Ride for Life Comes to Mount Sinai

Our thanks to Mr. Pendergast and his Ride for Life friends for visiting Mount Sinai Elementary School in May. The Elementary School Student Council (Mrs. Sullivan and Mrs. Walker, Advisors) held a fundraiser and fourth grade classes collected recyclable bottles resulting in a donation to Ride for Life in excess of $2000. Way to go Mt. Sinai!
All the Way with AHA!

Our thanks to Mr. Armstrong (Athletes Helping Athletes Advisor) for organizing a successful field day for our fourth grade students. Along with fourth grade teachers and ES Physical Education staff a Mr. Armstrong coordinated a comprehensive program allowing High School Student Athlete-Scholars to meet with fourth grade students. Along with developing positive decision making skills topics including bullying, and drug awareness.

Bookmark Winners

During Mt. Sinai’s National Library Week, April 27th to May 1st, the students at Mt. Sinai Elementary School celebrated in a special way. The library sponsored a bookmark contest for students in Kindergarten through fourth grades. Students were asked to design a bookmark in honor of children’s books and the joy of reading. Bookmarks were judged on their clarity, use of color, and originality.

There were many tough decisions for our judges since all of the bookmarks were wonderful! The bookmarks chosen were made by Matthew Fitzgerald, Bella Mia Falco, Emma Ramos in Kindergarten, Lauren Kang, Tristan Kozikowski, Viren Penagaluru in 1st grade, Logan Geraghty, Erika Ferdinand, Hannah Simkus in 2nd grade, Camryn Chamberlain, Anthony DelGandio, Alexa Halley in 3rd grade, and Paityn Freitag, Jessica Fuoco, Olivia Hutchinson in 4th grade. The winning bookmarks were then reproduced on cardstock by SAV-ON Printing in Mt. Sinai. Please drop by and take a look at the creativity of our Mt. Sinai Elementary students. Happy Reading!

Concert

The Elementary School Chorus performed in the annual in-school Spring concert, and evening concert at the high school. Selections included Do-Re-Mi (From The Sound of Music), May the Road Rise Up, What a Wonderful World, and Three Little Birds. The whole chorus did a wonderful job.
Recently the fourth grade students were visited by Biologist Eric and his reptiles and amphibians. Students learned about animal life cycles as well as endangered species and habitats. Our thanks to the PTO for funding this program.

Irish Folk Music

Our thanks to parent and musician Mr. Cuomo and friends for their musical talents with the Elementary School students. The primary children loved the blend of song and dance from Ireland. Our thanks to the PTO for their generous gift.

Mt. Sinai Elementary School students raised an amazing $18,571 for the American Heart Association during this year's Jump Rope for Heart event. This amount far surpassed the schools goal of $10,000. Students in grades 1, 2, 3, and 4 participated in collecting donations, while the 3rd and 4th graders were also invited to join in a before school extravaganza featuring a live DJ and 12 stations of activities. Special thank you to all the parent volunteers who made this event possible for the students.
A Springtime Tradition

Our thanks to retired ES teachers Pat Williams and Susan Pflaumer for beautifying the entrance of the elementary school again this year. Each year Mrs. Williams and “retired teacher friends” organize third grade students who plant annuals for all to enjoy. Retired teachers never “lose their class.”

Bobwhite Quail Presentation

Thanks to the generosity of the PTO, Biologist Eric Powers, better known as “Ranger Eric”, visited with our fourth grade class to educate our students about their role in his Suffolk County bobwhite quail reintroduction program.

Bobwhite quail, so named for their telltale bob-white springtime call, were once common on Long Island. The students learned bobwhite have experienced a dramatic decline in their population due to habitat loss, and pet and feral cat predation. Coinciding with the demise of the bobwhite has been an alarming increase in the tick population. The bobwhite, primarily a ground dwelling bird, just happens to be a voracious predator of ticks and other nuisance insects.

The students are eagerly awaiting the estimated hatch date of May 18th of 120 bobwhite eggs currently incubating in our school incubator. After hatching the adorable chicks, the students will rear the birds for about ten days indoors before relocating them to our courtyard quail coop. The impressive coop was constructed in 2014 by Kyle Thompson as his Eagle Scout Project.

Principal for a Night

At the recent Variety Show, first grade student Tyler Massari used a picture of Dr. Gentilcore to perform in the group performance called “Head of the Class.” Students from a variety of grade levels danced to several different songs using teachers’ faces as their masks. It was a great finale to a great show!

Quail Update

On May 18th, exactly 23 days after the eggs were placed in our school incubator, 88 bobwhite quail eggs successfully hatched. The students were delighted to learn that Bobwhite are precocial, possessing the immediate ability to see and walk. With our live camera feed, students have had the opportunity to witness them emerge from their eggs, explore the classroom brooder, nap and stretch their growing wings all from their home computers and portable electronic devices. Log on to http://10.102.4.45:86/ to enjoy their entertaining antics yourself. Don’t delay because Bobwhite are one of the fastest growing of all bird species.
MOUNT SINAI ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

April Students of the Month

Catch a Kid

Musician
Aidan Passaro

Artist
Jazmin Titus
Walt Whitman Birthplace Association honored several students for their Poetry Writing

The Walt Whitman Birthplace Association honored several students for their poetry writing at the Walt Whitman Birthplace in West Hills. Students were asked to create works focused on this year’s theme: Voice of the Elements. Lindsay Stancampiano was honored as a Grand Champion for her creative multimedia work “Alive” and read her poem for the audience. Sarah Fuoco (“A Tree through the Seasons”), Danielle Cavalier (“Misunderstood Perceptions”), and Anna Serro (“Walking up to the Catskills”) were all selected as winners in the same category. Anna Serro’s “Walking up to the Catskills” was also honored as an award winner in the middle school category. Justyn Carreras, Other Side of Nature, and Taylor Herzlich, To Burn, received honors for their collection of poems in their individual anthologies. To round out, Mr. O’Leary’s period 3 class won the Grand Champion award for their anthology “Nature is Always with Me,” and the period 6 class won an award for their anthology “The Voice of Our Elders.” Congratulations students!

