie Toteda

after his wealth accumulation struck a sour note with some audience members. Also, when Lady Jacqueline agreed to marry Gerald Bolingbroke following what some saw as an outdated predilection for rough treatment, it seemed a little out of touch with the current climate for some viewers. While the Director's Notes explained that both Mrs. Toteda and Mrs. Test had starred in other productions of this play, and that it was a great learning challenge in that it stretched abilities in regards to working with unfamiliar accents and humor, it still seemed a bit creaky and outdated at times. "The play was very entertaining and well-done,"



Doing the Lambeth Walk. The Duchess (Jessie Alfieri) set out to teach Bill (Harrison Sakai) the ways of a gentleman, but he taught them all the Cockney fun of "doing the Lambeth Walk." Oy!
Courtesy of Mrs. Debbie Toteda

HEY HUSKIES!

Compiled by Samantha Marano

What is your best April Fool's prank?



"I filled an oreo with toothpaste, and gave it to my little sister."
Ally Stilo, freshman



"I turned off my mom's alarm clock, so she ended up oversleeping and she was late to work."
Asafe Brandao, sophomore



"I put a stapler in a bowl of jello."
Denisse Hinojosa, junior



"At camp, in the middle of the night, when my friend was sleeping, I took his mattress and put it in the lake."
Eli Lapkin, senior

The Nature of Forgetting is Unforgettable

Michael Jubak, Jr.
Staff Writer

The New Victory Theatre is approaching its final days of putting on London Theatre Company Theatre Re's devised piece of *The Nature of Forgetting*. The show has been running since March 23 and ran through March 31.

The show follows a series of flashbacks in the mind of a 55 year-old man who suffers from dementia (a rare case for people under 65), as he attempts to remember times from his past, like his friends, daughter, and wife, who dies in a car crash after their wedding. These flashbacks are sparked by the man's daughter helping him prepare for his birthday celebration, of which his childhood friends will be attending.

These flashbacks are various snippets of (presumably) his days in school, and how he met his wife Isabel, who he mistakes for his daughter (named Sophie) throughout the show. The memories piece

together his life, including meeting his wife, marrying her, the party after the wedding, and her death. Since the beginning of the show her death is alluded to.

The first flashback seen is one of her and him in a car presumably lost. Strong lights glare at the audience as the two brace for impact, and we don't see her survive. Her lack of a presence in the present day alludes to the fact that she did not make it out alive.

"The car scenes were so intense," says sophomore Reis Halpin. "You really felt for them and every time it happened, you just thought to yourself 'How could this go wrong?'"

The show featured full underscoring and musical accompaniment that was done live behind the action. It was fully devised and written to accompany the movement of the show and the actor's movements. While sound mixing was quite ear-piercing

and was a bit too loud, it meshed with the action superbly.



Theatre Re's *The Nature of Forgetting*. Actors from the recent production enacting snippets from a demented man's flashbacks.
Courtesy of New Victory Theatre

"The music was stellar," says junior Aidan Wohl. "It's mesmerizing how coordinated the music was to the movement; I don't think I've seen something like that before." The acting in the show was superb as well. The actors had the burden of not having many lines and instead having to tell the story using physicality only, and it was done without fail. But the gold medal goes to the leading man and director Guillaume Pige, who put on hands-down the best physical performance this reporter has ever seen.

Overall, this

show gets a 9/10 from this reporter. The only improvement this show can see is perhaps a slight adjustment to the mixing of the sound and the actors.

One thing that was not previously mentioned is the fact that the actors still speak to one another, but it is not driving the plot as much as the movement. With that being said, compared to the music, the speaking was just noise, and some of that brief dialogue is key to understanding the relationships between the characters, and to establish who is who, since the actress who plays Isabel, is the same actress who plays Sophie.

The Nature of Forgetting is touring all around the world and is undoubtedly worth seeing. For more information about the show, its cast, and its creative production background, please visit <https://www.retheatre.com/theatre>.

The Jonas Brothers Are Back

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Staff Writers

According to their app, it's official: the Jonas Brothers have reunited. After a six-year hiatus, they released a new single in March entitled "Sucker."

Once upon a time, it was 2008 and the Jonas Brothers was one of the most popular bands, complete with three brothers, Nick, Kevin, and Joe. They gained fame back in 2005 with their appearances on *Disney Channel*, and with their first single "Please Be Mine."

They started to get really famous and successful. In 2008, they starred in the new *Disney Channel* movie "Camp Rock," with Joe Jonas starring as the lead alongside Demi Lovato. They continued to gain popularity and in 2009, they even got their own sitcom on Disney, named Jonas. On August 8, 2008, they released their third studio album "A Little Bit Longer," which topped the charts. They also helped their friend Demi Lovato write her first album.

Later, in 2011, they starred in the Camp Rock sequel, "Camp Rock: The Final Jam."

After the film, the brother were

one of the most popular and beloved bands. They had millions of fans worldwide and their concert were sold out. So of course it was a huge heartbreak when they announced their breakup back in 2013.

Pop Sugar reported that, from 2006-2013, the Jonas Brothers made teenage girls fall in love with them with their "swoon-worthy voices." Now, with this epic reunion, grown adults are acting like teenagers, pulling out old concert t-shirts, playing "Year 300" at full volume, and rehanging their old *Tiger Beat* posters on the wall.

Since then, according to *TMZ*, they each have been living busy lives. They each decided to go through their own personal careers.

