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STUDENTS PLACE IN STATE FBLA COMPETITION SIX QUALIFY FOR NATIONALS

Several Fox Chapel Area High School students recently earned first through tenth places at the 2018 Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) State Leadership Conference and six qualified to participate in the national conference. Juniors Daniel Andrud and Noah Fritsch won second place; freshman David Kronman won third place; and freshmen Emily Li, Kaylee Werner, and Zoey Zoschg won fourth place. All six of these students qualified for the National FBLA Leadership Conference which will be held in Baltimore, Maryland, June 28-July 1, 2018. Additionally, the following Fox Chapel Area High School students earned fifth-tenth places in the state competition: seniors Braddock Lalor, Jeffrey Savin, Ryan Santilli, and Zachary Zytznick and juniors Vaishavi Agrawal, Melina Bradley, Sanjana Harish, Gina Wang, and Ziya Xu.

The FBLA State Leadership Conference was held April 9-11 in Hershey, Pennsylvania. Approximately 4,000 students from high schools across the state participated in the competition. The Fox Chapel Area High School FBLA sponsor is business education teacher Christina Shanko Congalton.



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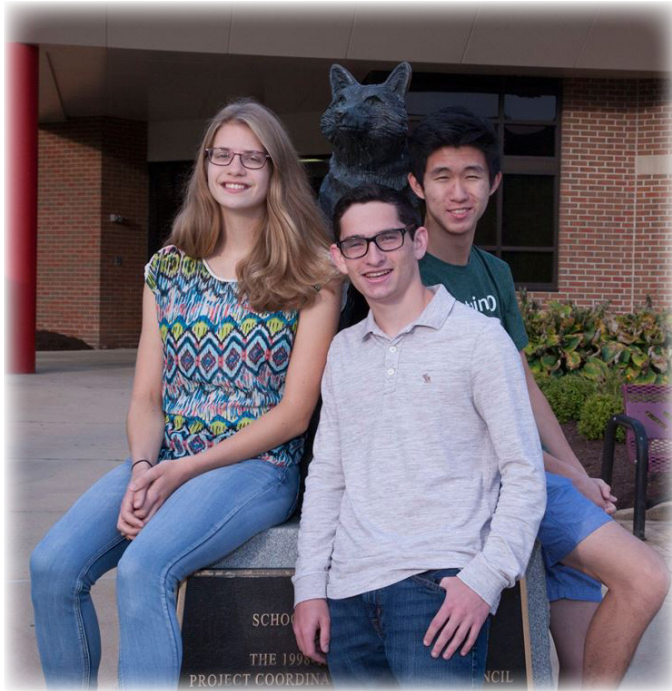
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STUDENT WIN'S FIRST PLACE IN NATIONAL VIDEO CONTEST

Fox Chapel Area High School senior Alessia Fontecchio was recently named a first-place winner in the 2018 Civics Essay and Video Contest. The topic was the 14th Amendment – 150 Years Later and the prompt was "What Does Equal Protection Mean to Students?" Alessia won for a video she created and will be awarded \$1,000. Additionally, she was invited to receive her award in Washington, D.C., on April 25 for a visit at the United States Supreme Court.

The contest was open to high school students in grades 9-12 from across the U.S. Approximately 220 essays and videos were submitted for the competition, which was sponsored by the Federal Judges Association and the Federal Bar Association.

FOX CHAPEL AREA STUDENTS NAMED 2018 NATIONAL MERIT* FINALISTS



Three Fox Chapel Area High School seniors have been designated as National Merit Finalists in the 2018 National Merit Scholarship Program conducted by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC). The Finalists from Fox Chapel Area High School are Albert Liu, Elizabeth Mountz, and Jordan Taxay.

These Fox Chapel Area High School students were named Semifinalists in September 2017 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 2018.



FC STUDENTS EARN HIGH SCORES ON NATIONAL LATIN EXAM

Six Fox Chapel Area High School students recently earned high marks on the 2018 National Latin Exam. Gold Medal/Summa Cum Laude awards were earned by sophomores Hanna Chen and Claire Fenton. A Silver Medal/Maxima Cum Laude award was given to junior Marissa Hardiman. Certificates/Magna Cum Laude awards were earned by senior Delaney Roberts and freshman Amulya Garimella. Cum Laude recognition and a certificate was earned by junior Elizabeth Kaslewicz.

The National Latin Exam was taken in March 2018. Approximately 143,000 students from 50 states and 24 foreign countries participated.

CROSS CULTURAL LITERACY INITIATIVE

BY: MADISON BORKOVICH



In the past, as a student in a district so STEM-centric, I had often found myself wondering where I fit into the grand scheme of Fox Chapel. Where could I find my niche in the school and in the community while incorporating my love of writing and language? Was my “thing” good enough if it didn’t deal with geometry or biology? Well, a Cross Cultural Literacy Initiative finally answered that question, and to my satisfaction, it did so with a huge, resounding ‘yes.’

Towards the beginning of the school year, I wanted to pull off a project that spread my passion for writing around the globe. With teachers like Mrs. Gibson, Sra. Barone, Sra. Fontes, and Mrs. Smith at my side to assist at every turn, the Cross Cultural Literacy Initiative was born. The main purpose of the project was to create a series of English-Spanish short stories to distribute to the district, to the community, and most importantly, to an underprivileged school in Uruguay.

The foundation of the Cross Cultural Literacy Initiative was based upon teamwork. Throughout this endeavor, my goal was to get as many students in Fox Chapel Area High School involved as possible. Together, those involved worked to write a series of short stories for elementary-aged children. Spanish speaking students translated these stories so that a large bilingual book could be created. After final edits and writing help from Mrs. Gibson, Mrs. Barone, Mrs. Fontes, and me, students from Mrs. Smith’s Computer Art class created the illustrations for each page and crafted the layout and design. Next, after Mrs. Smith showed me the ropes, I copied and assembled 15 sets of the 13 short stories. After our celebratory launch party at the project’s conclusion, copies will be delivered to the local library, to the community center, to FCA elementary Spanish classes, to the school in Uruguay, and to each student and teacher that helped make the initiative possible.

Here at Fox Chapel, I hope to aid elementary school students in Spanish and English linguistic retention, while also helping native speakers to stay in touch with their first language. In Uruguay, I hope to give the children a gift that keeps on giving—that of knowledge and of education.

I can honestly say that the Cross Cultural Literacy Initiative tested me in many ways. People told me that I had to be crazy and foolish to take on such an elaborate plan and that seeing the project through was going to be impossible. However, I always knew that it was something that had to be done for so many reasons. To this day, I am so proud of the impact I have already made and will continue to make and feel that all my hard work will culminate to such a worthwhile reward. Most importantly, along with each and every one who helped, I will be able to leave people in the world better off than they once were. And for that, I am eternally grateful.