Individual award recipients: (L to R) Justyn Carreras, Anna Serro, Danielle Cavalier, Lindsay Stancampiano, Taylor Herzlich, Sarah Fuoco

“Class” Awards for their anthologies
“Nature is Always with Me” & “The Voice of Our Elders”
Ralph Fletcher, a famed children's and young adult author, visited the students at Mount Sinai Middle School on Wednesday, April 29. He gave two assemblies where he discussed his books—Spider Boy, Flying Solo, Fig Pudding, and others—and how his ideas come from real life events that he keeps track of in a Writing Notebook. In preparation for him coming, students in many classes read and were familiar with some of his characters. The students had questions for Mr. Fletcher which he readily answered. The afternoon of his visit was spent with some ELA teachers learning about the “craft” of writing in a professional writing workshop. The Middle School truly appreciated the PTO funding this amazing instructional assembly.

Congratulations to Arielle Mulé, whose poem “Inferno” was selected as a winner in the Walt Whitman Birthplace Association’s Twenty-Ninth Annual Poetry Contest for students in grades 3-12. Additionally, Mrs. Wallace’s ELA classes won for their poetry anthology: Elemental, Volumes 1-5. This year’s theme was the voice of the elements, and students composed poems where they became the voice of earth, wind, fire, or water.

Inferno
Many think that I am dark,
That I am a blazing orb of fury,
That I am impulsive and destructive,
That I find joy in the game of death.
As if no one feels my light and heat
Or the hope I bring to forlorn fields.
I speak because my life is short.
I have haste because I have
Barely a time to ascend and fulfill
Before my energy ceases
And I fade away to
Nothingness.

-- Arielle Mulé

Winner in the Walt Whitman Birthplace Association’s Twenty-Ninth Annual Poetry Contest

Our students proved to be very competitive receiving Certificates of Achievement and Meritorious ribbons. In addition, Lyndsay Stancampiano and Asad Azim, below, were invited to attend a special award ceremony on May 18, where they received a trophy recognizing their high achievement. We are extremely proud of the hard work, dedication, and professionalism displayed by all at the Long Island Science Congress Regional Science Fair

On April 21, 2015, Mount Sinai Middle School students attended the Long Island Science Congress Regional Science Fair (Junior Division) at the Cradle of Aviation. These students’ projects were chosen to attend the LISC regional science fair after being awarded the “Best in Show” top project award in last year’s seventh grade science fair held here at Mount Sinai Middle School. These students are Neil Esposito, Hunter Tegay, Olivia Scanlon, Michael Clahane, Michael Acquafredda, Asad Azim, Sydney Cullin, McKenzie Mitchell, Anna Serro, Sarah Fuoco, Jackson Law, Christian Law, Lindsay Stancampiano, Kevin Johnston, Jake Ritter, Samantha Zhang, and Alyssa Guiang.
The LISC competition includes students from over 50 schools throughout Long Island.
In April, several students were recognized for their efforts from the Holocaust Memorial and Tolerance Center in the annual arts competition. Ryan Wilson earned first place for his prose “My Journey” and Michael Loguercio earned second place with his prose “Pride in the Dead.” Victoria Samour earned first place with her drawing “Through the Eyes of a Jew.” In the sculpture category, Michael Muroff earned second place with his creation “The Star of Unity,” while Isabella Martinis and Riley Mulligan received third place honors for their collaborative effort with “A Page of the Holocaust.” Lauren Salmonson’s photograph, “The Glistening Light” earned first place honors as well. In the original music category Kenneth Wei’s composition, “Broken Glass” earned first place, while Katherine Gudzik’s original piece, “Don’t Tell Me” received third place honors. Lastly, Mr. O’Leary’s JGB classes received first place for their video, “Objects of Witness.” In conjunction with the awards, the students received over $1000 in prize money. Congratulations!

Donation to the Holocaust Memorial and Tolerance Center

Seventy-four middle school grade students, led by English teacher, Karl O’Leary, organized a bottle drive to collect money to donate to the Holocaust Memorial and Tolerance Center. They collected 1000 bottles and cans and made a gift of $50 to support HMTC programming. The donation was presented to two Holocaust survivors: Herbert Cooper and Ethal Katz, during a recent visit.

These students learned that although 5¢ can’t buy much in today’s world, when we come together, we can make a difference. That $50 will go to purchase supplies for the next group of students who will learn that yes, one person make a difference.

On Thursday, April 16, Mount Sinai celebrated its annual arts and science fair. The entire seventh grade class participated in this exciting event. The projects were outstanding and the turnout for the fair was wonderful! In addition to all the excellent projects, ten were selected as “Best in Show”. These projects will be entered in next year’s regional competition of the Long Island Science Congress to be held at the Cradle of Aviation. At this event students will have the opportunity to present their work and compete with students from schools across Long Island. In addition, some may be invited to attend a special awards ceremony where they will be presented with a plaque and/or monetary award for their work.

On behalf of the entire science department we would like to thank everyone who participated. We are very proud of your hard work! Good luck to the winners at the Science Congress!
The Mount Sinai Middle School Foreign Language Department celebrated Foreign Language Week March 30 – April 2. French and Spanish language students participated in various activities to share the importance of language learning with their middle school peers.

¡Buenos días! Bonjour! Every morning students were greeted by language students on the announcements during homeroom, followed by interesting facts about world languages and their speakers around the world. The main hallway and showcase displayed outstanding Foreign Language Week posters, completed by Spanish and French 1A students for the poster competition (winners pictured below left to right: Justin Rinck, Ashley Cromer, Jacob Hashim, Emily Mlyn, Katherine Fedotov). French classes celebrated the Eiffel Tower through constructing replicas of the cultural icon using marshmallows and toothpicks! All sections of Spanish classes participated in the First Annual Spanish Spelling Bee, (winners pictured below). Congratulations to the overall winner Lindsay Stancampiano and runner-up Denver Dagostino! ¡Felicitaciones!

