

## Hilltop Notes for the CHS Community

4.1.19

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### **CHS Annual Fund**

The 2018-19 CHS Annual Fund Drive is in the final stretch. We have raised 65% of our goal. Please help us get to 100%! Has your family made your gift yet? From sports, to the arts, to sciences- this fund affects every student at our school and enhances the experience they receive on The Hilltop. EVERY GIFT MATTERS! Learn more about the CHS Annual Fund and how to make your donation at this link: <https://cityhonors.org/support-chs/annual-fund/>

### **19<sup>th</sup> Annual Party in the Hall**

Spring is here (almost) and that means it's time for the 'Party in the Hall'! This is the signature fundraising event for City Honors and allows adults in our school community to get out of the house after a long winter and connect/reconnect with each other. This year's event will be held on Friday, May 3, 2019 from 6:30-8:30 pm. Our new planning committee has organized all sorts of new fun and food that you don't want to miss! Keep an eye on your email this week for the official invitation. Early birds can purchase their tickets online now at: <https://cityhonors.org/support-chs/party-in-the-hall/>.

Prior to Party at 6:00pm we will honor three individuals: Catherine Roberts '88 (Senior VP Program Administration at CAO of WNY), Catherine Linder Spencer (CHS Parent Volunteer), Tom Lynch (Retired CHS World Language Teacher). All parents, alums, staff, new parents and friends welcome to attend. Please spread the word to anyone you think might like to join us for this special evening!

### **Autism Awareness Activities at CHS**

Tomorrow, April 2<sup>nd</sup> is World Autism Day! In recognition of World Autism Day, the CHS STARS program (Students with Autism Rising to Success) is hoping to paint the school blue!

**Please have your child wear blue tomorrow or your Autism Awareness t-shirt to show support and raise awareness for Autism.**

On April 27<sup>th</sup>, the Summit Center will hold its annual Autism Awareness Walk. The CHS STARS program is building a great team to participate in the walk and raise money. If you are interested in joining the team and participating in the walk, please see the attached flyer. If you are unable to walk, but would like to donate please visit the STARS team page at <https://thesummitcenter.rallybound.org/summitwalk/CHSSTARS> to donate. Please contact Brittany Gillotti with any questions."

### **Grade 5-8 NYS Assessments**

CHS students in grades 5-8 will participate in NYS assessments during April and May. English Language Arts will be given the mornings of April 2 and 3 and Mathematics will take place the

morning of May 1 and 2. These assessments have been reduced to approximately 2.5 hours each morning. Students have unlimited time to complete them if they want. These assessments are no longer connected to teacher and principal evaluations. Our teachers use this information to understand how we can provide better quality instruction to our students in the classroom and how to best support each student. All we ask from students is that they get a good night's rest, a full and healthy breakfast and give their best effort to accurately represent what they have learned from their teachers.

### **Student Volunteers Needed for Fruitbelt Spring Fling and Easter Egg Hunt**

The FruitBelt Neighborhood Coalition (longtime partners with CHS) are hosting their Spring Fling Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, 4.13.19 at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. This event benefits young children of the Fruitbelt neighborhood adjacent to CHS. They are in need of student volunteers to help with set up, crafts, food service and clean up. The hours will be from 10:30am am to 2:30 pm. Students are welcome to contact Sue Michalak from the Coalition directly via email (meemsart2@aol.com) or cell phone, 857-0497. Eligible students may count this experience toward their IB CAS hours. See Mrs. Banas for questions

### **CHS Science Research Program Students Excel at 2019 Terra Northeast Regional Science Fair Awards**

Mr. Richards and students from the CHS Science Research Program demonstrated their excellence on March 23 at the Northeast Science Fair. Our Science Centaurs received accolades, scholarships and qualified to move on to selective science symposiums. Here is a rundown of their accomplishments by grade level:

#### **Grade 9**

Anyiang Yak - *Hitting the Target: The Importance of Making Sure a Drug's Aim Is True*  
STANYS New York State Science Congress  
Bronze - \$100

Manuneethy Anpalagan - *Alternative medicine for remission in Inflammatory Bowel Disease*  
STANYS New York State Science Congress  
Silver - \$150

Tasfia Islam - *Exploring DNA Damage: What effect does ultraviolet rays have on yeast colony growth?*  
STANYS New York State Science Congress

#### **Grade 10**

Liam-Gavin Dell - *Study of the Juul e-cigarette*  
Grand Award Advancement to Intel ISEF  
STANYS New York State Science Congress  
Gold - \$200  
MOOG Engineering Award - \$100  
Erie County Department of Health Public Health-Science Project