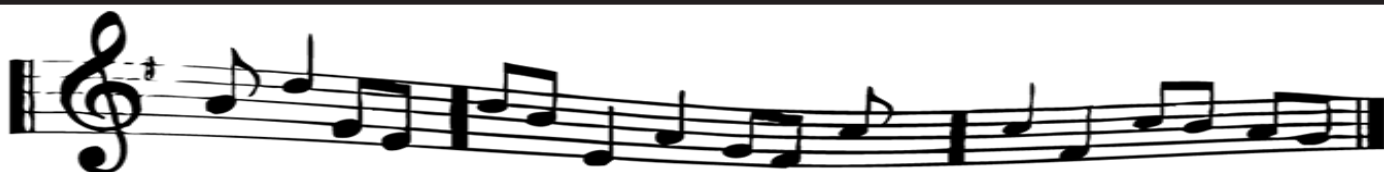


FCAHS band director, Mr. Daryl Lesnik, had the privilege of guest-conducting the Duquesne University Wind Symphony at its final performance of the year at Carnegie Music Hall in Oakland. As an extra added bonus, 10 of our high school musicians who advanced to the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association (PMEA) Region Band were able to join Mr. Lesnik onstage. Additionally, many of our Fox Chapel Area High School band students and their families were in the audience. Great job!

Our high school choirs had a great performance this April in Washington, D.C. at the beautiful, National City Christian Church! They participated in an incredibly inspiring clinic with the U.S. Army Chorus and U.S. Army Voices at Ft. Myer. The walking night tour was beautiful. Proud of our students!



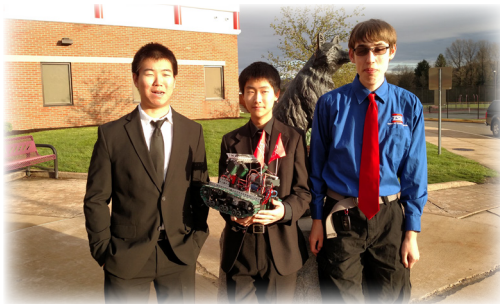
We are proud of our FCAHS choir students and their superb performances at the World Strides On Stage Choir competition! In their respective categories: Concert Choir placed 2nd, Madrigal Singers placed 1st, and Vulpes Cantantes placed 1st. Madrigal Singers were recognized as the highest scoring choir at the festival and the program was recognized for having three choirs receive gold ratings! Special congratulations to senior, Kieran Bartels who received the Maestro Award for her incredible solo with Vulpes Cantantes!



FOX CHAPEL AREA AGAIN NAMED ONE OF “BEST COMMUNITIES FOR MUSIC EDUCATION”

The Fox Chapel Area School District has been named among the 2018 Best Communities for Music Education. This is the seventh year in a row that the district received this prestigious designation! Fox Chapel Area is one of only 82 in the state of Pennsylvania and one of 583 school districts in the nation chosen for this honor that recognizes outstanding commitment to music education. The districts were selected through a program sponsored by the NAMM (National Association of Music Merchants) Foundation which acknowledges and celebrates schools and districts across the United States for demonstrating outstanding achievement in efforts to provide music access and education to all students.

To qualify for the Best Communities for Music education designation, Fox Chapel Area answered questions about funding, graduation requirements, music class participation, instruction time, facilities, support for the music program, and community music-making programs. Research into music education continues to demonstrate educational/cognitive and social skill benefits for children who make music. The NAMM Foundation is a nonprofit supported in part by the National Association of Music Merchants and its approximately 10,300 members around the world. The foundation advances active participation in music-making across the lifespan by supporting scientific research, phil-



FOX CHAPEL AREA HIGH SCHOOL BATTLE BOT TEAM EXCELS AT STATE COMPETITION

Students from Fox Chapel Area High School placed third out of 84 Battle Bot teams at the PA BotsIQ State Competition. The battles were held at California University of Pennsylvania on April 13-14, 2018.

Fox Chapel Area High School robot “Reaper” won five of its six battles in the winner’s bracket, thus advancing to the elimination bracket as one of the top eight battle bots. After two more wins, they faced Pine-Richland’s bot “Cerberus.”

“I’m so proud of the team’s hard work and sportsmanship over the last two days,” said FCAHS Battle Bot driver Justin Hertzberg. “Our battle bot received minimum damage but we were unable to drive upside down. The team worked two 12-hour days on their bot and only lost to second and first place this weekend. Any one of the three top bots can win and we had some great battles.”

Fox Chapel Area will be one of 65 teams at the national competition. The next level of competition is the National Robotics League. The competitions will be held on May 19-20, 2018 at California University of Pennsylvania. The FCAHS Battle Bot team will be competing against the best teams in the nation which include college teams from CMU, Pitt and Penn State. Team members include; Christian Reiber, Connor McAtee, Graham Childs, Greg Kirklewski, Tyler Rapp, Jacob Keeler, and Samuel Gilmore. Special thanks to all the students in Advanced Robotics Engineering class for all their help.

FC's GOT TALENT: THE RESULTS ARE IN!

BY: MADISON BORKOVICH

On April 19th, contestants of Fox Chapel Area High School's eighth annual FC's Got Talent show were eager to take the stage. Emcees Mr. Hower and Dr. Lentz prepared for a night of witty banter at the podium, while the judging panel steeled itself for a night of challenging critiques and determinations. The panel consisted of vocalist, Betty Rich, recording artist, songwriter, and record producer, Bryan Cole, and surprise student judge and Fox Chapel Community Outreach Chair, Maddie Reuss. From singing to magic to even original musical composition, this year's show was comprised of 15 amazing acts, which featured 18 student performers. Highlights of the night included Ella Tramontina's rendition of "Burn" from Hamilton, Serena Smith's cover of Gravity by Sara Bareilles, and Noah Hertzman's Sleight and Fate magic act. A few of the other most notable acts included Gwynneth Heidinger and Mia Catone, who each performed original songs accompanied by themselves on the piano, "Hallelujah," which was sung by Bridget Shelestak in English, Spanish, and German, and Cassidy Carson's "Cyborg X," a composition complete with a unique vocal and keytar performance and her own original musical/audio background track.

As per usual, there was plenty of entertainment for guests even during intermission from the performance. FC's Got Talent spectators were able to purchase a variety of raffle tickets. The "staple" rewards of prom and homecoming tickets and a parking pass remained for students, and baskets open to the community as a whole contained two gift card duos, two gift card trios, and two four-hour recording sessions at ton•ic recording studios.

At the conclusion of the night, the FC's Got Talent audience waited with bated breath for the top three winners to be announced. First place was awarded \$500, second place earned \$300, and third place claimed \$100. Ella Tramontina secured third place, Serena Smith was granted runner-up, and the ultimate winner was announced as Noah Hertzman! In case you missed the show or want to view your favorite acts again, keep your eyes peeled for the filmed version of all the performances, which is expected to be up on our Swift Fox Media YouTube channel shortly. Congratulations to all of the contestants on their immense amount of effort, as well as to the sponsors, chaperones, staff, and student backstage crew for an enthralling show!





STUDENTS DONATE HANDMADE BOWLS TO EMPTY BOWLS DINNER

Fox Chapel Area High School students in teacher Joan Marangoni's ceramics and fibers class recently donated 50 handcrafted bowls for the Empty Bowls dinner. A total of 45 students created the bowls especially for the fundraiser and the class has participated by donating bowls for the past few years.

Empty Bowls, held in March, is co-hosted by Just Harvest and the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank. Just Harvest is a group that addresses hunger in Allegheny County. The annual Empty Bowls dinner is a simple community meal of soup and bread to help remind people of the one in eight residents in the county who are facing Hunger. Pittsburgh's Empty Bowls typically draws more than 1,500 people and in the past 20 years has raised more than \$500,000 to fight hunger in the region. Each ticket holder gets to choose a beautiful handmade bowl to take home.

