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#Be100 is the moto for this year's Disney Dreamers Academy, and Fox Chapel's own Jacques Moyer was selected to be one of the elite 100 this year that will get to participate in the magical experience of a lifetime. The Disney Dreamers academy is a four day event for 100 high school students held at the Walt Disney World Resort. Hosted by Steve Harvey, the Academy allows students to expand their horizons at career workshops, talk to mentors about their paths to success, develop interviewing, networking, and other skills that will give them an edge in the workplace, and receive complimentary airfare, hotel accommodation, and theme park tickets for the student and their parent.

Jacques is a sophomore at Fox Chapel Area High School, and he runs Cross Country and Indoor and Outdoor Track. He has dreams of being an Astrophysicist, and the Disney Dreamers Academy will give him the unique opportunity to begin networking for his future career while still in high school. Jacques has gone on a European cultural trip to Amsterdam and Joy Ministries mission trips to Haiti, and this trip to Disney will be another influential trip in Jacques life. One day he hopes to visit and even work with NASA as an Astrophysicist. To be selected as a dreamer Jacques had to answer a variety of essay questions that truly dug into who he is a person. The questions were "If you were given a phone/recording device and 24 hours, where would you go and what would you capture?", "Which title (movie or book) best describes you and why?", "How could the world be different because you have achieved your dream?", "What celebrity, community leader, or social media influencer inspires you and why?", "If you could impact one social issue, what would it be and why?", "What inspires your dream and what obstacles have been a challenge to achieving your dream?" Jacques was selected because he loves learning and creativity, cares about those around him, faces obstacles with pose and maturity, has optimism about the future, and acts with a generous spirit. He will attend the Disney Dreamers Academy at the end of March.

KASLEWICZ CANDIDATE IN PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLARS PROGRAM

Fox Chapel Area High School senior Elizabeth Kaslewicz has been named a candidate in the 2019 United States Presidential Scholars Program. Approximately 4,500 students from across the U.S., and 99 from Pennsylvania, have been named candidates in this year's program. Inclusion in the Presidential Scholars Program, begun in 1964, is one of the nation's highest honors bestowed upon graduating high school seniors. Students are initially selected for the program based on academic achievement and having scored exceptionally well on the SAT or the ACT. The candidates must then complete an application which includes essays, self-assessments, and secondary school reports and transcripts. Candidates are evaluated based on their academic achievement, personal characteristics, leadership and service activities, and the quality and content of their essay. About 600 students will be selected as Semifinalists in the program and then students chosen as Scholars



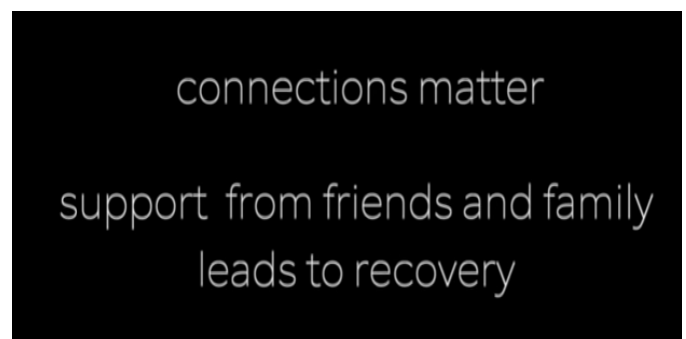
will be notified this spring. Each year, up to 161 students are named U.S. Presidential Scholars. Scholars will be invited to Washington, D.C., in June for an expenses-paid trip to meet with government officials, educators, and other accomplished people. They will also receive the Presidential Scholars medallion at a special recognition ceremony sponsored by the White House.

GRACE HAN PLACES THIRD IN PSA CONTEST



Fox Chapel Area High School junior Grace Han recently won third place in the FBI Pittsburgh's 2018-19 HOPE (Heroin Outreach Prevention and Education) PSA Contest. The competition was sponsored by the Pittsburgh Penguins Foundation and the FBI Citizens Academy Alumni Association. For the contest, Grace created a PSA-awareness video entitled "Myths NOT to Live By" that won third place in the Judge's Choice category. Grace was awarded a \$1,500 grant to support the district's AV/media programs, in order to enhance students' learning experiences through community safety projects. She also won five VIP party suite tickets to attend the February 5, 2019, Pittsburgh Penguins' game.

The goal of the Penguins' and the FBI's partnership is to challenge youth to find creative and innovative ways to raise awareness on the dangers of fentanyl and prescription opioid abuse and heroin use. A total of 37 entries were submitted by students from schools across the Pittsburgh area.



(The award-winning videos can be viewed at <https://fbip-ghcaaa.org/hope/youth/psacontest/winners/>)



Several Fox Chapel Area School District students were selected by audition to perform with the 2019 Allegheny Valley Honors Band. This group is comprised of select student musicians from the Fox Chapel Area, Hampton, North Allegheny, Northgate, North Hills, Pine-Richland, Riverview, and Shaler Area school districts. The students chosen were Fox Chapel Area High School seniors Isabela Berg, Megan Hayes, Noah Manges, Eric Moore, Glenna Van Dyke, and Seo Yeon Wang; juniors Roman DiSanti, Hannah Drum, Jacob Rendall, and Anzu Sekikawa; sophomores Madelyn Francis, Ari Gould, Saralynn Hagmaier, Nathaniel Kisslinger, Michael VanDemark, Joey Wang, and Matthew Zytznick; and freshmen Jonah Compton, Janise Kim, Miguel Quemado, and Siddharth Yende; and Dorseyville Middle School eighth graders Zoe Broyles, Elijah Conklin, Michael DeCecco, Sonny Hur, Lawrence Liu, George McDermott, Eliza Meyer, Silas Owens, Arvind Seshan, Ethan Tan, and Lans Taylor; and seventh graders Chloe Kim and Jack Lynch. The Allegheny Valley Honors Band Festival was held at North Hills Middle School February 7 and 8. The conductors were Dr. Timothy Mahr, the conductor of the St. Olaf College Band in Minnesota, and Adam Gumble, director of athletic bands at West Chester University in Pennsylvania.

