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Eastside High School's 1981 State Softball Champs Reunite



Paterson Public Schools honored members of Eastside High School's 1981 State Championship Softball Team who reunited for the first time in 38 years for a special ceremony on May 8 at Don Bosco Technology Academy. Eastside High School Principal of Operations and Athletic Director Gerald Glisson, who worked to make sure that the ceremony was held, served as master of ceremonies, and Superintendent Eileen Shafer offered her words of congratulations to the team. Those honored at the ceremony were the team's manager Anna Pelosi-Adams,

centerfielder Louella "Flash" Johnson, pitcher Kay Williamson, leftfielder Bernice Johnson-Stokes, catcher Annette "Angie" Mitchell, shortstop Angel Balmer; Janine "Hutch" Winfrey, who played third base, and Sharon Robinson, who played first base.

Six Paterson Students Qualify for NHD Finals

Two students from Eastside High School and four students from the Paterson Academy for the Gifted and Talented (PAGT) have qualified to compete in the National History Day (NHD) finals at the University of Maryland on June 9. The presentation by Eastside's Sienna Rojas and Gabriel Torres, entitled *The Sacrifice for Civil Rights: A Mother's Legacy*, won the senior group performance category at the statewide competition at William Paterson University. The students' teachers are Michelle Hamlett & Nina Jones. Meanwhile, PAGT's Afsara Ahmed, Jakiah Choudhury, Naima Bari and Salma Uliah created a project called *Between the Walls of Triumph and Tragedy: There Lies a Battle*, which took top honors in the junior group exhibit category. Their teacher is Lizandaa Alburg.



IB Student Scores High on the PSAT/NMSQT



Nicole Velecela, an 11th-grader in the International Baccalaureate Program at International High School, has been notified by the College Board that she has scored in the top 2.5 percent on the PSAT/NMSQT standardized test among Hispanic and Latino high school junior test-takers in the Middle States region. Velecela, who has a 4.68 grade point average, has been invited to participate in the College Board's National Hispanic Recognition Program (NHRP). This academic honor can be included on college applications. Colleges use the NHRP program to identify academically exceptional Hispanic and Latino students.

Family STEAM Nights Mark the Month of May

The district's Family STEAM Nights have been underway since the beginning of the month at various schools throughout the district. These events are opportunities for families at participating schools to engage with their children in hands-on activities linked to students' grade-level STEAM content. Family STEAM Nights are sponsored by the Paterson Education Fund (PEF)'s River Story Project with funding from the Henry and Marilyn Taub Foundation. Participating schools have teacher teams that worked to develop a variety of activities in both English and Spanish with training and support from PEF's Great Falls Teachers Collaborative, New Jersey Audubon and SciEngineer. This is the third year this project being held in the district. Public School No. 10 hosted its Family STEAM Night on May 1, with eight stations where parents and students engaged in a variety of interactive science topics including how catapults work and the life cycles of plants and bugs.



STEAMing into Teaching



Public School No. 12 Science Teacher Michelle Albritton recently earned a master's degree in education with a focus on STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art and mathematics) education from Concordia University in Portland, Oregon. She is scheduled to be a presenter at William Paterson University's Summer Arts Integration Institute in July, at which she will share some of her lessons learned from educators from around the country.

Public School No. 10 Students Donate Time and Talents to Seniors

For more than 10 years, Public School No. 10 students have served the community by volunteering at the Dr. Norman Cotton Building on Rosa Parks Blvd. Students look forward to the monthly visits at the senior residence, where students have entertained the seniors with musical performances, as well as played board games, assisted with art projects, and read poetry. Students always leave a small snack for their friends at the residence.



Nunez Receives Extra Mile Award



Teacher Coordinator of Science Elizabeth Nuñez received the Paterson Alliance’s Extra Mile Award on Friday for her efforts in encouraging girls’ participation in the study of science and science-related activities. Nuñez goes the extra mile by serving as a mentor for a program sponsored by Paterson Education Fund called Girls United for the Earth, or GUFÉ (pronounced “goofy”). The group is dedicated to encouraging girls to discover the sciences. Nuñez was one of GUFÉ’s original members when she joined in 2005.

Vilas Receives Lifelong Learning Leadership Award

Jacinta Vilas, a teacher at Paterson Adult and Continuing Education (PACE) School, received the Lifelong Learning Leadership Award on Friday from the New Jersey Association for Lifelong Learning. Vilas received this award in recognition of her outstanding contributions to lifelong learning in working with her students.