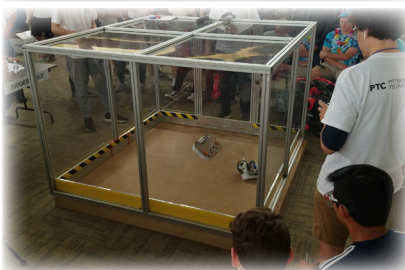


WHAT A BATTLE!

A team of Fox Chapel Area High School students recently won first place at the Eighth Annual Combat Bots Competition. Team "Dilly Dilly" won the King of the Ring rumble. The team members were senior Alexander Vlahos; juniors Ian Chang, Thomas Grandizio, and Michael Scanlon; and sophomore Michael Mendelson. Additionally, the "Krispy Kreme" team finished second and included sophomores Sam Feczko, Nicholas Guy, and Luis Navas.

"The team was excited when they were declared the winner of the rumble," said Fox Chapel Area High School Combat Bots coach and teacher Ken Grimm. "I'm proud of all of our teams. Their dedication to quality work and many hours spent working after school preparing for competitions is to be commended."

Combat Bots is STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) education at its best. Students design, test, and engineer the entire robot, including the weapon, wiring harness, and control system. A total of 42 Battle Bot teams from 11 school districts from the greater Pittsburgh area participated in the Battle Bots contest. The competition was held May 3, 2018, at Pittsburgh Technical College.



SOPHOMORE WINS INTERNATIONAL & REGIONAL VIOLIN COMPETITIONS

Fox Chapel Area High School sophomore Chaehyun “Cuna” Kim recently won several international and regional competitions for her violin playing.

- American Protégé International Concerto Competition – Cuna was selected as a first-place winner in the American Protégé International Concerto Competition 2018. Cuna will now perform a violin solo at the Weill Recital Hall at Carnegie Hall in New York on June 30. The contest was open to school students ages 13 to 18 from across the globe.

- Great Composers Competition – Cuna was named a winner in the Great Composers Competition. She was named a first-place winner for the music of Germany & Austria and also won first place for the music of Mediterranean Europe. For the competition, Cuna sent in videos of herself playing the violin. The Great Composers Competition is a series of international music competitions for young instrumentalists, singers, and ensembles.

- 2018 Young Artists Auditions – Cuna was named a winner of the 2018 Young Artists Auditions sponsored by the Pittsburgh Concert Society. Cuna performed a violin solo, as well as with the Cygnus Quartet

that included three of the other winners, during a concert on April 8. The concert was held at Kresge Recital Hall at Carnegie Mellon University. Additionally, Cuna received an Anna and Benjamin Perlow Scholarship to help further her musical education. The Young Artists Auditions are sponsored by the Pittsburgh Concert Society and are open to instrumentalists under the age of 19 living within a 75-mile radius of Pittsburgh.

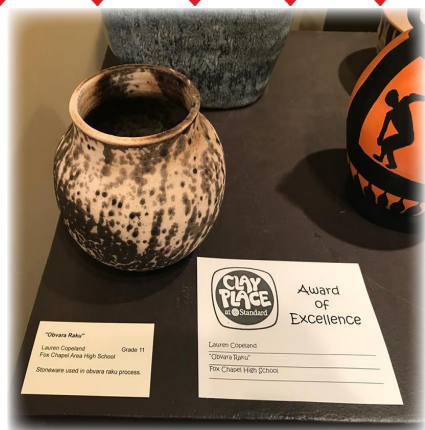
- Pittsburgh Civic Orchestra Young Artists Concerto Competition – Cuna was named a winner in the Pittsburgh Civic Orchestra Young Artists Concerto Competition. Cuna played her violin, along with three of the other winners, at the Pittsburgh Civic Orchestra’s “Elements” concert on March 24 at Upper St. Clair High School.



OBVARA RAKU: FOX CHAPEL AWARD WINNER'S CERAMICS HEADSTART

Fox Chapel Area High School junior Lauren Copeland, who is under the instruction of art teacher Joan Marangoni, recently won an Award of Excellence as part of the 2018 Pittsburgh Area High School Students Ceramic Exhibition. The exhibition was held at Clay Place at Standard from April 12 to May 3. Clay Place at Standard, an exhibition space in Carnegie’s industrial zone, is founded on a strong tradition of award-winning pottery. Through various shows, Clay Place puts the spotlight on local and national artists, from students to professionals.

Copeland was also awarded \$50 for her piece entitled “Obvara Raku.” A total of 70 students from 14 schools from the Pittsburgh region entered pieces in the show, which was judged by Gary “Greeny” Greenburg, an assistant professor of art at Clarion University. In regards to her award, Copeland stated: “I am incredibly honored and excited for this accomplishment. I want to be doing ceramics for the rest of my life, so this is a nice stepping stone.” Way to go Lauren, and keep up the good work!





STUDENTS SIGN TO PLAY SPORTS AT COLLEGIATE LEVEL

Fox Chapel Area High School student athletes recently signed and/or committed to Division I, II, and III colleges and universities. The students are: Harley Beckey – Crew – Robert Morris University, Seth Bowman – Football – Mercyhurst University, Luke Brown – Football – John Carroll University, Krystyna Burdelski – Softball – Westminster College, Reed Bursic – Baseball – University of Pittsburgh-Bradford, Carson Cohen – Basketball – Tufts University, Jesse Cohen – Football – Bryant University, Jakob Dunn – Soccer – Case Western Reserve University, Joslyn Filo – Swimming – Florida Gulf Coast University, Jonathan Folkerts – Cross Country – Slippery Rock University, Andrew Friend – Golf – Central Alabama Community College, Nick Gizzo – Football – John Carroll University, Kate Goodwin – Lacrosse – Lehigh University, Scott Hastings – Football – Grove City College, Tawnya Holben – Softball – Mount Aloysius College, Andrew Jeffrey – Track & Field – Seton Hill University, Grace Kneppshield – Field Hockey – Saint Francis University, Ben Kronman – Track – Emory University, Gretta Lazzara – Soccer – Case Western Reserve University, Katie Livingston – Soccer – Denison University, Alex Miles – Baseball – University of Pittsburgh-Bradford, Caelan Miller – Cross Country – University of Pittsburgh, Micah Morris – Football – Ithaca College, Amanda Nord – Tennis – James Madison University, Anna Paviglianiti – Crew – The Catholic University of America, Abigail Pitcairn – Field Hockey – University of North Carolina, Paige Ryan – Field Hockey – Michigan State University, Ray Tarasi – Volleyball – Marymount University, and Brayden Thomas – Football – John Carroll University. All of the students were honored at a special reception at the high school April 27.



One of our favorite events of the year is our high school student government's annual senior citizens' luncheon. What a great day and a wonderful turnout! We are grateful for our senior citizens' support of our schools and our students!

STUDENTS WIN AWARDS AT REGIONAL SCIENCE & ENGINEERING FAIR

Nineteen Fox Chapel Area School District students recently won awards at the Covestro Pittsburgh Regional Science & Engineering Fair (Covestro PRSEF).

