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BAYSIDE HIGH SCHOOL

# THE BAYSIDER

## Community Edition



### Record Attendance at Industry Advisory Board Meeting

Industry partners, post-secondary partners, NYCDOE CTE Office of Post-Secondary Readiness and New Visions representatives attended this year's Industry Advisory Board meeting on Thursday, January 18<sup>th</sup> —over 60 participated! The theme for this year was Connect, and industry and post-secondary partners serve as a vital connection to the workplace and beyond for our faculty and students. Some of our partners agreed to be guest speakers and spoke with great poise, introducing innovative ideas, which may greatly influence the direction and scope of our programs. Topics covered were: Women in STEM Careers; Creating Value Through Collaboration & Technology; Growth Marketing; Infrastructure Investment & General Prosperity; and Connecting to the Past. The presentations were well received by all.

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#### FEBRUARY

- 14 SLT Meeting, 4:15 pm  
PTA Executive Meeting, 6:00 pm  
PTA General Meeting, 7:15 pm
- 16 Lunar New Year / School Closed
- 19 -23 Mid-Winter Recess / School Closed

#### MARCH

- 8 Parent-Teacher Conference Evening, 6:30 – 9 pm
- 9 Parent-Teacher Conference Afternoon, 12:40 – 2:45 pm
- 10 SAT Exam Not at Bayside
- 21 SAT Exam Administered During School  
SLT Meeting, 4:15 pm  
PTA Executive Meeting, 6:00 pm  
PTA General Meeting, 7:15 pm
- 26-29 Quarterly Exams
- 29 End of Marking Period 3
- 30 - Apr 6 Spring Recess

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# Industry Advisory Board, cont.

Industry Advisory Board Chairman, Mr. David Solano, was honored with the CTE Partner of the Year Award. His outstanding contribution to our CTE programs includes, but is not limited to, connecting Bayside High School CTE leaders to many of the industry partners we enjoy relationships with today. Many of these partners currently host our interns at their facilities. We are extremely grateful to our partners for the knowledge and dedication they share with our school community.

## Hot Off the Press!

by Qingqing Zhuo, Class of 2018

On January 10<sup>th</sup>, 31 CTE Digital Art senior students took a trip to Color Industries, located in Maspeth, Queens. The purpose of the trip was to learn about Color Industries and commercial printing. To be honest, I assumed that Color Industries might be a factory that produces pigments. Our visit to the print shop showed me exactly how this kind of business operates.

After a 30-minute ride to the building, we were greeted by two printers, Ed and Rob, who explained many things about printing. Surprisingly, they generously offered us breakfast and sample sketchbooks. The class saw how the print shop produces a lot of things like sketchbooks, posters, print models, menus and many other items. When printers are working on a project, sometimes a client sends them a finished design to be printed and it makes thousands of copies. On other projects, the client asks the print shop to create the entire design and print it with the same color formula

that we have been learning: 4-color process CMYK that stands for cyan, magenta, yellow, and black. While the printers gave us the introduction, they showed us some print samples. I was very impressed by a three-dimensional model box of a vampire's coffin, which was designed to hold a bottle sold in stores.

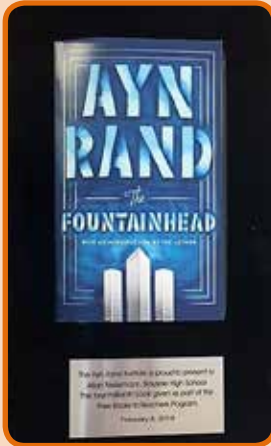
After the introduction, Ed and Rob took us around the whole facility and showed us how each department operates. We met an employee who monitors a huge six-color printer's control panel. He told us about the process. First, the client sends a finished design or asks the print shop to create one. Next, the job is printed and finished (folded or glued or stapled) and finally

delivered to the client or a store. We saw the big printing machine, and how it can print several copies of the same design (like a menu) on one huge piece of paper. We enjoyed talking with the designer and hearing some of his stories of past projects. Ed and Rob told us that the expensive machines have four to five workers running them, and that the machine plays music as a safety alert while it is running to warn people not to touch it. One piece of paper will have several stops along the press as more colors are added. When the job finishes printing, the staff takes a mini microscope called a loupe to check the color of the printed items.

