

CITYLAB TIMES

KAMALA HARRIS ISN'T SOMEONE WHO LOSES

Kamala Harris has never lost a public office she's run for in her life. While the vice president-elect has definitely had controversies during her time in public office, she's never been in a race she hasn't won from her first primary up all the way to the Biden-Harris ticket. Harris first started her political journey when she ran for San Francisco District Attorney in 2003 and managed to advance to a runoff with the two-term incumbent, Terrance Halinan. She was able to advance past the runoff even though she was the lesser known of the three candidates thanks mainly to the California Democratic party holding off their endorsement of Halinan helping to split the vote. After a bitter battle with Halinan, she won the runoff with 56 percent of the vote and she became the first person of color to be elected district attorney in San Francisco. Harris then ran for Attorney General of California in 2008 picking up endorsements from both of California's US senators, the mayor of Los Angeles, and many others allowing her to easily win the nomination. While the race was close against Republican Steve Cooley in the final race, she successfully defeated him becoming the first woman of color to hold the office of attorney general in California. Harris then ran for US Senator of California in the 2016 election. Her name in California clearly helped her, as early polling showed her at 41 percent compared to the 16 percent of Antonio Villaraigosa, another candidate at the time. While Kamala did run for president in the 2020 election season, she never technically participated in a primary, keeping her record of winning every election she's ever ran in. And now she's the vice-president elect of the United States once again blazing trails just like the beginning as she will be the first woman, black woman, and Asian American woman to ever hold the office. Harris has consistently made her way up the ranks to the position she's now in today. - Elliot Mast (11)



Kamala Harris & Joe Biden celebrating their win



AN IMPOSTER AMONG US?

With 2020 already being an awful year, one way people are relieving stress is through entertainment. That's right, I'm writing about video games. This year there were many new releases on all different platforms with some games reaching worldwide popularity, and some being only temporary. One of these games that has been extremely popular recently Among the younger generations. This game is called Among Us. This game has been out for two years, but is only now becoming extremely popular. The main rules of this free multiplayer game is that there are ten people who are all different colors. Every game there are 8 crewmates and 2 imposters. The goal of the crewmates is to finish all their tasks around the ship and vote out the suspected imposter all without dying; but if you die, you become a ghost. The imposter's job is to kill as many crewmates as possible without getting caught. If both imposters are voted off, crewmates win. If most all crewmates are either killed or voted off, imposters win. After a body is found and reported you are able to discuss with others to potentially vote off the imposter, or you can skip the vote. This game quickly captured the attention of students and gamers during September and continues to entertain going into "spooky season" giving many, new ideas for Halloween costumes. - Sebastian Brown (10)



Asley Ogbonna playing Among us in the cafeteria. Is she the imposter?



STUDENT VOICE : "WE NEED A CHANGE AND WE NEED IT NOW"

We are overwhelmed with work. It is mentally and emotionally draining being stuck in a computer screen all day. Students and teachers are tired. We are bombarded with multiple assignments for every class in one week. Learning from home isn't as easy as you may think. Most of us have been accustomed to being taught in a certain environment for 10 or more years. The sudden change makes it hard to focus.

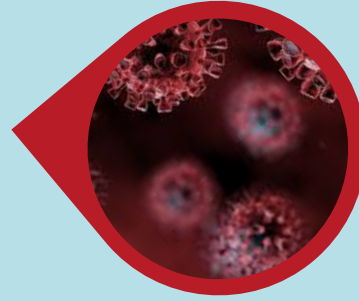
We are becoming young adults, which means we are carrying a lot of new responsibilities. Taking care of younger siblings as well as picking up one or two jobs has become a new reality for us, but that is only the tip of the iceberg. People all over the country are still having a hard time finding jobs during the pandemic, so there is a high possibility students and their families are having financial problems. Mental health can be a burden as well. With increasing depression rates among our generation, school work becomes a second thought. Some days, when we are a little extra anxious and it's hard to get out of bed, the last thing we want to do is join a Zoom class. I have some solutions:

