



# Jefferson Pride

## JTHS Happenings:

- AP Testing
- Band Concert
- Talent Expo
- Top 20 Dinner
- Junior Prom
- Scholar Athlete Awards
- Chorus Concert



Class of 2017 - Top Twenty

Julia Ahart  
 Krista Becker  
 Shaun Bishop  
 Michael Brinck  
 Amir Choudhury  
 Emily Cortese  
 Melanie Feliciano  
 Zachary Homeijer  
 Kevin Hughes  
 Ashley Hutchinson  
 Stefan Knapik  
 Alexa Kolodziej  
 Jennifer Krakowski  
 Halle Music  
 Jordan Rock  
 Joshua Roskowsky  
 Olga Sokiran  
 Joanna Szpernoga  
 Samantha Tice  
 Tyler Wheelwright

## JTHS Students Attend Teen Arts Festival : By Student Landon Buell



Recently, students representing both the Video Production & Art Departments from Jefferson Township High School participated in the annual County College of Morris's Teen Arts Festival. This is a showcase that takes place every year where high schools and middle schools from around Morris County select students to show their work. One of the coordinators of the Teen Arts Festival, Clayton Allen, states that, "During the Festival, over 1,500 students and a staff of 40 professional artists participate in performances, critiquing seminars, and workshops in every discipline." All of the submitted artworks are placed in large exhibition spaces and have the chance to be awarded a merit or distinction award. Additionally, the Video production students have an opportunity to submit projects and show them to other schools in the area, as well as engage in a feedback and critique session with an industry expert. One of the video students, Colton Bassett, says that he appreciated the review session and the insight given by Sarah O'Connor, the video production mentor for CCM and the Festival. Al Kazanfer, Video production teacher at JTHS, agreed. "It's a great event and it gives my students a chance to exhibit the work that they have created. The positive feedback from an industry professional also gives the students a different perspective and further encouragement." JTHS Art teachers Karen Correia, Karen Frelinghuysen, and Renee Simler said students from the art classes had similar reactions. "They had a great time attending workshops such as life drawing, working with pastels "En Plein Air", sewing, photography, and seeing art/music displays and performances." Several students received ribbons and awards for artistic distinction for their artworks and video productions. It was a great day filled with learning opportunities, encouragement, and positivity. All the students and teachers involved are grateful to the County College of Morris and The Teen Arts Festival coordinators for creating this showcase of student achievement.



## Teens & Tots Celebrate Field Day :

The high school students held their annual Teens and Tots field day on Wednesday, May 17th. The preschoolers participated in outdoor games, activities and had a picnic lead by the high school students. The Teens and Tots program gives high school students the opportunity to interact with preschool children and create an atmosphere of encouragement. The activities created by the high school students enhance the preschoolers physically, emotionally, socially, and intellectually each day. This program also gives the preschooler's an opportunity to attain age appropriate skills to prepare them for kindergarten. Registration is available online at the high school website for next year. -Mrs. Lapszynki



## Language Arts & Media Curriculum Connections

Throughout May, the English Department engaged in a number of alternative and exciting learning experiences. Here are some of the highlights. JTHS 9th graders visited Pax Amicus to see Romeo and Juliet, as a follow up to



Ms. Daken & Ms. Horowitz

reading the Shakespeare classic. Ms. Daken welcomed back former JTHS student Sarah Jean Horowitz, who recently published her first novel *Carmer and Grit: The Wingsnatchers*. Current JTHS students had the opportunity to

meet with Sarah, and learn about the publishing process. The Media Studies students visited Roxbury for their annual Media Conference. Finally, several senior classes participated in an assembly event coordinated by Mrs. Boyle and Mrs. Shamy. It was designed to promote the life-long practice of relaxation techniques. Students engaged in guided mindfulness activities designed by a certified life coach ultimately crafted to give our students the strategies to meet challenges and overcome obstacles in a way that bring a sense of peace and happiness to our everyday lives.