All French and Spanish 1B students participated in a composition competition in which they were asked to answer the question, “Why is learning a foreign language important?” Students were able to reflect upon why they are in a language class, and how they anticipate knowing another language could benefit them in the future. Congratulations to the winner, Jackson Law! Read an excerpt from his winning composition below.

“...After I started to learn Spanish, I really began to enjoy the whole idea of another language. Not only did I enjoy the sounds of the words, but also I enjoyed the culture I was able to understand. The teachers make Spanish fun as well, creating an encouraging environment in the classroom.”

Select eighth grade volunteers had the opportunity to share their foreign language knowledge with their younger peers on Wednesday, April 1st, through student run mini-lessons. French and Spanish student groups visited all of the 5th grade classrooms to communicate the importance of learning foreign languages, and taught some basic greetings to the students in each of the target languages! Eighth grade student, Ryan Wilson is shown teaching Spanish greetings to students in Ms. Massano’s 5th grade class to the right, and his classmates Sean Wolf, Brooke Cergol, Gabby Sartori, and Noel Calamas are pictured after giving their presentation.
2015 End of the Year Math Olympiad Press Release

The final results are in…. The Gold Pin and trophy is awarded to those in at least the 98th percentile (top 2%). At Mount Sinai Middle School, Lawrence Chai with a score of 24 out of 25, was in the extraordinary group. Embroidered patches are awarded to those in the top 50% of all participants, including the following students: Rianna Balz, Noah Wilson and Katherine Parnell.

All members who participated from October to March receive a Certificate of Participation.

Great job members! It’s been a fun year!

Gold Level Distinction in the Speak Truth to Power National Video Contest

Congratulations to Jackson Law, Aspen Dagostino, Kenneth Wei, and Lucas Brennan for earning Gold Level distinction in the Speak Truth to Power National video contest, sponsored by Robert F. Kennedy Human Rights, National Education Association, and American Federation of Teachers. Mr. O’Leary’s Junior Great Books students focused on a human rights topic and a defender who exhibited strong qualities, in order to create a storyboard and produce a video. The students’ video “Combating Poverty” earned the honor through excellent research and storytelling. Congratulations!
March “Students and Citizens of the Month”

Gavin Arcuri  Grade 5
Katherine Parnell  Grade 6
Taylor Hutchinson  Art
Melanie Kirtman  English Language Arts
Samantha Cavalier  Family and Consumer Sciences
Katherine Gudzik  Math
Ryan Smolarsky  Math
Kayla McFadden  Music
Sevinch Noori  Physical Education
Victoria Ravel  Science
Konner Smith  Social Studies
Justin Ammann  Spanish
Lawrence Jaffee  Technology

Student  Subject
Gavin Arcuri  Grade 5  Art
Katherine Parnell  Grade 6  English Language Arts
Taylor Hutchinson  Art
Melanie Kirtman  English Language Arts
Samantha Cavalier  Family and Consumer Sciences
Katherine Gudzik  Math
Ryan Smolarsky  Math
Kayla McFadden  Music
Sevinch Noori  Physical Education
Victoria Ravel  Science
Konner Smith  Social Studies
Justin Ammann  Spanish
Lawrence Jaffee  Technology

April “Students and Citizens of the Month”

Victor Albert  Grade 5
Josefina Giuffrida  Grade 5
Thomas Jarvi  Grade 5
Devon Kessler  Grade 7
Hayden Taylor  Grade 7
Michael Clahane  Grade 8
Jericho Vernon Dimayuga  Grade 8
Kaitlin Jensen  Grade 8
Dylan Kincel  Grade 8
Joseph Knoetgen Jr.  Grade 8
Vittoria Legaspi  Grade 8

May “Students and Citizens of the Month”

Nicholas Dimitratos  Grade 5
Noah Wilson  Grade 5
Shannon Aulette  Grade 6
Aaron Angress  Art
Luke Millner  Art
Cayla Ciacci  English Language Arts
Andrew Ramos  English Language Arts
Elena Carrera  Family and Consumer Sciences
Kyle Foley  Math
Eric Edlund  Music
Matthew Schreiber  Physical Education
Jacob Ritter  Science
Justyn Carreras  Social Studies
Ryan Wilson  Spanish
Justin Wei  Technology

Student  Subject
Nicholas Dimitratos  Grade 5  English Language Arts
Noah Wilson  Grade 5  Art
Shannon Aulette  Grade 6  English Language Arts
Aaron Angress  Art
Luke Millner  Art
Cayla Ciacci  English Language Arts
Andrew Ramos  English Language Arts
Elena Carrera  Family and Consumer Sciences
Kyle Foley  Math
Eric Edlund  Music
Matthew Schreiber  Physical Education
Jacob Ritter  Science
Justyn Carreras  Social Studies
Ryan Wilson  Spanish
Justin Wei  Technology

Missing from photo is Julia Caputo & Harrison Gudzik

Kayla Knoetgen  Grade 5
Alex Chai  Grade 6
Daniella Karcic  Art
Kaylie Van Middellem  Art
Aaron Angress  English Language Arts
Jacqueline Harkins  Family & Consumer Sciences
Kayla McFadden  French
Ilina Conroy  Math
Victoria Ravel  Music
Katherine Fedotov  Physical Education
Clare Dana  Science
Victoria Samour  Social Studies
Nicholas Livreri  Technology

Student  Grade
Kayla Knoetgen  Grade 5
Alex Chai  Grade 6
Daniella Karcic  Art
Kaylie Van Middellem  Art
Aaron Angress  English Language Arts
Jacqueline Harkins  Family & Consumer Sciences
Kayla McFadden  French
Ilina Conroy  Math
Victoria Ravel  Music
Katherine Fedotov  Physical Education
Clare Dana  Science
Victoria Samour  Social Studies
Nicholas Livreri  Technology

Student  Grade
Lucas Brennan  8
Reese Cohn  5
Hailey Covington  5
Clare Dana  8
Lindsay Desiano  5
Alexandra Marino  8
Nicole Phillips  5
Michael Russo  5
Michael Sabella  8
Matthew Stancampiano  5
Derek Takacs  6
FBLA State Leadership Conference

The Mount Sinai Future Business Leaders of America Chapter (FBLA) was fortunate this year to send Jonathon Crispino, Brittany Grego, Ethan Ludecker, Khudija Malik and Spencer Spitz to the Rochester State Leadership Conference April 15 through April 17. Our members competed in both written exams and public speaking events. Our chapter is proud of their efforts.