- Each subject gets their own set of office hours-
 - For example, English classes would be open 9am-10:30am, Science classes would be open from 10:30am-12noon, Math classes would be open 12noon-1:30pm, Social Studies would be open 1:30pm-3pm, and Electives/Pathways would be open 3pm-4:30pm, and are open Monday-Friday.
 - These office hours would be optional for students. They are available for kids who need extra help.
 - This gives students multiple opportunities a week to speak to their teacher, and gives teachers the remainder of the day to plan and grade assignments.
- A new way to assign work-
 - Every Friday, each class will assign one "slightly larger than normal" assignment for us to complete that week.
 - We have until the following Sunday at midnight to complete it (ex: if all of the assignments are given on Friday the 13th, they will be due on Sunday the 22nd).
 - Teachers will record themselves explaining the assignment/how to do the assignment and attach it to the work on Google Classroom. This way the student can have the instructions if they forget what was said, and the teachers don't have to continue repeating themselves.
- Attendance-
 - Students will fill out a google form each week filling out their name and the period they have that class. This will act as a sign in sheet and count for the whole week's attendance.
- Perks of this plan-
 - A few schools are doing this, and personally, it made online school less hectic.
 - Students who use a hotspot don't waste their limited data.
 - Less confusion on deadlines
 - Workload is less
 - Schedule is flexible for teachers and students - Zoe Maturino (12)

COVID UPDATE

STAYING SAFE

1. Wash your hands frequently
2. Stay a **MINIMUM** of 6FT apart
3. Cover your nose and mouth with a mask at all times (unless eating.
4. Don't forget to sanitize your area
5. Keep track of your health. If feeling sick **STAY** home.



^^ click above to look at Texas Covid tracker^^

ACADEMIC DECATHLON



Seniors Zoe Maturino, Nevena Cail and Jalah Dorris (not pictured) were gold medalist in the Small School division of the Academic Decathlon District Meet.

This past weekend 20 schools competed in the Districtwide Online Academic Decathlon Meet. With the theme The Cold War, more than 175 secondary students were tested in several areas including music, art, literature, math, economics and social science.

Citylab students Zoe Maturino, Yair Renteria, Jalah Dorris, Nevena Cail, Leila Godoy, Katherine Ramirez, Catalina Flach, and Lizbeth Saucedo Rodriguez represented Citylab at the competition. Maturino, Dorris and Cail placed as gold medalist winners.

CityLab High School advances to the Region XII competition which is scheduled for January 29-30. Dallas ISD Decathletes will participate in the virtual regional competition at a districtwide site.

Academic Decathlon is a rigorous academic scholastic competition testing how well students perform in 10 different categories in the same era. The teams that compete against each other in academic decathlon are split based on school size; small schools compete against each other and large schools compete against each other. Each school has three teams based on GPA. 3 Honor students (3.80 - 4.00 GPA), 3 Scholastic students (3.20 - 3.799 GPA), and 3 Varsity students (0.00 - 3.199 GPA).

All teams gather in order to compete. The highest scoring team in the state goes to nationals. Some students even receive scholarship grants offered by 345+ schools with offers up to 9,000 dollars. The Academic Decathlon is a great opportunity to experience competitions and test how much we know about a certain subject. It is interesting that students get tested on random questions and facts. This year is CityLabs first year participating in the competition; the team captain is Catalina Flach. The first competition was held at CityLab on October 31st.

MASKNE: WHAT ARE WE HIDING?

