

THE BAYSIDER

Community Edition

Baysiders Help Others Achieve Their Dancing Dreams

by Yamilka Marmolejos, Class of 2020

It was fun getting to interact and talk to the kids while we were helping them create their masks and also see their creativity, everyone had a great time. -Megan Lai



The children were adorable as they laughed and had their full share of the event. It was great to see that our contribution played a role in that. -Fang Lin



On May 9th, the S.P.A.R.K. program led by Ms. Jaxen, hosted the end of the year gathering of Dancing Dreams. Dancing Dreams is a non-profit organization in Bayside that provides dance classes and performance opportunities for children ages three to twenty-one with medical or physical challenges. Founded by a pediatric physical therapist, Dancing Dreams helps those with disabilities reach their fullest potential.

The organization also has volunteers as young as the age of thirteen. The S.P.A.R.K. students helped prepare posters, banners, craft materials, and activities for every child to enjoy during the special occasion. Additionally, students from the "Achieve Now" Saturday program directed by Ms. Margolin and advised by Ms. Rosario and Ms. Gibson assembled the bracelet kits and the Art Club students advised by Ms. Assel painted the beautiful banner.

The S.P.A.R.K. students and children kept busy throughout the afternoon managing activities such as nail painting, cupcake decorating, creating masks, making bracelets, face painting, and applying temporary tattoos. Each student had an opportunity to meet and interact with Dancing Dreams dancers and their loving parents.



I enjoyed watching the kids having a good time and really enjoyed everything that was available. -Krystal Hsu

It was fun to be involved in an event that celebrated the accomplishments of these kids and also help with all the activities. I really liked being able to become involved as a new student. -Evelyn Lopez

The Dancing Dreams event was a major success because I believe in hands-on service projects. Helping to make bracelets, paint nails and faces has a direct impact on the hearts of the volunteers and the guests of honor. I couldn't ask for anything more. -Ms. Jaxen

MAY

- 22** SLT Meeting, 4:15 pm
PTA Executive Meeting, 6:00 pm
PTA General Meeting, 7:15 pm
- 27** Memorial Day / School Closed
- 29** Arista & ARCHON Inductions
- 31** Senior Breakfast & College Day
Best of Bayside

JUNE

- 4** Eid al-Fitr / School Closed
- 6** Anniversary Day / Students Do Not Attend
Freshman Orientation
- 7** Senior BBQ
- 11** PTA Executive Meeting, 6:15 pm
- 10 -14** Quarterly Exams
- 13** Senior Awards
- 19** SLT Meeting, 4:15 pm
PTA General Meeting, 7 pm
- 21** Senior Prom
- 26** End of Marking Period 4
Last Day for All Students
Graduation at St. John's University, 9 am

Trip to SUNY Farmingdale is Eye-Opening

by Joshua Meisels, Class of 2020

I visited SUNY Farmingdale for the very first time along with other students from various CTE programs at Bayside High School. We were given a tour of the campus and it exceeded my expectations. The school offers a variety of majors and extracurricular activities, including football, softball, and even Humans vs. Zombies Club. It also offers accommodations, such as a fitness club and a student lounge.

We were able to see a student dormitory and were very impressed. When I pictured college living, I thought it would be a miserable experience. It came to my surprise that the dorm was spacious and efficient. We also toured the School of Business, which is one of the newest buildings on campus. Since I would like to choose a business major, the tour influenced me to add SUNY Farming-

dale to my list of schools to consider in the future.

My friend, Michael, and I were given an opportunity to talk with a current student of this school. He informed us that he had applied for a job at Tesla, an electric car company that has a goal of making the environment a healthier and better place. Tesla recently partnered with SUNY Farmingdale, which can sprout many possibilities. Laura, a soon-to-be alumnus of the school, gave us financial advice for college and persuaded us to attend a SUNY school as it has the benefits of many private schools for a fraction of the price.

Overall, it was a wonderful experience at SUNY Farmingdale and I will definitely consider applying when it comes time to fill out my college application.