Nick became a solo artist, and made international headlines when he got married to "Quantico" actress Priyanka Chopra, who is ten years older.

Joe Jonas became part of the band DNCE, who released the popular song "Cake by the Ocean." Joe got engaged to Sophie Turner, an actress from *Game of Thrones*, in



"Burnin' Up" the carpool karaoke. The Jonas Brothers - Nick, Joe, and Kevin - recently joined James Corden for a musical trip down memory lane, along with a chance to promote new single "Sucker."
Courtesy of The Late Late Show on CBS

October 2017.

Kevin decided to focus on his family, marrying Danielle in 2009, and having two kids (Alena Rose, 5, and Valentina Angelina, 2). Kevin has a New Jersey-based Custom Homes Company.

All this time they were apart, their fans still longed for a reunion. Now, after six long years, it is happening.

"I completely love the Jonas Brothers," said Haleigh Francis, sophomore. "I had a huge crush on Nick growing up!"

Their new song "Sucker" was released, and it has become an instant hit. People loved not just the song, but the fact that the band was back together.

They promoted their new song on James Corden's "The Late Late

Show," doing the famous carpool karaoke and playing the game "Fill Your Guts or Spill Your Guts."

Many famous artists, such as Demi Lovato, have been rumored to be collaborating with the Jonas Brothers on their comeback album, which has fans very excited.

The future of Joe Jonas' band DNCE is currently unknown, since there was no public statement saying the band was breaking up.

"I was their biggest fan," said Raleigh Francis, eighth grader "I went to all of their concerts!"

The band getting back together was a huge success, since their song is still topping the charts. They told tabloid website *TMZ* they decided to change their sound a little bit, since they are now older and more mature. All around the world, fans still cannot believe that their wish came true. Their only hope is that the Jonas Brothers continue to release music and keep on surprising fans.

"They're back and they're better than ever," said junior Gabriella Nikolla.

The Sudden Tragedy of Luke Perry

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Luke Perry was born on October 11, 1966, and recently passed away from a massive stroke on March 4, 2019, at Saint Joseph Medical Center Burbank in California. Luke Perry was 52 years old.

According to *E-News*, Luke Perry's massive stroke was a shock and is a mystery. Luke Perry's family has not released details about the medical findings. It is very rare to die from a stroke at this young of an age.

Luke Perry rose to fame on the hit '90s melodrama *Beverly Hills 90210*. Luke Perry played Dylan McKay on the show from 1990 to 2000. Luke Perry's co-stars from *Beverly Hills 90210* addressed state-

ments on social media about the late actor. Co-star Ian Ziering addressed a Tweet, Gabrielle Carteris made a statement, Shannen Doherty, who played Brenda Walsh, Dylan McKay's girlfriend in the early *Beverly Hills 90210* seasons gave a statement to *People* and then a couple of days later posted on Instagram pictures of her and Luke Perry. Jennie Garth, who starred as Kelly Taylor, Dylan McKay's other main love interest in the show, also shared a statement with *People*. Many other cast members of the show like Tori Spelling, Jason Priestley, Tiffani Thiessen, Rebecca Gayheart, Christine Elise McCarthy, and Kathleen

Robertson, also weighed in.

Luke Perry will not be forgotten by his *Riverdale* Family either. The CW series dedicated an episode on Wednesday, March 6, 2019.

The showrunner and executive producer on the *Riverdale* series Roberto Aguirre-Sacasa, posted behind the scene photos of Luke Perry with some of the cast and crew from *Riverdale* and explained the dedication plans, according to *E-News*.

Roberto Aguirre-Sacasa wrote, "Going through pictures on my way to set. From the early days. With Luke in the middle. Our heart, always. Tonight's episode of [*Riverdale*] finds Fred doing what he does

best—helping Archie. It is dedicated to Luke, as all episodes will be for the rest of our run."

The producer from Warner Bros and The CW regarding what the show will do and if they aren't returning immediately. The production of the show *Riverdale* was suspended as the team grieved Luke Perry's passing. The hit TV show *Riverdale* is based on Archie Comics. Luke Perry played Fred Andrews, who is the father of Archie Andrews, played by KJ Apa.

Many co-stars from the *Riverdale* cast also gave statements and addressed Luke Perry's death on social media, including Lili Re-

inhart, Molly Ringwald, Casey Cott, Madchen Amick, Vanessa Morgan, Asha Bromfield, Hart Denton, Ross Butler, Robin Givens, Gina Gershon, KJ Apa, Nathalie Boltz, Rob Raco, Madelaine Petsch, Camila Mendes, Hayley Law, and Cole Sprouse.

Sophomore Alex Karofsky said, "I was very sad to hear that Luke Perry passed away and felt very sad for his family and the *Riverdale* cast."

The sudden massive stroke and death of actor Luke Perry was a shock to fans, family and friends.

Luke Perry will always be remembered fondly.

Kylie Jenner: Youngest Billionaire Ever



This is the new face of the billionaire. At 21, Kylie Jenner has been named by Forbes Magazine as the youngest self-made billionaire ever. Sorry, Mark Zuckerberg, you didn't join the club until you were 23.
Courtesy of Forbes Magazine

Samantha Marano
Staff Writer

At age 21 (she is now 22), Kylie Jenner became the youngest self-made billionaire ever. Kylie Jenner started her Kylie Cosmetics line three years ago and you can only buy her products online or she would have small brief pop-up shops.