"I am too old for pimples, but Covid got us all crazy," said Ms. Boyd when asked if she got acne from wearing a mask all day at work. A lot of people have started to have skin issues due to the mandatory mask wearing. Most people don't wear a mask long enough to notice if they get a lot of acne or not, but the people that are affected have two reasons to believe the mask was the culprit. First, they didn't used to get acne in the area that the mask goes on. Second, it started happening when they began wearing their mask more frequently. About half of the people that were asked this question said that they or a family member have been experiencing more acne. We can't avoid getting it, but a question to ask is: were they wearing a cloth mask or disposable masks? It may be that people are overusing disposable masks or not washing cloth masks. Thousands of people are calling and going to the dermatologist to see what is causing their acne to flare up, according to CNN Health. "We're seeing lots of flares of acne, especially a type called perioral dermatitis, which tends to happen typically around the mouth and in the areas around the nose," said board-certified Dr. Seemal Desai..

- Isabela Andrade (11)
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The medical term for "maskne" is acne mechanica, a skin condition brought on by prolonged wear of facial personal protective equipment.
AP PRESS

THE GOURD, BAD, & THE UGLY



^^Arboretums yearly pumpkin patch^^



^^click to visit the Arboretum website^^

The Arboretum is a place that I've only ever heard positive things about. So when I found out they had an event called "Autumn at the Arboretum," I was intrigued. If everyone only has nice things to say about the Arboretum, then obviously their events must be worth it. Quickly, I noticed that something was off. 90,000 pumpkins, squash, and gourds? There is no way that they wouldn't rot. The display was over a month long, running from September 19 to November 1. Plus, even after it ended, they would be selling the pumpkins, squashes, and gourds until November 6. I looked up how long pumpkins last, which is eight to 12 weeks, so they would be fine. Squashes can last one to three months. So, I'll give them the benefit of the doubt and say it's three months. However, when I researched the gourds, I found that they only last one to two weeks when not dried. I was a bit confused on how a gourd would be dried, but apparently it takes six months. So unless the Arboretum is waiting for the gourds to mature, and then drying them for six months, those gourds must be fake. The Arboretum is selling fake gourds. They've been lying to us, and they've succeeded in doing so, until now. I saw they had a number I could call on their website, so I decided I needed to get to the bottom of this and get the answers I needed. When I first called them, I waited for a customer representative to pick up. However instead of a person, I was greeted by an automatic voice message. It said that I should leave a message so they would call me back, but I wasn't able to because their mailbox was full. Of course, other people must've been calling about the gourds. They're avoiding it. I waited five minutes, and called again. This time, I was put on hold, and a representative finally picked up. She introduced herself as *Martha and asked how she could help me. I first asked about the pumpkins, gourds, and squashes. She said she didn't have access to information about them, so she offered to pass on my message, which I accepted. I got straight to the point, immediately asking if the gourds were real. A pause, then she replied again saying she did not have access to that information. Odd, why wouldn't the arboretum give their customer service employees such basic information? I must be on to something. I gave my full name and a number to call back, so I waited, not knowing if this would be the end of my journey with the Arboretum. As the day ended, I still had not gotten a call. Even a few days later, I have not been contacted. Something is definitely off, and hopefully it will be revealed. But for now, they can keep their dirty secret. At least, until next year.*Names have been changed for safety Wiping off the gloss is dedicated to exposing the issues that have been glossed over by other news sources, even if there is absolutely no evidence the allegation is true. - Devin Krieger (11)

CLUBS AND EVENTS ROLL INTO SESSION

All students have the opportunity to join any of our fantastic clubs this year!

Chess Club- Ms. Nunley

UTA Architecture Club- Mr. Goldstein & Ms. Hardaway

Girl Up!- Ms. Avera

Gay Straight Alliance- Mr. Price

Fashion Design & Make Up Club- Ms. Toomer

Bike & Exercise Club- Mr. Seawright

Robotics- Ms. Mu'Min

Mock Trial- Mr. Good

CityLab Twirl Club (Majorettes)- Ms. Caston

Travel Club- Mr. Rivera-Ortiz

Junior World Affairs- Ms. Sayed

Psychology Club- Mr. Henery

Film Club- Ms. Dowdy

Podcast Club- Mr. Herman

CityLab Sounds Music Club- Mr. McCovery

Photography Club- Mr. Berggren

Contact the teachers on this list for more information about clubs.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Thanksgiving Break
NOV. 23 - NOV. 27