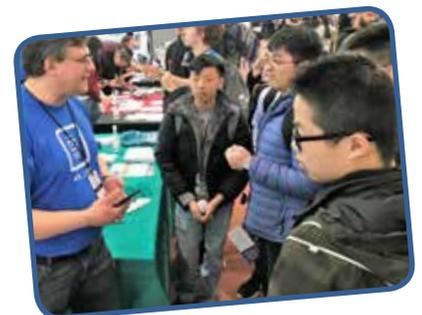


Students Inspired at NYC Computer Science Fair

by Ms. Sara Margolin, Partnership Development Director

Excitement filled the air at the NYC Computer Science Opportunity Fair (CS Fair) at the Armory Track in NYC. On Tuesday, April 2nd, Bayside's Computer Programming and Web Design CTE students and their teachers joined thousands of students from schools across all five boroughs at New York City's largest annual college and career event for public high school students studying computer science.

Our students had the opportunity to connect with hundreds of companies such as Facebook, Google, and Microsoft; engage with representatives from colleges including NYU, Brown, CUNY, LIU and Carnegie Mellon; and learn about extra-curricular CS programs. Students participated in hands-on activities, mingled with other high school students who are studying computer science and enjoyed the opportunity to connect their programming coursework to the real world. One of the highlights of the afternoon was when our very own Erica Cai won the grand prize Xbox during a raffle drawing! A most memorable and enjoyable afternoon was shared by all.



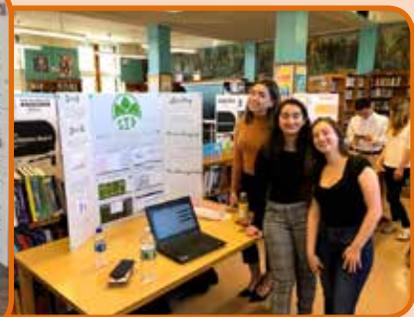
Booming Support for Bayside's Green Biome

The fifth year of the Participatory Budgeting Initiative (PBI) has again brought tremendous support to Bayside High School's ongoing hands-on learning experiences for our CTE programs and ample community engagement opportunities. On April 22, 2019, NYC Council Member Paul Vallone announced the results of 2019's PBI which yielded 8,500 votes in District 19. More than 1,800 residents expressed support for Bayside High School's Green Biome Project.

Bayside High School is excited to report that our vision to establish a Green Biome to enhance learning for our students, as well as our community, will soon become a reality. Our participation in this year's PBI afforded our students a wonderful opportunity to demonstrate civic responsibility and was a great precursor to the NYCDOE Civics for All Initiative. As our CTE programs strive to expand student learning with cutting edge technology and facilities, our Green Biome will be the perfect addition for our local Bayside community.

2019 Senior Capstone Innovations

by Mr. Renne Castro, Computer Programming & Web Design Director



Over the course of four months, seniors of the Computer Programming & Web Design CTE are challenged to put skills to the test and innovate solutions for social needs. For all products developed, students learned new technologies as well as practiced team work which are invaluable skills for any career. The fruits of their labor was demonstrated on April 10th in the library. Audiences received first looks into prototypes ranging from helping students learn math to finding a career. Eight prototypes from this initial demonstration were selected to be presented at Queens College to a panel of judges from companies including IBM, Morgan Stanley, Wells Fargo and Google.

At the final demonstration, Mr. Flour, a web based application to assist future bakers with custom ingredients to delicious recipes, took first place. Second place went to SID - Symptom Input Diagnosis which provides visitors options to diagnose ailments ranging from chat rooms, Dr. Bot and selection menus. M.A.D.S, an Unity based video game that assist young learners with the fundamentals of multiplication, addition, division and subtraction, took third place. Mr. Gurinder Singh, iOS Developer at Morgan Stanley, stated, "The seniors' capstone projects never cease to amaze. It's refreshing to see how students innovate." For teachers, it's a proud moment to see students mature into future software developers.



Bayside Barakah Competes at MIST

by Arieana Pirbaksh, Shameel Jaffeer & Maha Ashraf, Class of 2020



After months of planning, students of the Muslim Students Association (MSA) at Bayside competed in their first Muslim Interscholastic Tournament (MIST) held at City College on March 30th and 31st. MIST is an annual competition for high schoolers, both regionally and nationally, regardless of religion and ethnicity to help students network, build leadership skills, eliminate prejudices against Muslims, and have a true understanding of Islam. Over 600 competitors were present from schools across the city.

