



Principally Speaking

Pelham Memorial High School

May - June 2018

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Newsletter from PMHS

Upcoming Events:

September 6:
Classes Begin

Congratulations to the following students for their induction to the English (NEHS) & Social Studies (Rho Kappa) Honor Societies:

NEHS Inductees

Jack Barrett, Rachel Brewer, Manon Bushong, Richard Che, Daniella Cherner, Samuel Cork, Kathryn Fugazy, Isabel Kenny, Lauren Kuster, Lindsay McNamara, Grace Miske, Madeleine Mullany, Ascensy Perez, Kimberly Rosell, Sidney Skop, Margaret Solimine, Eleanor Tahbaz, Emily Talamas, Ariana Vazquez and Helena White.

Rho Kappa Inductees

Connor Evans, John Hernandez, John Morrell and Elias Salmeron.

NEHS/Rho Kappa Inductees

Elise Aronson, Jennifer Bell, Daniel Bernstein, Gabriella Bhiro, Lucy Bischof, Madeline Bryce, Sophia Carranza, Ian Childs, Andrew Clausen, Kevin Coleman, Lucy Conway, Francesca Di Cristofano, Claudia Dodge,

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The end of the 2017-2018 is here and I congratulate each of the 213 Seniors in the Class of 2018 who graduated from Pelham Memorial High School on Saturday.

As summer vacation begins I want to share a few important reminders. Summer Assignments for some of the Advanced Placement courses as well as the English Department's reading list is available on our website, as well as dates and forms for the upcoming Fall athletic season. Recently, information was sent to parents of incoming 9th graders and rising 11th and 12th graders regarding vaccinations, immunizations and physicals. This information is also available on our website under Need to Know. Additionally, we are collecting all Chromebooks, chargers and cases from students. All Chromebooks will be remotely disabled at the end of June. If a student has either lost their Chromebook or it has been stolen, a police report must be made, and submitted to the Technology Department, Room 113 in the main high school building.

I hope you all have a restful and relaxing summer. I look forward to seeing you on September 27 for our Open House evening.

Sincerely,

Jeannine Clark

Department News

English Department

In May the first annual PMHS Storytellers Celebration took place in the PMHS library. The event included public recognition of all 36 English Department commended writers who were published in the "Pelicans in Print" section of the *News of Pelham*. Additionally, three contest winners from the "Oz Writing Contest", in collaboration with the Pelham Public Library, showcased their work in the e-book launch of *Visions of Oz*, featuring their winning short stories. The evening highlighted the work of our student writers in *DOOR* magazine, the *Pel Mel* and the Young Playwright's Festival.

Henry Driesen, Charlotte Edmunds, Nahian Ehtesham, Jack Gates, Benjamin Glickman, Andrew Graciano, Dylan Gurl, Katherine Hart, John Hopkins, James Hupprich, Fiona Joffroy, Julia Kaplansky, Meredith Kuster, Emma Lauria, Zachary Leonard, Zara Levy, Julia Loughman, Violet Massie-Vereker, Tara Matz, Sophia McSpedon, Christian Morfit, Arden Neu, Abigail O'Halloran, Julia Plourde, Kristina Pompilio, Liam Ronan, Kaitlyn Rubbo, Leana Rutt, Michael Salama, Joseph Silva, Ella Stern, Meghan Stevens, Olivia Ting, Sara Veteri, Alyssa Wong and Caitlin Wong.

There was also a 30-minute Open Mic during which our students read excerpts from their commended work. Emma Otheguy, PMHS graduate Class of 2005, writer, historian, doctoral student and author of *Marti's Song for Freedom* shared her journey as a writer and offered words of inspiration to our young writers.

Mathematics Department

On May 22, the PMHS Math Honor Society hosted the annual Math "24" competition. Congratulations to **Benjamin Glickman**, the 2018 "24" Champion to runner-up **Patrick Shiels**.

Performing Arts Department

All three high school music ensembles participated in the New York State School Music Association, NYSSMA Majors evaluation festival during the week of May 20. The performances took place at Fox Lane Middle School and Fox Lane High School in Bedford. Our Jazz Band participated for the first time and earned a Silver award at Level IV. Both of our Chamber Chorus and Orchestra programs earned Gold with Distinction at Level V. We are extremely proud of our students and directors, **Mr. Andrew Van Bochove**, Mrs. **Maria Abeshouse** and **Dr. Michele Zanky**.

Science Department

On May 13-18, Pelham Science Research student **Kiera Mallinson** was a finalist and presented her research at the 2018 Intel International Science and Engineering Fair, the world's largest international pre-college science competition. More than 1,800 young scientists, engineers, entrepreneurs and makers showcased their work. Finalists selected were from 420 affiliate fairs in 81 countries, regions and territories. Congratulations to Kiera and **Mr. Steve Beltecas** for his leadership of our Science Research program.