This journey helped me understand Color Industries. Commercial printing is not just "send and print" like we do at home and school. The process needs special attention because the printer needs to double check with the client about the final design, and it requires extra finishing steps before shipping. In conclusion, I'm very grateful for this opportunity.



## Ayn Rand Institute Honors Mr. Weissmann



The Ayn Rand Institute (ARI), an Objectivism think tank that donates free copies of Rand's work to public schools, came to Bayside to celebrate the donation of its 4,000,000 book, a copy of *The Fountainhead*. The book was presented in the form of an award to English teacher Allan Weissmann, due to his prolific teaching of Rand's work and his encouragement for students to enter the Institute's international essay contests. Since 2007, more than 500 Bayside students have entered and many have won cash prizes, including a first place \$10,000 winner in 2010.

To celebrate the occasion, Mr. Robert Begley, Development Specialist at the Ayn Rand Institute, spoke to students in the library about his discovery of Rand as a teen through musical lyrics of a rock band. Interestingly, both he and Mr. Weissmann had shared experiences of teachers not wanting students to read her novels in school. As students asked questions of Mr. Weissmann and Mr. Begley, it became apparent that Rand's writing and Objectivism philosophy have influenced many people, including top leaders and decision makers. It is hoped that Bayside students will carry on the tradition of reading Rand, entering the essay contest and thinking outside of the box.



"The work that ARI does is essential to our young people," said Mr. Weissmann. "It gives them the opportunity to read intelligent literature, write about it, and formulate a personal philosophy that demands a life of integrity on all levels."

## Singing Spreads Joy at St. Mary's Hospital

by Alexandra Sandoval, Class of 2018

During my childhood, I experienced an accident that drastically changed my life. I went to three different hospitals and one of them was St. Mary's in Bayside, Queens.

While I was a patient there one Christmas, Santa visited along with elves, firefighters, and different mascots. I remember Santa visiting me when I was 5-years-old and gave me a gift. Now, I am a senior at Bayside High School ready to graduate in June. A firefighter who runs the Christmas event at St. Mary's reached out to Bayside's music program asking if the choir could sing Christmas carols to kids at the hospital. Eight of us volunteered to visit the hospital and sing.



On December 22<sup>nd</sup>, we sang for patients, their families, the firefighters, and the nurses. Later, we went to each floor and sang through the halls accompanied by Santa and other mascots. We also visited children who were confined to their rooms. While walking around I saw some patients and nurses who I knew from when I was there 11 years ago. Seeing the patients and nurses with smiles on their faces warmed my heart. It was no surprise many news stations were there to cover this wonderful holiday event. Experiencing this Christmas event when I was little and now giving back to the community felt great. I hope to do this again next year.

*Students: Augustina Guanes, Karina Arichabala, Jared Castillo Vigili, Kaylene Moncada, Alexandra Sandoval, Evangelos Argyros, Loriell Muirhead, Marisleyce Rodriguez.*

# CHINA PATTERNS by Dance China NY

by Ruxi Xu, Class of 2018

On January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018, an amazing Chinese dance performance *CHINA PATTERNS* was held at Bayside High School by Dance China NY. They performed six different types of dances, from raucous folk dances of farming villages to gentle classical dances of the Imperial Palace. During the performance, the dancers interacted with the audience and taught Chinese words, which made it more interesting.

The first dance was the Yangko Dance, one of the most famous Chinese folk dances. The dancers spun red handkerchiefs to represent good harvest and good luck in farming villages. The music and the dance brought the audience joy. Afterward, one of the dancers introduced herself and taught the greeting “Nǐ Hǎo Ma” which means “How are you?” The second dance was the Sword Dance. It was a solo dance with a retractable sword. The dancer first sat on the floor, dancing with soft music. Suddenly, the music became lively. The dancer picked up her sword and danced to the music with the gleaming sword which was exciting. The third dance was the Fan Dance. In this dance, there were many circular motions. The character changed frequently, from male to female, then from female to male and the music also changed frequently between fast and slow.