STUDENTS SELECTED FOR NATIONAL COMPUTING AWARD

Two Fox Chapel Area High School students have been selected as National Honorable Mention recipients of the 2019 National Center for Women & Information Technology (NCWIT) Award for Aspirations in Computing. The students are sophomore Amulya Garimella and freshman Janise Kim. They are two of 400 winners selected from across the nation, and two of only 12 winners from Pennsylvania. The NCWIT Award for Aspirations in Computing recognizes young women for their demonstrated interests and achievements in computing, proven leadership ability, academic performance, and plans for postsecondary education. Amulya and Janise were chosen from more than 4,300 applicants from high schools representing all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, and all U.S. overseas military bases. Students in grades 9-12 are eligible for the award and a total of 40 winners and 360 honorable mentions were given.

Since 2007, the NCWIT has honored thousands of young women. The national sponsor of the program is Bank of America.



For the fourth year in a row, students in Mr. Joe Gass' advanced materials processing class competed in Shaler Area High School's fourth-annual STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics) competition. For this year's competition, students developed a launching system and self-made airplane that had to fly various distances, and they also participated in classroom-based challenges.

Congratulations to Dom Brancati, Bennett Marsico, and Josh Higgins for all their hard work!



APPLICANT INFORMATION:

I am applying for (check one): Comprehensive Leadership Package _____
Emerging Leadership Package _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Telephone: (____) _____ Cell Phone: (____) _____

Student Email Address: _____

Parent Email Address: _____

Mother/Guardian Name: _____

Father/Guardian Name: _____

Grade level for the 2019/2020 school year (check one): _____ 10th _____ 11th _____ 12th

What are your academic and/or professional interests? _____

How did you hear about this program? _____

Are you interested in learning more about Fox Chapel Area High School summer courses offered at a discount? (circle one) Yes No

EDUCATOR ENDORSEMENT:

Recommending Teacher Name (print): _____

Subject/Position: _____ Telephone: _____

Email: _____

School Name: _____

I verify and recognize _____ to be a credible candidate that would benefit and enhance the Empower2019 program.

Educator Signature: _____ Date: _____

Return completed application and payment to Lisa Gibson, room 163.



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FCAHS/BEATTIE STUDENTS TO BE INDUCTED INTO TECHNICAL HONOR SOCIETY

Three Fox Chapel Area High School students who also attend the A.W. Beattie Career Center will be inducted into the National Technical Honor Society (NTHS). The students are senior Haley Hogan, who is enrolled in Beattie's Health and Nursing program, and juniors Jon "JP" DeLuca, enrolled in Beattie's Emergency Response Technology program, and Elliot McDade, who is also in Beattie's Health and Nursing program.

Thousands of schools and colleges have a chapter of the NTHS, which recognizes outstanding student performance and character in career and technical education. Each chapter has unique standards for induction. A.W. Beattie students must maintain a 3.0 GPA or higher on a 4.0 scale in their home school districts, have at least a 93 percent grade in their career technical education program, miss no more than five days of school, have no disciplinary actions, and be a member of a service organization or participate in an extracurricular activity.

"I am extremely proud of our students," A.W. Beattie School Counselor and NTHS Advisor Kim Zylinski said. "They work very hard in their district as well as their career program to earn this opportunity. These students go on to do great things in the world and often return to Beattie to help continue the school's mission to prepare students to be college and career ready." The 65 Beattie inductees joined 25 students who have been a member of the NTHS for at least one year at a ceremony on March 13, 2019, at the A.W. Beattie Career Center.

"Hard work should be recognized, which is why the ceremony is important," Zylinski said. "It is a reminder that our student body are extraordinary young men and women who possess talents and skills that are valued in today's society."



SAFE2SAY SOMETHING

Educators, parents, students, and community members are now able to submit anonymous tips through Safe2Say Something, a new statewide youth violence prevention program and reporting system.

We want parents and guardians to know that the Fox Chapel Area School District has an approved plan in place for the use of Safe2Say.

The program, which is mandated under PA state law, teaches students, educators, and administrators how to recognize warning signs and signals, especially within social media, of individuals who may be a threat to themselves or others and to say something to a trusted adult or use its anonymous reporting system.

With the anonymous reporting system, it's easy and confidential to report safety concerns to help prevent violence and tragedies.

How It Works:

- ☑ Submit an anonymous tip report 24/7 through the Safe2Say Something system through the website, app, or by phone at 1-844-SAF2SAY (1-844-723-2729).
- ☑ Crisis center reviews, assesses, and processes all submissions
- ☑ Crisis center sends all submissions to school administration and/or law enforcement for intervention
- ☑ If needed, crisis center may contact tipster anonymously through the app

The Fox Chapel Area School District also has a plan to teach our students about the program through age-appropriate discussions within the classrooms.

In addition to Safe2Say, the Fox Chapel Area School District also has its own phone tip line and website reporting system. These enable parents and students to confidentially report any safety issues. The phone number is 412/696-1420, or visit the district's website at www.fcasd.edu and

click on "Safety Tip Lines" on the right-hand side.

FCAHS Students Place in SkillsUSA Competition

Two Fox Chapel Area High School/A.W. Beattie Career Center students recently placed in the SkillsUSA District 8 competition. Sophomore **Ashton Monroe**, who is studying culinary arts, was awarded a first place in the Restaurant Service category. Ashton has now qualified to participate in SkillsUSA Pennsylvania competition. Additionally, senior cosmetology student **Paige Shurina** won third place in the Esthetics category. The District 8 regional competition was held January 21, 2019, at various locations throughout Pittsburgh. The A.W. Beattie students competed with students from from nine local career and technical education schools at the district level. The state competition will be held April 11 and 12 in Hershey, Pennsylvania. Students who earn first place at SkillsUSA Pennsylvania will participate at the national level competition, which will be held June 24-28 in Louisville, Kentucky. “Essentially, these competitions are our sports,” A.W. Beattie SkillsUSA advisor Heather Brown said. “Instead of asking who is the best soccer player or football player, we are competing to be the best welder, the best carpenter, the best graphic designer, things to get kids excited about their potential career fields.”

Brown continued, “It’s so cool to see young people be so intense and passionate about their field that they want to compete and show their skill level off. They’re taking what they’ve learned in the classroom and trying to display proudly for people to see all across the state or the country.” SkillsUSA is a national student organization that develops leadership skills to complement what students learn in career and technical education programs.