Fox Chapel Area High School sophomore Rajeev Godse was named the first-place winner in the senior behavioral and social science category and he also won a sponsor award from the American Society for Quality. Freshman Sanjay Sesahan received second place in the senior engineering/robotics category and also won sponsor awards from FedEx Ground, Inc.; Harrisburg University of Science & Technology; and Innovation Works. Freshman Amulya Garimella was named a second-place winner in the senior biology category and she also won sponsor awards from Duquesne University–Dept. of Biological Sciences and the University of Pittsburgh–Dept. of Neuroscience. Junior Zachary Lakkis won third place in the senior medicine/health/microbiology category and also won a sponsor award from the Society for Analytical Chemists of Pittsburgh. Junior Sanjana Harish received a sponsor award from Harrisburg University of Science & Technology.

Dorseyville Middle School seventh grader Arvind Sesahan was awarded a first place in the intermediate computer science/math category. Sixth grader Adhitya Thirumala won first place in the junior physical sciences & engineering category and also won an honorable mention sponsor award from the Institute of Electrical & Electronics Engineers, Inc. Eighth grader Janise Kim received a second place in the intermediate engineering/robotics category and also won sponsor awards from Duquesne Light; FedEx, Ground Inc.; Michael Baker Corporation; and the Society of Women Engineers. Eighth grader Zoe Lakkis won second place in

the intermediate computer science/math category and also won sponsor awards from the American Society for Quality and Thermo Fisher Scientific Inc. Eighth grader Mona Gerges won third place in the intermediate biology category and also won an affiliate award from the U.S. Navy/U.S. Marine Corps (Office of Naval Research). Eighth grader Theodor Urban was awarded third place in the intermediate computer science/math category. Sixth grader Lucas Gravina won third place in the junior physical sciences & engineering category and he also won a sponsor award from Bechtel Marine Propulsion Corporation.

The following students received Perseverance Awards for the number of years they have been participating in the Covestro PRSEF: juniors Zachary Lakkis (Honorary Scientist) and Gina Wang (Associate Scientist); sophomores Hanna Chen (Associate Scientist), Jasmine Eng (Associate Scientist), Serena Fisher (Associate Scientist), and Ameya Velankar (Associate Scientist); freshmen Suparna Agrawal (Junior Scientist) and Amulya Garimella (Junior Scientist); and eighth graders Zoe Lakkis (Junior Scientist) and Siddharth Yende (Junior Scientist).

The Covestro PRSEF is open to students in grades 6-12 from 21 counties in Western Pennsylvania and Garrett County in Maryland. More than 1,000 students from more than 100 schools competed for over \$1 million in cash prizes and scholarships. All of the students who participated in the fair conducted individual science research, constructed a display, and explained their work to a committee of judges. The science fair was held at Heinz Field in Pittsburgh March 23 and 24, 2018.



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FOX CHAPEL AREA SENIORS NAMED GLOBAL SCHOLARS

Three Fox Chapel Area High School seniors have been named Pennsylvania State Modern Language Association (PSMLA) Global Scholars. Cassidy Carson – German, Lea Prato – Spanish, and Kacie Zakin – Spanish have all attained the distinction of 2018 PSMLA Global Scholars Graduates.

This is the third year for the PSMLA Global Scholars program. The purpose of the program is to provide high school students with the opportunity to select interdisciplinary studies and activities, develop global awareness and competency, and to

better prepare students for personal and professional success in an increasingly global society. The requirements include: successful completion of several academic courses, including levels one through four of a world language; participation in at least four extracurricular activities, including world language clubs; completion of at least 20 hours of community service (global in nature); read and review books pertaining to world languages, including one in the student's target language; completion of a culminating project; and completion of an application.



THE IMPORTANCE OF LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BY: BRIDGET WANG, PHOTOGRAPHER: COURTNEY KENNEDY



On April 6, 2018, a very special meeting took place inside the walls of Fox Chapel Area High School. Members from the Northern Area Principals Association as well as distinguished guests Representative Dom Costa of District 21, Representative Hal English of District 30, and Senator Randy Vulakovich of District 38 and his Chief of Staff, Melissa Girty, gathered to talk about policy in the surrounding school districts.



After a hearty breakfast, principals from the surrounding areas of Pittsburgh got straight to business. Some of the topics talked about were the recent increase in special education funding which allows for staff additions in South Butler School District and for the purchase of a new van for student transportation and the creation of the Unified Bocce Team in Fox Chapel. Other topics touched upon were the Status of State Testing Program which included the possibility of the Keystone exams increasing to ten exams, Act 55 celebrations and clarifications, and potential funding changes.



However, the big topic of the session was the conversation about school safety. Concern for the safety of students has been on everyone's minds but had recently been brought into further focus by the school shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Florida, and the Northern Area Principals Association made sure to make school safety a #1 priority. Though public outcry for gun control has risen, what is the discussion in Harrisburg? Policy making may not always follow the minds of the public, but everyone wants to know what the big dogs down at the capitol are going to do about it. There were talks of the possibility of arming teachers, but there were also talks of how funding could be spent to increase funding for mental health programs or for the use of Student Resource Officers. The legislative session that took place was simply a place for politicians to connect with the mind of local constituents.



If you want to influence the political agenda, contact your own representatives and senators today.

TEACHERS AND STUDENTS RIDE THE GAP TRAIL

A group of students, teachers, parents, and one graduate biked the GAP Trail the last weekend in April. The group performed admirably in less than desirable conditions. They biked a total of 153 miles – 44 miles on Friday, 49 miles on Saturday, and 60 miles on Sunday. On Friday the ride included an 1,800 foot climb over the Eastern Divide and the group arrived in camp in time for two thunderstorms. Saturday they dropped out of the mountains as the temperatures dropped all day. On Sunday, after waking up to sub-freezing temps, they arrived at Point State Park around 5:30 p.m. after pedaling 60 miles. Thankfully (and appropriately) the sun came out for the finish!



Here is the list of students, parents, and teachers who completed the ride: Isabella Boleng (junior), Dante Difatta (junior), Flora Gladwin (junior), Hannah Higgins (junior), Elizabeth Kaslewicz (junior), Ryan Kenyon (freshman), Nathan VanDemark (senior) and his father Dr. Andrew VanDemark, Maggie Woodwell (junior) and her father Davitt Woodwell, Anthony Pirollo (graduate), Dave Battista (teacher), Eric Norberg (teacher), Brandon Peiffer (teacher), and Laura Ward (librarian). The group began the ride on Friday, April 27, in Cumberland, Maryland, and finished the ride April 29 in Point State Park.

THE FUTURE OF MEDICINE IS IN FCAHS

BY: COURTNEY KENNEDY

HOSA: Future Health Professionals is a club at FCAHS that is full of members who are interested in the medical fields. Similar to FBLA or MUN, HOSA members compete in competitions which are medical-based knowledge tests or hands-on tests in which members compete against other HOSA members from across the state. Competitions range from nursing to sports medicine to veterinary skills.

This was only the second year Fox Chapel had members compete in the state competition, and four

members placed. Gina Wang and Vishi Agrawal placed first in CERT Skills, Rachel Himmel placed second in Biomedical Debate, and Elena Liberto placed second in Transcultural Health. Due to inclement weather the state competition was an online test, but Fox Chapel HOSA members still were able to prove their knowledge in their areas of expertise. This has been an incredibly successful year for FCAHS HOSA, and the club intends to grow in members and success next year.

STUDENTS PLACE AT WESTMINSTER MUN CONFERENCE

Four Fox Chapel Area High School students recently placed at the annual Westminster Model United Nations (UN) Conference. The team of juniors Diana Crookston and Grace Stasolla placed first, and the team of sophomores Jackson Boychuk and Thomas Traub placed third.