Maria Krieg, Anna Ilecki - *What's really in your food?*  
Bronze - \$100

Nabihah Ahmad - *Effects of a placebo adderall drug on academic performance*  
Buffalo Museum of Science Dr. Robert Genco Memorial Award  
Erie County Department of Health Public Health-Science Project

Nurul Hussain, Sam Farrell - *Curing Tuberculosis without Side effects*  
Bronze - \$100

### **Grade 11**

Charlie Morse, Christian Kolaga - *Supporting the Endosymbiotic Theory through the Use of Ribosomal Proteins s13 and s15*  
Silver - \$150  
Daeman College STEAM Award

Henry Abramson - *Determining a Candidate for the Prokaryote in which Endosymbiosis Occurred to Create Plants*  
STANYS New York State Science Congress  
Ying Scholar Semi-Finalist - \$500  
Silver - \$150

Leo Biehl - *Detection of Flavoring Chemicals in Waterpipe Tobacco Products*  
STANYS New York State Science Congress  
Regeneron Science Talent Search Invitation  
Gold - \$200  
MOOG Engineering Award - \$100  
PRAXAIR - \$100

Maya Fuller - *The effect of overexpression on targeted therapies*  
Regeneron Science Talent Search Invitation

Milkay Teysir - *Study of Mechanisms of Anti-Cancer Compounds of CBL-0137*  
Regeneron Science Talent Search Invitation

Nadya Elhalawany - *Measuring Mitochondrial Metabolome in Cancer*  
Yale Science & Engineering Assoc, Inc. Award

Ryan Lakamp - *New Generation Highly Portable Solar Oven*  
Edith M. Flanigen Memorial Award - \$250  
Ying Energy 21 Symposium Award  
Buffalo Museum of Science Dr. Robert Genco Memorial Award  
Ricoh Sustainable Development Award

### **CHS Students Win Harlem Renaissance Essay Contest**

Two CHS grade 8 students were recently named winners in the Harlem Renaissance Essay Contest organized by Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority:

- Mary Swain – 1<sup>st</sup> Prize winner
- Lauren Foster 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Winner

Both students will receive an award and cash prize.

### **Daemen College Summer Institutes**

Daemen College offers a Writers Academy and a Leadership Academy for High School students. Follow this link for more information about each of the academies:

<https://www.daemen.edu/about/facilities/reserving-facilities/summer-institutes-daemen>

### **Daemen College Young Boys Volleyball Clinic and More!**

Boys volleyball is arriving at CHS this fall for boys in grades 7-12! Is your son interested in seeing if volleyball is for him? Check out the Daemen College Junior Wildcats Boys Volleyball Camp for Boys in Grades 3-7. There are many other Daemen sports camps in other sports from intro level to camps for elite prospect camps. Check it all out at this link:

[https://daemenwildcats.com/sports/2012/11/13/MBB\\_1113124007.aspx](https://daemenwildcats.com/sports/2012/11/13/MBB_1113124007.aspx)

### **CHS Girls Rugby Meat Raffle**

Join us for a Meat Raffle to support our CHS girls rugby team! Friday, April 12th, 2019. Admission is \$10, or 10 tickets for \$90. Includes: Beer, Pizza, Snacks, and Door Prize Drawing 50/50 and Basket Raffle. Doors Open: 6:30 PM. First Drawing: 7:30 PM. Buffalo Irish Center 245 Abbott Rd. Buffalo, NY 14220. NO outside liquor or food. For Presale tickets and more information: Email: [mfrank@buffaloschools.org](mailto:mfrank@buffaloschools.org) or Call: 716 857-0515

### **CHS '19-'20 Budget**

A preliminary CHS budget has been reviewed by the CHS Site Based Management Team and posted to the Family Resources section of the school website. Please note, this budget is preliminary and does not account for adjustments that the district may make as a result of the NYS Budget. <https://cityhonors.org/families/resources/>

### **UB Summer STEM Camps**

There are several new summer STEM camp opportunities for K-12 students this summer at UB. Most programs will be held at the School of Engineering and Applied Sciences, located at the University at Buffalo's Amherst Campus. All camps are a valuable opportunity for students to gain hands on experience while exploring the STEM fields, making new friends, and working with UB students/faculty. To learn more visit:

[engineering.buffalo.edu/home/outreach/camps.html](http://engineering.buffalo.edu/home/outreach/camps.html)

### **CHS Model UN: 4<sup>th</sup> out of 40+ Schools at UB!**

On March 19, With 40 plus schools participating, and over 50 nations represented at the Model Conference at UB, the Centaur Model UN Team took *4<sup>th</sup> place Overall* representing France. Also, Reese Day, Ronald Andersen and Julian Cercone won *Best Overall Special Political*

*Committee.* Thank you to our fearless Model UN Advisor, Mr. Ross for making this such an important learning experience for our students!

