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37 High School Students Win Scholastics Arts and Writing Awards

Thirty-seven Paideia high school students were awarded gold and silver keys and honorable mention by the regional 2020 Scholastic Arts and Writing program. Students received 17 gold key and 22 silver key awards for art and photogra-

phy and 29 honorable mentions. Paideia students received 10 awards for writing including two gold keys, four silver keys and four honorable mentions. For the fifth year, Paideia students won the most gold key awards in the state for photography.

Gold key award winners will advance to the national competition.

Eighth grader **Elizabeth Doyle** was awarded two honorable mentions in two writing categories, short story and poetry.

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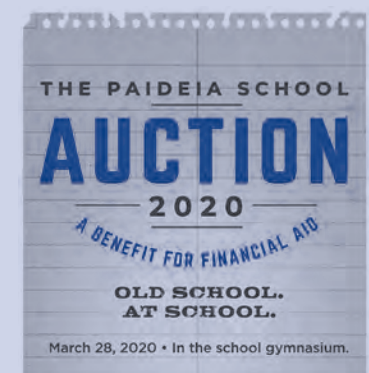


BPO's Black History Program Celebrates Entrepreneurs

The Black Parent Organization's Black History Month program was a Celebration of Entrepreneurs. A panel discussion on the challenges and rewards of being an entrepreneur with Paideia alums **Zane Major '06** of H.J. Russell Co., **Ben Carter '92** of K&J Beverage Co., Paideia parent **Theia Smith**, founder of the Women's Entrepreneurial Initiative and **Rashid Nur**, founder of Truly Living Well Center for Natural Urban Agriculture, was moderated by Paideia parent and attorney **Allegra Lawrence-Hardy**. Four elementary students, **Mya Moore**, **Zuri Evans**, **Sophie Oliver** and **Niko Nginyo-**

LaTore posed questions to the panel. Also part of the program were several local entrepreneurs with exhibits and workshops featuring their companies. At the end of the program, program attendees got a taste of menu items from several black Atlanta restauranters including Le Petit Marche, Paschal's, Sweet Auburn Seafood, Twisted Soul Cookhouse and Chef Jarvis. Members of the BPO Black History Month program committee were **David and Kamyra Brand**, **Shaun Evans**, **Allegra Lawrence-Hardy**, **Tanya LaTore** and BPO chairs **Nancy Maignan** and **Van Brown**.

DON'T MISS IT



Saturday, March 28
6 P.M.,
Paideia Gym
Tickets, \$50 in advance and
\$75 at the door

paideiaschool.org/auction

Paideia Teams Advance to Odyssey of the Mind State Finals



Five Paideia teams competed at the Odyssey of the Mind Metro Atlanta Regional Competition and have advanced to the State Finals in Columbus, Ga. in April. Two elementary teams and three middle school teams coached by parent volunteers competed.

Coaches: **Paul Hernacki** and **Kevin Seefried**
Alok Ahn
Mika Hernacki
Sammie Estee
Rhea Patel
Konnor Seefried
Porter Higgins
Jose Moreno

Coaches: **Trent Gegax**, **Mario Resendiz**, and **Mario Jr. Resendiz**
Jesus Noe Reséndiz
Caroline Struby
Jelaena Moreno
Chandler Kirkland
Stella Gegax
Charlotte Sommerfeld
Devin Pearson

Coaches: **Stella Flampouri** and **Roelf Slopsema**
Owen Gold
Alex Slopsema
Maxim Slopsema
Cyrus Rahbari
Nathan Holmann
Margo Pierson
Gabe Tobin

Coaches: **Meredith Struby** and **Dan Margalit**
Bob Fooshee
Andrew Struby
Lily Margalit
Zannie Fooshee
Alex Mansion
David Johnson
Rohan Thomas

Coaches: **Laurie Gaydos**, **Chris Gaydos**, and **Lisa Tadayon**
Zakir Mamdani
Cassie Gaydos
Nishka Nagpal
Daniel Rahbari
Demi Pierson
Ezra Haslam

Student Achievements

Paideia Students Named to GMEA All State Chorus

Five students were accepted into GMEA All State Chorus. Three high school students were accepted, **Anna Zheng**, **Sophie Lyman**, and **Charles Eastman**, and two junior high students **Celia Reed** and **Johanna Edlund**. The students passed two rigorous auditions to be accepted and participated in a three-day event in late February.