Then Kylie Jenner signed an exclusive distribution deal with Ulta. Kylie Cosmetics are in 1,000 plus Ulta stores across the 50 states.

When Kylie Jenner's products first started being sold at Ulta, the only products being sold were her lip-kits and single lipstick. On March 10, 2019, Kylie Jenner launched eyeshadow palettes, lipsticks, and new lip kit shades.

As Kylie Jenner promised, she will sell more products besides lip-kits down the line. Over the next six weeks, according to *Forbes*, Kylie Cosmetics sold \$54.5 million worth of products in Ulta.

Forbes estimated Kylie Jenner's company is worth at least \$900 million and Kylie Jenner owns all of it. Kylie Jenner is the youngest ever self-made billionaire, reaching a ten-figure fortune at a young age, Mark Zuckerberg was 23 when he

was named, according to *Forbes*. Kylie Jenner gave a statement to *Forbes* and said, "I didn't expect anything. I did not foresee the future, but the recognition feels really good. That's a nice pat on the back."

Kylie Jenner started her Kylie Cosmetics company in 2015. Kylie Jenner's manufacturing and packaging are outsourced to Seed Beauty, which is a private-label producer in Oxnard California. Sales and fulfillment are handled by online merchant Shopify.

Kylie Jenner's mother Kris Jenner takes care of the finances and Public Relations. Kris Jenner makes 10% management profit from Kylie Jenner and from the rest of her children.

Kylie Jenner's marketing is done mostly through social media like *Instagram*, *Snapchat*, *Facebook* and *Twitter*. Kylie Jenner announces product launches, previews items, and announces the Kylie Cosmetics makeup she is wearing to all her followers on social media.

Even though Kylie Jenner's fame started at a young age from her family reality TV show *Keeping*

Up With The Kardashians, she also had her very own spin-off *Life of Kylie*. Kylie Jenner used her own money to start her company.

Kylie Jenner is now currently focusing on expanding her product range as she just launched setting powders. Kylie Jenner also came out with new blushes, highlighters, bronzer, eyeshadow singles, and high glosses.

It's not just Kylie Cosmetics. Kylie Jenner also has a Kylie Shop online. Kylie Jenner sells her own t-shirts, sweatpants, sweatshirts, bathing suits, hats, jackets, pants, phone cases, and accessories

Sophomore Madison Landsberg said, "Kylie Jenner inspires me to make something of myself as I get older. She is a true business woman. In just three years, Kylie Jenner has created an amazing makeup line that anyone can use."

As the youngest self-made billionaire, Kylie Jenner has come a long way in her career. The company that started in 2015 is now in 2019 a \$900 million empire.

Commentary

Kylie: Self-Made or Privileged?

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Television personality, social media personality, model, and socialite Kylie Jenner is now the youngest billionaire in the world. Only 22 years old, Kylie Jenner surpassed CEO of Facebook Mark Zuckerberg who earned his title at the age of 23 with her estimated net worth of \$1 billion. Not only is she the youngest billionaire, but Kylie Jenner is also referenced as the youngest "self-made" billionaire in *Forbes* magazine.

Kylie Jenner's feature as the youngest "self-made" billionaire by *Forbes* is debatable. They fail to mention Jenner's famous family; this is understandable for the purpose of labeling her as someone who has reached their wealth all on their own.

It's controversial to say that one who has been privileged their whole life and had all of the resources needed to become successful is "self-made."

It is rational to assume that Kylie Jenner and the rest of the clans' fame stemmed from Kim Kardashian West's fame as a tabloid fixture and then a reality star. Without Kim, who knows if the Kardashian-Jenners would have ever reached their level of success with their business endeavors.

Kylie Jenner's use of social media is her weapon for success. A major part of her huge following on social media was thanks to her fame as being part of the Kardashian-Jenner

family. Kylie Jenner's fame fueled her success, it provided the necessary advertisement to successfully promote her company, Kylie Cosmetics, making her a very popular entrepreneur. It is likely that Jenner would not have even started her \$900 million company if she wasn't famous, and even if she did, it would probably be pretty irrelevant due to a lack of publicity.

Kylie Jenner claims that she started her company with \$250,000 of her own money. Considering that this is her own money, it is fair to view her as "self-made." But would she have earned this money if she didn't have her famous family to make her more desirable for business promo-

tions? Mark Zuckerberg can reasonably be viewed as a self-made billionaire because he earned all of his money with the creation of *Facebook* whereas Kylie Jenner had her family's fame and resources as a platform.

Junior Tamara Roman expressed her opinion that "Kylie is 'self-made' because she founded her own company and did so using the money that she earned by herself."

Junior Sydnee Smith feels differently. She said, "I don't believe Kylie is a 'self-made' billionaire. Yes, she created her own makeup brand but she most likely would not have

"...would she have earned this money if she didn't have her famous family..."

earned as much money from her company as she did if she did not have the pre-set 'hype' given to her from her already famous family."

Part of Kylie Jenner's prosperity can certainly be considered "self-made" but it is mainly a result of her family's spotlight in the media.

Sonic Could Become A Contender for the 2020s

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Sega's Sonic Team has recently struck gold with the release of Sonic Mania for all mainstream platforms. The game takes the blue blur back to his roots as Sonic burrows through a 2D platforming adventure, that had fans of the series and critics swooning. The game was released in August of 2017 and has been a top seller the past few years.