Students had the chance to participate in public speaking, problem-solving activities, and creative competitions across different fields, such as: arts, fashion design, photography, poetry, spoken word, debate, improv, math olympics, short film, Quran memorization, and humanitarian service projects. It was a great opportunity to demonstrate unique talents, develop confidence and team-building skills. This year, several students competed in the Math Olympics and Short Film with the support and dedication from club advisor Ms. Kamilla Hussein. Saud Nasruddin and Haseeb Javed represented Bayside in the Math Olympics. Saud was able to surpass three intensive rounds of math and became one of the exceptional finalists. Maha Ashraf, Shameel Jaffeer, Arieana Pirbaksh, Nihumul Ehan, Nishat Rabab, and Sabeehah Nazar participated in the Short Film competition. They directed and filmed a short video based on the theme "The Honor of Humility: Discovering Dignity in Challenging Pride." Through a fictional yet plausible story, they portrayed how youth should be humble and sincere, and recognize a higher purpose during the omnipresence of bigotry on social media.

MIST showed members how to come together and unite with fellow compassionate students from diverse backgrounds, setting aside our differences, letting loose and having fun! Under the team name Bayside Barakah, where Barakah is the Arabic term for Blessings, we desire to spread the message of peace and to accept others based on who they are as individuals. MIST was a great experience and we hope that many Baysiders will join in the upcoming years to expand our unity and knowledge as we prepare for future MIST competitions!



Bill is Rejected at Model NYC Council

by Wilson Lo, Class of 2019

When my English teacher, Ms. Rivera, told me about the Model NYC Council project, I jumped at the opportunity. According to the website, it aims to expose high school students to the intricacies of legislative democracy and the realities associated with policy-making and representation in a diverse urban setting at the local level. For this project, College Now students learn how political and policy processes affect them and their communities while developing leadership, research, and public-speaking skills.

I applied with an essay, filled out the form and soon was on my way to becoming the Model NYC Councilman of District 14. Before the meeting, I had articles to read. Then I traveled to Baruch College where we discussed the articles, the virtues of democracy, and more. At the end of that session, we received a binder of notes about a bill we were to comment on.

After pouring through the massive set of papers, I found the proposed legislation similar to the security at Bayside: the bill wanted to



implement cameras in all high schools. The bill was sponsored by Council Member Paul Vallone who happens to represent District 19, Bayside High School's district. The bill is intended to protect students. Regardless of my personal opinion, I needed to vote based upon the constituents of District 14 who I was representing. District 14 lies within the Bronx and is predominately Hispanic and Black, those two demographics making up 72% and 21% of the population. Due to those demographics being historically marginalized by unjust policies and legislation such as stop and frisk, I voted against the bill.

Here are some fun facts: the chairs are comfortable; the desk of District 14 is damaged (it was like that before I got there I swear!); there are 51 Council members, however one person was absent, making it 50; 25 voted for and 25 voted against the bill; in the event of a tie, an individual breaks the tie. That day, fortune smiled upon me and the arbiter voted against the bill, meaning my side won.

Student Ambassadors Tour Lower Manhattan with Council Member Vallone

by Mr. Wayne Steele, CTE Development Director Humanities & Non-Profit Management

City Council Member Paul Vallone began the Student Ambassador Program in 2014 because he wanted to give students in District 19 the opportunity to experience the various roles and responsibilities of local government. Over the past five years, student ambassadors have organized toy drives at St. Mary's Children's Hospital, the Holiday Parade and Winter Festival on Bell Boulevard, toured the NYPD Police Academy, and in March they received a guided tour of Times Square led by the Times Square Alliance.

On May 10th, the Council Member arranged a guided tour of City Hall that included the Council Members Lounge, normally off limits to the general public. During the tour, Council Member Vallone shared his wisdom about the history of City Hall, gave insight into New York City politics, and introduced the students to individuals such as Finance Committee Chairperson Daniel Dromm. He also discussed the importance of relationships and how they often determine the success or failure of a project.



Following the tour of City Hall, Council Member Vallone escorted the students to the National September 11th Memorial and Museum. While walking to the museum, he discussed the intricacies of various projects that we passed on the way, such as the opening of the Oculus and the development of the museum out of the ashes of 9/11. The students completed the day with a private guided tour and thanked Council Member Vallone for this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

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Best of Bayside Expo 2019: Three Events

Attention Community Members:

Please visit Bayside High School and celebrate student achievement! We're sure you will want to see these early opportunities to visit our school, meet our students, and find out more about the vibrant Bayside Community!



Best of Bayside Performance Expo
Friday, May 31 (4 – 7 PM)
Bayside High School Auditorium

Enjoy a celebration of this year's greatest hits!