Jordan Leslie '20 and **David Chung '22** were selected to participate in the Georgia All State Orchestra in Athens, Ga. on March 5-7. Jordan will play second chair cello in the 11/12 Full Orchestra. David will play violin in the 9/10 Full Orchestra.

High School Science Olympiad Team to Compete in Region Tournament

Senior captains **Chloe Morris** and **Regan Phelan** and junior captain **Javier Pardo** led the Paideia high school Science Olympiad team to a first place finish among single A schools at the Brookwood invitational in February. In individual events, junior captain **Daisy Solomon** and freshman **Cecilia Pardo** came in second out of 70 teams in the "Write It - Do It" event. The team advanced to compete in the Region Tournament in March.

Mock Trial Team Wins Regional Competition

The high school Mock Trial team won the Regional competition at DeKalb County Courthouse to advance to Georgia District Championship. **Athena Assikis** and **Kaiya Patel** won Best Lawyer Awards and **Ryan Eiler** and **Anna Claire Shuman** won Best Witness Awards.

Paideia Basketball Players Receive All-Area Honors

Varsity girls' basketball player **Christina Walker '20** was named to first team all-region team.

Varsity boys' basketball players **Joe Elston '22**, **Micah Eisen '21** and **Amien Hicks '22** were named All-Region honorable mention.

High School Short Term Class Tackles *Paideia@50*

This short term, *The Art of Advertising* students turned their sights to a challenge that was close to home: *Paideia@50*. The class, taught by **Kris Pinto, Beth Ventura, and Bob Conquest**, has pitched to Delta and Arby's in past years. This year, 24 students were tasked with developing a plan to promote *Paideia@50* within the community they know best.

Who better than the students who walk *Paideia's* halls every day to brainstorm ideas for engaging families and alumni? And who better to provide insight into resonating with a younger audience? Staff members were thrilled by the enthusiasm students had for the campaign and their eagerness to share its success.

Short term teacher, current parent, and marketing professional **Kris Pinto** was impressed by the caliber and originality of the presentations. "The direction on students' creative work was based on compelling insights they discovered after distilling research from our target audience, industries, culture, *Paideia*, and trends. It was quite remarkable." Although all four presentations were creative and thoughtful, Ad Aurum won the competition with their idea to increase *Paideia@50's* presence at campus events. Thanks to their pitch, you'll find members of the development staff sharing information about the campaign at events like Monday Morning Meeting and the Family Science Carnival. The *Paideia* development team looks forward to



integrating ideas from each of the teams into *Paideia's* communications to all of its constituencies throughout the course of the campaign.

Ad Aurum: **Lucy Gillett, Emma Jane Wanamaker, Miles Kirsh, Elijah McCauley, Cody Payne, and Mariana Henriquez**

Capital Ad\$: **Rohan Chanani, Arden**

Lunsford, Alexandra James, AJ Dyer, Mignonne Breaux, and Mitchell Felske

Stratton: **Anna Burgess, Audie Hobson, Aiden Danzig, Franck Bwelle, Rainey Wise, and Chris Trowhill**

Peace Love Ads: **Jack Collins, Ella Valk, Lilli Zegel, Patrick Leary, Molly Pickel, and Will Hutchinson**