This success of the game follows and leads up to horrendous entries into the series, such as Sonic Forces, a 3D platformer that fell short of impressing fans.

"The problem with Sonic Forces," says sophomore James McLean "Is that once the stages start getting good, they just end, the game is just too short, you can finish it for the first

time in just an hour or two."

The Sonic series has been a laughingstock for years, but with the smash hit of Sonic Mania, there is new hope. Sonic 2D seems to be at a good point right now, but if Sonic Team only produces 2D games, they will soon run out of ideas, and the games may become repetitive.

"At this point Sega needs to cater to their fans more," says game reviewer and YouTube personality Scott Wozniak "I mean, Sonic Mania was partially developed as a fan made Sonic title, and look where that got them. Fans want them to go back to the Sonic Adventure formula, and a few other dead Sonic sub genres, and expand upon them."

Sonic's adventures in 3D have

been the most lackluster in the series. Some, like Sonic The Hedgehog (sonic 06) and Sonic Adventure DX are littered with glitches and appear unfinished and unpolished. Sonic's 3D titles also follow a specific formula. Each one introduces new gimmicks that seemingly get replaced and are never heard from again.

Sonic Heroes was one of Sonic's most enjoyable and widely appreciated games, introducing the stack of 3 gimmick. The stack of 3 gimmick was basically the use of three different characters and switching between them to use their base abilities when needed. This essentially took 3D Sonic, and made it more about speed and less about diversity, and fans and critics applauded

ed Sonic Team for this at the time.

Looking back at it now, the game feels clunky and a bit hectic but that is no excuse for not bringing this format back. With a few tweaks, the game could be ten times better.

Another problem with Sonic 3D adventures is the audio, particularly the voice acting and sound mixing. Sonic Adventure 2, one of the most popular Sonic, showed great gameplay with minor tweakable fixes and nitpicks, but the true problem came within the game's cutscenes.

The voice acting in these cutscenes are often wooden and uninspired. Most of the time the voices can hardly be heard, due to terrible sound mixing. Background music floods out voices by a longshot, and

it makes it difficult to grasp. These are not minor floos. Sonic Adventure 2 has a heavy emphasis on the story, which on paper is well planned and well scripted, but is terribly executed, with subpar voice acting, and terrible sound mixing.

Sega and Sonic Team really need to cater to their fans more with Sonic. Dedicated fans want the series to produce great games on a consistent basis, and their feedback should be heard by Sonic Team. If they do, this reporter guarantees, that the Sonic Team and Sega itself will boost themselves back into the console market rather than a third party developer.

90-Second Interviews



“90 Second Interviews” is a feature wherein we sit down with two staff members and see how many random questions they can answer in only 90 seconds. This issue we interviewed two of the people that keep us safe and secure here, Artie Fusco and Todd Buer.

Interviews coordinated by Ella Napack

A. Fusco



What high school did you attend?

Harrison High School.

Favorite High School memory?

Graduating.

Favorite past or current student?

I can't remember any names, I'm lucky to know my own name!

Worst weather conditions you've seen on a school day?

That crazy flood we had a few months ago, there was water on both sides!

Favorite subject in school?

Gym and Lunch.

Tell us about your family.

My son is a professional firefighter and chef, he won the first ever fireman's challenge on *Guy Fieri's Grocery Games*!

Favorite Movie?

Godfather 2; I was in it.

Favorite ice cream flavor?

Espresso Gelato.

Favorite Sport?

Football and hockey.

What is your ideal lunch?

Three hours long.

How long have you worked here?

16 years.

How and why did you choose HHS?

They chose me.

Coffee or Tea?

Coffee.

Strangest thing you've seen here?

Seniors doing a slip-n-slide on the football field for senior day.

Something we should know about you?

I like to help kids, believe it or not.

Favorite number?

Seven.

What would your theme song be?

Metallica, *Enter Sandman*.

Favorite hobby?

Working out.

Favorite holiday?

Christmas.

Favorite Color?

Blue.

Secret Crush?

Can't answer, I don't want my wife to get mad.

Dream Car?

Already had my dream car: a 1970 Ford Mustang Mach 1.

T. Buer



What high school did you attend?

Harrison High School.

Favorite High School memory?

Prom.

Favorite past or current student?

Too many to say.

Worst weather conditions you've seen on a school day?

We had high wind warnings a couple years ago, one of the windows was blown out.

Favorite subject in school?

History.

Tell us about your family.

I'm remarried with three stepdaughters.

Favorite Movie?

Goodfellas.

Favorite ice cream flavor?

Chocolate.

Favorite Sport?

Baseball.

What is your ideal lunch?

Grilled chicken cutlet on a wedge, broccoli rabe, and roasted peppers.

How long have you worked here?

13 years.

How and why did you choose HHS?

I didn't exactly choose it as I was working for the district, but I do enjoy working here.

Coffee or Tea?

Tea.

Strangest thing you've seen here?

I can't say - people will know!

Something we should know about you?

I am lucky to be alive, I am transplant recipient, I had a liver transplant.

Favorite number?

Lucky number seven.

What would your theme song be?

Billy Joel, *Pressure*.

Favorite hobby?

Bowling.

Favorite holiday?

Thanksgiving.

Favorite Color?

Blue.

Secret Crush?

Sarah Palin.

Dream Car?

Maserati.

