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AP Students Weigh Benefits, Costs of Courses

BY CLAIRE DWYER AND JOEY IVANOV

AP season is quickly approaching, and with the increased workload and stress, many students are wondering if the challenging classes are worth the benefits.

The intense workload turns many people away from taking the classes. "For me it's not worth it, as I have track from 3:30-5:30 and Driver's Ed from 7-9, so I barely have time to do my homework on top of that study and eat," sophomore Maryam Diab said. The intense workload of an AP class, other classes, and after school activities can eat up a lot of time from students.

However even classes known for having intense workloads have been worth it for many students. "I feel some of them, such as AP Physics, was worth it in my opinion, but some of the history classes I feel are not much different from the regular ones other than the massive amounts of work," junior Scott Kaiser said. In fact, 81% of students say that the overall experience of taking an AP class was worth it.

Additionally, there is no guarantee any one AP class could transfer to a particular university, even if a student earns a 4 or a 5 on the AP exam. Tom Smith, Social Studies Division Head, advocates that even though students might not receive credit, skills earned in AP credits can be beneficial down the road.

"It depends on the college, whether or not

they will accept certain classes, and if they do, what score you need in order for them to give you credit, and even then, what kind of credit they can give you. Will they give you the actual class that you took, or will they give you elective credit?" Smith said.

However, AP classes can still provide students with an edge if they plan to attend college. "Even if a college doesn't accept that class for credit, they still recognize that they are taking an AP level course, and that can still benefit them when they are being considered for admission," Smith said.

Students curious about whether or not their credits will transfer can look up the policies for individual schools from College Board's "AP Credit Policy Search" on College Board's website. After looking up a particular school, students are able to see what credits transfer and what score on the AP exam they need to earn a college credit.

The benefits of AP classes, specifically possible college credit, outweighs the potential burden for many students. Alumna Jamie Anderluh graduated in 2018 and is currently attending Cornell University. Anderluh received 17 credits for college specifically from AP classes.

"If you had asked me last year, I would have responded by saying, 'You should just take the classes that you are interested in

and challenge yourself because you want to challenge yourself,' and I definitely still feel that way, and the idealist in me still wants to say that, but also I got 17 credits from APs, which is like a semester, that's a whole semester worth of credits," Anderluh said.

The benefit of college credit definitely looms over students' minds while picking classes. "I hope that my AP classes help me in the future by giving me college credit so I don't have to take as many classes and pay as much for them in college," junior Isa Hahn said.

In addition to being a possible way to save money, AP classes offer complex college-level course with an abundance of content for students to learn. "I definitely think my AP classes have been worth it. Even without the college credit, they challenged me more than an honors class would. Taking 4 last year was a little rough, but I have definitely had better experiences than others as I was able to find a way to manage it all," senior Lucy Bornhorst said.

Overall, students are able to manage the workload and stress associated with AP classes appears to payoff down the road. However, Davis reminds students that AP classes are not the only indicator to colleges of student success. "By far the most important thing you do is what you do here in high school day in and day out, that's gonna tell colleges best what kind of a student you are," Davis said.

DECA Business Club finishing off the season at Nationals



PHOTO BY DANIEL VESPER

DECA Club Departs for Nationals

BY NATALIE WOZNY

DECA, a business and marketing organization for high school students, continues to be an amazing opportunity for Hersey students. Students in DECA have been very successful, especially the four who are competing in nationals April 27 to May 1.

Nationals will mark the end of an amazing season, which started in late September.

DECA is made possible thanks to Daniel Vesper. Vesper started the club due to a combined love for business and students. He says some of the benefits of the club include kids learning how to be creative with solving a problem and how to communicate their ideas.

"In the world that we live in now, not just kids but people in general, have a very hard time communicating face to face because we are so used to just being on our phones, so this in a way forces kids to solve problems and then express their ideas in front of an actual human being not through text messaging or social media," Vesper said.

Senior John Dattilo has been a part of

DECA since his freshman year. He competes in the buying and merchandising event and has enjoyed being a part of DECA throughout his high school career. His favorite DECA memory is nationals from last year in Atlanta.

"DECA has helped me learn a lot about how the business world works, and what some potential jobs could be," Dattilo said.

Similarly, junior Sydney Hemenway has also been a part of DECA for all three years of high school. She competes in hospitality services, which is a team decision making event. Hemenway joined DECA to try to work on her speaking skills and her problem solving skills for real life, and has successfully done so.

"Through DECA I've gotten more social because me and my partner got to work together and I've become more comfortable with speaking in front of people," Hemenway said.

DECA is a great way for students to get introduced into the business world that we live in and work on their communication skills. Anybody can join no matter if they want a business major or not, the club is an awesome, friendly place for all students.

April Food: Tacos

BY JOSH HO SAM SOBCZAK

GRANDE JAKE'S:

Cost: \$3/Taco
Taste: 9/10
Appearance: 10/10
Location: 6/10

Grande Jake's is a classic Mexican restaurant, the kind of place seen in a commercial. They have classic Mexican music playing and a salsa bar with homemade salsa. We ordered steak tacos with cilantro and onions. The tacos were very flavorful and well seasoned. They came with lime wedges which added a nice pop of citrus flavor. The salsa was very unique, as it is hard to find nice fresh salsa with lots of flavor. The Dispatch crew will definitely be going back to Grande Jake's.

EL FAMOUS:

Cost: \$3/Taco
Taste: 7/10
Appearance: 6/10
Location: 5/10

El Famous has many locations within the Chicagoland area. The Wheeling location was not very big, but didn't feel too crowded during the lunch rush hour. Many people came to El Famous during their lunch breaks, which serves as a testament to the quality of their food.