Additionally, the Fox Chapel Area High School delegation of students representing the United Kingdom won the Best Overall Delegation (first place). That team included juniors Diana Crookston, Tristan McClelland, and Grace Stasolla; and sophomores Jackson Boychuk, Hanna Chen, Casey Mon-

roe, Shando Naini, Boomba Nishikawa, and Thomas Traub.

Approximately 200 students from 16 Western Pennsylvania and Eastern Ohio high schools participated in the Westminster Model UN Conference. The conference was held April 11, 2018, at Westminster College.

The purpose of the Model UN conference is to enable students to role-play and simulate the countries in the United Nations. As a part of the conference, students debate and try to solve global problems from the perspectives of other countries.



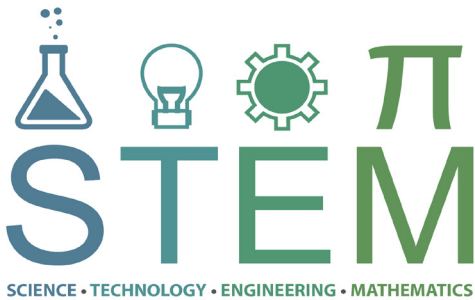
OPPORTUNITIES OF A LIFETIME



BY: MADILYN HARAJDA

The Opportunities Fair visited the Fox Chapel Area High School on May 2nd, 2018. The fair is designed to attract every type of student as it features a variety of different summer jobs, scholarship and internship offers, volunteer and study abroad opportunities. In addition, the Opportunities Fair appeals to every field a student could be interested in, including graphic design, mathematics, international affairs, and business. Organizations such as 321Blink, Community College of Allegheny County, and McDonalds were featured at the fair. Without the Opportunities Fair, some students may have missed out on important chances at great things!

Each student was impacted differently by the Opportunities Fair. For instance, sophomore Grace Gackebach said, "It was important to see what the future looks like from the eyes of a high schooler and what the real world has to offer. It was also interesting to see different organizations that are relevant right now with volunteer hours and summer jobs." It is challenging to envision what life will be like after high school, but just as Grace said, the Opportunities Fair is vital to some students understanding of the "real world." Claire Katz, another sophomore student, claimed, "The fair helped students get to see a wide range of opportunities available to them including summer jobs and college or other future plans." Not only are most of the opportunities available to students throughout high school, but even still after they enter college or the workforce. Hopefully, Fox Chapel High School students will benefit from the booths displayed at the Opportunities Fair and fulfill each of their chances to the best of their abilities!



INTRODUCE A GIRL TO STEM DAY

BY: COURTNEY KENNEDY

Four Fox Chapel Area High School Girls were selected to attend a girls in STEM seminar this past April. Kristen Friday, Bryn Gerlach, Paige Asbury, and Courtney Kennedy attended the seminar to expand their knowledge of STEM. Westinghouse held the Introduce a Girl to STEM Day in order to demonstrate the possibilities that women have in the STEM fields. The FCAHS students were part of a group of 30 who were given this unique experience. Female engineers who work for Westinghouse spoke about not only their struggles in the STEM career path but also the opportunities they have had and the positive future females have in STEM. The girls who attended the seminar also got to participate in a water purifying experiment, giving them hands on experience in environmental engineering. Kristen Friday said, "It was an interesting experience that allowed me to further my knowledge of stem fields and of the countless opportunities available for women in this day in age" The Introduce a Girl to Stem Day taught the four FCAHS students about STEM and Westinghouse, and they are now looking forwards to the possibility of their futures being in STEM.

Are you a female who wants to learn more about STEM and the opportunities female high schoolers have in the STEM fields? Talk to Ms. Gibson in the Quest room (168) to find out what opportunity is right for you.





FOX CHAPEL TRACK FINISHING STRONG

BY: CAROLINE GREEN

Five students earning medals at the WPIALs championships was just the icing on the cake for the FC Track season.

In the season's first meet on a rainy April afternoon, the boys team lost to Butler 117-33 but beat North Hills 77-67. Likewise, the girls lost to Butler 119-31, but beat North Hills 86-59. In the next meet, against Pine Richland, the team was split as the boys won 95-55, and the girls lost 86-63.

The Foxes competed in their one and only home meet before heading to the Butler and Seneca Valley Invitationals. Both upper-classmen and underclassmen participated at Butler, many of them winning top-8 medals. These individuals included Caelan Miller in the mile, Kate Carnevale in the 100, Sarena Seeger in the two mile, Christian Fitch in the two mile, and Dom McGriff in the triple jump. For the relay teams, the 4x8 team of Annika Urban, Brooke Krally, Grace Sisson, and Sarena Seeger came in eighth, the 4x4 team of Abby Baldauf, Maddy Kieffer, Caelan Miller, and Carolyn Vieth finished sixth, and the 4x1 team of Wonho Kang, Cole Waxter, Ben Kronman, and Andrew Jeffrey came in fifth. At the Seneca Valley freshman and sophomore invite, numerous athletes also earned medals for strong performances.

The Foxes finished their regular meet season with another cold and rainy meet at North Allegheny against North Allegheny and Shaler. Both the boys and girls teams lost to North Allegheny but won against Shaler. Two days later, many freshmen and sophomores headed to Butler for another freshman and sophomore meet, where many athletes earned top-7 ribbons.

The last two invitationals before WPIALs were Baldwin and Pine Richland, which fell on the May 4th. At Baldwin, the larger of the two invites, top ten placing athletes included Jonathan Folkerts in the 1600, Christian Fitch in the mile and two mile, Kate Carnevale in the 200, Brooke Krally in the 1600, Caelan Miller in the mile, Grace Sisson and Sarena Seeger in the two mile, and the girls 4x4 relay team. At Pine Richland, top ten placing athletes included the boys 4x8 team, who earned 7th place.

Those continuing to the WPIAL championship meet on May 17th continued to train hard, and Kate Carnevale, Caelan Miller, Grace Sasson, Sarena Seeger, and Christian Fitch each returned home with medals.



ROTARY CLUB OF FOX CHAPEL AREA HONORS FOX CHAPEL HIGH AND SHADY SIDE SENIORS



The Rotary Club of Fox Chapel Area this month honored 15 seniors at Fox Chapel Area High School and nine at Shady Side Academy for academic excellence while meeting the Rotary ideals of good citizenship and service to their school and community.

Jacob Klein of FCAHS and Leila Skinner of SSA were each awarded \$2,000 Service Above Self Scholarship by Fox Chapel Rotary. Twenty students, chosen by the various academic departments at the respective schools, were given \$200 cash awards. Two others were awarded Honorable Mention in the Service Above Self competition and given a \$200 prize.

Fox Chapel President Tom Benic said the annual awards luncheons at the Pittsburgh Field Club are highlights of the year for the club.

"We invited the parents this year and had our largest meeting attendance ever on back-to-back Wednesdays, May 9 and May 16," Benic said. "It is truly inspiring to listen to each student talk about their accomplishments and goals. Both local schools and parents in the community are obviously doing a fine job in not only educating the next generation but also instilling ideals of good citizenship. Rotary is only too happy to recognize this excellence."