SPORTS

Spotlight on Zach Finn

Fifth in the State; First in our Hearts

Ella Napack

Editor-in-Chief

When it came to the NYSPHSAA State Wrestling Championships up at Albany's Times Union Center, it was all about believing in one's self. Last year, an unseeded wild card contender came into the championships and pulled off three straight upsets to reach the finals. That wrestler was East Ramapo's Jhordyn Innocent. He saw a similar potential in Harrison's own Zach Finn, and spoke to him about his own experience before this year's championships.

Innocent told Finn that seeds mean nothing, that this could be his tournament. Senior Zach Finn took the advice in stride and ran with it.

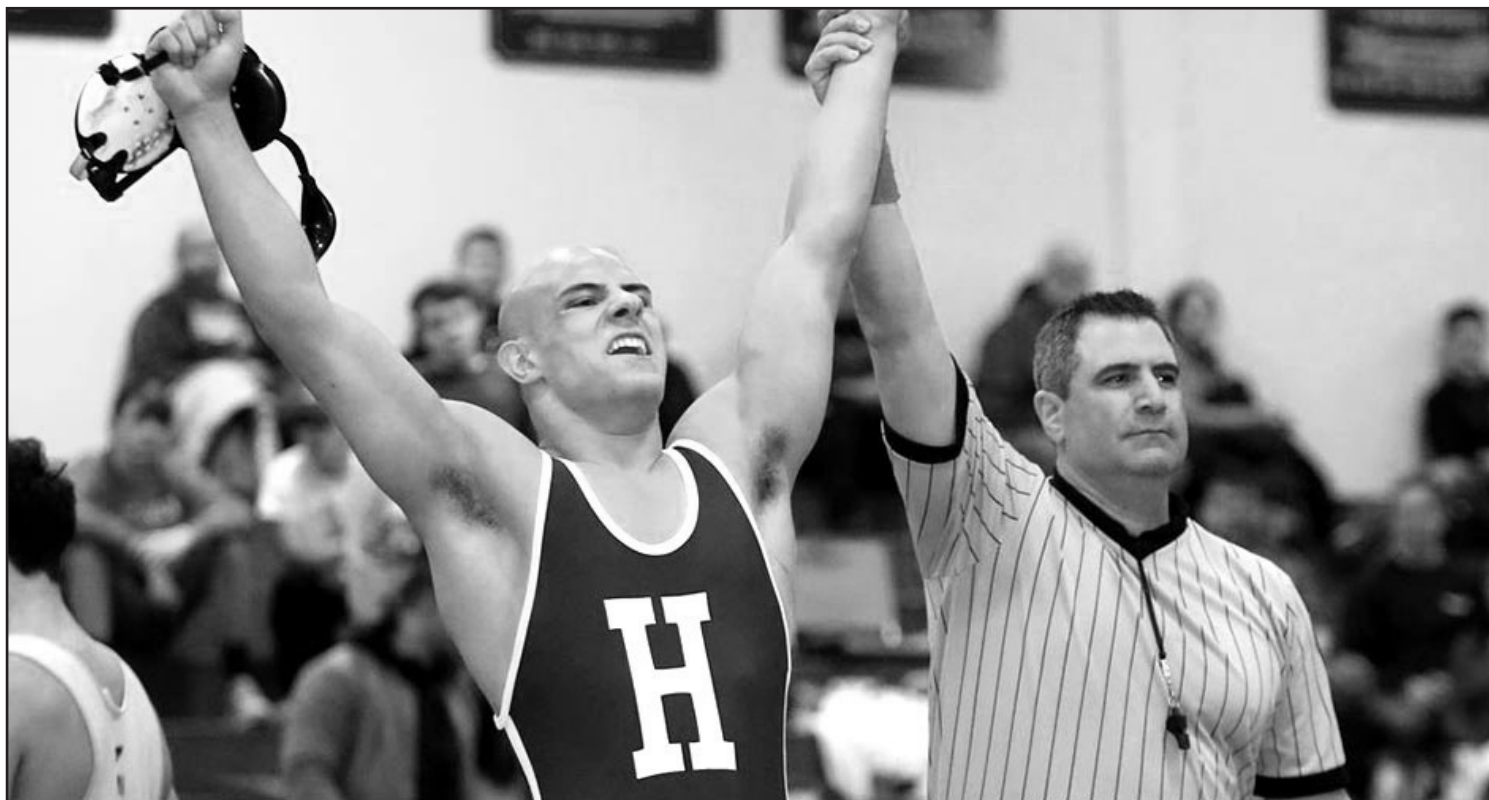
Similar to Innocent's journey the year prior, Finn was unseeded and matched up with the No. 3 and 6 seeds at his weight class on Friday, the first day of competition there in late February.

Finn, showed he would not be intimidated wrestling against third-seeded Maxx DeCapua of Newburgh in the first round of the Division I, 220-pound class category. Finn controlled the match throughout, finishing emphatically with a third-period pin. It was then that Zach realized he could do just about anything he set out to do.

In his next match, Finn won a 10-5 decision over sixth-seeded Nik Koch of Averill Park, and became the first Harrison High School wrestler to reach the state semifinals since 1994.

He went all the way from being unseeded to finishing fifth in the state, defeating Kyle Tillich of Rush Henrietta. Finn finished the year with a record of 45-6.

On his way to that phenomesnal



Section 1 Champion. Senior Zach Finn after winning the Section 1 Championship, the first Husky to do so since current asistant coach Mark Arcara did it in 2008. To become champion, Finn defeated wrestlers from John Jay Cross River, Ossining, and Yorktown.