Eleven Fox Chapel Area High School students were recently chosen for two 2019 Pennsylvania Music Educators Association (PMEA) honors bands.

- PMEA District 1 Honors Jazz Ensemble – Fox Chapel Area High School seniors Alexander Perez and Glenna Van Dyke, and juniors Michael Mendelson and Jacob Rendall, were selected by audition to perform with the PMEA District 1 Honors Jazz Ensemble. Each year, three 19-piece jazz bands are made up of students who audition from the nearly 90 school districts that make up PMEA District 1. The PMEA District 1 Honors Jazz Ensemble performed at North Allegheny Senior High School February 2, under the direction of world-renown jazz arrangers/composers Michael Kamuf and Ralph Ford.

FC'S BLACK STUDENT UNION EDUCATES DURING BLACK HISTORY MONTH

BY CHRYSTAL UDUMUKWU

Throughout the month of February, the Black Student Union did a phenomenal job of showing and helping their fellow peers the importance and culture of African American History. As the weeks passed, they hosted a variety of activities to showcase the talents of many African American influencers.

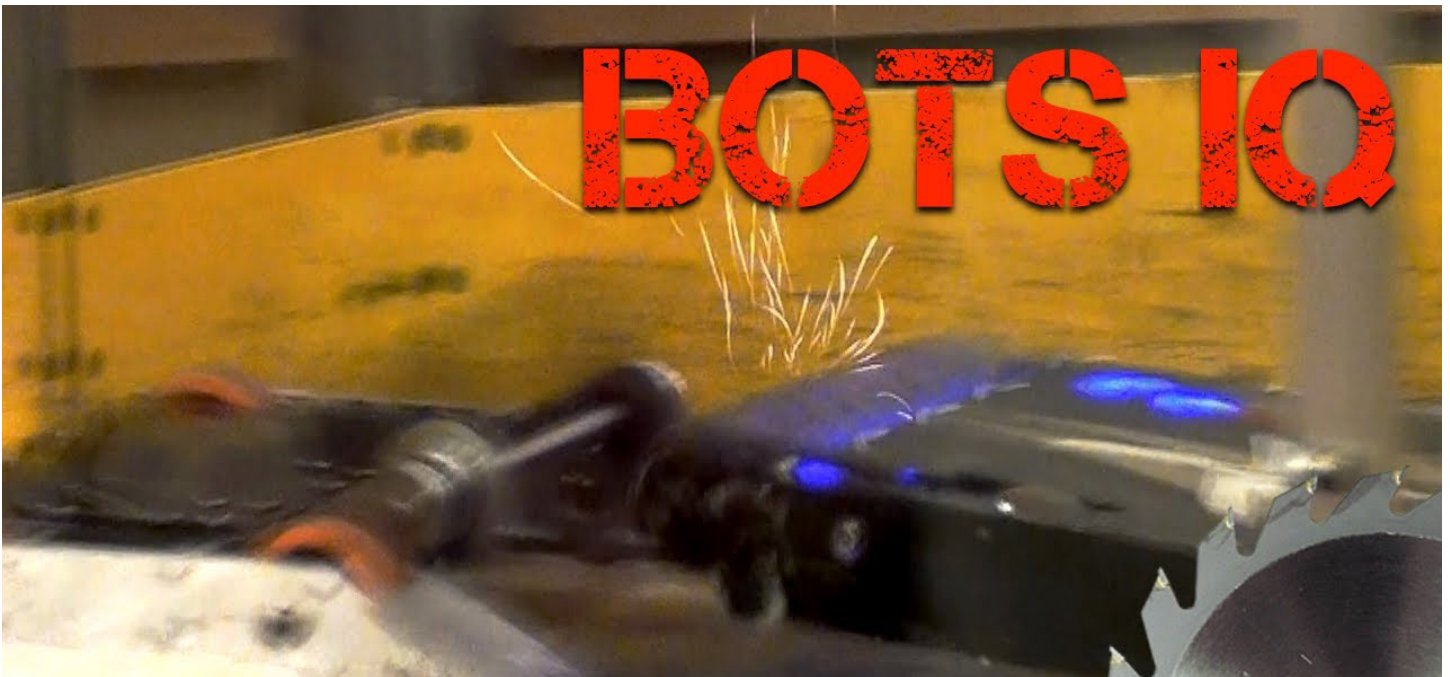
One guest speaker is the grandmother of club president William Generett. She lived in Birmingham Alabama during the civil rights movement. Her touching story illustrated what it takes to be an incredible leader. She taught us that we may all go through challenges, but it is about how we tackle them that truly makes us beat the odds.

Each week of Black History Month included an after-school movie and pizza event, coordinated by Mrs. Green and Ms. Susser. Students gathered to view and discuss various movies, including "Black Panther," "Rosa Parks Story," and "Freedom Riders."

Students also ventured to Oakland when Stop the Violence Pittsburgh presented "Black History is American History" at Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hall. This event featured presentations and instruction about the 1619 African arrival in North America, the evolution of black music, Pittsburgh's Underground Railroad, Jim Crow in Western PA, and more. Throughout the presentations, Phi Beta Gama fraternity, showed us creative steps to popular songs and got the crowd hyped.

The month wrapped up with one final event, the BSU Open Mic. Many students attended and shared their original pieces. Students Emma Lusk and Zion Jackson showed their talents by contributing stellar performances. Rocking the crowd, they helped make Black History Month here at Fox Chapel a true joy and a success.

FOX CHAPEL AREA HIGH SCHOOL EXCELS AT REGIONAL PRELIMINARY COMPETITION



Students from Fox Chapel Area High School placed second at the Southwestern PA BotsIQ Preliminary Competition. The battles were held at the Butler County Community College on March 9th. Fox Chapel Area High School's 15lb battle bot "Reaper" won all of its battles, thus advancing to the finals.

After two great battles with Pine-Richland, the team finished second and qualified for the PA BotsIQ competition against 83 teams and 65 schools. Fox Chapel Area High School's bot "Reaper" and Pine-Richland High School's bot "Cerberus" were in an epic battle," says Travis Kobert, a senior battle bot driver and team leader. "Both battle bots did a lot of damage to each other during the 3-minute bout. There were only three battle bots left and it was a long day with ten hours of competitions and engineering. We learned a lot about our bot today and what changes need to be made for the state competitions in April. We will be ready!" Fox Chapel's team will be one of the top 9 teams at the state competition, thus increasing the chances of making it to the finals at the SWPA BotsIQ competition.

