



# Jefferson Township High School

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## *JTHS GOOD NEWS* *March 2023*

### **February Students of the Month –**

Art –	Scarlett Melick
Business –	Genesis Beltre
English -	Noah Mednick
Health/PE –	Erin Nimbley
Mathematics –	Camila Sanchez
Music –	Amelia Castro
Science –	Justin McCarthy
Social Studies –	Christian Warner
Technology –	Lucas Studnick
Video Production –	Elizabeth Katz
World Language –	Gabriella Meltzer

### **Running for Research – In Memory of Nick Scalfani**

Haley Conrad and Lynnae Giordano were recognized at the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society Grand Finale on March 4 at the Westin Governor Morris Hotel as Student Visionaries of the Year. Haley and Lynnae led a team of NHS members to raise \$31,788.74 for research for blood cancer. Dylan Kircher was recognized for individually raising over \$5,000. The northern New Jersey region raised over \$1.2 million for LLS. Some of the activities that the students planned to raise the funds included: canning at local bagel shops, a student vs. teacher volleyball game, a Dine to Donate night at a local restaurant, a district-wide dress down day, and an ice cream social. All of the money was donated in memory of Nicholas Scalfani.

~ Mrs. Kula and Mrs. Kircher ~

## JTHS Presents – *The Drowsy Chaperone*

Jefferson Township High School will be presenting *The Drowsy Chaperone*. Winner of five Tony Awards, including Best Book and Best Original Score, *The Drowsy Chaperone* is an endearing parody of the Jazz Age musical, featuring one show-stopping song and dance number after another.

April Manasia plays the woman in a chair who appears on stage and puts on her favorite record: the cast recording of a fictitious 1928 musical. The recording comes to life and *The Drowsy Chaperone* begins as the woman in the chair looks on. Mix in two lovers (played by Danny Duda and Kaitlyn Majury) on the eve of their wedding, a bumbling best man (Christopher Dunn), a desperate theater producer (Michael Gopon), a wanna-be star (Avery Riegel), a not-so-bright hostess (Layla Stanziale), a regal butler (Hunter Gabowsky), two gangsters posing as pastry chefs (Elizabeth O'Shea and Maia Alick), a misguided Don Juan (Nathaniel Maniago), an aviatrix (Jocelyn Sawicki), and a sleepy chaperone (Katelynn Peterson), and you have the ingredients for an evening of hilarity and delight!

The cast also includes Ameilia Castro, Adam Christie, Kayleigh Edson, Gwendolyn Kosciolek, Madison Mathews, Samantha Orna, Nicholas Roberts, Frederick Stuck and Sneha Thyagarajan. English teacher Cassie Ives is directing the play with music teacher Chad Flynn as musical director. Fiona Bishop is the student choreographer and Kalli Grlica is the student director.

Mrs. Ives is enjoying her role as director; "I am thrilled to be directing *The Drowsy Chaperone* here at Jefferson! Rehearsals have been a blast and the kids have been bringing such great energy and enthusiasm to it. Between big ensemble numbers, show-stopping songs, spit takes, roller skating, and tap dance breaks, there's something for everyone!"

The musical will run the weekend of March 24th through 26th. The performances will be at 7:00 pm on Friday and Saturday and at 2:00 pm on Sunday. People can order their tickets in advance through the website: <https://jefftwphs.booktix.com/view/3/529b6bed980d2bca/>



Prices are - Adults:

- Presale - \$12
- At the door - \$15

Students/Children/Seniors:

- Presale - \$10
- At the door - \$12





~ Mrs. Kosco ~

## Guidance –

The JTHS Counseling Department held its Spring College Fair on Tuesday, March 7th. We had over 50 colleges and over 90 students participate in our college fair. Counselors have met with each of their students in Grades 8-11 to review course requests for the next school year. Thank you, parents and students for returning your signed forms.

In addition, SEL Day was celebrated throughout the district in the month of March ending with individual school social media posts and school based activities.

~ Mrs. Ramirez ~



## DECA –

We had 14 Jefferson students join over 4000 high school business, finance, hospitality and marketing students at the annual state career development conference held in Atlantic City from Monday to Wednesday this week. Those students are Lily Bacchus, Branna Bell, Max Russell, Will Rodriguez, Rishi Natarajan, Izzy Wasilewski, Sammi Orna, Claudia Kaminski, Genesis Beltre, Sydney Paese, Jasleen Kaur, Mairead Herzog, Gabby Dionysius, and Andrea Murillo.

They competed in individual as well as team events. They all felt super confident about their presentations and role play events, especially after hearing feedback from some of the judges. Alas, with such a large playing field, not everyone was able to come out ahead. One of our students qualified for a finalist round in the Integrated Marketing Campaign Service event, and, to her amazement, she ended up finishing 2nd overall!!! **Please congratulate Sydney Paese on qualifying for Nationals**, which takes place in Orlando this year.

Even though Sydney was the only national qualifier for Jefferson, please also congratulate the other students for their amazing efforts and for representing Jefferson so well. They were super well-behaved and professional throughout our stay.



~ Mr. Tiger ~

## *JTHS Artists-*

We have been informed that a whopping 15 JTHS artists were accepted into the Blackwell Street Center for the Arts High School Student Art Show! Our JTHS Art Teachers worked extremely hard to gather and submit all of the submissions for review and they are commended for the efforts to get our young artists recognized at an event like this in a very, very long time. The selected students were:

Maggie Gesek  
Hayden Mills  
Maggie Redmond  
Cassandra Jedrzejczyk  
Aaron Leyva  
Grace Weihmiller  
Katie Hall  
Bryenna Ramirez

Madeline Balogh  
Emma Lewis  
Fajr Tariq  
Joanna Mackey  
Jocelyn Ortega  
Ahmed Alateek  
Valarie Ardon

Their works consist of various mediums and will be displayed at the Administration Building at 10 Court Street in Morristown from 3/27-4/27. Please consider celebrating these accomplishments with these artists, educators and families at a reception on 3/30 from 7-9 PM on the 5th Floor of the Atrium in the Administration Building. See the flyer attached below for more details. I'm so proud of these students and educators and excited to see Jefferson Township represented like this. Kudos to Mrs. Canales, Mrs. Wassmer and Mr. DeVries for making it happen!



## French Classes –

On April 4th, the JTEA is sponsoring an afternoon with Maggie Frank, a JTHS alum and French Pastry Chef, as she teaches a baking lesson for French students. They will be making profiteroles and cream puffs. Some of those cream puffs will be served the next evening, at the JTEA sponsored Manie Musicale Finale, where students will have French projects on display and friends and family members will be invited to learn which of 16 French songs wins the most votes, and which students made the best predictions in their brackets.

*“Pictures to follow in our next Good News”*

*~ Mrs. Carroll ~*

## Robotics –

Our First Robotics Team preparing for their competition in Mount Olive. Results and more pictures in our next Good News.