CLUB SPOTLIGHT

As student and teachers begin their club activities, We wanted to get a little insight about the clubs and their importance and impact on the students. We interviewed Mr. Henery a english teacher here at Citylab, about the Psychology Club. Students Nevena Cail and Chloe Cole came up with the club because they want to "Inform members about different facets of psychology and to provide an environment where we can test out some of the thought experiments/tests." says Mr. Henery. This gives the students a chance to explore thoughts and understand their own minds in a very positive way. He says he wants students "to take away a greater understanding of how people think and why people may behave a certain way." He also wants students to create authentic experiences and where they can discuss new found knowledge and share their own thoughts and experiences.

So far the club has done the Rorschach test where the students analyze their perceptions on a number of inkblots. These tests are used to examine a person's emotions and personality characteristics. They have also analyzed their dreams and what they mean.

The overall goal of the club is for students to "educate and engage members with psychological thought experiments that open themselves up to deeper reflection.". Mr. Henry chose this club because "psychology would be interesting and fun to learn about with students". - Christian Gotcher & Martina Lozada (10)



Nevena Cail mets with Mr. Henery to discuss agenda for upcoming club meeting

THE NEW FACE OF PTO

As a Senior, I have been hearing about the PTO for the past three years. I took an interest. So, out of pure curiosity, I decided to seek out the answer to the three year long mystery. "What does the PTO even do?" I started this journey by asking around in my classes that exact question. Not surprisingly; but most people, and even some teachers had no clue. After asking around, I figured out that Ms. Bolding was the President. I prepared a couple questions and reached out to her, and she was happy to respond. Apparently, that same question that I had is something they are really working hard on in the PTO right now. What IS the PTO and what does it do? "PTO stands for Parent Teacher Organization," Ms. Bolding explained, "The mission of the CityLab PTO is to enhance and support the educational experience at CityLab High School, to develop a closer connection between school and home by encouraging parental involvement, and to improve the environment at CityLab High School through volunteer and financial support" Ms. Bolding is a parent herself, so I wanted to know what encouraged her to become a member of the PTO. "We have three kids and I have been involved in the PTO in every school they have gone to. The main reason I support the PTO is because I want to make sure that the students at our schools have the most enriching experience possible...I want to build community." Ms. Bolding added that she wants to give parents an opportunity to be involved with their kids at the school and get to know their CityLab family. "A community is only as strong as the interaction of its members, so I think it's important that teachers, staff, students and other parents get to know each other. In that way, we can support each other," she said. Many parents don't consider the PTO important. I asked Ms. Bolding why it was important for parents to join. Ms. Bolding explained that parents should join the PTO to help support its activities and to ensure that they get first-hand information about the things we are doing so they can stay involved with the school. As president of the PTO, she has big plans for this year despite the pandemic, but the PTO doesn't just plan events for students. They try to plan for parents and teachers to create an exciting environment. "This year, I set a goal," Ms. Bolding explained, "I want to do 3 things for teachers and staff, 3 things for students and 3 things for parents. I feel confident we will be able to fundraise enough to support our '3 by 3' goal, but I'd like to be able to do even more. So far, we've thrown a back-to-school lunch for the teachers and we hosted a COVID speaker for our parents. We're trying to think of something fun to do for the students in the next few weeks that doesn't involve any large gatherings, so let us know if you have any ideas." Parents should care about the PTO. It is responsible for activities students get to participate in as well as building a strong community. - Yair Renteria (11)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- If any one of your parents join the PTO, you get a free yard sign!
- CityLab PTO is having a poinsettia and holiday wreath sale!

6" Red, white and pink poinsettias are being sold for 12\$ each!