Paideia Students Win Georgia Ornithological Society Scholarship

Paideia bird club members **Phillip Salzinger** and **Amit Kamma** are winners of this year's Georgia Ornithological Society Youth Birder's Scholarships. Phillip, a ninth grader, and sophomore Amit joined our *Paideia* Bird Club in the seventh grade. Since then, both Phillip and Amit have immersed themselves in the study of ornithology and honed their

remarkable bird identification skills. Phillip and Amit regularly attend our twice monthly bird walks and provide insight and inspiration for our new birders. In addition, Phillip and Amit are actively involved in our school's sustainability program facilitated by **Korri Ellis**, sustainability coordinator. The destinations for this year's

scholarship winners will be quite diverse, with Phillip headed to Camp Colorado near Estes Park and Amit landing on Hog Island, Maine. There is no doubt that Phillip and Amit will bring a wealth of knowledge and along with their enthusiasm for birding.

— Tom Painting, Bird Club Adviser

Mama Mia's a Hit with Audiences

The high school musical production of *Mama Mia* played to sold-out houses in January. The production transported gleeful audiences to a Greek island and back in time with the catchy lyrics of Abba songs reverberating long after the curtain went down.



Scholastic Awards

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The 2020 regional Scholastic Award high school recipients are:

Gold Key Award

Amelia Gaines, Photography
 Joe Jordak, Photography
 Duncan Kelly, Digital Art
 Aidyn Levin, Photography
 Juliana Margolis, Photography
 Zadie McConaughy, Photography
 Anna Miller, Photography (2)
 Tristan Ouweleen, Drawing and Illustration (2)
 Lucy Seward, Photography (3)
 Anna Claire Schuman, Photography
 Alie Urquhart, Jewelry
 Anna Zheng, Science Fiction & Fantasy/Short Story (2)

Silver Key Award

Audrey Felske, Painting
 Alexandra James, Jewelry
 Aidyn Levin, Photography
 Juliana Margolis, Photography
 Tristan Ouweleen, Art Portfolio
 Lia Paprocki, Photography
 Shelby Pullen, Photography (2)
 Taryn Robinson, Ceramics & Glass
 Jacob Schnell, Photography
 Lucy Seward, Photography (2)
 Victoria Silva, Photography (2)
 Jack Spencer, Photography
 Jack Tope, Photography
 Rainey Wise, Photography
 Emi Wu, Photography
 Sophia Huynh, Personal Essay & Memoir
 Anna Zheng, Writing Portfolio, Dramatic Script, Poetry (3)

Honorable Mention

Lylah Bannister, Drawing & Illustration
 Cameron Bjonness, Printmaking

Mignonne Breaux, Photography
 Cole Cannon, Photography
 Sarah Espinosa, Jewelry
 Amelia Gaines, Photography
 Isabel Goico, Drawing & Illustration
 Jay Johnson, Photography
 Ella Kim, Painting
 Helen Latting, Art Portfolio, Mixed Media (3)
 Aidyn Levin, Photography
 Juliana Margolis, Photography (3)
 Luna McCauley, Photography
 Tristan Ouweleen, Drawing & Illustration
 Caroline Pierce, Printmaking
 Ivy Reynolds, Photography
 Lucy Seward, Photography
 Anna Claire, Photography
 Jack Spencer, Photography
 Alie Urquhart, Jewelry
 Rainey Wise, Photography
 Elizabeth Doyle, Short Story, Poetry (2)
 Anna Zheng, Flash Fiction, Short Story (2)

Junior High Class Inspired to Support Georgia Innocence Project

Deeply affected by their viewing of the movie *Just Mercy*, **Tom** and **Kendall's** junior high class discussed the movie afterwards, and talked about ways they could become more active in promoting justice. The result: "the best bake sale ever," according to class member **Phoebe Luscher**. The sale netted \$205 which was donated in February to Decatur-based non-profit organization the Georgia Innocence Project.

Braylen Pendleton said as the class

discussed the movie, in which a black man wrongly accused of a crime was housed on death row a whole year before there was a trial, they were angry. "That stuff shouldn't be happening," he said. "We looked into it more and found out about the Georgia Innocence Project," he said.