Media Students at Roxbury Media Conference

## Athletics Connection

We have had many team and individual accomplishments during our Spring sports season since the last newsletter.

- Ashley Hutchinson was awarded a \$500.00 scholarship from the New Jersey Girls' Soccer Coaches Association.
- Kevin Hughes was recognized as our scholar athlete and received a \$500.00 scholarship from the NJSIAA.
- Ashley Hutchinson and Shaun Bishop was recognized on May 24th as our scholar athlete representatives at the Morris County Secondary Schools Athletic Directors Association banquet.
- Brandon Magnotta was selected to play in the Senior All Star Baseball game this year. The 6th player so chosen in Jefferson history. He also broke a very old JTHS baseball record this season for career hits besting the mark of Mike Leach.
- Ashley Struck (Freshman) set a new school record in the 400m at the Morris County meet. Alicia Boucher placed 2nd in the shot put and she was also our NJAC champion in the shot put.
- Boys' Lacrosse won two divisional championships this season. They won the Colonial Division in the NJAC and the Pooley Division in the NJILL.
- Sarah Devries set a new school record in the 3200m race this season. Quincy Jones also set a school record in the 200m with a time of 22.49.
- Ian Prezwodek and Alex Leming both scored their 100th career goal for Boys' Lacrosse. Julia Grlica scored her 100th career point (goals and assists) for Girls' Lacrosse. Megan Smith scored her 100th goal this year also.
- Class of 2016 graduate Jordan Wildermuth won the MAAC Conference Championships in the Shot Put with a throw of 14.21 meters.
- Brian Harris had his 1500th career assist in Boys' Volleyball this season.
- Our Girls' Track shot put relay team placed first at the Morris County Relay Championships.
- Coach Nick DeGennaro won his 100th career game with our softball team this season.
- On May 24th we conducted our first ever Unified Sporting event hosting the NJAC Unified Track meet.



Congratulations Alexander Leming on 100 Points



Boys Lacrosse Champions



## Fine and Studio Art, Related Arts & Social Studies

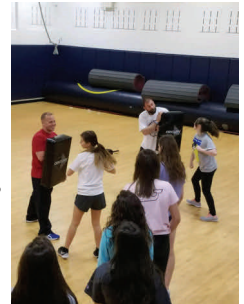
**Social Studies:** FDR Presidential Library & Residence, Hyde Park, NY Field Trip. On Thursday May 18th Advanced Placement US History and Rho Kappa students attended a field trip to Hyde Park New York. The students had the opportunity to tour the exhibits, view primary source documents and photographs, and watch a movie on the life and presidency of Franklin D Roosevelt. In addition, the students take tour of his residence located next to the library. The field was a great success thanks to Mrs. Farris, Mr. Hough and Mr. Terry for their planning and preparation.



*AP History Students at Hyde Park*

## School Connections: Students Learn Self Defense:

Sensei Matt Van Wolput from Oak Ridge Martial Arts and Officer Chris Fabian taught the entire female senior class self-defense techniques and prevention tactics. He taught them blocks, punches, kicks and a gator roll in order to create space and get away. He gave them observation tools to use when in a parking lot, when coming home through a garage door, and when walking on the street. He showed them how to get away when someone has you by the hair or grabs you from behind. All the techniques were practiced using striking pads, held by the two teachers, and the ladies had an opportunity to punch and kick as hard as they could. The senior ladies really enjoyed the activity and felt it was a great lesson to have! - *Mrs. Kircher*



## School Connections: DECA



From April 25- 29, four JTHS DECA students: Kialy Ackerson, Clare Bohn, Kara Cannarozzi and Alyssa Feldmann attended the International Career Development Conference in Anaheim, CA along with their advisor, Mrs. Hulbert. The girls attended leadership academies and competed with 19,000 other business students from both the United States and from abroad. They did not bring home a national title but represented both NJ DECA and JTHS with the utmost professionalism and had an experience they will never forget. They even found time to dip their toes in the Pacific Ocean. -*Mrs. Hulbert*