30" Green Wreaths with pine cones are being sold for 30\$ each!

The items will be ready for pick-up the week AFTER Thanksgiving at CityLab High School. Purchasers will be contacted with the information they'll need for picking the items up the week BEFORE Thanksgiving.

Orders over 100\$ will qualify for free delivery!

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Citylab yard sign

ONCE A FREE LAND, NOW A GHOST TOWN: THE SAD STORY OF AMERICA'S LAST FREEDMAN'S TOWN, RIGHT HERE IN DALLAS.

On East 9th street in Oak Cliff, children ride their bikes among empty lots and abandoned homes. Meanwhile, a homeless man staggers down East 10th and collapses on the sidewalk. This is the 10th Street Historic District. Originally called Freedom Town, the neighborhood was built by freed slaves over 120 years ago and is the very last Freedman's Town in the United States. Over the past 50 years, Freedom Town has been the target of the oppression and the carelessness of the city of Dallas.

Dallas is home to the only surviving monument to this chapter in American history, however the neighborhood is merely a fraction of what used to be. Only 150 of the 250 homes constructed by the freed slaves still stand, and the majority of the surviving buildings are abandoned and inhabited by squatters.

Of course, it wasn't always like this- 10th Street was once a lively symbol of pride and resilience for former slaves. The homes ranged from a small shot-gun style, to a modest Victorian, to a more complex craftsman bungalow. But as Oak Cliff continued to build up around the neighborhood, so did segregation. Therefore the people of 10th street needed a neighborhood that could provide them with the necessary resources needed to survive, since the rest of the city was off limits. When most of Jefferson Blvd. became off limits to blacks in the 1920s, a grocery store and drugstore were constructed to serve the community. 10th Street and the surrounding areas were the mecca for black culture during this period and into the 1950s. It is often considered the heartbeat of black Dallas by residents. The tightness of the area made it peaceful. And just like a small town, everybody knew everybody and the church was the center of the community. But as Dallas continued to expand West, urbanization began to close in on the district.

The erosion of the neighborhood began in the 1960s with the construction of I-35, which tore through many declining African American communities like 10th street. The highway forced residents out of the neighborhood, lowered property values tremendously, and split the neighborhood down the middle; setting up Freedom Town for a path of inevitable and rapid decline. At the same time, Dallas was being desegregated; so many residents stopped supporting the local grocery and drug store in favor of nicer establishments. Many moved out to the suburbs in favor of nicer schools and better homes. Only the die-hard residents decided to stick it out in 10th street, and the decreased population caused 10th Street to lose the sense of community that had made the neighborhood so special in the first place.



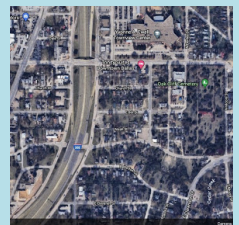
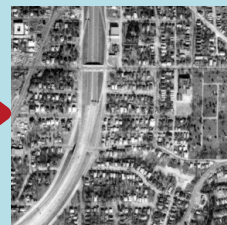
Over the last 5 decades, vacant homes have been picked off by the City of Dallas for land value. It was only until the 1990s that the neighborhood was incorporated as a historic district, but the city would still find ways to continue demolishing the old structures. In 2010, a city ordinance was passed that allowed the city attorney's office to easily demolish homes under 3,000 square feet regardless of historical designation. Almost all of the little houses in the district come in under 3,000 square feet, making all of them eligible for demolition. Today, so few homes are left that the satellite view of the neighborhood resembles a scrambled checkerboard of old roofs and empty lots. And the homes that remain are in a sad state of disrepair. Rotten siding, failing roofs, or a front porch that has shifted so far away from the house that it's columns lean at a 45 degree angle, are all common traits of the historic houses. But there is some hope for this neighborhood.