The Fox Chapel Area High students honored, the academic department they represent, and their college choices are, from left:

Eui Shin Jung, Health and Physical Education, University of Illinois - Urbana-Champaign;
Cassidy Carson, Foreign Language Department, Studying in Germany next fall;
Abbe Cohen, Multimedia Department, Temple University;
Elizabeth Sodini, Service Above Self Award, John Carroll University;
Karissa Becer, Social Studies Department, University of Southern California;
Guinevere Stearns, Family and Consumer Science Department, Indiana University of Pennsylvania;
Serena Smith, English Department, Bucknell University;
Elizabeth Mountz, Music Department, University of Pittsburgh;
Helen Paulini, Science Department, Boston College;
Rebekah Polcyn, Service Above Self Award, McGill University;
Emma Francioni, Art, Baldwin Wallace University;
Jacob Klein, Service Above Self Scholarship, Rochester Institute of Technology;
Jeff Savin, Math Department, Emory University;
Alexander Miles, Business Department, University of Pittsburgh at Bradford;
Julia Kiszka, Technology Education Department, John Carroll University

FCAHS is HOME TO MANY OUTSTANDING YOUNG CITIZENS

BY: COURTNEY KENNEDY

Trib Total Media, a Pittsburgh newspaper, held its 25th Outstanding Young Citizens program this past April. The Outstanding Young Citizen Program allows for teachers, coaches, and parents to nominate high school students who they feel demonstrate exemplary character and leadership, go above and beyond within their community, and excel in the classroom. From hundreds of nominees a selection committee selects the top 100 students to be honored at a banquet.

Fox Chapel Area High School claimed 4 of the 100 spots. Madison Borkovich, Kacie Zakin, Courtney Kennedy, and Helen Paulini were all selected as on the top 100 Outstanding Young Citizens in Pittsburgh. Madison Borkovich is a junior at FCAHS who is a part of the National Honor Society and has received the High Honors award. She has also received the biggest Help Award in band and was a Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership Summit school finalist. Madison also interviewed the founder of Live Like Lou for the telethon. Madison is actively involved in Fox Tales Quarterly Tapestry, Yearbook, and SAT Study Club. She also founded the Cross Cultural Literacy Initiative and is a part of community outreach. Madison umpires for the Greater Pittsburgh Girls Softball League and is an assistant teacher in the Kerr Elementary summer learning academy. Her plans for the future are to be accepted into a four-year college to further her education. She also has potential interests in fields related to English, cybersecurity, law and education.

Kacie Zakin is a senior at FCAHS who is a part of the National Honor Society, Spanish National Honor Society, and Global Scholars Program. She is also a teacher's assistant for Spanish 1 and 3. Kacie has been recognized for STEM through the American Association of University Women and has completed multiple AP and accelerated classes Kacie was also the lead student in planning for Madrid Exchange at Fox Chapel Area High School in which she worked alongside the Spanish Department to plan and attend a student-exchange program. Outside of her school activities, she is also a Girl Scouts. Her plans are to go into the field of global health so that she can travel the world and become immersed into many

different cultures while caring for any person who needs medical attention. Equal access to healthcare and safety should not be determined by what part of the world we live in today.

Courtney Kennedy is a junior at FCAHS who is part of the National Honor Society, National German Honor Society, and Mu Alpha Theta. She has also received the Student- Athlete Award, AP Scholar Award, Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Award, and the American Association of University Women's STEM-CAN Award. Courtney is also



Vice President of HOSA: Future Health Professionals, President of German Club, a varsity field hockey player, an ultimate frisbee player, a Fox Tales Quarterly staff writer, and avid participator in the Westinghouse Science Honors Institute, DESI, and community outreach. She is also a co-creator of a Girls in STEM educational outreach initiative and a volunteer at All of Us Care and Big Brothers Big Sisters. She plans to obtain an undergraduate degree in engineering and a PhD in the field of medicine. It is important to Courtney that her career path allows her to expand her outreach to young girls by helping them realize their extensive capabilities in STEM-related fields.

Helen Paulini was not only selected as part of the elite top 100, she was also selected as a Gold Medal Winner, which makes her one of the top 10 outstanding young citizens in Pittsburgh. Helen is a senior at FCAHS who is part of National Honor Society. She has also received the National Emperor Science Award, AP Scholar award, AAUW Award, National Center for Women & Info Technology Aspirations in Computing Award, and the FCAHS Scholar Athlete Award. Helen is also on the US Rowing Scholastic Honor Roll and has received Highest Cumulative Honors. She is a part of the Girls of Steel Robotics Team. Helen is Tapestry's editor-in-chief and has participated in the AIU Pittsburgh Filmmakers apprenticeship. She helped create a girls in STEM class called Girls Rock Robotics and has been a camp counselor. Helen plans on pursuing a PhD and will continue using her skills in science, robotics and design/ filmmaking and her own unique perspective to pursue and eventually lead creative, cutting-edge research projects involving the intersection of computers, robotics and design to enrich and contribute to the well being of her community.

Oh, the places you'll go!

"Life isn't about finding yourself; it's about creating yourself. So live the life you imagined."

- Henry David Thoreau

Allegheny College

David Ahlers
Georgia Bordean
Jacob Levit
Jack Mosey
Katie Nichols



ALLEGHENY COLLEGE

Baldwin Wallace University

Emma Francioni

Beaver Country Community College

James McBriar

Belmont University

Lindsay Arnone

Boston College

Helen Paulini

Boston Conservatory at Berklee College of Music

Deirdre Roberts
Mia Schmidtter

Bowling Green State University

Sadye Miller

Bryant University

Jesse Cohen

Bucknell University

Serena Smith

Carlow University

Sophie Rabinowitz
Paige Warneke

Carnegie Mellon University

Won Ho Kang
Claudia Simon

Case Western Reserve University

Jhair Colan
Jakob Dunn
Greta Lazzara

Catholic University of America

Anna Paviglianiti

Central Alabama Community College

Andrew Friend

Chatham University

Brittney Neal
Katherine Veter
Briana Warner

College of Charleston

Emma Blaylock

College of William & Mary

Sarah Baldwin
Ryan Santilli

Community College of Allegheny County

Zachary Forbes-Restifo
Katherine Kasavich
Domanic McGriff
Rachel Miles
Samantha Moltz

Morgan Monroe

Ali Mugasa
Vinny Occorso
Brianna O'Malley
Christopher Pignoli
Edward Podgorski
Casey Reiner
Eva Speacht
Hunter Zdobinski



Denison University

Katie Livingston
Hannah Morton

Duquesne University

Samantha Carnevali
Kathleen Dunn
Seth Krhovsky
Jacob Miller
Noah Turowski
Drew Witt

Duke University

Annie Hirsch
Jordan Taxay

Eckerd College

Kayla Peterle

Elon University

Mark Hagan
Lainey Kasian
Jarad Reiss

Emory University
Ben Kronman
Jeffrey Savin

Florida State Gulf Coast University
Joslyn Filo

Georgia Institute Technology
Shania Khatri
Andreas Paljug

George Mason University
Kacie Zakin

George Washington University
Ari Schwartz

Grove City College
Scott Hastings

Indiana University
Rachel Goodwin
Gwynn Heidinger
Kurran Singh
Molly Weise

Indiana University of Pennsylvania
Sean Ellis
Luke Hoover
Riley Michael
Jessica Rodrigues
Guinevere Stearns
Paige Wilson
Adam Woo



Ithaca College
Micah Morris

James Madison University
Amanda Nord
Maddie Reuss

John Carroll University
Luke Brown
Nick Gizzo
Julie Kiszka

Elizabeth Sodini
Brayden Thomas

Johns Hopkins University
Ben Franks-Meinert

Kent State University
Drew Franks-Meinert

Kenyon College
Tom Ng

La Roche College
Joe Zappala

Lehigh University
Emilia Cano-Czagany
Theo Faucher
Kate Goodwin



LEHIGH
UNIVERSITY.