### **'She Started IT' Program**

The *She Started IT!* program is planned for Saturday, April 13, 2019, 10 AM - 2 PM, Downtown Buffalo & Erie County Public Library and is designed to inspire girls 6<sup>th</sup> through 10<sup>th</sup> grade in our community to pursue careers in the Tech industry and entrepreneurship. Please share the program information far and wide. Bring yourself, we'll take care of the food & swag for a memorable event! This is a FREE program. Plan to...

- Explore opportunities in computing and technology sectors through hands-on activities
- Grow your network with other girls interested in IT
- Engage with WNY female founders and professionals in tech

Register to attend as a student or as a school group: <https://tinyurl.com/SheStartedIT2019>

Questions, contact: contact [customercare@gswny.org](mailto:customercare@gswny.org) or call Girl Scouts Customer Care at 1.888.837.6410 for assistance.

She Started IT is a collaboration between Blackstone LaunchPad powered by Techstars at UB, ACV Auctions, the Allstate Foundation, the Buffalo & Erie County Public Library, Ingram Micro, The Foundry, Girl Scouts, LaunchTECH, UB Office of Business & Entrepreneur Partnerships, UB School of Engineering and Applied Sciences, WNY STEM, and the WNY Women's Foundation.

### **CHS Middle School Math Team Wins Championship**

At a reception at the Foundry Hotel on March 15, it was announced that our CHS Middle School team took overall first place in Buffalo!

The middle school math league members are:

#### Grade 8

Nicole Ndayishimiye (1st place winner CHS, 1st place winner BPS)

Evelyn Gardner (2nd place winner BPS)

Andreea Merzianu

Molly Galvin

Paul Poleon

#### Grade 7

Kevin Ndayishimiye (3rd place winner BPS)

Molly Sheehan

Nazifa Khan

Trinity Barnes

Amyiah Cross

Congratulations to our Centaur Mathematicians and their incredibly dedicated coach, Ms. Yeostros, on a fantastic season!!!

## **Long Island University Entrepreneurship Academy**

This summer, Long Island University is launching the Entrepreneurship Academy, a weeklong intensive program for ambitious students planning to major in business. Admitted students engage in hands-on experiences that provide insight into career paths in business and receive leadership coaching from former executives who've held positions such as: Managing Director (in Finance) at Merrill Lynch, Director (of Marketing) at Bloomberg, and Partner (in Accounting) at EY. Students cap off their career exploration experience with a visit to a Fortune 500 company.

During the Academy, students get a taste of college life while dorming at our suburban Post campus on Long Island and visiting our city campus in Brooklyn. Students may choose from two sessions: June 23 – June 29 or July 21 – July 27.

Tuition and lodging are offered free of charge. A fee of \$100 is collected for materials and students are responsible for food and transportation costs. Top candidates are passionate about business and leaders in their school communities who are eager for opportunities to advance their presentation and leadership skills while learning more about potential career paths in business.

Ideal candidates meet the following criteria:

- Professional, driven leaders in their school communities
- Current juniors planning to major in Business
- Cumulative GPA above 90, 1200 PSAT

Students are admitted on a rolling basis. Spots are limited. More information at:  
<http://liu.edu/CWPost/Academics/School-of-Business/Entrepreneurship-Academy>

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### ***Connect with CHS***

CHS Website: <http://www.cityhonors.org>

CHS on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/cityhonors>

CHS on Twitter: <http://twitter.com/cityhonors>

CHS View (online school community newsletter): <http://www.chsview.org>

Pelion Garden at City Honors on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/PelionCommunityGarden>

7 Easy/No Cost Ways to Support City

Honors: <http://www.cityhonors.org/page/resources-for-parents>

Fosdick Field Restoration Project: <http://www.RestoreOurField.org>

Fosdick Field Restoration Project on

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/FosdickField>

Fosdick Field Restoration Project on Twitter: <https://twitter.com/fosdickfield>

City Honors/Fosdick-Masten Park Foundation:

<https://cityhonors.org/supportchs/chfmpfoundation/>

SBMT Minutes:

<http://public.buffaloschools.org/SitePages/SBMTParentEngagement.aspx>

PTSCO Minutes and Information: <https://cityhonors.org/families/get-involved/>

***Children are endangered by underage house parties and underage drinking. Concerned adults, teachers, students and friends can call 24 hours a day in Erie County to report planned underage drinking parties; underage drinking parties in progress or other activities that may be harmful to the health, safety and welfare of young people. The tip line (1-800-851-1932) is ANONYMOUS, CONFIDENTIAL and free. Erie County now has a "Social Host Law" that holds adults accountable for allowing minors to drink. Learn more at <http://www.eccpasa.org>***