Team members include: Ryan Billings, Ethan Werner, Nicholas Guy, Thomas Grandizio, Jacob Keeler, Travis Kobert, Connor McAtee, Lauren Sabol and Michael Scanlon. The team could not have done it without the help of all of the students in Advanced Robotics Engineering class.

SENIORS NAMED WINNERS IN C-SPAN'S NATIONAL STUDENTCAM CONTEST



Three Fox Chapel Area High School students were recently named winners in a national contest. Seniors Lauren Copeland, Alaina Kotchey, and Adina Munin received an honorable mention in C-SPAN's 2019 StudentCam competition. StudentCam is C-SPAN's annual national video documentary contest that encourages students to think critically about issues that affect our communities and our nation. The Fox Chapel Area students created a short documentary entitled, "The Freedom and Choice to Use Your Voice," and the theme was "What Does it Mean to be American?". The winners were announced March 13 during C-SPAN's morning call-in program, "Washington Journal." The contest was open to students in grades six-12 from across the nation.

The Fox Chapel Area High School student's winning video can be viewed at: <http://www.viddler.com/v/ae301752>. They won \$250 for their honorable mention designation.

FCAHS STUDENTS AMONG THE BEST AT STATE FORENSIC TOURNAMENT

Six Fox Chapel Area High School students recently placed at the Pennsylvania High School Speech League (PHSSL) State Championship Tournament. The team of junior Rajeev Godse and sophomore Jackson Romero finished as semifinalists in Policy Debate, placing them in the top four in the state. The team of juniors J. Oliver Choo and Sina Shaikh were named semifinalists in Public Forum Debate, placing them in the top four of the state. Junior Jackson Boychuk placed seventh overall in the House for Student Congress, and sophomore Suparna Agrawal was a quarterfinalist in Impromptu Speaking, placing her in the top 24 students in the state.

The state tournament was held March 15 and 16, 2019, at Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania. Approximately 620 students representing 96 high schools from across the state participated in the tournament.



Eight Fox Chapel Area High School students were selected to perform with the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association Region One Honors Band at New Castle High School. This group is composed of students from high schools in Allegheny, Beaver, Butler, Fayette,

Greene, Lawrence, Mercer, Washington, and Westmoreland counties. The students selected were sophomore Madelyn Francis (french horn), senior Megan Hayes (clarinet), senior Hannah Kim (flute), sophomore Nathaniel Kisslinger (french horn), senior Alexander Perez (trumpet), sophomore Anzu Sekikawa (clarinet), senior Glenna Van Dyke (clarinet), and sophomore Joey Wang (clarinet). The guest conductor was Dr. Stephen Gage, director of bands and orchestra at Youngstown State University.

STUDENTS PLACE IN GERMAN DAY COMPETITION



Fourteen Fox Chapel Area High School students recently placed in the annual Three Rivers German Day Competition. Sophomore Meredith Francis won second place in the fictional writing category. In the music presentation category, the team of seniors Mattias Ahlers, Isabella Boleng, Diana Crookston, Ruth Hartmann, Courtney Kennedy, Sarah Khanzada, Noah Manges, Alexandra Meinert, and Jes Sauereisen; juniors Henry Jacques and Alyssa Mattheis; and sophomores Henry Parker Burlingham and Katherine Cecil won third place for their performance of “Hampelmann.” The Three Rivers German Day Competition was open to middle school and high school students from across Western Pennsylvania and West Virginia and was held March 7, 2019, at Washington & Jefferson College. More than 300 students participate in the event each year which is sponsored by the Western Pennsylvania/West Virginia Chapter of the American Association of Teachers of German (AATG).



Fox Chapel Area High School students Michael Mendelson (guitar), Alexander Perez (trumpet), Jacob Rendall (piano), and Glenna Van Dyke performed with the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association (PMEA) District 1 Honors Jazz Ensemble on Saturday at North Allegheny High School. The ensemble was under the direction of world-renowned jazz arrangers and composers Michael Kamuf and Ralph Ford. Congratulations to these talented musicians!

FCA STUDENTS NAMED 2019 NATIONAL MERIT® FINALISTS

Ten Fox Chapel Area High School seniors have been designated as National Merit Finalists in the 2019 National Merit Scholarship Program conducted by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC). The Finalists from Fox Chapel Area High School are Justin Breen, Theresa Heidenreich, Rachel Himmel, Elizabeth Kaslewicz, Zachary Lakkis, Mitchell Miles, Annika Urban, Gina Wang, Landon Williams, and Ziya Xu.

These Fox Chapel Area High School students were named Semifinalists in September 2018 and have met all the requirements to advance to Finalist standing in the competition for National Merit Scholarships which will be announced this spring. The students are selected as Finalists based on their Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT) scores and other factors, including SAT scores, a student essay, a school recommendation, and having an outstanding academic record throughout high school.

Each year college-bound 11th grade students complete the PSAT/NMSQT. All the students who take this test are automatically enrolled in the National Merit Scholarship Program and approximately 15,000 advance to become Finalists. The Finalists represent less than one percent of the nation's high school seniors and compete for some 7,500 Merit Scholarships worth more than \$32 million to be offered in the spring of 2019.

The NMSC is a privately financed, not-for-profit corporation.



TAKING A STAND AGAINST THE THREAT OF GLOBAL WARMING

BY GRACE HAN

The world we live in is one we share. Not only with other humans, but with animals, plants, and myriad organisms. We often forget that our world must remain a shared place for us to survive. Everything works in a cycle, and destruction of even a small part of the cycle impacts everything around it. Recently, Swedish sixteen year-old Greta Thunberg made headlines for her weekly school walkouts that she conducted by sitting outside of the Swedish parliament building by herself. Thunberg has been protesting the lack of government and policy changes that would help prevent further climate change and global warming. When questioned about missing school for her #FridaysForFuture protests and whether it is a detriment to her education, she simply stated, “Why should any young person be made to study for a future when no one is doing enough to save that future? What is the point of learning facts when the most important facts given by the finest scientists are ignored by our politicians?” Thunberg stresses that no meaningful policy changes have been made through spreading awareness, so there’s no choice left for people who care about the world but to act and actively change our laws and routines -- right now! Through activism!