FBLA March of Dimes 3K Walk

Members of the FBLA participated in the 3K March of Dimes for Babies walk on Sunday, May 3, at the Holtsville Ecology Center. Across Long Island, there will be 1,500 babies born prematurely. For every dollar that we raised, $0.80 will go toward research to help mothers have a full-term pregnancy.

Our club successfully raised $1,145. Ms. Clancy’s family along with the following members were in attendance: Stephanie Dunham, Nicholas Mastrella, Alec Piergiorgi, Spencer Spitz and Brittany Waite.

FBLA Habitat for Humanity

FBLA members participated in our third Habitat for Humanity Build project on Saturday, March 21. Even with the snowy conditions that day, fourteen FBLA members, along with Ms. Clancy, Mr. Anoo and Mr. Golino, worked alongside the future homeowners and the Habitat for Humanity staff. Our task that day was to do the framing throughout the home and seal the outside.

It was a successful day and we look to keeping our partnership.

Business Law: Federal Courthouse Trip

Students enrolled in our Business Law class had the opportunity to receive a very comprehensive visit once again with the Honorable Joseph Bianco, a federal district judge, in the Eastern District of New York, on Wednesday, March 25, in the Central Islip Courthouse facilities. This firsthand experience allowed students to hear a criminal case pleading, hear a criminal conference and experience a trial in session.
Mount Sinai High School's Advanced Placement (AP) art students were invited to visit The Cloisters' museum and gardens, which is a branch of The Metropolitan Museum of Art in northern Manhattan, Fort Tryon Park. The Cloisters' collection comprises approximately two thousand works of art.

On Thursday, April 2, students in Ms. Romeo’s AP Art History and AP Studio Art classes explored the museum and gardens devoted to the art and architecture of Medieval Europe. A museum staff, art historian led the group as they toured architecture from the Romanesque and Gothic periods of Medieval Europe. Students also viewed paintings, tapestries, and metalwork on display in the galleries.

On April 16, 2015, New York City hosted one of the largest photography shows and Mount Sinai High School's photographers attended. The Association of International Photography Art Dealers (AIPAD) hosted their event at the Armory building on Park Avenue.

Our students had the opportunity to witness the vast arrangement of worldwide galleries. The galleries were set up like exhibits in a museum. Students explored and gained inspiration and new knowledge of photographers and techniques. While exploring, it was a great experience to see how photography not only has aesthetic function, but acts as a business as well. Photographers and retailers were accessible and offered information regarding the gallery of work displayed.

This experience was made possible by a generous donation from the Friends of the Arts. Our students and chaperones are truly grateful to have had the opportunity to see such a well-recognized show.
Long Island Media Art Show 2015

On Friday, March 27, students from Ms. Romeo’s and Ms. Trapani’s art classes participated in the annual Long Island Media Arts Show at Five Towns College. Students from schools across Long Island exhibited graphic works and photography. Works were evaluated by a panel of judges on the basis of content, composition, use of medium, and presentation. Taylor Filosa, Alexandra Avignone, Isabel Shepard, Devin Zacchino, Corinne Cianciulli, and Hannah Austen were recognized for their technical achievement.

Honors Art Show 2015

The Art Department proudly presented the 2015 High School Honors Art Show on Friday, May 15. The show took place in the school’s auditorium and featured works from sophomores, juniors and seniors currently enrolled in advanced level art courses.

Paintings, drawings, collages, photographs, as well as 3-dimensional works were on display. Parents, students and community members were welcomed with refreshments courtesy of the Fine Arts Department as they enjoyed the display.
Chief Joseph’s Village

The Mount Sinai School District continues its generous sponsorship of Chief Joseph ole Tipanko's Maasai Village of Western Kenya. Students Joe Casper and Greyson Valentino, under the guidance of Advisor Matt Armstrong, organized a clothing drive to donate to the youth of Maasailand.

Chief Joseph and his representatives are well-known Cultural Ambassadors who travel internationally to promote global peace and awareness. Mount Sinai hosted Maasai programs in past years, and provided the emerging Maasai schools with their "retired" laptop computers.

Principal Grable, Sarah ole Parsitau, Greyson Valentino, Cecilia and Chief Joseph ole Tipanko, Joseph Casper, Mr. Armstrong and Superintendent Brosdal.

Junior Prom 2015

The Class of 2016 held its Junior Prom on Saturday, April 25, at The Willow Creek Golf and Country Club in Mount Sinai. A total of 183 students and guests attended the event. The evening started in the High School’s gymnasium with the traditional Red Carpet introductions, emceed by Mr. Roger Cardo.

Students posed for pictures with classmates, family and friends while waiting for luxury coach buses to transport them to the country club. Upon arrival, students mingled, while snacking on delicious appetizers until the grand ballroom opened to reveal exquisite balloon decorations and festive dance music. The students had a great time while dancing, chatting with friends or hanging out on the outside deck.

It was a terrific night to remember for the Junior Class!
For twelve years, students in Mount Sinai have learned to Speak Their Truth, Pay Attention, Be Present, Be Open to Outcome and to Create a Safe Environment, all life skills that will help them in their future and make this world a better place. Where have these lessons been consistently taught? Project Adventure, the high school elective that juniors and seniors have packed full since 2003.

