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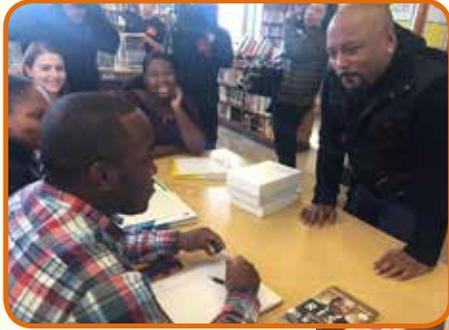
BAYSIDE HIGH SCHOOL

# THE BAYSIDER

## Community Edition

### Notable Alumnus Daymond John Visits Bayside

by Allya Shon, Class of 2019



Bayside High School had the privilege to welcome back alumnus Daymond John for a long-awaited visit on November 14, 2018. A 1988 graduate, Mr. John is a successful entrepreneur, founder of the clothing company FUBU, and one of the judges on the television show *Shark Tank*. Students from the Humanities & Non-Profit Management CTE had the honor to listen to his advice and ask questions about what it takes to make one's mark on the world.

Bayside High School sophomore Zadiq Omotunde, one of the students who was in the library that day, said, "When I met Daymond John, I felt an overwhelming joy because I was able to interact with him and express how his books and personal skills were a turning point in my life." Omotunde has read all of John's books and is motivated to follow in the footsteps of someone who persevered in entrepreneurship.

"Daymond John has motivated me to be a person who

#### DECEMBER

4	Fall Blood Drive
13	Marking Period 2
14	Multi-Cultural Festival
15	Auditions for Art & Music Programs, 9 am – 1 pm
19	Candy Cane Grams Delivery SLT Meeting, 4:15 pm PTA Executive Meeting, 6:00 pm PTA General Meeting, 7:15 pm
24-JAN 1	Winter Recess / School Closed

#### JANUARY

2	School Resumes
5	Auditions for Art & Music Programs, 9 am – 1 pm
14 - 18	Quarterly Exams
16	SLT Meeting, 4:15 pm PTA Executive Meeting, 6:00 pm PTA General Meeting, 7:15 pm
21	Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day / School Closed
22 - 25	Regents Week
26 - 27	Senior Trip
28	Chancellor's Conference Day / Students Not in Attendance
29	Spring Term Begins

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# Daymond John...continued

thinks out of the box, does not have a settled mindset...brings new ideas to the table of discussion, and always picks myself up when things don't go as planned," Omotunde added.

Listening to Daymond John talk was absolutely an amazing experience. Throughout his presentation, he explained how financial intelligence helps immensely when trying to reach success in the business world. He also mentioned that the presence of social media influences how investors investigate their clients; image is everything.

When asked about his days at Bayside High School, John said in an unwavering manner that the school was able to provide him with opportunities to work collaboratively with others in a timely manner, a skill that is invaluable anywhere in the career-driven world.

Amidst the cameras and multiple takes to film the Thanksgiving Day Special *I'm Coming Home* for ABC, many Bayside students and teachers were able to listen to John's wise words. In addition to the generous contribution of Samsung tablets and a subscription to his online entrepreneur class *Daymond on Demand*, John emphasized that we all have to be "relevant to today."

## Hispanic Honor Society Visits United Nations Summit

by Isabella Reyes, Class of 2022

I am grateful for the opportunity to have attended the Latino Impact Summit at the United Nations with Bayside's Hispanic Honor Society on December 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>. I had no idea how important it was until everyone said this is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. I was fortunate to be a part of it. When our bus pulled up to the UN, there were dozens upon dozens of flags waving. The first thought that popped into my head was, "Wow, there are a lot of countries in the United Nations!" I then realized it was an honor for our group to be there.

Going inside the building felt like going through an airport security. Our group looked like mini-adults dressed for the occasion in suits and dresses. The people from the Summit were welcoming and greeted us kindly as we sat in the back and observed how they work together to resolve issues.

Before lunch, we had a chance to talk to the people speaking at the Summit. I learned about topics I would never think to research like the economics of South America, how fast-fashion is bad for the environment, and that the economy of Asia is high compared to its economy in the 1970s and it could be a model for South American countries. The most important lesson from the Summit, was it is better to work together as a united front than to do things separately. On our way out, we stopped at the gift shop that had everything in it from stamps to mugs to golf balls and sweatshirts and even chocolate.