Best of Bayside CTE Expo
Saturday, June 1 (12 – 2 PM)
Bayside High School 1st Floor

Explore our unique courses of study with student expos and interactive exhibitions.



Relay for Life
Saturday, June 1
(2 PM until dark)
Bayside High School Field

Join us as our students and American Cancer Society seek to raise cancer awareness.



The End is the Beginning

by Shirley Dong, S.O. President, Class of 2019

Hey, Baysiders! The school year is coming to a close as we say our farewells. The best is yet to come. Wherever you go, go with all your heart. And so the adventure begins. Finishing the year up with quarterlies and Regents!

June is National Cancer Survivor Month. A survivor beats the odds, has great courage and strength, and is a true inspiration. Find power in purple! Join the fight! Be a part of Bayside's annual Relay for Life at 2 pm on Saturday, June 1st at the athletic field. Remember, every step is one step closer to a cure.

Eid Al Fitr is on June 4th, also known as the "Festival of Breaking the Fast," an important religious holiday celebrated by Muslims worldwide that marks the end of Ramadan, the Islamic holy month of fasting. Wishing you and your family the best on this happy occasion of Eid!

Have a vision? Then make the right decision! Vote for the new 2019-2020 Student Organization Board for Elections on June 5th! Your voice is your choice! Use it wisely. On June 6th, students have the day off in honor of Brooklyn-Queens Day. It's also Bayside's Freshman Orientation for incoming students to take a tour, meet with clubs and teams, ask questions. Student tour guides and teachers will be available for assistance.

To the Class of 2019, we're kinda of a b19 deal! So, let's celebrate the end of this year with a bang! Senior year is for the tears, facing the fears, and loudening the cheers. You'll have your lasts and get ready for firsts. And it's not a celebration without food! The Senior BBQ is on June 7th, 4-6pm on the South Lawn where students will receive their yearbooks. Senior Awards are on June 13th, 6:30-8pm in Auditorium. Family and friends are welcome to attend and take photos of our graduates' proud accomplishments! It's the night of nights! A Night To Remember! Senior Prom is on June 21st from 7pm-12am at Terrace on the Park. It's going to be a night to last forever! The tassel was worth the hassle! Graduation is June 26th from 9am-12pm at St. John's University. May you celebrate graduation remembering your special memories from the past and exciting dreams for the future! Happy Graduation!

Thank you to the Class of 2019! Thank you Bayside High School! It has been an honor to serve as your S.O. President. Shirley Dong signing out! Farewell!

Spotlight on Star Athletes

by Paige Poulakis, Class of 2019



Ray Winter

Junior Ray Winter, has been a starter for the Boys Varsity Baseball team since his freshman year. He plays his heart out as one of the team captains. Ray has been playing since he was 4-years-old for the pure love of the game and the history it holds in his family. His father, once a Bayside Varsity player, used to be a pitcher and was recognized across the city for his accomplishments. Ray also pitches plays two other positions: catcher and first base. He currently is batting .270 and has an on-base percentage of .450.

Baseball has taught Ray patience, teamwork, friendship and leadership. He stated, "It made me grow as a competitor to play a game where you fail 70% of the time." Playing a sport while being in school is all about time management and prioritizing school and athletics before anything else. Before a game, he fully loosens up by throwing and then taking some swings to prepare himself. According to Ray, "Being part of a team is amazing and I'm blessed to be part of a team with great guys. Being captain has taught me to put my team over myself in everything."

Since Shnae Cummings was young, she has been playing handball. Her mom, who also played the sport, introduced Shnae at an early age. Once she entered Bayside in 2015, Shnae knew which team she would join. Her older sister was already the best player on the team. Shnae aspired to be right behind her sister's success and become second singles, which she did in her freshman year. During her freshman and sophomore years, the handball team won the championships back-to-back. She has played in invitationals every year and this year placed first in all of the boroughs.

Shnae balances school and handball by never procrastinating. She studies ahead of time and works during free periods with teammates to stay on track. Her stats on PSAL show she is undefeated and that comes from hard work, sweat, anger, patience and dedication. Being a part of the team, she never feels alone. Shnae stated, "We lose together, we win together, we celebrate together, and we cry together." When Shnae graduates, she plans to play in a professional league to grow her talent and passion for the game and help the sport expand.



Shnae Cummings



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