This past April, the 2014-2015 class experienced the power of the annual field trip as they took their love for adventure to the Dorothy P Flint 4H Camp in Riverhead. Each class was able to combine with another from Mount Sinai for an entire day, free of bells and time constraints, to challenge themselves in not only a physical sense, but also in a social and emotional venue.

Journal reflections, done quarterly by each student, speak to the transformative power of this experience. “I felt like I had a new connection with everyone in the room. I left the class speechless.” Sentiments like this have been chronicled over and over by over 2,000 former students. The field trip has become a main stay of a program that, according to alumni, has truly changed their lives.

The most exciting news is that the 4H Camp director was on site when our students were there. He is now offering jobs to Mount Sinai students based on the quality of skill and knowledge that our students displayed. Well done PA, well done!

**A.P. Biology Explores Science Away from MSHS**

The A.P. Biology (APB) class performed biotechnology lab techniques at Stony Brook University (SBU) in preparation for their AP exam in May. A Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) technique was used to identify genetically-modified foods (GMOs). Students also manipulated bacteria to insert the GFP (green fluorescent protein) when the class visited the Biotechnology Teaching Lab on March 23 with Ms. Nau-Ritter.

The GMO lab activity, which is part of their APB college lab portfolio, was coordinated by Professor Joan Kiely of CESAME at Stony Brook. The AP Biology class wished Professor Kiely a Happy Retirement at the end of the day. She has performed this activity with Mount Sinai High School students for several years and will be missed!

**College Pride Day 2015**

On Friday, May 8, Mount Sinai School District celebrated College Pride Day. The purpose of this day is two-fold; to highlight the colleges/universities our high school seniors will be attending in the fall and to get the underclass students thinking about the possibility of going to college.

Everyone was encouraged to wear a shirt or hat of their choice. Seniors wore shirts of the colleges they would be attending in the fall, while underclassmen wore shirts of colleges they wish to attend, where their parents may have attended, or maybe of their favorite college team. Faculty and staff got involved as well, wearing apparel from the undergraduate or graduate school they attended.

The day was a huge success.
National Ocean Science Bowl

The National Ocean Science Bowl team consisting of Alex Mule, Daniel O’Mara, Devon Gaynes, Nicholas Eberhard and Alec Donowitz traveled to Ocean Springs, Mississippi, for the National competition held from April 23 to April 26.

On the first day of the trip, the team participated in field trips to Stennis Space Center, Dauphin Island Sea Lab, and toured the research vessel Point Sur. The next two days consisted of the Ocean Science Bowl Competition with twenty-three teams from across the United States participating and a Science Briefing oral presentation. The first day of the competition consisted of four Round Robin competitions for each team. Based on their rankings from the morning session, matchups were selected for the afternoon’s double elimination round. Mount Sinai was one of the six teams left in the competition and progressed to the second day of toss up and team challenge questions.

Overall, Mount Sinai placed 5th which is our second best finish at the national level. The team won a frame seashell puzzle, which will be displayed in the high school and $750 in Amazon gift cards to purchase marine textbooks. Coaches, Ms. Sing and Mr. Chase, accompanied the team and are extremely proud of the team’s accomplishment!

Athletes Helping Athletes

On May 14, the Mount Sinai High School’s Athletes-Helping-Athletes went to the elementary school to host Field Day for the fourth grade students. Headed by the eleventh and twelfth grade high school leaders, each fourth grade class participated in a variety of physical activities throughout the day.

As the Field Day events came to a close, the fourth grade students, along with the student athletes, enjoyed eating pizza together, as well as signing each other’s commemorative Field Day tee shirts. It was a positive day for all – fourth grade students, high school athletes, and teachers all benefitted from this uplifting day!
Model United Nations Trip

The members of Mount Sinai High School’s Model United Nations Team took part in the annual Global Classrooms Model United Nations Conference at the Grand Hyatt in New York City from May 14 through May 16. Over 1700 students from twenty-seven countries and thirty states participated in the three day conference.

These student delegates represented the countries of Myanmar and Sudan in thirteen separate committees which reflect the actual versions of the United Nations, covering topics as broad as global climate change to advancement for women and the proliferation and censorship of the Internet by member nations.

This year, Ben May and Jordan Silberfeld were recognized by the conference with an Honorable Mention for their work in the Human Rights Council representing Myanmar.

National Honor Society Induction

On April 30, 2015, Mount Sinai High School’s chapter of the National Honor Society was pleased to induct fifty-eight new members. The pillars of the National Honor Society are Scholarship, Leadership, Character and Service.

Each of our student inductees was required to have achieved a 91.5 weighted GPA, perform fifty hours of community service and display the qualities of leadership and good character as outlined by national and local chapter guidelines. Each inductee was required to submit faculty reviews, letters of recommendation and interview with a five member faculty council to provide detailed explanations as to their candidacy.

Congratulations to the newly inducted members:

- Angelo Abazis
- Cassandra Arnemann
- Hannah Austin
- Victoria Bobbink
- Lyndsay Becker
- Danielle Berger
- Conor Burns
- Spero Calamos
- Alana Caporale
- Alexandra Cavalier
- Paul Cavaliere
- Caitlin Connor
- Jordana Coricone
- Samantha Croston
- Nicholas Deluca
- Olivia DelMarco
- Hallie Devlin
- Dallia Diamond
- Ross DiBetta
- Mariah Dick
- Alec Donowitz
- Matthew Feltman
- Dylan Gins
- Brittany Grego
- Nicholas Gresser
- Patrick Hanaj
- Ryan Hecht
- Caroline Hoeg
- Alexandra Lindstrom
- Amanda Loh
- Rebecca Lynch
- Emily Mantone
- Christopher Marrs
- Kaitlyn Miller
- Alexander Mule
- Nicholas Ng
- Daniel O’Mara
- Julia Pearl
- Justine Quan
- Jarrod Randall
- Nicole Ravel
- Kaylynn Juhas
- Samuel Ritter
- Andrew Rodriguez
- Catherine Ruggieri
- Michelle Sanour
- Christopher Schiavetta
- Emily Shaljian
- Ahmed Shata
- Enica Shea
- Kassidy Smith
- Hunter Table
- Nicole Tacopina
- Meghan Walker
- Shane Walker
- Noah Wessels
- Jooryun Woo
- Su Yang

Tri-M

On April 1, 2015, fifty-one of Mount Sinai High School’s music students, including members of the Tri-M National Music Honor Society, attended a field trip into New York City. They attended a Broadway Classroom Workshop, had lunch at the famous Carmine’s restaurant and attended a performance of Les Misérables.