One of the youngest people to be nominated for a Nobel Peace Prize, Thunberg uses every ounce of her publicity to speak out and inspire teens to take to the streets and reverse the political inaction on climate change. Her activism has inspired thousands of global protests worldwide, and she has given talks about the world crisis at both TED and the United Nations Climate Change COP24 Conference. Thunberg has shown the world what a significant impact one person can make on the world. Her messages are far from endearing; they’re powerful, pointed; aimed to make the public take action. “I don’t want your hope. I don’t want you to be hopeful. I want you to panic... and act as if the house was on fire,” Thunberg exclaimed. The teenage activism epidemic is spreading. Taking a stand to save the environment from the threat of global warming and climate change will create a safer, healthier, and happier future for generations to come. Isn’t it time for FC to join Greta’s mission? Follow Greta Thunberg on Instagram @GretaThunberg to find out how to get involved!

FCA JUNIOR PERFORMS WITH HONOR ORCHESTRA OF AMERICA



Fox Chapel Area High School junior Noah Hertzman was selected to perform as part of Music for All's 2019 Honor Orchestra of America. He was chosen from numerous applicants to join other outstanding musicians from across the nation as part of this prestigious ensemble. Honor Orchestra of America members came from 23 states and represented 56 high schools. Noah plays cello and was selected as a member of the Honor Orchestra of America by recorded audition. The Orchestra is recognized as one of the finest scholastic ensembles in the nation. The group rehearsed and performed in concert as part of the Music for All National Festival, presented by Yamaha, March 14-16 in Indianapolis, Indiana.

"To be selected from among their peers for membership in this national ensemble is a great achievement and honor," says James P. Stephens Jr., director of advocacy and educational resources for Music for All. "The 2019 Honor Orchestra of America members are ambassadors of America's music programs, as well as their states, schools, and communities."

Noah is also a member of the Fox Chapel Area High School Orchestra and Ambassadors Orchestra, under the direction of teacher Mairi Cooper. A cellist since age eight, he is also a member of the Pittsburgh Youth Symphony Orchestra, under the baton of Maestro Earl Lee, and a student of cellist Katya Janpoladyan. Noah has performed in side-by-side concerts with the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra and the New York Pops Orchestra. He been a member of the French Woods Festival of the Performing Arts Symphony Orchestra since 2014 and has performed solos in the festival's Concerto Night for the past three years. He participates in chamber music quartets and quintets through Pittsburgh's Youth Chamber Connection and is an alumnus of the Three Rivers Young Peoples Orchestras.

In its 28 th year, the Music for All National Festival is an annual program of Music for All, one of the nation's largest and most influential organizations in support of active music making, headquartered in Indianapolis. Since 1975, Music for All has set the standard for scholastic music ensemble performance and music education advocacy. As a 501(c)(3) nonprofit educational organization, Music for All's mission is to create, provide, and expand positively life-changing experiences through music for all, working to ensure that every child in America has access to active music making in his or her scholastic environment.

AWARD WINNERS AT PJAS REGIONAL COMPETITION

Several Fox Chapel Area students recently won awards at the 85 th Annual Region 7 Meeting of the Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science (PJAS). A total of 15 of those students qualified for the state competition.

Fox Chapel Area first-place winners were: senior Kathryn Schwartzman; juniors Rajeev Godse, Zeynep Ozkaya, and Ameya Velankar; sophomores Catherine Heidenreich, Anthony Nguyen, Vinisha Sant, Sanjay Seshan, and Dong Hyun “Simon” Shin; freshmen Mona Gerges, Janise Kim, and Zoe Lakkis; eighth grader Arvind Seshan; and seventh graders Lakshanya Rajaganapathi and Adhitya Thirumala. The first-place winners qualified for the state PJAS competition which will be held May 19-21, 2019, at Penn State University (Main Campus).

Fox Chapel Area second-place winners were: juniors Hanna Chen, Serena Fisher, and Anzu Sekikawa; sophomores Jackson Romero, Elizabeth Schwartzman, and Nishi Thawani; freshmen Theodor Urban and Siddharth Yende; eighth graders Aiden Dorneich and Prajval Sreenivas; and seventh graders Rose Mullan and Parv Tahiliani.

The following Fox Chapel Area High School students received these special awards in addition to their first-place awards: Kathryn Schwartzman received a PJAS Perseverance Award; Rajeev Godse won a Director’s Award in Behavioral Science; Zeynep Ozkaya received a Duquesne University Program in Forensic Science and Law Award; Sanjay Seshan won a Carnegie Mellon University Civil and Engineering Department – Chi Epsilon Award; Dong Hyun “Simon” Shin received a Duquesne University Department of Math and Computer Science Award; and Zoe Lakkis won a PJAS Perfect Score Award and a PJAS Director’s Award for Mathematics.

The following Dorseyville Middle School students received these special awards in addition to their firstplace awards: Arvind Seshan received an American Vacuum Society Special Award, a Bechtel Physics Award, and a Duquesne University Science of Excellence Award; and Adhitya Thirumala won a Duquesne University Science of Excellence Award.

The participating students (from several schools from Allegheny and Westmoreland counties) researched their science projects for several months. During the competition, each of the students was required to give an oral presentation on his or her science project in front of a panel of judges. The regional competition was held at Duquesne University February 2.



Eight Fox Chapel Area High School students and their teacher, Myriam Fontes, are off to Spain, where they will spend two weeks with host families. During the trip, students will attend school, go on excursions to different cities and take cooking and salsa classes. The visit is part of a foreign exchange with Colegio Virgen de Europa high school in Madrid, which brought a group of students to FCAHS for two weeks during the fall. The goal of the exchange is for students to understand the difference in culture between the two countries.



Congratulations to the following students who competed in the recent PIAA championships.