El Famous features a wide variety of food, from Mexican classics like tacos and burritos to burgers and salads. The tacos are affordable and are decently sized. Each of their tacos comes with two tortillas, which helps the tacos feel more filling. Their steak taco is especially delicious and comes with limes to help bring out more flavor. Overall, despite an average location, El Famous offers flavorful tacos at low prices.

CHECK THEM OUT FOR YOURSELF

Video by Sam Sobczak

UNCLE JULIO'S:

Cost: \$4.33/Taco
Taste: 3/10
Appearance: 9/10
Location: 8/10

The nationwide chain Uncle Julio's offers a wide variety of Mexican food and has many locations in the Chicagoland area. We visited their location in the heart of Woodfield Mall in Schaumburg. Immediately noticeable is the authentic Mexican atmosphere. With dim lighting and Mexican-style architecture, Uncle Julio's offers an immersive experience. Their menu features many different options such as tableside guacamole and their world-famous Chocolate Pinata dessert.

Their tacos, at \$13, are slightly overpriced. Although the dish comes with hearty amounts of beans and rice, the tacos are disappointing. They taste dry and lack the bold flavor that customers expect at a Mexican restaurant. Overall, the atmosphere and location of Uncle Julio's is exceptional. However, for the price, the tacos are not worth it.

BY MAX GARCIA
AND JESSICA HEGEL

YouTube: Making Money While Having Fun

YouTube is one of the biggest social media platforms with over 1.9 billion users and 50 million content creators. YouTube has changed the video industry and has spawned a new genre of work, which is becoming a YouTuber.

Most large content creators on the platform were able to quit their job and do YouTube full time. Senior Kelly Hannon says "I think it's a amazing new field that is unique". "I think it's cool because kids are figuring out what they want to do with their life early on" says senior Nate Tehrani.

YouTube has a key set of requirements that must be met before a channel can be monetized. These include having 4,000 hours of watch time in the past 12 months and over 1,000 subscribers. Starting a YouTube Channel is the most difficult part. It can take people months and even years before money can start being earned.

The key to success is creating engaging content that will keep viewers interested which results in more watch time per video.

Once a channel reaches the requirements they will be eligible to join the YouTube Partner Program where monetization is possible as well as other new features such as a copyright match tool and creator support team.

Once videos are monetized, advertisements will be placed throughout the video. Each view the advertisement gets earns around \$0.10 to \$0.30 per view. On Average a YouTuber receives \$18 per 1,000 advertisement views which equates to \$3 - \$5 per 1000 video views.

YouTube consists of a domino effect. When a channel becomes monetized, the channels videos will be more likely to appear in someone's recommendation list. This results in more viewers looking at

the advertisements which in turn leads to more money being earned.

One thing that YouTube is very strict about is their copyright policy. Youtubers must use copyright free music, or get permission from the artist to use their music. "A lot of the videos I make I want to use good music and YouTube doesn't like that," said Magyar. This policy is now causing some YouTubers to quit or move to different services like Twitch, one of YouTube's competitors.

Senior Garrison Magyar has been active on YouTube since 2011 and knows how copyright works and how it has changed over the years. Magyar recently had his first video, which involves him sneaking into Lollapalooza, blow up and currently has over 170,000 views.

YouTube is not the main source of income for most content creators. Once a creator establishes their social media presence they typically launch merchandise for their fans to buy. Sponsorships tend to bring in a substantial amount of money as well. "From Youtube Specifically I don't make a ton of money. I do make money from making videos for other people, it's just not from my channel," said Magyar.



COURTESY OF GARRISON MAGYAR

Senior Garrison Magyar in his viral video, Sneaking Into a Music Festival

Lollapalooza vs. Country Thunder

BY AMELIA ZOLLNER

Welcome to festival season! It's now the time of the year when music festivals announce their lineups and sell tickets. Every year, a plethora of students enthusiastically travels to Lollapalooza, Country Thunder, or others. With Arlington Heights located almost perfectly in the middle of the two, students have optimal access to both festivals. For some students, it's just a matter of choosing between the two.

Country Thunder is one of the only festivals dedicated solely to country music. Located in Wisconsin, the four-day festival showcases country artists from around the globe. This year's headliners include Jake Owen, Tim McGraw, Luke Combs, and Chris Stapleton. Four-day tickets cost \$160, a price much cheaper than Lollapalooza wristbands. Students have noted that because Country Thunder has less artists, it's a much more mellow environment than other festivals.

"My favorite thing about Country Thunder is the breaks between artists," senior Kelly Tangney said. "You can get food,

water, or just hang out with your friends before the next show starts. 4 days of it is very doable because your body can rest."

Country music is often polarizing, with most people either hating it or loving it, but students who love Country Thunder encourage everybody to go.

"So many people from our town go and it's fun to hang out all day with your friends," senior Ashley DaSilva said. "I also feel like country is such a mainstream genre that everyone should like during the summer!"

As for the cons of Country Thunder, most students agree that their least favorite part is

the mud. "It somehow always seems to rain every year so if it rains on the first day, the next 3 days are super messy. It's hard not to get stuck in the mud when it's a foot deep," Tangney said. Despite this negative, however, most students agree that Country Thunder is worth it, even if it means braving a little bit of mud.

Lollapalooza is much more expensive in comparison, but offers a much wider variety of artists and is larger overall. Four-day wristbands cost around \$400. Located in the heart of downtown Chicago, Lollapalooza offers some of the world's most famous artists, with this years' headlin-

ers being Ariana Grande, Childish Gambino, Twenty One Pilots, and The Strokes. Lollapalooza is also a great place to discover new artists, as there are plenty of talented up-and-coming artists listed as undercard.