At the end of May PMHS Science Research students showcased their work at the annual PMHS Science Research Symposium at the Middle School Gym. The event both spotlighted Senior work presented throughout the school year at various competitions and introduced the work of underclassmen.

In early June, Pelham Science Research student finalists competed at the 2018 Genius Olympiad. Over 1200 students from 72 countries and 35 states competed. Four Pelham science research students won all four high honors in their categories, as well as a tablet and partial scholarships (up to \$10,000 each) if they choose to attend SUNY OSWEGO. The four winning students were:

1st place: **Francesca Di Cristofano**
 2nd place: **Sarah Ellenbogen**
 2nd place: **Peter Wei**
 3rd place: **Hailey Nelson**

Social Studies Department

Congratulations to **Helen Meyerson** who earned 4th place at New York History Day Competition in April. She also won the New York State Archives Partnership Trust Award for "An Outstanding Entry on a New York State History Topic that Utilizes the Best Use of Primary Sources" in the Senior Individual Documentary category for her documentary *How New Amsterdam First Became New York: Peter Stuyvesant's Surprising Compromise*.

Visual Arts

Mya Davis was named winner in the Music Conservatory of Westchester's Colors of Music Mural Contest for her painting, *Rainbow Rhapsody*. She was chosen to collaborate with acclaimed muralist Jonathan Villoch to adapt her winning design of a large-scale mural which will grace an interior wall of the Conservatory building on Central Avenue in White Plains.

A photo taken by photography student **Domenick Calgi** was shared by BMW of Manhattan on its Instagram feed.

PMHS held its first annual Advanced Art Exhibit in May. The event showcased work created by students in AP Studio Art, Advanced Art, Drawing and Painting, Advanced Computer Graphics, Advanced Photography and Architecture, taught by **Ms. Kaycee Cherashore**, **Mr. Will Doyle**, **Ms. Devon Fallon** and **Ms. Jane Wals**. The work of over 100 students was displayed, and represented the culmination of a year's worth of work.

World Languages Department

In May French 3 students visited the "Public Parks and Private Gardens: Paris to Provence" exhibit at the Metropolitan Museum of Art. The exhibit examined the prolific melding of art and nature through 150 photographs, Impressionist paintings, flower vases and other works.

Twenty-one students were able to make curricular connections. Students have been studying the artistic movements of Impressionism and Post-Impressionism along with celebrated French artists throughout the 19th century.

The results of students taking the National Exams in the World Language Department in April were outstanding.

2018 National Exam Results:

French

Level 2A

Gold: **Vikram Jallepalli**

Silver: **Laney Bagwell**, **Lila Caminiti**, **Jackson Sylver**, **Zoe Winburn**

Bronze: **Daniela Christian**

Honorable Mention: **Jack Dougherty, Nathaniel Hetzer, Margot Phillips, Margot Wies**

Level 2C Native Speakers

Gold:

Ethan Bletz-Teboul, Andrey Dermendzhiev

Level 3A

Silver: **Lukas Glist, Emily Nakayama**

Bronze: **Sophie Xu**

Honorable Mention: **Grace Anderson, Jessica Cunha, Guy Eustace, Lucas Fredbeck, Siobhan Sadler**

Level 4A

Bronze: **Benjamin Glickman**

Honorable Mention: **Julien Evans, Alex Walker**

Level 4C Native Speakers

Gold: **Matyas Spunberg**

Honorable Mention: **Stephan Akichy**

Level 5C Native Speaker

Silver: **Julian Navarro**

Italian

Level 1B

Honorable Mention: **Pallavy Franco**

Level 2A

Bronze: **Matthew Cannella, Caroline Veteri**

Honorable Mention: **Lucy Edmunds, Allison Feldman, Andrew Graciano, Daniella Letizia, Nell Plunkett, Caroline Spana, Andrew Terraciano, Giovanna Vitale**

Level 3A

Bronze: **Justin O'Beirne**

Honorable Mention: **Claudia Scampoli, Joshua Timmermans, Cassie Ventura**

Level 4B

Honorable Mention: **Rafael DaCruz**

Latin

Level Latin II

Magna Cum Laude: **Collins Mbonu**

Cum Laude: **Katherine D'Adamo, Roger Geaniton**

Level Latin III

Silver Maxima Cum Laude: **Arthur O'Sullivan**

Cum Laude: **Grace Liberatore, Piers Upton**

Level Latin IV Poetry

Silver Maxima Cum Laude: **Elise Aronson**

Magna Cum Laude: **Rachel Brewer**

Cum Laude: **Siobhan Joyce-Farley**

Spanish

Level 2

Honor: **Connor Fleming, Stephanie Gristina, Calvin Hoeh, Steven Munn, Vanessa Rosado, Marlen Singh, Aiden Levy, Carolyn Moyle, Nicolas Franchini, Isabella Gouveia**