Courtesy of Mr. Vinny Nicita

showing at States, Finn won the Section 1 Championship, becoming the first Husky since coach Mark Arcara won in 2008. During the Section 1 Championship, he defeated Matt Ferrer of John Jay Cross River in the quarterfinals, Izaiah Steen of Ossining in the semifinals, and Ben Robinson of Yorktown in the finals. He also reached the career milestone of 100 victories during the Section 1 Championship.

The *Husky Herald* was fortunate

to catch up with Zach Finn, who took the time to answer a few of our questions.

Husky Herald (HH): Give us a summary on your wrestling season.

Zach Finn (ZF): It was a breakout year, even more of a breakout year than my junior year. I knew it was my last year, so I had to work as hard as possible to get the most done. So that's what I did. I was very motivated, and I worked harder than I have ever worked before.

HH: You went from unseeded to state-semis, this was this first time this has happened since 1994... How did that happen?

ZF: I just went in there with a big chip on my shoulder. I was projected to not even be all state in an article from Iohud, so I wanted to prove a lot of people wrong. This really motivated me.

HH: What was hard about this season?

ZF: Deciding what weight class I wanted to go in was hard. I started at 195 and wrestled there until after eastern states in

mid January. For counties I bumped up to 220, and after that I stuck there. I was about 30 pounds underweight for each tournaments, so uti-

lizing other aspects of my game like my speed and strength helped out a lot going up against bigger guys.

"...hard work and surrounding yourself with the right people at the right time can take you to the right places..."

HH: Speaking about the right people... Tell us about your team.

ZF: My team is a bunch of silly kids. We got a lot of stuff accomplished as a team this year as a team; we had the most amount of wins this year in Harrison wrestling history. We looked unassuming but we got a lot of work done; I couldn't be any more proud of these kids.

HH: Who helped you the most getting to this point?

ZF: I'd say my two assistant coaches Iacello and Arcara, wrestling live with them everyday at practice helped me out a lot. My head coach gave me all the confidence in the world that I could do anything.

HH: Do you plan on wrestling in college?

ZF: Yes I do... I have a few D1 and a few D3 schools looking at me, I plan to make my decision sometime next month!

HH:If you were to summarize your season in one word, what would it be?

ZF: Inspiring.

HH: What have you learned from this process?

ZF: I learned how hard work



And that's one hundred wins. While on his way to winning the Section 1 Championship, senior Zach Finn reached the enviable milestone of 100 career wins. Here is a very happy Zach Finn being congratulated by Coach Nicita on this major accomplishment.

Courtesy of Mr. Vinny Nicita

Ciraco Named New Varsity Football Coach

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Sports Editor

After the resignation of Varsity Football Coach Dom Zanot in late October, the Harrison football community was on the lookout for a new Varsity Coach. After months of an intense search by a committee of the Athletic Director, Assistant Athletic Director, players, parents, alumni, and Harrison Husky Football Hall of Fame Members, Jay Ciraco became a unanimous choice to fill the empty position. Mr. Ciraco, a 2002 graduate of Harrison High School, was hired in February of 2019 as Head Coach of the Varsity Football Team.

During his time at Harrison, Mr. Ciraco was captain of the Varsity Football, Basketball, and Baseball teams. As an exceptional high school football player, Ciraco was instrumental in leading his football team to three sectional titles, two state championships and the 1999 state title. He also was a two year All-Section player and received the honor to be selected for the All New York State Team and the Con Edison Award. After high school, Mr. Ciraco went to college at George Mason University in Fairfax, Virginia. He

played baseball in college and was also recognized as a Conference Player of the Week.

His first experience with coaching football was for the Scarsdale Raiders in 2005, where he was the assistant coach for the next 12 years and defensive coordinator during his last four years with the Scarsdale team. The Scarsdale Raiders made it to the AA championship in 2016 under Mr. Ciraco's final year of coaching at Scarsdale.

Mr. Ciraco then returned back to his roots in Harrison in 2017 when a position for a Physical Education Educator at Louis M Klein Middle School had opened up. Prior to his hire at Louis M Klein, Mr. Ciraco had made his way back to Harrison a few years earlier as as the Girls Head JV Basketball Coach in 2015 and then moved up to the Girls' Varsity

Assistant coach one year later. For the past two years, Mr. Ciraco also has served as the assistant coach to the Varsity Boys' Baseball Team and Boys' Varsity Football Team.

He has always hoped to one

day be the head football coach. Stated in a *Journal News* interview in February, Ciraco said, "I didn't think the opportunity would come as it did, but it was certainly always a goal of mine."

Mr. Ciraco not only brings his experience and knowledge with coaching, but truly understands the dynamics of the Harrison Community. The players are excited to learn from a former Harrison football player, and coach Ciraco eagerly awaits the 2019 Varsity Football season.

Sophomore and varsity football player Casey Judelson was thrilled to hear the news that Ciraco would be the new football coach. He said, "Our team is excited because he played in Harrison, and won a state championship as a football player, and he is old time Harrison, meaning he has the old tradition in his DNA so he will bring it to Harrison."

Troy Straus says, "I am a quarterback, and Coach Ciraco was a quarterback too, and as I am trying to fill the shoes of being a quarterback, I'm hoping he'll teach me everything he knows about playing the position in a Harrison uniform."