"My favorite thing about Lollapalooza is definitely the environment," Tangney said. "Everyone's singing together and even though everyone there has their differences, we all share the love of music in common."

Like Country Thunder, Lollapalooza also has its negative aspects. "The water stations get super crowded so it's hard to keep hydrated. Shows are so close in time that you barely have time to walk and get food or refill water," Tangney said.

So which one's better? It's hard to say. Different students have shared different opinions, and it really depends on what music each student likes to determine which festival they should go to.

"I would recommend going to both festivals if you truly love the music that's being played. It's not worth spending hundreds of dollars if you're not fully into the music," Tangney said.



Tyler, The Creator performs for an impressive crowd on Lollapalooza's main stage in 2018

PHOTO BY AMELIA ZOLLNER

VSCO

BY NATALIE WOZNY
AND AMELIA ZOLLNER

If you have Instagram, you've probably heard of VSCO. VSCO is a popular photo editing app that allows users to apply various filters to their photos. The app has a social media component too, which gives users a place to post their photos for friends to see. For some social media users, VSCO has become a place to post pictures that don't make it onto their Instagram pages, with VSCO accounts almost serving as second Instagram accounts. Because of the app's similarity, many users have developed varying opinions regarding VSCO.

NATALIE'S TAKE:

As I open VSCO, I'm welcomed by an array of positive quotes and pictures of friends. I could scroll through this feed for hours, because of its similar format to Instagram. If Pinterest and Instagram had a love child it would be VSCO. Whatever doesn't make people's Instagrams and pictures stolen off Pinterest end up here. The pictures users upload can only be favorited and republished, but the person who uploaded the photo is the only one with access to the feedback from others. That means there's no room for negative com-

ments and obsessing over the amount of likes someone receives.

VSCO is one of the most positive social media apps I use, and that's one of the main reasons I enjoy it. People post the pictures they actually want to post on VSCO when they aren't worried about the feedback. The users are also mostly female, which creates a more comfortable environment for the other girls on VSCO. People focus more on the quality of the photos or their message, rather than who posted them and how many likes they got. That's because VSCO is like-free in a way.

People also tend to be more creative on VSCO in my opinion. Everyone's editing skills are revealed. In fact, VSCO was the first app that taught me how to edit. The layout is very simple and makes the app easy to navigate. You can learn basic editing using VSCO's features, which is another plus.

VSCO gives its mostly female users the ability to post something without the fear of being judged. Floating around your feed, there are also positive quotes and inspirational photos. It's also a chance to showcase your editing skills. I never scroll through VSCO and find myself feeling worse than when I opened it. In a world of negative social media, VSCO is a positive beam.

AMELIA'S TAKE:

VSCO is great for editing, but as social media becomes increasingly prevalent, VSCO is just one more application to keep track of.

I love photography and I love the filter options that VSCO offers. However, the social media side of VSCO is just a prettier version of Instagram where people go to post stuff they don't feel fits the energy of their Instagram page.

It's really weird how we've designated two identical apps for different things. Instagram is where people post pictures of themselves and their friends, while VSCO is where people post everything else that they love but feel doesn't fit with the theme of their Instagram feed: food pictures, cheesy quotes, and snaps of nature.

I hate this separation. To me, it sometimes feels like people who delegate certain pictures to VSCO are just scared of being judged for posting them on their Instagram.

It's pointless to have two apps that serve the same purpose. It requires space on phones, energy to decide what to post, and time spent scrolling through the app's endless feed of posts. It's just not worth it.

Instead of spending so much time and energy choosing which posts to post where, delete VSCO and post what you want on Instagram.

FINE ARTS

Spring Concert Unites Music Department

BY ANGELIKI VITOGIANNIS AND STEPHANIE TANGORRA

Sunday, April 28, John Hersey High School held its second annual Fine Arts Concert. Located in the Carter Gym, choir, band, and orchestra selected several pieces to showcase their talent and performed collective pieces highlighting the groups' abilities to collaborate and showcase Hersey music as a whole. The choir, band, and orchestra

performed "Tears of Afrika" displaying the unique talents of over 200 students playing more than fifteen different instruments and as well as their vocal talent.

The graduating seniors each got to select a teacher to honor them for their impact on the seniors as they continue their journey beyond Hersey. Here are three seniors that have dedicated time and effort to the Hersey Music Program for the last four years:

MONIKA SMAGA

Symphonic Band

Monika has played the clarinet since the fourth grade. She has been a part of Cadet Band, Symphonic Band, Hersey Symphonic Orchestra, and District Honors Orchestra as well as smaller band quintets. She volunteers in her free time, focusing mostly on her music. She plans on attending Illinois State University to study mathematics. Despite not pursuing music, she hopes to keep music in her life for a long time. "I do plan on continuing music as a hobby. Music is a nice way to be able to express myself and get to know others through something we have a passion for," Smaga said.

Words of Wisdom from Ms. Monahan:

"Remember that you always have a choice. You have the choice to be curious, to explore, to learn, to say yes, to say no, to enjoy your successes, to be okay with failures, to be kind, and above all, to take care of yourself. Keep making good choices and even on those days you don't, know that it will be okay!"