Lewis & Clark College
Delaney Roberts

Loyola Marymount University
Sally Dean

Marymount University
Ray Tarsai

McGill University
Emelyn Broniek
Sarah Seay
Beka Polcyn

Mercyhurst University
Seth Bowman
Cash Brusco
Kira Clark
Will Zytneck

Miami University of Ohio
Tessa Friday
Grant Geraci
Katie Mcilroy

Michigan State University
Paul Cullen
Paige Ryan

Mount Aloysius College
Tawnya Holben

New York University
Emilia Bianchini
Albert Liu
Jacob Wecht

North Carolina State University
Nolan Crocker

Northeastern University
Kieran Bartels
Alexa Selwood



Ohio State University
Liam Botos
Claudia Guerrieri
Matthew Ling
Meredith Massaro
John Saunders
Jessica Schwartz

Ohio University
Jocelyn Eckenrode
Sarah Fownes
Julia Szymanski

Penn State University
Katherine Chomko
Adam Dolhi
Margeaux Essey
Maddie Flanagan
Cameron Krally
Will Kuhns
Julia Kust
Toby Lazear
Lucy Stone
Matthew Treadwell
Taylor Trasatti



Penn State University - Altoona
Nicholas Kosak

Penn State University - Berks
Sofia Wedner

Penn State University - Harrisburg
Joshua Richey

Penn State University - New Kensington
Carlye McCausland

Pittsburgh Technical College
Dominique Lorch

Point Park University
Charles Howard Carthorn
Madeline Macek

Pratt Institute
Philip Kim

Purdue University
Sinhong Park
George Thompson
Jorgen Wu

Ringling College of Art and Design
Alessia Fontecchio

Robert Morris University
Harley Beckey
Jacob Miske
Mo Munhina
Ashley Trusiak

Rochester Institute of Technology
Joseph Kirklewski
Jacob Klein

Slippery Rock University
Andrew Auth
19. Dominic Charmeuo

Cooper Collins
DaeVaughn Garner
Greg Kirklewski
Cheyenne Rocco
Brianna Smith
John Folkerts
Abby Pogue
Jacob Way



Syracuse University
Diana Beasley
Lizzie Kauma
Julianna Macdonald
Danielle Werner

Saint Vincent College
Taylor Collins
RJ Okunewick

Saint Francis University
Emma Humes
Grace Kneppshield
David Sullivan

Seton Hill University
Kathryn Way

Temple University
Zach Carcy
Abbe Cohen
Jacob Orban
Kezia Rebeiz
Ally Sacre
Georgina Zimmerman



Thiel College
Sydnee Pilarski

Tufts University
Carson Cohen

University of California - Santa Barbara
Megan Stafford

University of Dayton
James Kirk
Justin Supsura

University of Denver
Katie Bozzone

University of Florida
Morgann Green
Julie Mallinger
Sarah Sheerer

University of Kentucky
Bailey Beal
Grace Katz

University of Miami
Zach Zytnick

University of Michigan
Chris Bonavita
Mia Jamiolkowski
Braddock Lalor
Bridget Wang



University of Nevada Las Vegas
Max Polster

University of North Carolina
Abby Pitcairn

University of Notre Dame
Alyssa Dipaolo

University of Pittsburgh
Anita Bargaje
Nikita Bargaje
Brandon Brewster

Aaron Carr
 Sara Fisher
 Annamaria Fort
 Khalid Hussein
 Andrew Jeffery
 Julia Kissinger
 Shane Krhovsky
 Charlotte Lewis
 Elena Liberto
 Adam Mattioli
 Caelan Miller
 Danica Moffitt
 Vicky Mountz
 Ellie Mountz
 Dan Nicholas
 Cassandra Oliva
 Rohan Patil
 Sara Puthenpurayil
 Paul Reiber
 Lisa Schmithorst
 Trisha Shah
 David Shtrahman
 Nathan VanDemark
 Chase Villani
 Ryan Weinberger
 Sai Yarlagadda



University of Pittsburgh - Bradford

Reed Bursic
 Alex Miles

University of Pittsburgh - Greensburg

Isaac Caldwell
 Charlotte Lewis
 Tyler Rapp
 Christian Reiber
 Kristin Rhodes

University of Pittsburgh - Johnstown

Erin Burkhart
 Michael Miller
 Juan Morales
 Tommy Penland
 Emma Rice

University of South Carolina

Molly Kelly
 Devon Stein

University of South Florida

Bridget Shelstak

University of Southern California

Karissa Becer

University of St. Andrews

Kiran Hughes

University of Texas - Austin

Nicholas Fennell
 Will Tabor

University of Tennessee

Lauren Heasley

University of Vermont

Jason Hertzberg

Vassar College

Margaret Edgecombe

Virginia Tech

Fallon Curry

Washington and Jefferson College

Alex Vlahos

Wake Forest University

Cara Levicoff

West Chester University

Madeleine Chesek-Welch

Westminster College

Krystyna Burdelski

West Penn Hospital School of Nursing

Lea Prato

West Virginia University

Kristen Cuda

West Virginia University - Wesleyan

Jonathan Stamy

Xavier University

Greg Humbert

Yale University

Tanvi Yende

York College of Pennsylvania

Zach Goreczny



Yale University

Work Force

Etta Andrews
 Jake Bozzo (*Carpenters' Union*)
 Tsion Burch
 Cassidy Carson (*funeral director apprenticeship*)
 Jason Gigler
 Brandon Hank
 James Malone
 John McDonough
 Connor McNally
 Karissa Narad
 Amos Nishimwe
 Michael Schilcher
 Hunter Rocco

Military

Aidan McKelroy - Army
 Marc Szalla - Army
 Dalton Thomas - Navy
 Jordan Zacharias - Army

Gap Year

Susan Copeland
 Sophia Stokes
 Hannah Conroy



PROM 2018

BY: DANIEL ANDRUD



Prom, a keystone night in everyone's high school experience, is filled with fancy clothes and lots of dancing. Fox Chapel's prom of 2018 was no different, with great food and elaborate dresses. Located at the Marriott in downtown Pittsburgh, the dance was filled with entertainment and extravagant decor, with stunning outfits from many students. The dancing and entertainment was truly a great experience, filled with dancing and good times. Dinner was catered by the hotel, with an option of a vegetarian pasta or chicken, with dessert options between apple pie and chocolate cake, along with refreshments available throughout the evening. The Penguins game also gave many attendees a break from the experience, with many crowded around TVs watching the away game, which unfortunately ended in a loss for the team. Students also had the opportunity to take photos in the photo booth with various different props and decorations. A big thanks to the school and everyone who organized the event, for it was truly an experience to remember for years to come!





Mock Accident

By: CHRYSTAL UDUMUKWU

Prior to Prom students got to learn the importance of not driving under the influence. Whether it be you behind the wheel or a friend, it's important to make right decisions. The Every 15 Minutes program illustrated for students the horrors that can come with this real life problem. Through a mock accident and mock trial, students and staff witnessed what was just a fun night at a party turn into a nightmare. Many students, including Zion Jackson, Brayden Thomas, Grace Wignan, Sadie Lawrence, Tsion Burch, Julie Mallinger, and Cam Crawley were able to be part of this experience and act as participants.