## World Language, ESL and Music Connection

Spanish 2 students are concluding a unit on legends. They will be working on creating Murder Mysteries and informational writing. Spanish 1 students are studying food and restaurant etiquette. In Level 1 ASL students are learning how give personal information about their families, where they grew up and their personal interests. As a final project, students will work on "My Autobiography." Each student's personal autobiography will include: their families, favorite things and least favorite things. Projects will include all of the non-manual grammatical elements learned this year in class. Students are now able to gloss basic sentence structures and create basic short narratives. Level 2 students are learning how to discuss the weather. They are practicing the non-manual grammatical principles associated with severe weather conditions such as hurricanes and a state of emergency situation. For their final project, students will become weathermen and women. They will create a 5-day forecast for a country and or city of their choice. Level 3 students are at the final stage of ASL Story-Telling – Songs! Students are learning how to translate the emotions and lyrics of a song from English into ASL structure. As a final project, students will pick a song, gloss it and perform their interpretation.

## Science Connections

Both science faculty and students are working diligently as we approach the end of the school year. Mrs. Kirshenbaum is leading a group of students in an outreach program at White Rock, covering topics in Earth Science. Kudos for inspiring our youngest learners! In Biology, faculty are prepping students for the New Jersey Biology Competency Test (NJBCT) which takes place on the 25th and 26th of May. Over in the world of Chemistry, students are studying acids and bases, equilibrium and concentration. As always, students will be performing various experiments, making claims, and backing them up with evidence and reasoning. Lastly, in Physics, students are studying circuits and waves, working on solving complex problems and explaining solutions to their peers.

*Sarah DeVries Displays Student Success at JTHS!*

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*Sarah DeVries is a current sophomore at JTHS and has excelled significantly on JTHS' track team.*

*On May 10th, Jefferson attended a track meet where DeVries was able to show off all of the hard work and practice she put into her running. At this meet, DeVries broke the school's two mile record of 11:42. She was able to finish the event in an inspiring time of 11:35. DeVries is very humble as she states that "breaking the school record was such a shock to me!" She is also able to credit her success to having a tremendous amount of encouragement from her coaches and teammates, she states that "I don't know where I would be without them."*

*Although DeVries has only been running since her freshman year, she has made these major accomplishments to represent the talent within our school. JTHS wishes DeVries the best of luck and anticipates many more great achievements in her future as she aspires to continue her running career after graduating high school.*

## Exceptional Connection

Last week, the Career and Consumer education class went on a Community Based Instruction trip to the Rockaway Mall to do some Mother's Day shopping and asking for job applications. The trip was a major success and the students had a great time!

Mrs. Vanderbok's class got a letter from a transition class in a very small rural high school in Montana asking them to fill out a form that tells about their class, school, and Jefferson's community. They filled out the form and have written back to them, hoping to continue this pen pal exchange for the upcoming school year. The students also wrote their own letters and have sent them to Transition programs in other states, hoping to learn about communities throughout the country.

Math of Finance will be providing a store simulation for the Teens and Tots program and various classes in the Middle and High School. The students will have customers purchasing items from the store and will be calculating the customers change by hand. Math of Finance has just completed a project involving an apartment search and budget from online listings.

Mrs. Vanderbok joined Ms. Seader's and Mr. Mattessich's class for a trip to the Turtle Back Zoo. The students had an excellent time, and will be doing more joint-ventures throughout the next few weeks!



*Students Jonathan Hines, Dylan Kehoe & Gary Pepe Enjoy their trip to the Rockaway mall.*

## Technology Connection

The technology over the last several weeks have been utilized for PARCC and AP testing. The World Language AP students have been practicing with recording to prepare for the AP exam. The students did a great job using the technology during testing. The Link it! pilot team is meeting tomorrow to assess the program from the students view. Students and teachers are continuing to utilize Google Classroom throughout all classes.