In 2018, The National Trust for Historic Preservation placed the 10th Street Historic District as the 11 most endangered place in the country. Since then, the City Council has voted to stop spending money on tearing down what they have left of the old Freedman's Town. The trust has also granted millions towards neighborhood revitalization. This has yet to take effect. When I visited the neighborhood, I was first greeted by an angry gentleman telling my father and I that we were on private property (We were only on the sidewalk) Once things deescalated, he explained that the neighborhood has become safer in recent years. Each week neighbors would gather to board up abandoned homes in an effort to deter crime. As a result of the crime dip, demolition ban, and neighborhood activism more homes are seeing plywood removed from their doors and windows for rehabilitation.

But what are we even saving at this point? A memory? You can't tell the history of music by saving a single note, and can't tell the story of life after slavery by saving the remnants a single neighborhood...

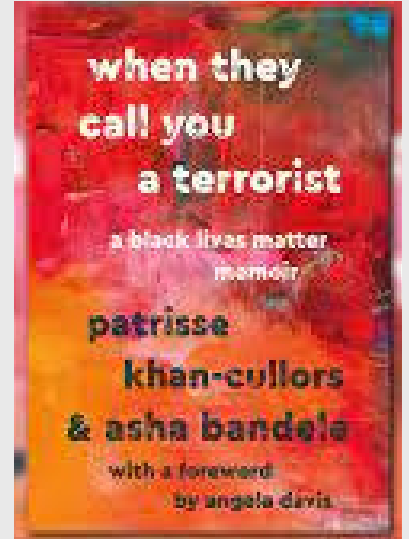
- Guerin Honeycutt (9)

the degradation of the area. The first one is from around the late 20s. The second one is from the 60s when the highway was built. And the last one is today.



BOOK REVIEW: WHEN THEY CALL YOU A TERRORIST

This noteworthy book uncovers what enlivened Patrisse's visionary and gallant activism and powers us to confront the result of the decisions our country made when we condemned an age. This book is an absolute necessity read for us all. - Michelle Alexander, New York Times top of the line creator of *The New Jim Crow* An idyllic and ground-breaking journal about being a black woman in America and helping to establish a development that requests equity for all in the place where there is freedom. Raised by a single parent in a devastated neighborhood in Los Angeles, Patrisse Khan-Cullors experienced firsthand bias and abuse black Americans suffer on account of law requirements.] Patrisse believes the most weak individuals in the nation are Black individuals. Purposely and heartlessly focused by a criminal equity framework serving a white benefit plan, Black individuals are exposed to unmerited racial profiling and police fierceness. In 2013, when Trayvon Martin's executioner went free, Patrisse's shock drove her to help establish the Black Lives Matter movement with Alicia Garza and Opal Tometi. Denounced as psychological oppressors and as a danger to America, these caring ladies established a hashtag that birthed the development to request responsibility from the specialists who consistently choose to disregard the treacheries heaps of black and brown skin. Supporting common liberties notwithstanding brutal bigotry, Patrisse is a survivor. She changed her own agony into political force, offering voice to a people enduring imbalance and a development powered by her quality and love to tell the nation and the world that Black Lives Matter. At the point when *They Call You a Terrorist* is Patrisse Khan-Cullors and asha bandele's appearance on mankind. It is an enabling record of endurance, quality and flexibility and a source of inspiration to change the way of life that announces blameless black life nonessential. - Calvin Browning (12)



SENIOR NEWS



● It's senior szn, welcome back! Payments for Senior activities begin on October 22, 2020. The Senior Grad Pack will be available for \$119.00. You can pay in increments of whatever works for you. Parking stickers will also be available for \$30 and are valid through the entire school year. A valid driver license and proof of insurance will be requested upon purchase.

Fix your hair and crack a smile, because senior picture day will be on December 3, 2020. Pictures will be taken in your cap and gown as well as normal clothes. Pictures and senior gear will be on sale through Jostens. Reach out to Ms. Copeland with any questions. - Zoe Maturino (12)



Senior register area