The new coach brings experience and tradition. New Varsity Football Head Coach Jay Ciraco brings a heritage of winning with him. Coach Ciraco was a quarterback for the Huskies, leading his teams to three Sectional titles. Now he's hoping he can bring that winning tradition back to HHS.
Courtesy of Mr. Chris Galano

Strong Hockey Season Ends in Quarterfinal Loss

Ben Stephenson

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The Rye-Town/Harrison (RTH) Titans finished off a fantastic 2018-2019 regular season, but not the way they wanted to as they lost to the Mahopac Indians in the Section 1 quarterfinals.

The Titans had home advantage in a must-see game at Playland Ice Casino. The game started off with a buzz and both teams came out with a lot of intensity and physicality. Mahopac netted the first goal to lead 1-0, nine minutes into the first period. RTH came back with a vengeance, scoring two goals on a our minute major. Goals scored by Joey Harrison and Jonah Schultz. Mahopac being too

physical led to a surge by the Titans. Rye-Town/Harrison senior cap-

tain Jack Shapiro came up with a neutral-zone takeaway in the opening minute of the second period, which resulted in a short-handed goal by senior forward counterpart Christian Pizzutello. It gave the Titans all the momentum, along with 3-1 lead.

Unfortunately, the Indians did not let the two-goal lead faze them as they answered back shortly cutting the Titans lead to one four minutes later. Not too long after that, Mahopac forward TJ McKee tied the game at 3-3 halfway through. RTH got another power-play goal to take the lead again; this time 4-3. Like RTH, Mahopac never let giving up a goal lead to disaster by then tying the game up at four.

There was more give and take after that goal, and Rye Town/Harrison went up 5-4 on a short-handed goal by Jonah Schultz late in the second period.

Mahopac netted the equalizer with 6:32 remaining in the third period, off a setup.

To the dismay of the Titans, the Indians outshot RTH 10-1 in the third. This was a major turning point because it gave the Indians unwanted momentum.

"We let them out of their zone," Titans coach Rich Myers told Mike Dougherty of *LoHud*. "We played soft and gave them the opportunity to buzz. We said we needed to increase the tem-

po, get more aggressive with the forecheck, push their defense and stop that outlet pass to the middle for T.J. We just didn't do it."

Mahopac's TJ McKee would score again the final minutes of the third period which sent Mahopac off to playing Suffern in the Section 1 semi-final.

Jonah Schultz had a pair of goals. Joey Harrison and Evan Ketchabaw each finished with one goal and two assists. Jack Shapiro had three assists. Barry made 22 saves.

Despite losing a heartbreaking game, the Titans did finish the season with a phenomenal 19-3 record and many milestones came with that. Both Jack Shapiro and Christian Pizzutello finished their varsity careers with 100+ points. Jack Shapiro, Christian Pizzutello, Joey Harrison, Evan Ketchabaw and Jonah Schultz were all recognized around the league for their good play.



Line Change. The Rye-Town/Harrison Titans made huge strides in garnering respect this year from the whole league.

Courtesy of Vincent Longo



Goalie's perspective. Here's a view of the game from Nico Barry's perspective in front of the net. The puck moves fast and you need to be ready at all times.

Courtesy of Vincent Longo



Awaiting the pass. Forward Jonah Schultz sets up his shot ahead of the pass arriving shortly. Schultz scored a short-handed goal that put the Titans up 5-4 late in the second period. It was one of a pair of goals that Schultz would have that day. While the team wound up losing that contest to a very aggressive Mahopac team,, the season still was an amazing one. The Titans finished with a phenomnal 19-3 record.

Courtesy of Vincent Longo

Lacrosse Off to a Super Start

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The Harrison Lacrosse Varsity Teams are back on the field and looking forward to a winning season ahead. After graduating a strong lineup of their starting team, both teams have looked to fill their roster with younger talent. Caitlyn Rooney returns as the Girls' Varsity Head Coach, assisted by Megan Connelley. For the Boys' Varsity Team, Matthew Cipolla is Head Coach and is assisted by Michael Smith and Luke Beyer.



Stepping up his game. Senior Teddy Corcoran sizes up the field before him. He had two goals in the season opener.
Courtesy of Teddy Corcoran

Captains of the Boys' Varsity Team are seniors Austin Mueller, Connor Novak, Alejandro Aguirre, Paul Glenn, and Teddy Corcoran. Captains of the Girls' Varsity Team are juniors Sydney Saviano, Jess Saviano, Alexandra Sinis, and senior Bella Ferraro.

This spring looks especially promising as five players have been named as top players. According to *Lohud*, Harrison senior Austin Mueller and senior Connor Novak

are listed as "Players to Watch in the Lower Hudson Valley This Season," and as possible nominees for the annual Elite Eleven pre-season all-stars. Juniors Jessica Saviano, Sydney Saviano, and Ashley Stagg were also recognized in "Expanded Coaches' Pre-season Players-to-Watch List" for Girls' Lacrosse.

Girls' Varsity Team

Captain Alexandra Sinis says, "Even though our team has faced losses, I believe that we do a good job holding each other accountable for our mistakes and try to improve on those mistakes we have. In the beginning of the season we really needed to work on our transition passes, and in the recent games we have progressed to being able to get down the field in 10 seconds and connect great passes. I think if we all continue to work together and hold each other accountable for our mistakes and fix these mistakes in future games, our team can have a very successful season!"