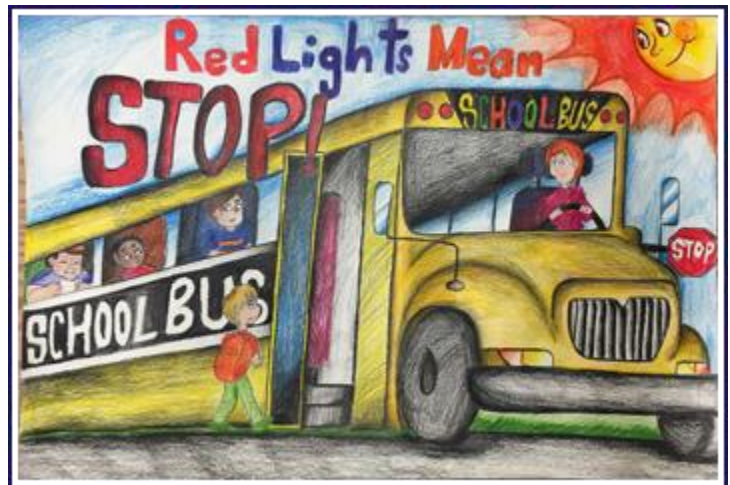
GOPA Students Win WPU Art Contest



Deysi Guillen, a 10th-grader at the School of Government and Public Administration at the Eastside Educational Complex, was selected as a winner of the William Paterson University College of Education's Ninth Annual Art Exhibition. She and other selectees from the College of Education's Professional Development Schools network were honored at a reception on May 8, 2019 at the college. Deysi is pictured with her aunt and her cousin.

Three STARS Students Win NJ Art Contest

Three students who attend STARS (Students Transitioning and Achieving Real Success) Academy high school have won first, second and third place in the annual 2019 N.J. Bus Safety Poster Contest. Bryan Torres Tavaréz, an 11th-grader, won first place for his whimsical rendition of students on a school bus. It was the third consecutive year that Torres Tavaréz placed in the annual contest. Because he took the top prize, his artwork qualifies for the national competition.



Gwynne Ebanks, a 12th-grader, won second place for her detailed drawing of a school bus traveling on a country road. Amy Martínez, an 11th-grader, won third place for her serene artwork depicting a touring bus.

SOIT Students Score High on National Spanish Examinations

Fourteen students from the School of Information Technology (SOIT) at the Eastside Educational Complex received commendations for their performances on the National Spanish Examination, a contest that evaluates the accomplishments of pupils learning Spanish as a second language. Eduardo Valera won the Gold Medal for scoring in the exam's 95th percentile, Ricardo Inoa, Sebastian Tardillo, and Georkis Valdez won the Silver Medal for scoring within the 85th and 94th percentiles. Emilio Corcino won the Bronze Medal for scoring within the 75th and 84th percentiles. Ileana Cuello, Nathalie Cuello, Valentin Diaz Rodriguez, Medalin Sanchez, Aeromary Santana, Dayana Turcios, Lesly Contreras Javier, Carlina Duran, and Yicaury Valdez all won Medals of Honor. The students were aided in their preparation for the contest by Teacher Michelle Bushart and Supervisor Katuska Esquiche.

Student-Artists Vie for a Capitol Prize



Paterson Public Schools high school student-artists displayed their works at a May 4 exhibition hosted by U.S. Rep. Bill Pascrell, Jr. (D-NJ-9) at Montclair State University. The exhibition featured students who had entered the annual Congressional High School Art Competition. In the contest, high school artists in every congressional district in the nation compete for the chance to have their artwork displayed in the U.S. Capitol for a year. The Paterson student artists who entered the contest were ninth-grader Nour Salem and 10th-grader Jaima Jarin from the

School of Business, Technology, Marketing and Finance (BTMF); as well as 11th-grader Yahn Darius from the School of Architecture and Construction Trades (ACT). The student-artists had the chance to meet Congressman Pascrell and view the artwork of other high school artists throughout the Ninth Congressional District. BTMF Art Teacher So Yoon Lym, ACT Art Teacher Matt Muscari and Rosa L. Parks School of the Fine and Performing Arts Art Teacher Ann Ortiz attended the art reception to support the students.

Reaching New Heights



Seniors at Rosa L. Parks School of the Fine and Performing Arts celebrate National College Decision Day.

Upcoming Events

May 13: Board of Education Regular Meeting

7:00 p.m. at the John F. Kennedy Educational Complex (Rescheduled from May 15)

May 14: Superintendent's Parent Forum

6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m. at the Administrative Offices, 90 Delaware Avenue

May 16: Strategic Plan Public Forum

6:00 p.m. at Public School 25

May 20: Mental Health Forum

5:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. at International High School

May 23: 2018-2019 Math Olympiad

9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at Charles J. Riley School 9 Flyer

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