Here are their STATE rankings:

200 Medley Relay - 10th

Zoe Skirboll 200 IM - 1st

Leia Ross 100 Backstroke - 25th

Zoe Skirboll 100 Breaststroke - 2nd

400 Freestyle Relay - 17th

Diving:

David Manelis - 3rd

Jonah Cagley - 5th

FC's LOGAN MCKAVENEY AMONG BEATTIE WORLD OF WHEELS COMPETITION WINNERS

An FCAHS and A.W. Beattie Career Center senior Logan McKaveney is among a group of students who designed a car that won first place in the World of Wheels Peddle Car Challenge. The contest was held January 8, 2019, at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center and 20 students in A.W. Beattie's Automotive Collision Technology program collaborated on the project, beating out 14 regional schools. This is the second consecutive year that Beattie students won the competition. Students worked on the peddle car for nearly three weeks and got inventive by turning it into a United States Air Force Thunderbird replica. "I'm absolutely excited for them," Automotive Collision Technology instructor Joe Pelesky said. "It's a lot of fun, and these kids loved it. I think at first it was challenging, but it really came together quick." Innovation was key in making the Thunderbird a functional peddle car with all the bells and whistles that you would see on the aircraft. "We used a bicycle and everything under the sun for it," Automotive Collision Technology instructor Pat Ciccone said. "We have a paint gun for the shifter, parts from a Culinary Arts oven. They just developed it from there. We used a lawnmower transmission for the propeller to spin. We used car parts and various things throughout the shop and got really

creative." Logan was involved in the painting and air brushing of the peddle car. He said detailing the peddle car presented a challenge with so many people working on it at different times. "The hard part with everyone working on it is just getting it all to be consistent," Logan said. "That was huge for the peddle car whether it was the painting, the airbrushing, the metal work and more. We had to work together and build off of each other to make our work look as close as possible." Students from all nine school districts (Avonworth, Deer Lakes, Fox Chapel Area, Hampton, North Allegheny, Northgate, North Hills, Pine-Richland, and Shaler Area) who send students to Beattie worked on the car.



SPRING SPORTS PREVIEW

BY CLAIRE FENTON

Spring is finally here, and along with warmer weather and sunnier skies comes the 2019 spring sports season. Whether perfecting their curveball, adding power to their serve, or trying to shave seconds off of their best times, our spring athletes are working hard to prepare for competition. Games officially began on March 22. Here's a look at what fans can expect in the upcoming months.

BASEBALL

2018 Regular Season: 9-11 overall, 6-6 section Notable: Lost in the first round of the WPIAL playoffs 2019 Season: With ten returning starters on this year's squad, the team has a strong foundation for a successful season. The team will look to advance even further in the WPIAL playoffs and make some noise in their brand new section.



BOYS' LACROSSE

2018 Regular Season: 3-5 overall, 3-1 section, co-section champs Notable: Lost in WPIAL quarterfinals; first time advancing past the first round of playoffs 2019 Season: The team graduated just one starter from last year's team that recorded a program-best season. Led by 10 juniors and seniors, they have a great opportunity to build on their previous success and go further in the WPIAL playoffs.

GIRLS' LACROSSE

2018 Regular Season: 14-3 overall, 13-1 section, co-section champs Notable: Lost in the WPIAL quarterfinals; co-section champions 2019 Season: Expectations are high for new coach Rebecca Hartrum and her team to build off of their success from last season. After sharing the section championship with neighborhood rival Shady Side Academy in 2018, the girls will look to own the title for themselves.



SOFTBALL

2018 Regular Season: 6-9 overall, 4-6 section

Notable: Lost in the first round of the WPIAL playoffs

2019 Season: After graduating nine players in 2018, the team will look to leadership from the three returning starters - Claire Katz, Jessica Klein, and Neena Pietropaolo - none of whom are seniors. New section alignments placed the Lady Foxes in a section with some of the top teams in the WPIAL, but they expect to compete and earn a playoff berth.

TENNIS

2018 Regular Season: 15-1 overall, 7-0 section Notable: Compiled an undefeated record in section play; section champions; WPIAL team champions; PIAA team qualifiers. Robby Shymansky won his third consecutive individual section championship; WPIAL individual champion; placed third at the PIAA championships 2019 Season: A strong squad returns for this year's season, led by juniors and seniors in both the individual and doubles events. Along with the team making runs in the section, WPIAL, and state championships, Yale recruit Robby Shymansky will chase the elusive PIAA gold medal in his final high school season.



BOYS' TRACK

2018: 3-3 overall Notable: Christian Fitch, Evan Kieffer, and Korey Simmon are returning WPIAL qualifiers; Fitch a WPIAL medalist and PIAA qualifier 2019 Season: Coming off of a strong indoor season, the boys will look to improve on last year's record and send more individuals to the WPIAL and PIAA competitions. The distance and sprinting events will be led by Fitch, Kieffer and Simmons, all who have had success at the WPIAL championships.

GIRLS' TRACK

2018: 2-4 overall Notable: Kate Carnevale, Yezmyn Chaudry, Brooke Krally, Sarena Seeger, and Grace Sisson are returning WPIAL qualifiers; Sisson, Seeger, Carnevale WPIAL medalists. Seeger and Sisson PIAA qualifiers. 2019 Season: Seniors Carnevale, a Davidson recruit, and Seeger, a Penn State recruit, will look to add to their decorated careers in their final high school season. The girls' veteran distance team can expect another strong year, but also look for strong performances from returning letterwinners in the sprinting and throwing events.



VOLLEYBALL

2018: 2-10 overall

Notable: Graduated nine seniors in 2018.

2019: Many young players will have to step up to the plate if the Foxes hope to improve on their record from last year.



PIT ORCHESTRA'S STELLAR LES MIS PERFORMANCE

BY ANZU SEKIKAWA

The Fox Chapel Area High School 2019 spring musical, “Les Misérables School Edition,” featuring over 150 FCAHS students, captures an epic tale of passion and redemption in the throes of the French Revolution. Originally based on Victor Hugo’s novel, “Les Miserables School Edition” is an adaptation of the classical musical by Alain Boublil and Claude-Michel Schönberg. The world’s longest running musical and winner of over 100 international awards, the musical has emotionally moved over 70 million people worldwide with the sung-through lyrics featuring one of the most memorable scores of all time.