The girls team opened their season with a home game against Tappan Zee on Friday, March 22. Despite a strong fight, the Girls' Varsity Husky team fell to Tappan Zee by a final score of 15-6. Sydney Saviano scored four goals for Harrison and Jess Saviano had one goal and two assists. Ashley Stagg also had one goal. Sophomore goalie Izzie Cipriano had five saves.

The Girls' team refocused as they had face another tough opponent, the top ranked team of Brewster, only a few days later. The Huskies trailed by only three goals at the half with a score of 9-6. Jessica Saviano shined in midfield, winning eleven draws, adding two goals and helping with three assists. Sydney Saviano had four goals, two assists and two draw controls. Ashley Stagg had five goals and one assist. Freshman Caitlin Oestreicher scored her first varsity career goal. Izzie Cipriano had an outstanding game in goal with 14 saves.

The Girls' team was next away at Byram Hills where they faced a close game, but ended up with the loss. The away game at Rye also did not fare well, as the Rye team were quick on their feet to score a quick four goals in the first few minutes of the game. The Harrison offensive line were determined to score and Sydney Saviano picked up a ground ball and ran it upfield to score the first goal for Harrison.

The Rye Garnets outplayed Harrison with a strong defensive lineup and won with a final score of 17-7.

The Husky Girls' team is young with many new players, and these girls know that they will have a challenging season playing some of the best teams in section one including Briarcliff, Lakeland, Somers, Yorktown, and Horace Greeley.

Captain Bella Ferraro says, "As the season progresses, I look forward to



Huddling up to discuss a winning strategy. The Boys' Varsity Team is off to a great start, with three victories already under their belts. However, there are several tough opponents upcoming in the schedule.

Courtesy of Teddy Corcoran

working on building a team together and to strengthen our relationships on and off the field. I also want all of my teammates to put 100 percent effort into every game."

Boys' Varsity Team

The crowds filled the stands of the McGillicuddy Husky Stadium on March 27 for the Boys' Varsity Team season opener against Nyack. The team was down 2-1 at the half but came back strong in the second half with a 9-3 victory. Eighth grader Ryan Kaplan was a strong force in goal with 17 saves. On the offensive line, senior Austin Mueller lead the team with three goals and three assists. Sophomore Wyatt Keller added another two goals and one assist while senior Teddy Corcoran had two goals. Sophomore Charlie Canell and junior Mike Araujo each contributed one goal. Sophomores Jonah Schultz and Tyler Joseph also had one assist each.

Senior Austin Mueller said, "The team is very young but there are a few seniors on the team that will take leadership on the team. We have to get used to having a heavier workload and having to provide the spark for our team to succeed but we will progress as the season goes on."

The Boys' Varsity Husky Lacrosse team moved to a 2-0 season record with a 12-6 victory over White Plains. Senior Connor Novak returned to the starting lineup after a hip injury and was key in leading the

Huskies to victory with six goals and three assists. Austin Mueller also had a great offensive game with four goals and three assists.

Teddy Corcoran and Jonah Schultz each added one goal and one assist. Charlie Canell had one assist. Finally, Ryan Kaplan had another outstanding game in goal with 10 saves.

The main reason for their success this game was because of their hustle. Each player hustled for the 50/50 balls and helped maintain possession of the ball which led to more shots on net.

Sophomore Cooper Danzig reflects on his team's performance and says, "During every practice, all of my teammates push each other to get better in order to prepare for our games in the best way possible. Every member on the team is held responsible for their attitude and effort to help strengthen the team as a whole."

The winning streak came to an end as the Boys' Varsity team went on the road to Clarkstown South. The Harrison Huskies fell 8-5 against this top ranked team. Connor Novak had three goals.

Harrison was quick to move on and bounce back from this loss as they played. Ardsley High School at home two days later. Harrison had a 5-0 lead on Ardsley in the first quarter, and by halftime were still up with a score of 7-3. This game was all Harrison as they dominated the game, winning 13-6. Connor Novak led the games with goals scored with

an incredible five goals. Huskies out-hustled Ardsley and added another victory to their terrific season

The Huskies are proving to be a very good lacrosse team but though their seniors are great. The future is looking even better for Harrison. The first major impact on the future is the goalie. The starting goalie for the lacrosse team is only in eighth grade. Ryan Kaplan has played very well and he will only get better as he becomes a high schooler. With great coaching Ryan has lots of potential to be one of the best goalies ever for Harrison.

Another key factor to the future success of the lacrosse team is the sophomores. There are many sophomores on the lacrosse team that have already started to make a difference on the team. This was shown in the first game of the season when Charlie Canell had one goal and one assist. This will also help out the seniors because it creates more help for them which will help the team be more successful. However one concern area for the future is defense. The sophomore class is filled with attackman, so if we want to be great we must work on the defensive game.

The upcoming schedule will have the boys team face off against John Jay next and then Fox Lane, Byram Hills, Horace Greeley, Rye, Blind Brook, Pelham and Yorktown.



Captain knows best. Senior Bella Ferraro leads by example, working hard to build team relationship skills that pay benefits on the field of play.
Courtesy of Bella Ferraro



Protecting the goal with another save. One of the many bright spots in the season thus far has been the play of goalie Izzie Cipriano. She had five saves in the opener, and fourteen more in the game against Brewster. She is definitely a player to watch as the rest of the season unfolds.

Courtesy of Izzie Cipriano