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A Founding Father Comes Alive at Don Bosco

This fall, an arts integration project combining social studies (American history and civics) with fine art, has led to a new large-scale work at the Don Bosco Technical Academy (DBTA). William Paterson University (WPU) Art Professor in Residence, Triada Samaras, directed this collaboration between teachers and students. DBTA is currently a first-year Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation funded "arts integration" middle school.



This work, created mainly in Ms. Kaminski's art class students, is an image of Thomas Jefferson. Students in Ms. Simmen's social studies class suggested the American icon to them; they are currently learning all about the nation's "Founding Fathers."

Ms. Kaminski worked hard over many days with mostly eighth graders to produce the needed drawings, comprised of eighty individual squares. She emphasized the need for the students to perceive the correct proportions and color/tonal scheme of each tiny piece of the overall image. Subsequently, Ms. Simmen decided her social studies students would create smaller "Founding Father" grid images later this month. On Report Card night, parents stopped by the media center to see the magnificent new Thomas Jefferson likeness.

New York Jets/NJEA Reward Paterson Outstanding Teacher



Recently the New York Jets joined forces with the New Jersey Education Association (NJEA) and selected ten teachers from around the state deserving recognition for being among the best. Included in the ten was School 9 science teacher, Mr. Carlos Miranda. Mr. Miranda received "Club-level" tickets to a Jets home game, and received recognition during the game day broadcast on ESPN Radio, 98.7 FM. Congratulations, Mr. Miranda, and keep up the good work!

"What we want is to see is the child in pursuit of knowledge, and not knowledge in pursuit of the child."

— George Bernard Shaw, 20th Century Irish Playwright

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