The Broadway Classroom Workshop was called “Up-Close and Personal.” Students met actor, Max Quinlan; he spoke with them about his journey in making it to Broadway, being a performer and the audition process. Mr. Quinlan was very personable and allowed students to ask questions. He ended the workshop with a beautiful performance of “Empty Chairs and Empty Tables.”
Spring Blood Drive

According to the New York Blood Center, at least 2,000 units of blood are needed every day in our area. The very successful spring blood drive helped to fill that need. The drive, sponsored by the Peer leaders and Student Council, collected 65 units of blood from students who were willing to donate and help save the lives of others.

The fall blood drive is scheduled for November 19, 2015, and we will be looking to increase the number of students who donate. Donors must be 16 years old, in good health and weigh at least 110 pounds.

STUFF-A-BUS

As part of their annual tradition, the Mount Sinai High School Student Council once again held a Stuff-A-Bus fundraiser on Sunday, May 17. In order to help the community in a time that isn't typically the “food drive season,” many dedicated student volunteers assembled outside of the local King Kullen in order to collect nonperishable food items, toiletries, and cash donations from shoppers going in and out of the grocery store.

With the help of the community, students collected and transported the groceries to Mount Sinai High School's lobby later in the week. Long Island Cares picked up the items and even sent out a grateful tweet to a student council member on Twitter. Island Harvest plans to meet with our students and congratulate them on their donation. They came in First Place this year in the Students Feeding Student Challenge with 2,000 pounds of food from Stuff-A-Bus.

Thank you for your support and aid in continuing this event to help the community at large.

Spamalot

Following the very serious drama production of The Laramie Project, Mount Sinai moved in a decidedly different direction as the music department produced Monty Python’s Spamalot. This musical was a three-time Tony Award winner including “Best Musical.”

Spamalot is a spoof on anything and everything that is sacred to Broadway from Fiddler on the Roof to The Phantom of the Opera. Three stellar performances that exhibited precise comedic timing, top-notch choreography and spot-on vocal skills were presented at the end of March.

Performers were supported by a full pit orchestra as they shared the British humor of Eric Idle. The set and costumes transported the audience back to the medieval period as King Arthur and his Knights of the Roundtable searched for the Holy Grail. Along the way, they encountered various Monty Python characters including the Lady of the Lake, her Laker Girls, The Knights of Ni and the Black Knight. The ensemble played a multitude of characters that demanded quick costume changes, while the stage, lighting and sound crews helped keep the fast pace of this show.

Approximately 150 Mount Sinai students participated in the show, on and off the stage. Special thanks to Tri-M and the Student Government for their help during the performances.

You don’t have to travel sixty-five miles west to experience a wonderful evening of theatre…it’s in your own backyard at Mount Sinai High School.
# Students of the Month

## March

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**Puppy Time**

Guide Dog Fundraiser Update: We raised an amazing $2700 on gofundme, plus a few hundred dollars in private checks. We have just over $3000 in our quest to sponsor a puppy. Although this is way short of our goal of $7000, (that only gets us about ½ a puppy- we are not sure what half yet J) We will leave the site open for a few more weeks. Please feel free donate now on gofundme or send a personal check.

http://www.gofundme.com/pt25u4

Personal checks can be made payable to the Guide Dog Foundation for the Blind, Inc. and sent to the high school.

Mount Sinai High School  
c/o John Wilson/John McHugh  
100 North Country Road  
Mount Sinai, NY 11766

Thanks for everyone’s help. Have a great summer
MOUNT SINAI HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS
Mr. Scott Reh, Athletic Director

SCHOLAR/ATHLETE SPRING TEAM AWARDS

The New York State High School Athletic Association has recognized Mt. Sinai High School varsity athletic teams for achieving academic excellence while actively participating in varsity level interscholastic athletics during the 2014-2015 spring season.

Varsity Girls Spring Track—95.971
Varsity Boys Spring Track—94.685
Varsity Boys Tennis—92.523
Varsity Boys Lacrosse—93.064
Varsity Girls Lacrosse—93.849

Varsity Girls Soccer
MaryEllen Carron – All County
Vanessa Cole – All Conference
Casey Schmitt – All Conference
Caiya Schuster – All League

Varsity Boys Soccer
Joseph Casper – All Conference
Christopher Marrs – All League
William Seeger – All League

Varsity Girls Cross Country
Caroline Fiordalisi – All League – All Division
Noreen Guilfoyle – All League, All Division, All State
Evelyn Harriman – All League
Julia Markey – All League

Varsity Boys Cross Country
Keegan Sabo – All League
Grayson Valentino – All League

Varsity Girls Tennis
Sarah Gunasekera – All League (8th Grade)
Gwen Hine – All League
Amanda Loh – All League

Varsity Football
Michael Carneiro – All Division 1st team
Anthony Cesario – All Division 1st team
Antonio DiMonti – All Division 2nd team
Griffin McGrath – All Division 1st team
John Parente – All Division 2nd team
Brady Reed – All Division 2nd team
Thomas O’Brien – All Division 1st team

Varsity Volleyball
Emily Solomos – All League
Maria Pellarin – All League
Julia Gallo – All League

2014—2015 FALL LEAGUE AWARDS

Varsity Boys Soccer
Joseph Casper – MVP
Noah Wessels – Coaches Award
David Fernandes – Mustang Award

Varsity Girls Soccer
MaryEllen Carron – MVP
Kasey Mitchell – Coaches Award
Carissa Gulli – Co – Mustang
Jaime Parente – Co Mustang