The class held its "Equal Justice Initiative Bake Sale" at a pizza sale. Cookies, then cupcakes, were the best sellers, according to Phoebe. She said class members

wanted to support the organization. The Project's stated mission "is to advance practices that minimize the chances that others suffer the same fate and to educate the public that wrongful convictions are not rare or isolated events." The hope is that the organization will continue to educate people about the problems addressed in the movie and the class donation will further that effort.

Academic Bowl Team Advances in High Q Competition

The Paideia high school Academic Bowl team defeated Westminster to advance to the next round on the television show *High Q*. The team, **Rohan Leveille**, **Sean Zheng**, **Amit Kamma** and **Nikhel Krishna**, competing against Westminster aired on WSB TV on March 14.



Short Term Classes Offer a Rich Range of Subjects

Students in the high school had an opportunity to take a sampling of short term classes on a wide range of subjects. Here are just a few of the offerings.

Joseph Cullen's course offering was called "Poetry is for the Birds," and included poetry about birds in particular and nature in general. Students were encouraged to make their way outside for observations of the world around them. During the second half of the class, writing their own poems led to sharing and workshoping their work, all inspired by communing with nature and their feathered friends.

Students used the anthology *On Wings of Song* to delve into poems by poets including Marianne Moore, John Milton, Wallace Stevens and Ted Hughes. Some of the birds these poets wrote about included ostriches, peacocks, hawks and nightingales. During the course, Joseph asked

students to learn a relatively short poem of about 15 lines by heart and to write an essay about a poem that they liked. He also played a recording of British poet Ted Hughes reading his poem *Hawk Roosting*, that Hughes called a monologue written by a hawk.

In the math category, math teacher **Kim Mansion** taught a class on *Hidden Figures*, a recent popular movie which told how a group of black women worked on the foundation of the United States space program during the 50s and 60s time frame. This group was known as "human computers," working in math and engineering jobs at the NASA center in Langley, Va. The class also examined the turbulent times, including the civil rights movement, the Cold War and the space race, all woven together in the true story of this special group of women.

Modern language teacher **Eddy Hernandez** offered a course introducing students to modern Italian culture and basic language. The course focused on literature, music, and film as well as history, geography and politics. Students were able to engage in conversational Italian and had a chance to "manga" Italian food and possibly see an Italian movie. Short quizzes, oral and written projects on the Italian aspect of their choice rounded out the course.

"Eat, Smoke and Weave" was a class designed for students wishing to learn how plants were used in traditional cultures as well as today, with science teacher **Brian Smith**. Focusing on medicinal uses and making their own cordage from local plants, students could learn to identify local plants and use them to make paper and dyes among other things. This was a "learn by doing" hands-on course.

Alumni Parent Council Hosts Journalism Panel

The Alumni Parent Council hosted an invigorating discussion in February featuring six alumni working in the field of journalism: **Shannon Van Sant '95**, print and broadcast reporter and documentary filmmaker; **Mosi Secret '97**, independent journalist and former *New York Times* staff writer; **Charles Bethea '00**, staff writer for *The New Yorker*; **Emily Alpert Reyes '02**, staff writer for *The Los Angeles Times*; **Alex Glustrom '04**, independent documentary filmmaker and photographer; and **Rembert Browne '05**, creative lead, brand and voice for Twitter. Moderated by alumni parent and former news anchor **Monica Pearson**, the panel addressed "Where Does Mass Media Go From Here" in an age of fake news, technology take over and the reinvention of journalism itself.



more photos on page 7 Alumni parents and alumni enjoyed the panel discussion.

- **Bria Kam '05** is a song writer and musical composer in Vancouver, Washington. Bria and her wife, Chrissy, have committed themselves to the cause of civil rights and anti-bullying through their platform on YouTube. They were recently featured in *Rolling Stone*, *The Guardian* and *The Washington Post* for their work, both politically and musically, in helping tens of thousands of bullied and secreted LGBTQ youth living in the Americas, Saudi Arabia, Russia, and around the world.