Bronze: **Emma Almo, Brett Bober, Lucia Lavallee, Sara Almo**

Silver: **Andrea Rodriguez Arcila**

Level 3

Honor: **Julia O'Neil, Kristina Pompilio, Morgan Sample, Anna Shampanier-Bowen, Helen Meyerson, Stephanie Munn, Elizabeth Potocki, Juliana Prisco**

Bronze: **Matyas Spunberg**

Silver: **Lance Brady, Vedika Basavatia, Asher Lal**

Level 4

Honor: **Daniel Bernstein, Gabriella Bhiri, Liam Ronan, Elizabeth Walters, Julia Figueiredo, Camilla O'Keefe and Joseph Silva**

Bronze: **Luca Rivera, Isabel Kenny**

Silver: **James Hupprich**

Gold: **Michael Salama**

Level 5

Honor: **Pamela Pennetta, Steven Torres**

Congratulations also go to **Isabel Kenny** who placed in the NY Metro Chapter in the bilingual category on the National Spanish Exam for Level 4. Isabel and her teacher, **Anna Brown** were invited to Stuyvesant High School for a reception to receive Isabel's medal.

Lily Burns, Gabriela Hood, Catherine Hynes, Erin Knapp and **Hailey Nelson** have collected school supplies to bring to Guatemala in June. They will travel with the not-for-profit organization For the Love of Mateo on a service trip to Guatemala City, Antigua and surrounding villages to donate these much needed school supplies to the children at the Hogar Luz de Maria orphanage.

Extra Curricular and Athletics

Sock n Buskin

Three of our *Hello, Dolly!* cast members have been selected as the top 50 performers in the Greater New York Area. There are only 25 nominees for Best Actress and 25 nominees for Best Actor.

The following students performed on May 19 for a panel of industry judges in Manhattan in hopes to advance to the National High School Musical Theatre Jimmy Awards in June on Broadway.

Best Actor nominee: **Samuel Rodd** as Cornelius Hackl

Best Actress nominee: **Margaret Solimine** as Irene Molloy

Best Actress nominee: **Athena Woodfin** as Dolly Gallagher Levi.

Forensics Speech Team

In April the PMHS Forensic Speech team traveled to Hofstra University for the State Championships.

Congratulations goes to:

NY State Quarterfinalist in Varsity Extemporaneous Speaking - **Henry Driesen**, 14th in the state.

NY State Semifinalist in Congressional Debate - **Isaac Blackburn**, 17th in the state.

NY State Semifinalist in Declamation - **Sophia Leung**, 12th in the state.

In June, **Benjamin Glickman** and **Angelina Rosa** traveled to Ft. Lauderdale to represent New York State at the National Speech and Debate Tournament of Champions.

Congratulations to **Mr. Tom Beck** the PMHS Forensic Speech Advisor. In early June at the National Tournament in Washington, DC he was voted by his peers to serve as the recording secretary to the National Forensic League.

WISE Internship Program

Congratulations to our four Seniors who completed the WISE Internship Program. Students in the program explored a topic of personal interest while working with an adult mentor and received school credit.

Brianna Klein interned in early childhood education at the Pelham Children's Center. **Deena Kouroupas** interned in Financial Studies at Hagen School of Business, Iona College. **Victoria Nappi** researched and implemented makerspace education at Colonial School, Prospect Hill School and PMHS. **Angelina Rosa** interned in marketing at Estee Lauder.

Pel Mel

Congratulations to the student editors at *Pel Mel*, the PMHS school newspaper. The American Scholastic Press Association designated the 2017-2018 *Pel Mel*, with a ranking of First Place. This is the second year in a row that our newspaper has earned this honor.

Athletics

Fall Sports Starting Dates:

August 13

Football
Cheerleading

August 20

Boys and Girls Soccer
Girls Volleyball
Girls Field Hockey
Boys and Girls Cross Country
Girls Swimming
Girls Tennis

Earlier this June our Boys Varsity Lacrosse Team defeated Rye High School to win the Section 1 Class C Sectional Title, then defeated Glens Falls to win the Class C Regional Final at Lakeland High School. It was the first time Pelham's boys

lacrosse team won both Section and Regional titles, and qualified for the Final Four. The team next played and lost a semifinal game to Islip High School at the University at Albany.

Also in June, at the Track and Field State Qualifiers in Syracuse, **Mateo Rivera** broke his own school record in the 400 meter dash, running a 48.4 second lap. He was the third consecutive athlete to represent Pelham at the New York State Track and Field Championships. **Lorenzo Bertuccioli** finished with a season best triple jump and 272 career points for Pelham, the third highest since 2005.

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