There was a solo dance based on the Beijing Opera. In the Beijing Opera, Wusheng, the dancer, is a character who performs martial arts dressed in white. At first, the dancer used a short sword. Then he switched to a lance. When he threw the lance into the air and caught it, the audience was surprised and amazed. The fifth dance came from Inner Mongolia where there are many prairies. People farm sheep and ride horses every day. They usually dance during big events, and these dances express freedom. Surprisingly, the dancers made rhythms using chopsticks. Lastly, the dancer picked volunteers to dance with the long silk. She taught them four dances: rainbow, dragon, firework, and waterfall. At the end, the dancer told the audience that red represents good luck in China. She connected the entire performance with Chinese culture. The performance was wonderful.



## Saturday Class Trip to Manhattan

by Gao Chang, Class of 2021

On a Saturday morning in December, I woke up early and went to my Saturday ELL (English Language Learner) class at Bayside High School. We were going on a trip to Rockefeller Center to see the big Christmas tree. At about ten o'clock, we all got on the bus and headed to Rockefeller Center.



*Students and teachers visit Times Square.*

Even though it was my second time seeing this gigantic Christmas tree, I was still surprised to see how big and beautiful it was with all the colored lights. There were so many people there, too. After we spent some time at Rockefeller Center, we walked to St. Patrick's Cathedral. It was only a few blocks and it was very beautiful. We walked around the cathedral taking pictures. We had a good time there. Then, we walked towards Times Square.

While we were walking, we were very tired and hungry, so we went inside a McDonalds. After we finished eating, we went to Times Square. It was very crowded. We walked around taking lots of pictures. It was very cold, but it was a fun day. I really enjoyed the class trip to Manhattan! I can't wait for the next trip.

# Computer & Art Students Take to the Gallery

by Michelle Grieco, Class of 2018



On Sunday, January 14<sup>th</sup> at the Castle in Fort Totten Park, the Bayside Historical Society hosted the opening reception of its 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Winter Art Show. The exhibit displays works from professional local artists as well as students, including work from Bayside High School. Over 100 people attended the event to view the artwork which included paintings, drawings, prints, photography and mixed media. They were also able to meet the artists and see the awards ceremony.

Students from Ms. DeJean's AP Studio Art class showcased work made from colored pencils, watercolors, tempera paint and pencil. As a student in this class, I can say from experience that students work long and hard on the AP portfolio pieces. The works selected for this show are primarily observational drawing and painting, with a few conceptual illustrations, completed with skill and style.

An exciting addition to this year's show was *The Art of Code*, digital designs produced through code by freshmen in the Computer Programming & Web Design CTE. One might think displaying work from a computer programming class in an art show is unusual, but upon viewing the work, the artistic component of the pieces were clear. Mr. Castro, Director of Computer Programming & Web Design CTE, explained the process of creating these digital design, so it mimics the process an artist goes through. The students make small changes to the design then stand back and observe how that change fits into the piece as a whole. The student has a vision before creating the work, which often changes along the way or is completely thrown away and restarted, something that many artists can relate to.

The exhibit which ran until January 28<sup>th</sup> at the Castle in Fort Totten was worth attending to appreciate the work of Queens-based artists. Seeing so much talent in local people was fulfilling and inspiring.



# Oh, The Places You'll Go

by Khadijah Coppin, Class of 2018

Have you ever wanted to travel the world in just one night? Well, Bayside High School offered this worthwhile opportunity at the annual Multicultural Festival, which took place in November. The food portion of the festival occurred first. The cafeteria was filled with countries, represented by clubs that introduced cultures in the form of food and drinks. Sushi and a sweet dessert called baklava were easily accessible, as Turkey and China were right across from each other. Filipino Club sold Ube-Macapuno, a purple yam cake that complimented Lumpia. Pani Puri, a hot dish, was offered by Desi Club. From mild, to hot and savory, foods from around the world were offered. For those who had never downed the infamous ginger shots or tasted kebabs before, this was the chance.