Senior Clarinetist Monika Smaga

REMEMBER THAT YOU ALWAYS HAVE A CHOICE

THE BEST IS YET TO COME

COURTESY OF LEXI LITARDO



Senior Singer Lexi Litardo

LEXI LITARDO

Choir

Lexi has been in the Hersey Choir program for four years. She has been involved in Pulse, Supersingers, Heart and Soul, Heart Break, Treble Choir, Ladies First, Onstage, Chamber Choir, and Dickens Carolers. "I started because I've always been involved in choir since before elementary school. It's always been apart of my life and it's one of my favorite things to do. I plan on keeping music as a hobby and career in my life," Litardo said.

She plans on attending Alverno College in Milwaukee, Wisconsin and will be majoring in music therapy.

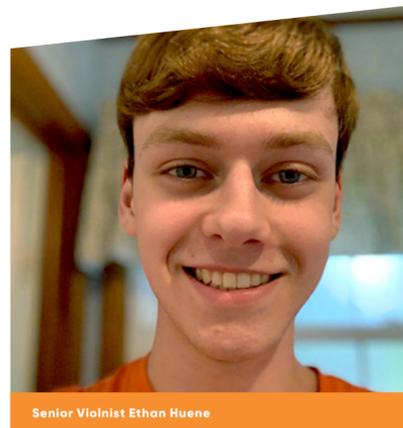
ETHAN HUENE

First Chair, Symphonic Orchestra

Ethan has been playing the violin since the fourth grade. "Watching my brothers be able to create music through their instruments really inspired me to do the same. I originally planned on playing the clarinet but after trying the violin it just felt right," Huene said. He has been apart of Hersey Symphonic Orchestra, Chamber Orchestra, and the District 214 Honors Orchestra. He also participated on the varsity swim team for four years and works as a lifeguard. He plans on attending Tulane University to study Finance and Economics. He doesn't plan on pursuing violin as a career but hopes to continue playing for the rest of his life.

Words of Wisdom from Ms. Monahan:

"The best is yet to come! Life is full of highs and lows. Follow your passions and enjoy the road ahead."



Senior Violinist Ethan Huene

ENJOY THE ROAD AHEAD

FEATURED VISUAL ARTIST OF THE MONTH:

ZOE HUBBARD

BY AMELIA ZOLLNER

Senior Zoe Hubbard has been doodling since fourth grade. In high school, her artistic ability expanded, and now she creates various forms of art. Some drawings are realistic, others cartoonish, but they're all impressive.

"I've always been doing art," Hubbard said. "When I was a kid, I would play with crayons and I've always liked drawing."

Hubbard's friends have all noticed her natural talent for art. "She has a lot of gifts. Just in the arts in general, she's really good at music and I think she's a really talented artist. I think her doodles are really interesting, sometimes, they're pretty funny," senior Alison Brandvold said.

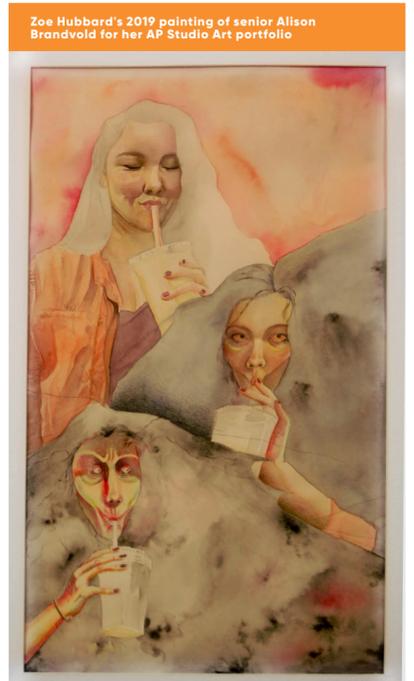
Hubbard's abilities in art have given her a few notable opportunities and awards. "I

was in the Arts Unlimited anthology a couple of times. This year, I got second place in the Harper art show," Hubbard said.

In the future, Hubbard doesn't have any definite plans regarding her art. But she knows that she definitely won't be abandoning art at any point in the near future. "I think I'll always be doing art in some way or another, even if it's not as a career," Hubbard said.

LEARN MORE ABOUT ZOE HUBBARD HERE!

VIDEO BY MAX GARCIA



Zoe Hubbard's 2019 painting of senior Alison Brandvold for her AP Studio Art portfolio

PHOTO BY ZOE HUBBARD

FEATURED PERFORMANCE ARTIST OF THE MONTH:

JASON SCHMIDT

BY ALEXIS SANTIAGO AND ANGELICA VITOGIANNIS

Carnegie Mellon University is one of the most prestigious music schools in the nation, only accepting 22% of applicants. Alumni include top-selling artist Josh Groban and Tony Award Winner Renee Goldsberry. Jason Schmidt, senior, has recently been accepted and will be majoring in musical theater this fall at Carnegie.

Schmidt started to pursue his musical career at the age of 9 at Christian Youth Theater with his sister. Ever since his first musical play he has gone on to do more plays like Les Miserables and was even nominated for Best Actor by Broadway in Chicago. "Musical theater has given me a home and a sense of purpose and something I can feel like I'm good at and really since I was nine and was something that has taken over my life," Schmidt said.

Besides doing musical theater, Schmidt has been involved in other activities such as choir and basket-

ball. "I'm in choir obviously, which is super helpful for the musical part of things and really help me train my voice every day, and I'm in basketball, which I think is really unique for a musical theater application because generally what they get is a lot of people who do musical theater 24/7," Schmidt said.

"Jason as a performer is an incredibly talented and gifted person maybe one of the best in terms of ability mixing songs and performance and acting," said Mr. Marquette, one of Schmidt's teachers. Schmidt described Carnegie as the "dream school" to pursue doing what he loves in hopes of getting his big break on Broadway someday.