The Fox Chapel Area High School Pit Orchestra, comprised of over 30 musicians playing string, brass, woodwinds, keyboards, and percussion instruments have been rehearsing since January under the instructions of Mr. Dennis Emert. Based on



orchestrations of the Tony nominated 2014 Broadway revival, “Les Mis School Edition” spotlights a wide variety of instruments ranging from alto flutes and E flat clarinets to cellos and bass instruments. The non-stop musical orchestration of the performance compliments the emotional uprisings and energy of the performers on the stage carrying across the passion of the French Revolution.

DON'T MISS DESI NIGHT!

BY GINA WANG



Fox Chapel High School's very own DESI Club will be hosting DESI Night on May 23rd in the high school auditorium. The word 'Desi' is used to refer to the people, cultures, or products from India. In this context, D.E.S.I. is also an acronym for the Distinguished Ethnic Society of India. DESI Night is a night full of fun and laughs, and we would love for you to join us in this celebration! During this event, students and teachers will be performing traditional and modern dances to display the beauty of the different aspects of Indian culture. Our members have put a lot of time and effort into learning cultural dances, and we look forward to putting on a good performance!

Come for a night of Indian dance, food, and culture! There is no admission cost, but donations are welcome as all proceeds will be going to charity. Delicious Indian food and Ritas will also be on sale during the show. Hope to see you there!

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FCA STUDENTS WIN REGIONAL 2019 SCHOLASTIC ART AWARDS



Several Fox Chapel Area School District students recently won awards for their entries in the Pittsburgh Arts Region of the Scholastic Art Awards of 2019. The Fox Chapel Area Gold Key winners were seniors Rachel Himmel (two GoldKeys), Michela Nicholas, Sofia Porter Bacon, Chelsea Taylor, and Seo Yeon “Christina” Wang (eight Gold Keys, including one for her eight-piece portfolio); juniors Amelia Bothe (three Gold Keys), Alyssa Mattheis (two Gold Keys), Anzu Sekikawa (three Gold Keys), and Alexis Vivino; and sophomore Jessica McCann. The Gold Key winners will have their work sent to New York for national judging where they will be competing with other regional winners from across the United States for national awards. The

winners of the national contest will participate in The Scholastic Art Awards National Exhibit. The Fox Chapel Area Silver Key winners were seniors Lauren Copeland (two Silver Keys), Rachel Himmel, Margaux Miller (two Silver Keys), Chelsea Taylor, Glenna Van Dyke, Kaitlyn Veltri, and Seo Yeon “Christina” Wang (four Silver Keys); juniors Amelia Bothe (three Silver Keys), Paige Shema, and Anzu Sekikawa (two Silver Keys); and sophomores Isabella Hamm, Jessica McCann (two Silver Keys), and Kaylea Rodman. The Fox Chapel Area Honorable Mention winners were seniors Rudi Adamiak, Kate Carnevale, Lauren Copeland (three Honorable Mentions), Rachel Him-

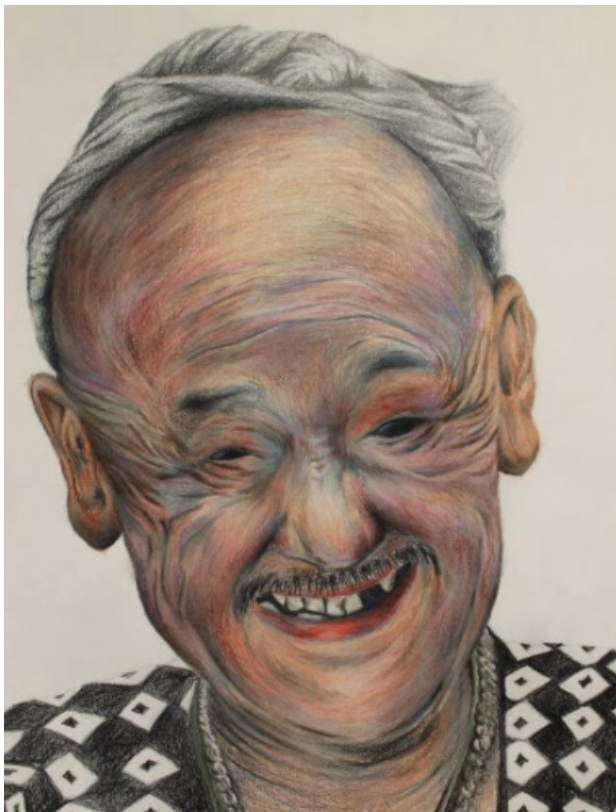
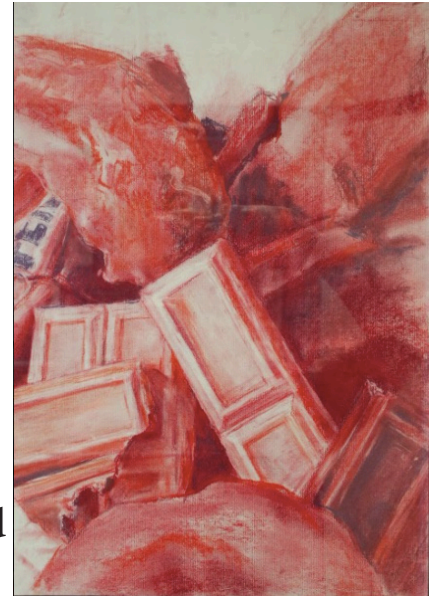


mel, Emma Kazmierczak (two Honorable Mentions, including one for her eight-piece portfolio), Margaux Miller (two Honorable Mentions), Michela Nicholas, Sofia Porter Bacon (two Honorable Mentions), Madeline Richards (two Honorable Mentions, including one for her eight-piece portfolio), Kaitlyn Veltri, and Seo Yeon “Christina” Wang (eight Honorable Mentions)



juniors Nicholas Guy, Fiona Healy, Anzu Sekikawa (four Honorable Mentions), and William Urso (two Honorable Mentions); sophomores Emma Begg (two Honorable Mentions) and Alexandra Catania; freshman Hannah Shepherd; and Dorseyville Middle School eighth grader Jonathan Li. The regional award winners were selected by a panel of distinguished judges which included artists,

art educators, and art professionals. A show featuring the works of all of the winners is on display through February 23 at Community College of Allegheny County (CCAC) North. All of the Fox Chapel Area students will be honored at a special ceremony, along with the other Pittsburgh Arts Region winners, February 23 at the college. The Fox Chapel Area High School art teachers are Joan Marangoni, Mary Jo Montgomery, Christine Smith, Sarah Stewart, and Amy Wickman. The Dorseyville Middle School art teachers are Cheryl Etters, Nanci Goldberg, and Mackenzie Seymour.