*MINDOT, an educational non-profit, provided a \$32,000 scholarship for the Hispanic Honor Society and the Hispanic Club to attend the Summit.*



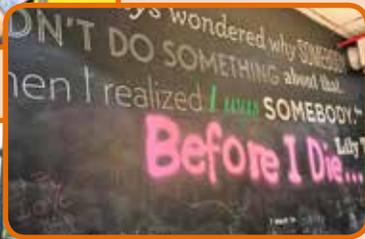
# Centre for Social Innovation: Where it all begins

by Anthony Gnafakis, Class of 2020



The trip to the Centre for Social Innovation, located in downtown Manhattan, was eye-opening. Although it looks like a regular building in the City, it was the inside that really mattered. It seemed like a very nice place to rent office space. The full-time staff was very engaging and courteous. The inside was clean and modern, something I did not expect when I walked in for the first time.

I learned that the Centre for Social Innovation is where “it all begins” for small, startup businesses with the goal of fixing the world. Two organizations our group met were Good Counsel Services and Future Meets Present. Good Counsel Services provides legal advice for non-profits and startup companies. Future Meets Present creates environmental friendly products – we were able to see and handle one of the products that will launch soon!



It is not easy to identify everything that goes on here, but the Centre for Social Innovation provides resources which startup companies need to get into the spotlight. An enthusiastic intern explained to us the internship opportunities. This is of interest to me, not only to gain experience, but also to see the process of how these small businesses coexist in the same office space and hopefully one day to the world beyond the Centre’s closed doors.



This was definitely an eye-opening trip, much different from what I expected in a surprisingly pleasant way. It is easy to understand why these innovative companies use the services of this wonderful establishment.

# We Put the Give into Friendsgiving!

by Shirley Dong, Class of 2019

There’s always something to be thankful for. Thanksgiving is the day to be thankful for the food before us, the people besides us, and the love between us. Our new Coordinator of Student Activities, Ms. Angela Koehler, took a moment to browse her Facebook feed one evening and discovered a posting asking individuals to host a Friendsgiving celebration to give back to kids in need via the organization No Kid Hungry. One in every six kids in America today faces hunger. No Kid Hungry is a nonprofit that connects children in need to programs like school breakfast and summer meals, and teaches low-income families to cook healthy, affordable foods. Working together with local organizations around the country, it helps communities feed children in need every day in the effort to end childhood hunger.



The Leadership class hosted this brand new event, Friendsgiving, on Friday, November 16, 2018 during periods 9 and 10, unfortunately due to the infamous snowstorm that canceled after school activities. Despite the setback, the event went on. Since the idea was new, only community service clubs were invited to participate. Key Club, Smiles for Miles, Senior Council, Arista, Archon, and Leadership brought in savory dishes, desserts, and drinks to share in potluck style. There was music, laughter, and memories made.



Overall, the event was a success! With the generous help and support from club advisors, custodial staff, deans, and Mr. Collazo, we raised \$1,060 with over 110 members participating and additional online donations. 100% of the proceeds were sent to No Kid Hungry. Remember, every \$10 raised = 100 meals for kids. We are eager to make next year’s event bigger and better with the goal of helping end childhood hunger. We put the ‘give’ into Friendsgiving.

# CS4ALL Hack League

by Yash Patel, Class of 2020

Over the past three years, I have learned so much in terms of computer science as I am in the Computer Programming and Web Design CTE. As part of CS EdWeek, December 3<sup>rd</sup>– 9<sup>th</sup>, Mr. Castro challenged me along with three of my classmates, Thomas Wirta, Muhammad Azhar, and Mandeep Singh to compete in the DOE CS4ALL Hack League. Through hackathons, students apply CS concepts and practices to solve real-world challenges.

In round one we were tasked to find a problem and propose a solution. Our team has advanced to the next round with our proposed web app Penta Safety. It is an app that informs users of potential dangers associated with live construction sites, traffic accidents and delays at a particular location. We are excited to represent Bayside High School and the Computer Programming and Web Design CTE at round two in the borough wide competition on February 7 at LaGuardia Community College and hopefully the final citywide Hackathon in the Spring of 2019.