FIND OUT WHAT JASON SCHMIDT IS UP TO HERE

VIDEO BY JAN BAUTISTA

COURTESY OF HERSEY YEARBOOK



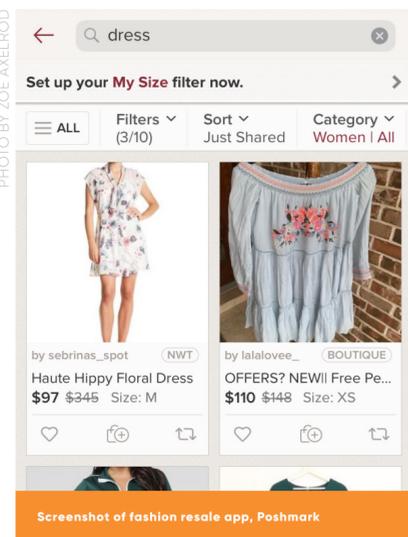
Senior Jason Schmidt in the fall play, Urinetown

COURTESY OF ETHAN HUENE

got summer jobs?

Apps Open Opportunity for Extra Earning

BY MARIE BECHTOLDT



There are an abundance of apps that are just a touch away that have not only been created for various entertainment and games, but also away to shop and make money. Along with well known stores that make it easy to get the items you want and need, apps centered around buying and selling lightly used clothes and shoes for less are surfacing the internet. "I have had a profile on Poshmark since 2016," junior Lia Sommer said. Poshmark is one of the most popular apps that allow users to post their items and create their own mini resale site. "It is really easy to get started, just make a profile and hopefully by gaining followers more people can see what you posted which means more buyers will be on you page," senior Kelly Tangney said. Users control pricing and write a description for the clothing piece while Poshmark handles shipping and payment in a

safe way. "The app makes it super easy to ship clothes out, so I can sell whatever I want and it can get to the buyers and quickly and securely," Tangney said. "It's a great way to make extra money to spend on other clothes and it is super easy to try out," Tangney said. Students that have an abundance of clothes or even a few things in good condition that they have no use for can benefit from apps such as Poshmark, Wanelo, Etsy, and many more. Etsy specifically allows the users to promote their own businesses. From jewelry to revitalizing clothes, anyone that wants to express their creativity, make or fix up a product, and make extra money can find great value in this platform. "I love buying vintage and renewed clothing as well as custom jewelry from small businesses because it's inexpensive and really unique," Tangney said. Exploring apps and using them to the full advantage can open up opportunities to make extra money in an unconventional and fun way.

The Happiness Project

BY MARIE BECHTOLDT

Senior Jake Lavin faces significant success from his Online store and business "The Happiness Project." Lavin started his new company less than two years ago, with goals of making a difference in sight. "I've had a few friends with depression and anxiety and I loved helping them know that everything would be okay," Lavin said regarding his motivation behind creating The Happiness Project. "Whether that was sending them a quote in the morning or

telling them small things throughout the day to keep them going," Lavin said. With a passion and a goal in mind, anyone can take that and turn it into something greater. "I don't only want to do this for a few, but thousands of people," Lavin said. Using his entrepreneurship mindset and combining it with his love for helping others, The Happiness project was born. Lavin encourages getting out and doing instead of just talking about what you want to do.



Senior Jake Lavin wearing his Happiness Project hoodie. Check him out on Instagram @HappinessMerch



Getting to Work: Student Summer Jobs

BY TEDDY ZHAKLINOVA

As the summer is approaching, students are on the search for ways to make money. By law, a student must be 16 to start work. A lot of kids start working the moment they turn 16 either to help out their family or just to make their own money. Students in school normally share their work experience with others and try to have more friends with them at work, creating a big conversation on different ways of making money. A common choice is working at the movie theater. Students not only get to watch movies for free, but often get to see their friends around as well. Workers don't do the same thing every day because this job has several parts to it (cleaning and selling tickets/food and beverage), which offers different schedules every day as explained by junior, Paulina Rak. "From this job, I can get more practice with human interaction and having the feeling of making my own money," said junior Nelihan Kahraman. It's a great place to create more friends, enjoy some movies, and make money.

Another often heard place is Starbucks. A place that most teenagers love to visit to relax with friends or do homework and switch around their homework environment. "I have to take orders from customers and make sure everything goes smoothly. From this job I get experienced with communication with people and being in a work environment," explained sophomore Nelisah Kahrahaham. Workers get to learn how to make delicious drinks and work on their communication skills. Some students have found more unusual jobs. "I was down at cinespace working as an apprentice on the show Chicago Fire with Swing Gang which is the group that goes in on the set and moves all the old furniture out down to the hooks on the wall and then we put in all the new stuff for the set," explained senior Kat Mandziara. Mandziara gets play around with her creativity while setting up the stage for the next show. Students have hundreds of options to make money as long as they are willing to put in the time and effort. At the end of the day, they get their paychecks and are learning to be independent. "I recommend finding a place that is close to where you live and finding somewhere where you are comfortable working in," said Paulina Rak. Working in high school is a good way to prepare for the future and learn the value of money.

WONDER...

how students use the money they earn



"I make money by babysitting and I like to save it and use it for things like clothes and eating out. I also always put some away in my savings account to pay for concerts and trips." Senior Ashley DaSilva said.



"I am a tutor for high schoolers. I usually spend all of it on things I want like material items because I know when I'm older I will be saving a lot more and working a lot more." senior Sam Bay said.

LOCAL

Local Elections

BY JOSH HO

On April 2, 2019, thousands of residents headed to the polls to vote in their local yearly elections. This year's elections featured many key positions, such as mayor and village board. With such crucial positions on the line, the winners of these elections will play a key part in their cities' policies for the near future.