Afterwards, students headed into the auditorium to see the performance. Senior Burake Teshome, sang the Black National Anthem beautifully. Filipino Club performed a folk dance called Tinikling to upbeat songs. K-Pop groups danced to BTS and other songs. The Chinese Yoyo Club and Taekwondo brought new techniques and dances to the stage this year, stunning us with their sync and skill.

For the first time, clubs such as Women's Empowerment and Muslim Student Association stepped up to offer step dance and powerful spoken word performances. I performed original slam poetry, expressing my identity as an African American, Filipino and Bajan Muslim.

Each performance left the audience stunned. Claps filled the auditorium after each memorable act, and before we knew it, the performance was over. Ms. Hui, Leadership, and all clubs have worked hard to provide students, friends, and families the opportunity to immerse themselves in a variety of cultures.

This year as a performer who practiced and actually performed in front of an audience, with the spotlight beaming down, I had a totally different experience - one that I will never forget.

# Bayside Warms Up as Events Roll In

by Jessica Alexander, S.O. President, Class of 2018

Winter is still going full force, but Spring is just around the corner. And with that comes more events! On February 2<sup>nd</sup>, Bayside hosted its second *Bayside's Got Talent!*

We will celebrate our annual *Respect for All Week* before Winter Break. Monday, February 12<sup>th</sup> is Respect for the Voiceless. Students who come to the cafeteria wearing black receive a bracelet and can write a positive message on a five foot tall silhouette. This day is to support those who are unable to speak up. Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup> is Respect for Self. On this day, students dressed in blue receive a message in a bottle necklace from the S.O. Office, Room 131. Select English classes will go to the library to hear Scott Fried talk about self-love. After Mr. Fried is done in the library, he will do a breakout session for anyone who wants to talk to him. Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup> is Respect for the LGBTQ+ community. Participants wear red or rainbow colors to receive a button to show support and write a positive message to the LGBTQ+ community. You do not have to be a part of the LGBTQ+ community to help show support! The last day of *Respect for All Week* is Thursday, February 15<sup>th</sup> and the theme is Respect for Diversity. Those dressed in green participate in our fingerprint activity in the cafeteria and get a free tattoo!

From now until March 9<sup>th</sup>, Bayside is hosting a book drive. Come to the S.O. Office to drop off any books, whether it's a novel, a children's book, or a non-fiction book; all books are welcome. EBONY club will also be hosting the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual *Black History Show* on March 16<sup>th</sup>. Arista is partaking in Pennies for Patients. All Arista students have Penny for Patient boxes to collect loose change.

The annual Spring Blood Drive is approaching. If you were unable to donate last fall, this is a great opportunity to try again. Remember, you must be 16 years or older and complete a registration form in order to donate. Please pick one up and return it to the S.O. Office! Can't wait to see everyone at all these upcoming events!



RESPECT FOR ALL WEEK

## Going for the Win!

by Thomas Jones & Gabriel Cortes, Class of 2018

Boy oh boy, what a time to be a Commodore! The Bayside Girls Varsity Basketball Team is coasting through a six game winning streak with no signs of slowing down after an easy-breezy win against the HS of Teaching to start the month of February. Bayside is tied with Townsend Harris HS for first in the Queens A East standings, both are 14-2. In the postgame, the Lady Commodores expressed, "Nothing in life comes easy, especially when it comes to a sport. That's when you decide what you want to do and put everything on the line each and every game." With this winning mentality, it is impossible not to root for them.

In other news, the Boys Varsity Swimming Team is adding to the Bayside legacy. Winning 8 out of 10 meets, the team falls behind only Francis Lewis HS in the Queens league. Also, the Winter Track Teams are more than halfway through the season at the time of writing this article. With the finals rapidly approaching, we can't wait to see their hard work and dedication pay off. The Winter season is coming to a close and with that, we are welcoming all our Spring teams including Baseball, Lacrosse, Volleyball, Handball, Softball, and Track. Players and coaches are preparing for competitive seasons.



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