LES MISÉRABLES

By COURTNEY KENNEDY

The musical was definitely not (Les) Miserable with a talented cast and crew making the classic Broadway show shine. Once again the Fox Chapel Area High School spring musical did not disappoint the hundreds of audience members that came out to see this year's performance of Les Miserables. With more than 150 students involved in the musical, this demonstration of immense talent and dedication was not an event to be missed.

On March 14-17th, Fox Chapel students put on the "Les Miserables School Edition" which is an adaptation of the classic and critically acclaimed Broadway show Les Miserables. With a well known score that includes songs like "On my Own" sung by senior Alyssa Melani playing Ebony, and "I Dreamed a Dream" sung by senior Anna Aupke playing Fantine, the Les Miserables school Edition cast blew away all expectations audiences had going in to the show.



The show is set during the French Revolution and follows the life of Jean Valjean, played by senior Oscar Izenson, who was unjustly imprisoned for stealing a loaf of bread. Inspector Javert, played by senior Gabriel Fynsk, allows Jean Valjean on parole, but Jean Valjean breaks his parole to start a new life. Jean Valjean eventually becomes the mayor of a town and the owner of a factory that Fantine, played by Senior Anna Aupke, works at to support her child Cosette, played by freshman Maddy Dick. Fantine is fired from her factory job and then goes to work in the red light district in order to still be able to pay for her daughter who was staying with two innkeepers, played by seniors Benjamin Weisand Sadie



Lawrence, and their daughter Ebony, played by Senior Alyssa Melani. Ten years pass and Ebony and Cosette have grown up, with Cosette being in Jean Valjean's care after Fantine's death. Ebony is in love with a student Marius, played by Senior Jeremy Platt, but in a classic meet cute Marius falls in love with Cosette. The musical revolves around the French Revolution and the poverty, grueling conditions, and inspiration that accompanied the revolution in France. A young boy who plays vital part in the French Revolution named Gavroche is played by junior Anna Meyer, . Much of the Fox Chapel cast made up the French Revolution force lead by senior Duncan Regan. With an intense ending to the musical

everyone in the cast essentially dies except for Marius and Cosette.

The musical cast and crew this year did a fantastic job working through some interesting curve balls thrown their way. During the Senior Citizens performance the end of the period bells went off in the middle of the performance. On Friday night's performance the fire alarm went off in the middle of the Cafe scene while the cast was on stage. All

cast, crew, and audience members had to go outside until the building was considered safe, giving the show an "extra" unexpected intermission. However, the show must go on, and the musical cast and crew finished the show with the same passion and skill as they had started with. Les Miserables is now over,

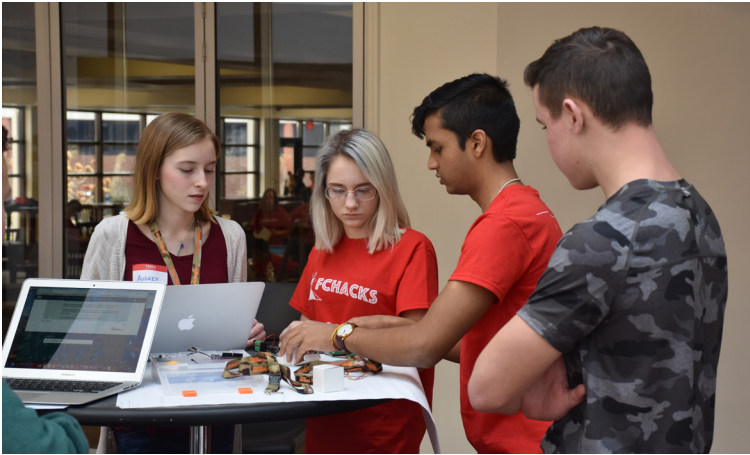


and for many of the cast and crew this is a bittersweet time. While they have much more time in their schedules, the bonds and memories they make will last a lifetime.

Fox Chapel Area High school would also give thanks to Mr. Ivins who helped with his last Fox Chapel musical this year. He has dedicated countless hours to the musical and has played a vital role in growing the Fox Chapel musical legacy.

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BY RYAN KENYON



On Saturday, March 2, teams at Fox Chapel Area High School designed, built, programmed, and pitched their very own creations for twelve hours. The day started with a keynote speaker presentation by Jeff Boleng, who stressed to those gathered to strive for the minimum amount of complexity. Then the

hacking began. In the library, cafeteria, and commons, the teams first had to form an idea for something that could change the world. Once they had their idea, they were allowed access to all sorts of parts, from raspberry pi to arduino kits. After everyone had finished their builds, they assembled in the library, where a series of judges walked around the room, to whom the students presented. Then, parents and students alike gathered in the LGI room for the top five projects to be presented to a panel of judges. The top three received prizes, along with additional prizes for the best beginner and best hardware. Third place went to an automatic page-turner/pdf scanner, second to a streaming service for good samaritans and the blind to connect,



and first place went to a hat designed for the blind which could sense objects in front of it and tell the user which direction to go to avoid it. Also, best beginner went to an electronic hall pass system, while best hardware went to an A.I. bomb-detonating robot.



Throughout the day were a series of workshops, each to boost performances in a certain aspect of the creation process. The first one focused on the presentations of the builds. The biggest tip from the presenter was to convey information through storytelling, because people remember stories much better than

statistics. Another was from the US Army, which discussed careers in STEM. They also brought a ton of free merch and a truck complete with a remote-controlled drone, a drunk driving simulation, and a virtual reality skydiving experience. The third workshop was an introduction to coding class, and also an introduction to CAD design, which provided a valuable jumping-off point for those who had no idea what they were doing. Shoutout to Ziya Xu, An-



nika Urban, Justin Chu, and Arnav Gupta for making this whole event possible. They gathered the sponsors and organized everything. Also a big thank you to the many mentors who were there to circulate and provide helpful hints when teams were stuck. Finally thank you to the



NHS volunteers who took time out of their weekend to support and assist in the event. Many students showed exceptional skills in engineering and design, and are eager to come back next year. You should too!