ARLINGTON HEIGHTS

Arlington Heights' village board saw four seats up for election this past month. Out of the four seats, two incumbents were re-elected. Robin LaBedz, who received the most votes at 22.26 percent, will be returning to the board after serving for the past six years. John Scaletta will also return to the board to serve a fourth term. They are accompanied by two newcomers: management consultant Mary Beth Canty and businessman Tom Schwingbeck. Both Canty and Schwingbeck are eager to serve the community, and are particularly interested in the Block 425 Project, a proposal for residential and retail area in downtown Arlington Heights.

This year's election saw an extremely low voter turnout. Out of the 62,411 people who registered to vote in the election, only 5907 people cast their ballots. In a city with a population of 75,000, according to U.S. Census estimates, such a low turnout is worrisome. Junior Jack Gillespie, who served as an election judge this year, encourages students to care about politics and voice their opinions. Gillespie said, "Students should care about politics because their ideologies inherently shape society. It's important for students to voice their opinions at a local level, which ultimately reflects federal decisions to an extent."

MOUNT PROSPECT

Mount Prospect's village board saw no turnover this past year, as the three seats up for election were filled by incumbents. Colleen Saccotelli, Paul Hoefert, and Richard Rogers will all be returning to help oversee developments in the village's downtown area. Such developments include the proposed relocation of the village's police and fire stations, as well as more housing and apartments.

This year's race for the last board seat was extremely tight. The night after the election, Richard Rogers had received 2,530 votes while newcomer Yulia Bjekic had garnered 2,529 votes. This initial count, however, was not final. Mail-in votes were not taken into account and took several days to finally be added to the total. This undoubtedly caused unrest for both Rogers and Bjekic's campaigns. When all the votes were counted, Rogers received the final spot on the board.

PROSPECT HEIGHTS

Prospect Heights featured one of the biggest races of election day, as citizens voted to elect the mayor of the city. The two candidates were Nicholas Helmer, who was running for a third term, and newcomer Lawrence Rosenthal, who served as an alderman in the city's second ward. Helmer won the election by a wide margin and seeks to capitalize on the momentum he has built over his past two terms. Helmer was influential in helping Prospect Heights solve their financial issues and started numerous citywide events like Run the Runway at the local Chicago Executive Airport. He plans to continue to help combat the city's flooding problems and establish better communication between the government and the residents.



Theresa May, conservative British Prime Minister

The no-deal Brexit would immediately cut Britain off from the EU's economy, which would significantly hurt Britain's economy for years until it becomes self-sustainable.

Britain's next six months will be very hectic, as the government scrambles to prepare for the October 31st Brexit deadline. Although the UK will most likely leave the EU with a deal in place, it is unclear what the deal will be and who will guide Britain through this complicated process. For the citizens of the UK, all they can do is wait and see.

BY JOSH HO

Brexit: The Saga Continues

NATIONAL

As Hersey students patiently await summer break, citizens of the United Kingdom (UK) are growing restless due to the Brexit deal which should have been completed this past winter. The Brexit deal, Britain's plan to exit the European Union (EU), had an original deadline of March 29, 2019. At the time of this publication's last Brexit article, this deadline was approaching and Britain had no solid plan in place. The UK had several options. They could pass Prime Minister Theresa May's plan, leave the EU without a plan, or seek an extension of the deadline.

The UK opted for an extension, and the EU approved the new deadline of April 12. However, this two week extension proved to be too little time. The UK could not agree on a course of action, so the EU extended the deadline to October 31, 2019.

The British government still appears disjointed as ever, and little progress seems to have been made. Theresa May and Parli-

ament remain gridlocked, much to the frustration of the British citizens. Last month, six million people signed a petition to revoke Article 50, the article that started the Brexit protest. On March 23, tens of thousands of British citizens gathered in protest of Brexit.

With pressure from the people mounting, it remains to be seen how the British government will respond. Brexit could be cancelled altogether if Parliament votes to remain in the EU. However, with all the effort and resources being put into the Brexit deal, this option seems highly unlikely. Theresa May's 585-page Brexit withdrawal agreement has seen little support from Parliament, even after numerous meetings and revisions. Many government officials believe that May will step down shortly, as she is facing considerable backlash from her own party and the opposing Labour Party. May's resignation would lead to another election and would pave the way for a new Prime Minister and a new, more promising Brexit deal.

Of course, Britain could always leave the EU without a deal, however many officials and experts are warning against such a

NATIONAL

The Report

BY CARTER ZAGORSKI

23 months after Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein's appointment of former FBI Director and accomplished federal attorney Robert Mueller III as Special Counsel to the Russia probe, the general public gained access to a slightly redacted version of Mueller's full report.

Almost four weeks after receiving the 448-page document and sending his own summary of the report to Congress, Attorney General William Barr released the political bombshell earlier this month to great anticipation. Many concluded that due to the great accumulation of evidence Mueller had obtained - via subpoenas, raids, and general cooperation among multiple levels of the judiciary - as well as the Mueller team's successful attempts at controlling the public messaging (recall how the Mueller office shot down a BuzzFeed article claiming President Trump's personal attorney, Michael Cohen, lied to Congress, after media coverage quickly spiraled), that the report's release would be filled with incriminating details on many, including President Trump. While data from a March 26 poll conducted by Quinnipiac University, a long-time source for polling data, showed that a majority of Americans (55 percent) believed the investigation was conducted fairly - nearly the highest result achieved based on polling over the last 12 months - an extensive majority (84 percent) expressed a desire for the report's release. Furthermore, a second Quinnipiac University poll in July 2018 showed that 46 percent of voters believed that the Trump campaign did collude with Russia leading up to the election, whereas 44 percent believed no collusion occurred. Unfortunately for those individuals with those high expectations of incriminating details on both Trump and those on his team, this proved to only be half-true.