- **Charles Boyd '10** is working as a history professor at Georgia State University and he gives presentations at historical conferences across the U.S. Currently writing fiction and non-fiction literature, he is very excited about his latest adventure...a new dog!
- **Noah Berch '11** and **Emma Coulter '11** are based out of Brooklyn, N.Y. and in 2010 they co-directed the student run production of *Godspell* alongside **Emily Kaplan '11**.

Ten years later, they are working together again on the play *Bent* by Martin Sherman. Emma is the director and producer while Noah is the lead costume designer.

- **Quill Yates '13** is living in New Zealand and playing rugby at Linwood Rugby Club. He works for Student Volunteer Army, a nonprofit that focuses on getting young people to volunteer.

Scene at the APC Journalism Panel



Save the Date

Mark your calendars for Alumni Reunion Weekend April 24-26 Shout out to **Caitlin McClure '02** for designing our logo.

Come celebrate on Friday night with live music at the on campus BBQ courtesy of the Dead Pig Society, (the faculty/staff group led **Carl Rosenbaum**), Movable Feast ATL (**Ollie Honderd '07** and **Paula Seville '08**) and Yalda Provisions (**Rachel Feinberg '08**).

Classes of **75, 80, 85, 90, 95, 00, 05, 10 and 15** reunion parties will be Saturday evening at various locations. The class with the highest Alumni Fund giving participation percentage wins the coveted Reunion Cup and \$100 towards their party!

Sunday morning bring your kids for a playdate on the firetruck playground. Sunday afternoon the Black Parent Organization hosts their spring reception featuring author **Hugh Hunter '09**.



Spotlight

March marks the launch of "1509 Minutes of Giving" a social media campaign designed to bring in as many gifts to the Alumni Fund as possible in just over 24 hours. The Alumni Fund, a component of the Annual Fund, designates 100 percent of money raised towards financial aid at Paideia. Follow @paideiaalums to stay in the loop and shout out to **Todd Harris '97** for designing our logo!



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The ancient Greek word *Paideia* conveys the concept of a child's total education: intellectual, artistic, and social.

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2020-2021 Paideia School Calendar

Thursday, Aug. 20	School Starts
Monday, Sept. 7	No School - <i>Labor Day</i>
Monday, Sept. 28.....	No School ~ <i>Yom Kippur</i>
Wednesday, Oct. 14.....	No School for Seniors, Half Day for Grades 9-11 ~ <i>Half Day, Elementary and Junior High in Session</i>
Thursday-Friday, Oct. 15-16.....	No School - <i>Fall Break</i>
Wednesday, Oct.21	Half Day and Elementary School Early Dismissal
Friday, Oct. 30.....	Conference Day, No School for Half Day, Elementary and Junior High Only ~ <i>High School in Session</i>
Wed.-Fri., Nov. 25-27	No School ~ <i>Thanksgiving Break</i>
Thursday, Dec. 17	Last Day before Holiday Break
Monday, Jan. 4	Classes Resume from Holiday Break
Monday, Jan. 18.....	No School ~ <i>MLK, Jr. Holiday</i>
Friday, Jan. 29.....	No School for High School Only ~ <i>Half Day, Elementary and Junior High in Session</i>
Monday, Feb. 15	No School ~ <i>Admissions Day</i>
Thursday-Friday, Feb. 25-26	No School ~ <i>Winter Break</i>
Wednesday, March 17.....	No School ~ <i>Professional Development Day</i>
Monday- Friday, April 5-9.....	No School ~ <i>Spring Break</i>
Monday, April 19.....	Conference Day, No School for Half Day, Elementary and Junior High Only <i>High School in Session</i>
Wednesday, May 12.....	No School for High School Only ~ <i>Half Day, Elementary and Junior High in Session</i>
Monday, May 31	No School ~ <i>Memorial Day</i>
Friday, June 4.....	Last Day of School