## Computer Science - It's Not Just Programming

by Skye Gonzalez, Class of 2019

When I told Mr. Castro of my decision to graduate a year early, he challenged me to take the junior and senior courses of the Computer Programming and Web Design CTE at the same time. I was a little worried about taking the senior course, CS Career Development, not having completed the junior course, Introduction to Computer Science. The goal of CS Career Development is for students to develop a product over the course of five months to satisfy some unmet need in our community.

On Thursday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018 we completed the second phase of our product by delivering a concept presentation to a panel of professionals that included software developers from companies, such as IBM and Morgan Stanley. Our team presented Symptom Input Diagnosis, SID, a web app to help users find home remedies for a specific sickness, as well as find their sickness based on the symptoms given to SID. Users will also be able to find doctors and hospitals near them.

Fellow classmates presented concepts ranging from Garden of Eden, a mobile app to help strays and lost pets find their way home, to web apps like Pathfinder, an app to help students determine what career is best suited for them.

The skills we learn in the CS Career Development course go beyond just programming. We learn collaboration, communication, time management, and presentation. Skills that can be used in every career.



# Friends of Bayside High School Launches a New Alumni Division

Gregg P. Sullivan, President & Dave Solano, Vice President



We are pleased to announce the formation of a new division dedicated solely to connecting our present to our future and our past to our present. We hope to inspire a passion and a purpose in Bayside High School graduates and friends with an objective of fostering the betterment of Bayside High School, its students, its faculty, its community and its future generations; to strengthen bonds and build relationships among alumni, students and the community; to perpetuate the bonds between past and present Bayside High School students for mutual growth, support and benefit.

The association keeps graduates connected to the school, and provides resources to keep in touch with the people who have played significant and loving roles. The alumni division plays an instrumental role in reunions to keep us connected while also providing scholarships and awards to outstanding graduating students along with financial aid for school programs.

Reunion Coordinator, Eileen Hethy Torraca, class of '62, has been coordinating reunions for many classes. Eileen has planned a reunion every five years for her class along with '60 and '61 until they reached their 50<sup>th</sup>. Each reunion was a wonderful time because alumni felt 17-years-old again sharing memories and laughter. Eileen can guide other classes/committees through the reunion process. She recommends Columbus Day weekend since airfares are lower for those coming a distance and the weather is usually accommodating. Interested folks can email Eileen at [eileentorraca@yahoo.com](mailto:eileentorraca@yahoo.com).

Also, visit the website [FriendsofBaysideHighSchool.org](http://FriendsofBaysideHighSchool.org), that is now programmed by Bayside students and is, and will always be, a work-in-progress to constantly strive to meet the needs of members and the school. Log in, sign up, and stay connected. We look forward to hearing from you at [info@friendsofbaysidehighschool.org](mailto:info@friendsofbaysidehighschool.org).

## *Phantom of the Opera: A Memorable Experience*

by Ms. Angela Kohler, Coordinator of Student Activities

This school year, Bayside High School is collaborating with Broadway Bridges, an initiative from The Broadway League that provides the opportunity for NYC public high school students to attend Broadway shows at more affordable prices. On November 15<sup>th</sup>, students and faculty ventured to Manhattan's ever Majestic Theater for a matinee performance of *Phantom of the Opera*. Tickets went on sale and 68 students, along with six chaperones, were set to watch the longest running Broadway show.

Our group departed for 44<sup>th</sup> Street at noon on a chilly, overcast day that promised snow, anticipating the ride with streets lit up by various marques. For many students, this would be their first time watching a Broadway production. For all of us, it would be an afternoon turned into an evening we won't soon forget.

We arrived early, around 1:00 PM, huddled by the building, clutching tickets, eager to enter the warm waiting area. After stretching our legs, taking selfies by the pay phone, and watching snow flurries flutter to the ground, we were escorted to front mezzanine seats with a perfect view of the stage. At 2:00 PM, the lights dimmed, the orchestra commenced and we were immersed into the magic of *Phantom of the Opera*; a heartbreaking tale, now in its 30<sup>th</sup> year running, of a haunted opera house, a budding young female singer, a bitter phantom, blossoming romance, intense suspense, spellbinding musical scores, and vivid special effects. Students were in awe, gasping as the music raced. As choices were made, hearts were left in the balance.