Axios tracked the entirety of the investigation and found that the process resulted in 199 criminal charges, 37 indictments or guilty pleas, and 5 prison sentences, but none of which were directly targeted at President Trump. However, one may recognize a few of the names included in the Mueller investigation, simply based on the large volume of coverage related to the Mueller investigation over the preceding 23 months: former advisor Michael Flynn, who pleaded guilty to lying to the FBI when discussing his talks with the Russian ambassador to the U.S.; Paul Manafort, Trump's former campaign chairman who is

still facing sentencing for additional crimes on top of previously-concluded trials related to banking and tax fraud; and Roger Stone, a polarizing Republican strategist/political consultant who is perhaps recently best known for his threatening Instagram post of a photo of Judge Amy Berman Jackson - who is presiding over the Mueller investigation-related case of which Stone himself is the subject of - with a crosshairs symbol adjacent to her head.

Now, as questions surrounding Mueller's investigation, report, and Barr's release of the findings still linger, it should be noted that while the report "does not conclude that the President committed a crime, it also does not exonerate him." This specific item of the report has been subject to much controversy, especially immediately after the report's release, whether in regard to those who have overlooked this important detail or others who have celebrated it. But until all twelve remaining referrals of other potential investigations - which could not have been investigated by Mueller's team due to the specific nature of the Russia investigation's scope - become public knowledge (just as what happened with Cohen as well as with Gregory Craig, White House counsel during the Obama administration), on top of the future outcome of the imminent 2020 presidential election (which, due to its conduction in a short 18 months, is preventing Democratic leaders from advancing any impeachment processes in fear of boosting President Trump's polling numbers), Americans will not know the entire story. In the meantime, investigations conducted by congressional Democrats as well as, for the time being, the Southern District of New York will be where any future storylines emerge.



Robert Mueller, former director of the FBI

WORLD

Exceeding Expectations?

BY MATT BEDNAR

The first three months of this year have been like no other. With the longest government shutdown in history, the Dow Jones started the year nearly 3,000 points lower than the start of 2018, and combined with conflicts in foreign trade the economy wasn't looking so good.

Coming off a year when the economy surged, 2019 has a lot of expectations to meet. However, with the government shutdown going into 2019 many lowered their high expectations. The government shutdown didn't affect the grow as much as expected. The Dow Jones went up pretty constantly throughout January. But at the beginning of the year the Dow was at its lowest point since August 2017. With the Dow in the end of 2018 finishing in a downward trend, investors were worried about the start of 2019. This made predictions of the first quarter even lower. That's not even the end of the

bad start of the year, as the U.S. and China still haven't come to a compromise about trade. These trade talks had huge effects on the Dow in 2018 and with the first quarter not looking promising, this made the predictions even lower with some of the lowest predictions since Obama was in office.

With predictions low, people were expecting the worst. However, everything started to turn around in February. By the beginning of February, the government shutdown was over and didn't have nearly as big of an growing impact as expected. The Dow grew steadily throughout the month of January, nearly 2,000 points in the month alone and staying constant for the rest of the quarter. The China talks also began to head in a better direction during February. As the first quarter report is not out yet, economists are excited to see if the quarter made a comeback.

WORLD

New Zealand Passes Gun Reform

BY ANNEKEN LE BOUAR

Just six days after the seismic mass shooting in New Zealand, in which 50 people were killed, the nation's Parliament almost unanimously passed tighter gun laws.

Christchurch, the third-largest city in the country, experienced unprecedented shock earlier this spring when Brenton Tarrant, a 28 year-old white supremacist, executed a coordinated attack in two mosques.

The country's government immediately took action, voting 119-1 to restrict access to MSSAs (military-style semi-automatics) and assault rifles.

"We are ultimately here because 50 people died and they do not have a voice," said Prime Minister Jacinda Ardennes, who also proposed the new reforms. "We, in this house, are their voice and today we have used that voice wisely."

Parliament is expected to take additional gun control measures later this year, including a weapon registry.

SPORTS

Michael's Take: NBA MVP

BY MICHAEL SOMARY

The NBA Most Valuable Player debate has become increasingly popular over the years. The most notable race in recent years was last year when James Harden won the MVP over Russell Westbrook.

Often, this debate centers around the definition of the NBA MVP.

Many people believe the MVP should simply be awarded to the best basketball player in the league. Others believe it should go to the player who does the most for his team or to the player that is the most dominant force on the offensive and/or the defensive end.

The NBA MVP should be awarded to the player who had the best combined offensive and defensive regular season. Using this method, the best player in the league will win the award some years, but other years the best player may not have a stellar regular season and another superstar would deservingly win the award.

This year's MVP race is unique as the playstyles of the two frontrunners - Houston Rockets guard James Harden and Milwaukee Bucks Forward Giannis Antetokounmpo of the Milwaukee Bucks - are very unique.

Harden is a frontrunner for the third year in a row, and this season was easily his most dominant season. Harden plays a very patient game on the perimeter and has had

the best scoring season (36.1 ppg) since Michael Jordan in 1986-87 campaign.

However, Giannis has had a breakout season averaging 27.7 ppg, 12.5 rpg, and 5.9 apg. Giannis is one of 3 players to ever lead a #1 seed in points, rebounds, and assists.