Varsity Football
Thomas O’Brien – MVP
Ezra Turpin – Coaches Award
Bradly Reed – Mustang Award

Varsity Volleyball
Julia Gallo – MVP
Emily Solomos – Coaches Award
Veronica Venezia – Mustang Award

Varsity Boys Golf
Samir Marghoob – MVP
Jason Vengilio – MVP
John Bonhi – Mustang Award

Varsity Cross Country Girls
Alexandra Bohne – Coaches Award
Ashley O’Connor – Coaches Award
Molly Presser – Mustang Award

Varsity Cross Country Boys
Grayson Valentino – Coaches Award
Nicholas DeLuca – Mustang Award

Varsity Girls Tennis
Alexa Mani – MVP
Gwen Hine – Coaches Award
MOUNT SINAI HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS
Mr. Scott Reh, Athletic Director

2014—2015 WINTER ALL LEAGUE AWARDS

Varsity Boys Basketball
Seth Brand – Academic All League
Christian Dular – All League
Nolan Kelly – All League

Varsity Girls Basketball
Gabby Sartori – All League
Veronica Venezia – All League
Victoria Johnson – All League

Varsity Boys Winter Track
Andrew Fiore – All League Long Jump

Varsity Girls Winter Track
Alexandra Bohne – All League
Heather Caputo – All League
Francesca Carbonara – All League
Amanda DiDonato – All League
Caroline Fiordalisi – All League
Noreen Guilfoyle – All League
Ebelyn Harriman – All League
Kayleigh Robinson – All League

Varsity Wrestling
Luke Marino – All League
John Parente – All League
Jason Schlonsky – All League
Matthew Campo – All League
Daniel Henry – All League
Leon Paul – All League
Michael Carriero – All League

2014-2015 WINTER MVP/COACHES AWARD

Varsity Boys Basketball
Christian Dular – Coaches Award
Nolan Kelly – MVP
Noah Wessels – Mustang Award

Varsity Cheerleading
Arden LoRe – MVP
Cassandra Wilson – Coaches Award
Cassidy Wesolowski – Mustang Award

Varsity Girls Basketball
Emily Higgins – Coaches Award
Brooke Cergol – Coaches Award
Carissa Gulli – Mustang Award

2014-2015 WINTER MVP/COACHES AWARD

Varsity Girls Winter Track
Alexandra Bohne – Mustang Award
Taylor Filosa – Mustang Award
Hannah Sullivan – Mustang Award
Caroline Fiordalisi – Coaches Award
Noreen Guilfoyle – MVP

Varsity Boys Winter Track
Keegan Sabo – MVP
Timothy Chebuske – Coaches Award
Grayson Valentino – Mustang Award
Alexander Zapata – Mustang Award

Varsity Wrestling
Luke Marino – MVP
Thomas O’Brien – Coaches Award
2014-2015 SPRING ALL LEAGUE AWARDS

**Varsity Boys Lacrosse**
- Daniel Bullis – All American – Attackman of the Year for League 3
- Charles Faughnan – All County
- Anthony Crespo – All County
- Daniel Keenan – All County Honorable Mention
- Griffin McGrath – All County Honorable Mention
- Antonio DiMonte – All League
- Lucas Capobianco-Hogan – All League
- Zachary Rudolph – All League
- Michael Hagenberger – Rookie of the Year League 3

**Varsity Girls Lacrosse**
- Sydney Pirreca – All County
- Kasey Mitchell – All County
- MaryEllen Carron – All County
- Jessica DeMeo – All County
- Morganlee McGrath – All Division – Unsung Hero
- Emily Vengilio – All Division
- Hannah VanMiddellem – All Division
- Camryn Harloff – All Division
- Meaghan Tyrrell – All Rookie Team

**Varsity Girls Spring Track**
- Heather Caputo – All League
- Francesca Carbonara – All League
- Sarah Connolly – All League
- Arianna Cuoco – All League
- Amanda DiDonato – All League – All Division
- Caroline Fiordalisi – All League
- Noreen Guilfoyle – All League – All Division
- Amanda Loh – All League
- Kayleigh Robinson – All League – All Division
- Casey Schmitt – All League

**Varsity Boys Spring Track**
- Emily Shalijan – All League
- Kasidy Smith – All League
- Amanda Wilson – All League

**Varsity Boys Spring Track**
- Jason Balogun – All League 400 Meter Dash
- Michael Carneiro – All League 200 Meter Dash
- Keegan Sabo – All League 3200 Meter Dash
- Jake Croston – All League Shot Put

**Varsity Girls Golf**
- Deanna Dempsey – All County
- Jade Hartcorn – All County
- Mariah Dick – All League
- Marissa McKiernan – All League

**Varsity Softball**
- Cassandra Wilson – All County Pitcher
- Julia Golino – All County Pitcher – League 5 Pitcher of the year
- Jessica Parente – All Conference
- Love’ Drumgole – All County

**Varsity Baseball**
- Jason Conti – All League
- Tyler Symington – All League – All Academic
- Jared Donnelly – All League

**Varsity Boys Tennis**
- Jordan Diamond – All League

**Varsity Girls Spring Track**
- Heather Caputo – All League
- Francesca Carbonara – All League
- Sarah Connolly – All League
- Arianna Cuoco – All League
- Amanda DiDonato – All League – All Division
- Caroline Fiordalisi – All League
- Noreen Guilfoyle – All League – All Division
- Amanda Loh – All League
- Kayleigh Robinson – All League – All Division
- Casey Schmitt – All League

2014-2015 SPRING MVP/COACHES AWARDS

**Varsity Boys Lacrosse**
- Charles Faughnan – MVP
- Daniel Bullis – MVP
- Jason Vengilio – Coaches Award
- Zachary Rudolph – Mustang Award
- Antonio DiMonte – Mustang Award

**Varsity Girls Lacrosse**
- Sydney Pirreca – MVP
- Kasey Mitchell – MVP
- MaryEllen Carron – Coaches Award
- Morgan McGrath – Mustang Award