Though it was only a simulation, real emotions were shown as Zion's mother broke down in tears from witnessing the "loss" of her son. Not only that but seeing ambulances, police cars, and helicopters made every part of it feel so real. Zion commented on his experience, saying, "The overall experience has impacted me most by educating me about the dangers of driving under the influence. Laying in the car, I felt as though my life flashed before my eyes. I looked around me and realized that one simple mistake could cost someone their life just like that. I'm so glad I was granted the opportunity to educate my peers here at Fox Chapel about the dangers of poor decisions." All in all , the Every 15 minute program was a great way to display the possible outcomes that many youth face today .



No TIME TO RE-LAX

BY: CLAIRE FENTON

They say that the best offense is a good defense, but for our girls' lacrosse team, the best offense is a good offense. The Lady Foxes outscored their in-section opponents by an average of fifteen goals per game en route to an overall record of 9-2. Although they went undefeated in section play through the first half of the season, they became Co-Section Champions after an 8-7 loss to Shady Side Academy in their final section game. However, Foxes still earned a spot in the WPIAL playoffs as the third seed, earning a bye in the first round; in the girls' quarterfinal match against Sewickley Academy on May 17, their playoff run ended with 11-7 defeat.

The boys had a successful season as well and made program history by becoming the first Fox Chapel Boys' Lacrosse team to make it past the first round of the WPIAL playoffs. After ending their season with an overall record of 14-4, the boys were given the tenth seeding and tasked with facing Butler on May 14. Led by eight goals from junior Zach Yonas, the Foxes won 15-8 and moved on to the quarterfinals, where they suffered a 17-5 loss to Peters Township on May 16.



AN ART STUDIO BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE VERY BEST OF FOX CHAPEL

BY: LIZZY KAUMA

Fox Chapel's own AP art students had a successful gallery showing from April 21 to April 28th. Mrs. Nancy Goldberg, one of the art teachers at Dorseyville Middle school, opened up her gallery, Ketchup City Creative, in Sharpsburg to display works about to be shipped off for AP tests and works for sale. The gallery receptions were well attended and more than several students sold pieces to eager customers. Specifically, AP photography students, Rachel Goodwin, Demi Ryder, Noah Fritsch, Elizabeth Kauma, Taylor Collins, Lea Prato, Bridget Shelestak, and Greg Humbert, as well as AP drawing and painting students, Kezia Rebeiz, Sydnee Pilarski, and Emma Franconi, proudly showcased their hard work and talent. Hopefully, this tradition will not be lost.



THE ROARING TWENTIES COME TO FOX CHAPEL

BY: BRIDGET WANG

Unlike the traditional Spring Comedy that our students usually produce every year, this year, students from our Drama Club came together and put on an American classic. On May 11 and 12, *The Great Gatsby* was brought to Fox Chapel with the full force of the Roaring Twenties.

Written by F. Scott Fitzgerald, the story follows Nick Carraway and his many interactions with Jay Gatsby, a wealthy, mysterious man, who Carraway spends his time studying. One of the many interesting quirks about *Gatsby* is the lavishly large parties thrown at his mansion, in the hopes of drawing the attention of a particular love interest. Juggling idealism in a world that is not very idealistic, *The Great Gatsby* is one of the few books that define American literature.

Our school's drama club, under the direction of Theater Arts teacher, Dr. Pazin, brought it to life under the direction of junior, Alyssa Melani. The production

involved around 50 students from each grade level. Senior, Deirdre Roberts (Daisy Buchanan), would like to express the following as she departs one of her last performances at the high school:

Participating in the spring play this year was a really unique experience. The production is completely student-run, from the direction, to the costume design, to the pit. Being able to collaborate with my peers was a great learning experience as a performer and I now have a better understanding of the importance of communication and teamwork. We only had just over a month to put the production together, and we were all very excited to share what we had worked on. The spring play is a great way to get involved with the drama club, whether you prefer to be on stage or behind the scenes.

Congratulations to all involved in this year's spring play!





THREE-PEAT FOR THE FOXES

BY: JAY KASHYAP



The boys tennis team pulled off another great season this year, winning their third consecutive WPIAL team championship and advancing to the quarterfinals in the state tournament. The season began with rainy weather, leading to the Foxes having to play many matches and practices indoors. Going into spring break, they had only played two outdoor matches and had had no outdoor practices. Things began to change as the weather lightened up. With wins over Allderdice, North Allegheny, and Cathedral Prep, the boys began to gain momentum, proving to themselves and others that they could beat good teams and were real contenders for their third WPIAL championship. The win over Allderdice in early April secured the title of section champions and completed the boys' undefeated regular season.

The Foxes' victories over Chartiers Valley and Franklin Regional early in the WPIAL tournament pitted them against North Allegheny in the semi-finals. With a swift 4-1 victory, the Foxes were set to play their rivals, Shady Side Academy, in the WPIAL championship. The excitement of a chance at three straight WPIAL titles was surreal. In the words of FC's number one player Robby Shymansky, "It does not get much more hype than a WPIAL final against Shady Side." The Foxes raced to a 4-0 lead in just over an hour, surpassing the three points that are needed to win. They had defended their WPIAL title. With number two singles player Jared Nord defeating his opponent in a two and a half hour long epic, the Foxes secured their 5-0 victory.

In the state tournament, the Foxes' first match was against Perry High School, a match that the foxes easily won 5-0. Their next opponent was Great Valley High School from Philadelphia, the team that had eliminated Fox Chapel from the state tournament in 2017. The Foxes met the same fate as they did the year before, losing an extremely close match to Great Valley in the second round. The Foxes still walk out of the season with their heads held high, as their accomplishments this season were still excellent. Congratulations to the boys tennis team on a tremendous season!

ANOTHER MEMORABLE EVENING THANKS TO DESI

BY: MADISON BORKOVICH



Around the school and community, news and interest about the Distinguished Ethnic Society of India, also known as DESI, is quickly circulating. The club consists of passionate students, both of Indian and non-Indian origin, who work tirelessly for months each year in order to put on a night of multicultural performances. Club officers include Gina Wang, Bridget Wang, Nishika Mohnot, Sanjana Harish, Vishi Agrawal, and Shania Khatri. DESI's show was Bollywood-themed this year and took place on May 23rd in the high school auditorium. The event highlighted various aspects of the country's culture through several vocal and dance performances. Dance soloists of the night included Sanjana Harish and Gina Wang, with Vishi Agrawal as a vocal performer. The audience also enjoyed the much anticipated yearly teacher dance and fashion show as well as the teacher band performance, which included high school teachers Señor Gonzalez, Ms. Cooper, and Mr. Barle, as well as student Andreas Paljug, performing an Indian song. During the show's intermission, the club provided an array of cultural food for audience members.

In addition to DESI's special night each year, the club also keeps busy with its fundraising endeavors and volunteering. To help sustain the club, this year, DESI sold Rita's Italian Ice to students at the high school. Members also gave district elementary schoolers henna tattoos to provide funds for costs and support. DESI additionally gives back to the community by helping with the elementary schools' own multicultural nights. Through their dedication and charitable work, members of DESI continue to showcase the benefits of a multicultural world. 26.