A legitimate case could be made for either of these superstars to win the MVP. The voters' definition of what the MVP means will determine the winner of the prestigious award this year.

HUSKY'S TAKE

"The person who is most valuable to a team should win the award. If you take that player away from his team, how good will his team still be?" junior Scott Rogowski said.

"When I think of the definition of the NBA MVP, I think of James Harden because when Chris Paul was out, Harden stepped up and had his crazy scoring streak and he averaged 35 ppg this year, which is crazy," sophomore Brent Wolff said.

Huskies Splash to Victory

BY TREY SCHMIDT

The PanCan games started off on the right note for the Hersey Boys Water Polo team on Monday. The Huskies faced off against the Prospect Knights which was basically

a home game for both teams. This is a special day for all of District 214 because of Coach Lindgren was passed away last year. He was a coach and teacher in the District who led many students on the path to being successful. Hersey and Prospect combined raised over \$7,000 for PanCan foundation. This was a great start to the night of competitive games to come. For the first half of play the Huskies started off dominating the Knights. The score was 9-2 in favor of the Huskies who were riding on the momentum of play throughout the night. "Leading into half I knew we will most likely win being up by 7. So it made it more as a practice" Senior Jack Blumenfeld said. The game was dominated all by the Huskies and coming into the second half the boys wanted to try some new plays. "We wanted to run some new plays to see if they will work and work on passing the ball around more" Blumenfeld said. The Huskies entered the second half up 7 and continued to pound the net. Senior Jack Casey had 5 goals and Junior Misha Nikiforov had 6 on the night. Casey also just broke the school's record of 246 goals in water polo history. The game wasn't over yet while the Knights tried to rally but the Huskies denied them. The boys found another win in the important MSL east mashup while winning 19-8 to improve to 15-7 on the year.

JV second singles player Andrew Seafield sets up to receive a serve from Rolling Meadows on April 23rd



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Outside hitter Tim Nugent serves in the 2nd set of a match against Stevenson High School on April 15th in the Ken Carter Gymnasium

High jumper Chinemerem Iwuagwu leaps over the bar to help her team finish 1st place in the tri-meet

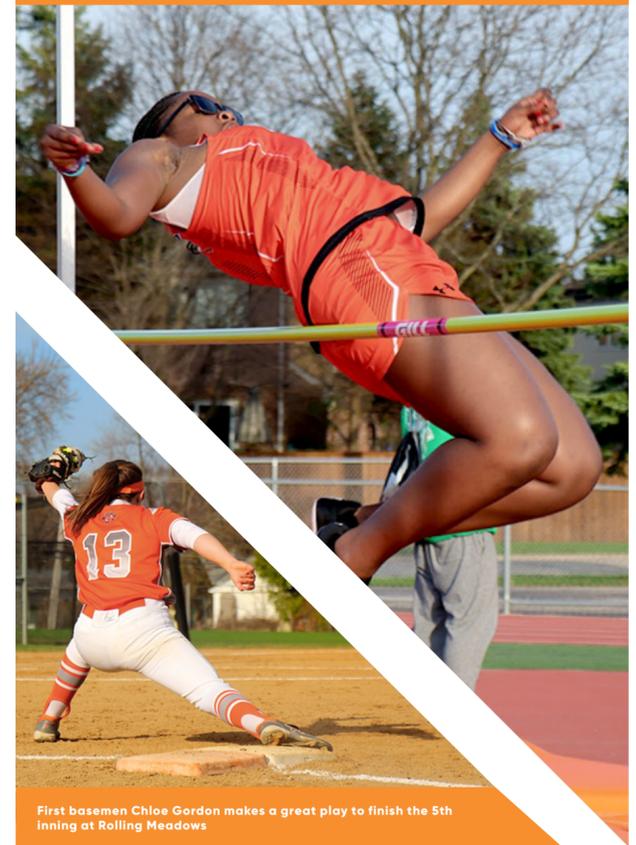


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First basemen Chloe Gordon makes a great play to finish the 5th inning at Rolling Meadows

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ATHLETES OF THE MONTH

Susan Ferris

BY TREY SCHMIDT



season coming to an end and playoffs starting soon Ferris will look to rise to the top again. MSL conference championships starting as of this past Friday the Huskies look for a chance at the East again.

Senior Susan Ferris is a very gifted athlete that the Hersey Girl's Badminton team is lucky to have. Ferris will try to repeat with her doubles partner Senior Maddie Jacobson to try and make it down to state for the second year in a row. For the Huskies Ferris has been very successful during her time on Varsity with winning Regionals and Sectionals. With the

Jakub Migus

BY KOSTADIN STOYANOV



In his final year as a Huskie Volleyball player, Senior, Jakub Migus will lead his team as far as possible to close out the season. Migus took inspiration from his older brother, Bart Migus, who eventually showed him the sport he fell in love with. "I started playing volleyball because of my older brother, he started off in seventh grade and I was in third or fourth grade."

The four year Varsity setter leads his team with fellow captain, Senior, Brent Gurvis to a current record of 14-4. With plenty more games to be played, the Huskies look to close out the MSL season strong. They look for another title run in the East.

"Never be complacent, always try and find the next step and find the people that will make you a better version of yourself," Migus said. Migus always pushes to improve to improve not only himself but his teammates. Migus's dedication can go could go a long way especially with his close group of friends being with him this season

With Migus dishing out perfect sets, the Huskies are looking like a team to be feared for the rest of the season.

Right fielder Megan Mullen winds up to strike a triple against Rolling Meadows on April 17th



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Hersey girls track distance runners Katie O'Brien and Hannah Kersemeier strive for first place in the 800 at Roland R Goins Stadium

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