By 4:30 PM, the curtains closed. The audience applauded and we made our way out, only to be surprised by streets thick with snow, slow moving traffic, and an unknown looming four hour drive back to Bayside. Inching our way out of Manhattan, students showed true Bayside spirit: sharing food, passing portable chargers, sing-alongs, shoulders to sleep on, an unexpected cookie delivery, new friendships, and facing this ordeal with patience, understanding, and a bit of delirium. Bayside went to Broadway, and they haven't seen the last of us!

# A Season of Gratitude

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

Hey Baysiders! Leaves are falling and Autumn is calling. As students take quarterlies and grades are submitted, Marking Period 2 of Term 1 comes to a close. This fall, Parent-Teacher Conferences provided an opportunity for parents and teachers to meet and discuss students' academic performance and experiences at school.

November is not only about sweater weather, crushed leaves, pumpkin spice and everything nice, it's also about giving thanks. Baysiders decided to give back this Thanksgiving with a brand new event called Friendsgiving on Friday, November 16<sup>th</sup>. Friendsgiving is an event where the members of the community service clubs: Key Club, Smiles for Miles, Senior Council, Arista, Archon, & Leadership work to donate money to No Kid Hungry, a non-profit organization to end child hunger. We raised \$1,060 with 110 members and additional online donations thanks to the support of everyone participating. Likewise, in honor of Veterans Day on November 12<sup>th</sup> and the season of giving, today and everyday we are grateful to veterans for serving our country and protecting our freedom. Bayside's Junior Council and Leadership class are supporting Assemblyman Braunsten's Veterans' Gift Drive from December 3<sup>rd</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>. All donations go to hospitalized veterans at St. Albans VA Community Living Center and the NYS Veterans' Home at St. Albans. They appreciate any donations of personal hygiene items, sleepwear, and candy to the S.O. Office. Thanksgiving, after all, is a word of action.

Tis' the season for giving! Bayside hosted its annual Blood Drive on December 4<sup>th</sup>. Bayside's annual Multicultural Festival is December 14<sup>th</sup> from 4:30- 9PM! Come with family and friends to enjoy cultural dances, foreign singing, and an array of foods from around the world. Diversity can be accurately represented throughout this festival. We hope to see you at the biggest event of the year! May all our hearts be filled of thanks and giving!

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# Spotlight on Star Athletes

by Paige Poulakis, Class of 2019

The Varsity Football Team ended with a great 10-1 season going undefeated all the way to the playoffs this year. With each player contributing to an amazing season, Sha Leik Kearsley made a huge impact. Beginning with youth football in 2009, Sha Leik says it built the foundation of his knowledge of football. Nine years later, Sha Leik plays various positions such as wide receiver, safety, as well as special teams for kick and punt return creating incredible stats for himself.



Sha Leik Kearsley

On offense as wide receiver, Sha Leik had a total of 25 catches in a total of 445 yards with an average of 20 yards every catch and a total of 8 touchdowns this season. Within defense, playing safety, he had a total of 46 tackles and 4 interceptions. On his special teams, he had 12 punt returns with a total of 388 yards and an average of 40 yards for every return, not to mention 2 touchdowns through those punt returns. On top of all of this, he was awarded for the most yards in kick and punt returns in PSAL this season. Sha Leik feels football has taught him to be a better individual and to never give up on his dreams no matter how hard the situation.



Alanis Guinada

Captain of the Girls Varsity Volleyball Team, Alanis Guinada is nothing but passionate when it comes to volleyball. Playing since she was 12-years-old, she never imagined such a strong love for the sport. Finishing the season at 5-5, Alanis explained the team put up a big fight this season. Typically she plays the right side and outside position

throughout the game. Players in her position are usually over 5'11 while she is 5'4. Hard work and determination allow her to play to the same ability and to prove that height does not matter. She is able to kill balls against girls who are 6 feet tall.

Before games, Alanis braids her hair for good luck and listens to her volleyball play list to get hyped up. On top of this, she gives pep talks to the team and gets them in game mode. Playing for four teams, she feels teamwork and communication can make or break every single play. Alanis explained, "I can genuinely say that, my coaches and teammates have lifted me to places I never would've imagined and for that I am eternally grateful. Volleyball is special because it creates not just teams but families."

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