**Varsity Girls Spring Track**
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- Alexandra Bohne – Coaches Award
- Ashley O’Connor – Mustang Award
- Caroline Fiordalisi – Mustang Award

**Varsity Boys Spring Track**
- Jason Balogun – MVP
- Timothy Chebuske – Coaches Award
- Grayson Valentino – Mustang Award

**Varsity Girls Golf**
- Deanna Dempsey – MVP Award
- Mariah Dick – Co-Coaches Award
- Marissa McKiernan – Co-Coaches Award
- Ava Rossi – Mustang Award

**Varsity Softball**
- Emily Solomos – MVP
- Julia Gallo – Coaches Award
- Maria Pellarin – Coaches Award
- Cassandra Wilson – Mustang Award

**Varsity Baseball**
- Jason Conti – MVP
- Tyler Symington – Coaches Award
- Mark Scalamandre – Coaches Award
Congratulations to the following teams for their outstanding accomplishment during the 2015 Sports Spring Season:

Champions 14-0, Suffolk County Class C Champions, Long Island Class C Champions, NEW YORK STATE CLASS C CHAMPIONS, 2015 - Ranked #3 overall in the Nation, 2015 – Ranked #2 Public School in the USA, 2015 - Overall record 20-1

2015 Mount Sinai Varsity Boys Lacrosse
Class B Suffolk County Champions
Congratulations to the following teams for their outstanding accomplishment during the 2015 Sports Spring Season:

2015 Mount Sinai Varsity Softball
Class A Suffolk County Champions

2015 Mount Sinai Varsity Girls Golf
Undefeated League 3 Champions
June 2015

Dear Parents:

For your child to be eligible to participate in interscholastic athletics for the Fall Season 2015 thru the Spring Season 2016, a sports physical must be performed after June 1st 2015. For this reason there will be a school physician available to do sports physicals on the following dates at the High School Nurses office:

- **Wednesday, June 24th**
  - 3:30 p.m. 7th through 12th grade girls (all sports)
  - 4:00 p.m. 7th through 12th grade boys (all sports)

- **Wednesday, July 15th**
  - 9:00 a.m. 7th through 12th grade girls (all sports)
  - 9:30 a.m. 7th through 12th grade boys (all sports)

- **Thursday, August 13th**
  - 9:00 a.m. 7th through 12th grade girls (all sports)
  - 9:30 a.m. 7th through 12th grade boys (all sports)

**NOTE:** Athletes must report **ONLY** on their assigned day and time as indicated above. They should be prepared to stay for the entire session.

Students entering 7th grade who received a sports physical in June from the school physician at the Middle School are not required to have another physical during the 2015-16 school year.

**NO STUDENT MAY PARTICIPATE IN INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS UNLESS THEY HAVE BEEN EXAMINED AND CLEARED BY THE SCHOOL PHYSICIAN OR THEIR PRIVATE PHYSICIAN.**

***STUDENTS USING A PRIVATE PHYSICIAN MUST HAVE THE ENCLOSED GOLDENROD SCHOOL EXAMINATION FORM FULLY COMPLETED, INCLUDING BLOOD PRESSURE, & BMI. FORMS MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE SCHOOL NURSE ONE WEEK PRIOR TO THE START OF THE SEASON.***

***THE SCHOOL FORM WILL BE THE ONLY ONE ACCEPTED***

**ALL PHYSICALS MUST BE TAKEN ON OR AFTER JUNE 1, 2015 TO BE VALID AND WILL ONLY BE RECOGNIZED FOR THAT SCHOOL YEAR!**
**MOUNT SINAI HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS**  
Mr. Scott Reh, Athletic Director

 Practices and/or try-outs will begin for the following fall sports on the dates and times listed below.

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<td>J.V. Football equipment handout</td>
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**2015–2016 ATHLETIC STARTING DATES**

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**Middle School**

| Fall                      | September 8th             |                           |
| Early Winter              | November 4, 5 & 6th       | (Girls Volleyball tryouts) |
| Late Winter               | November 9th              | 1st Official Practice     |
| (Boys Basketball & Girls Volleyball) | |
| Spring                    | January 25th              |                           |
|                           | March 28th                |                           |
Mt. Sinai High School
2015 Senior Music Awards
Awarded at Concerts:

Several graduating seniors from the Mt. Sinai High School were honored at the recent Spring Concerts on May 26-28 for their contributions to the Music Department. Receiving awards were:

- National School Choral Award: Everett Budd and Stephanie Dunham
- National School Orchestra Award: Alexa Mani
- Louis Armstrong Award: Yulia Rosenfeld
- John Philip Sousa Award: Sofia Tufariello
- Patrick Gilmore Awards: Matthew Becker and Leanna Nichols
- Woody Herman Awards: Noah La Rocca and Maurice Flannery
- Arion Award: Yulia Rosenfeld

NYSSMA Festivals

Over 400 Mount Sinai students participated in the Solo/Ensemble Festival sponsored by the New York State Music Association on Friday, April 17 and Saturday April 18 at the William Floyd School District. The students selected a piece of music according to the level of difficulty, and prepared it along with scales and sight reading. The scores received will aid in the selection to various All-County Festivals in the coming school year. In addition to these students, twenty-five high school sophomores and juniors competed at the All-State level, the highest level of difficulty.

Ten performing organizations from the Middle School and High School participated in the Major Organization Festival held on May 19-20 at West Islip. Their scores are as follows:

- High School Symphonic Band, Gold
- High School Concert Band, Gold
- High School Concert Orchestra, Silver
- High School String Orchestra, Silver
- High School Chorus, Bronze
- Middle School 8 Band, Gold
- Middle School 7 Band, Gold
- Middle School 8 Orchestra, Gold
- Middle School 7 Orchestra, Gold w/Distinction
- Middle School 7/8 Chorus, Gold w/Distinction
CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2015!

HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY SUMMER!

SEE YOU SEPTEMBER 8TH!