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Martin Luther King Jr. 2016 Showcase: DWC vs. Benjamin Banneker



Photos: Henry Ordogoitia '77

On January 18, Martin Luther King Jr. Day, in the spirit of brotherhood (and healthy competition), the DWC Governors played against Benjamin Banneker Academy from Brooklyn. From left: Jordan Citron, Yannie Gunthrope, Isiah Ryan and Will Paradise. DWC 43 - BB 51.

Second Annual Poetry Out Loud Competition Held

By Kristie Castillo '16 and Angela Castillo '16

DeWitt Clinton High School held its second nationwide Poetry Out Loud competition on December 16, 2015.

Poetry Out Loud is a competition that starts in the classroom. Students select a poem from poetryoutloud.org, memorize it and recite it in front of their class. Teachers use a very strict rubric, supplied by the competition organization to judge poise, understanding, expression and correctness. Winners from each class move to the school-wide competition. School winners go to regionals, states and nationals. The culminating event takes place in Washington, DC, in April and comes with a \$10,000 prize.

New Football Coach Ready for Action

By Davian Rutledge '17



Head coach Dennis Class

Assistant coach Dennis Class moved up to head coach as soon as the 2015 season ended.

With the blessings of former head coach Howard Langley, who leaves after his 11th consecutive season, offensive line coach Class was promoted. Class had been the coach of Clinton's junior varsity football team in his first season at Clinton.

Prior to his arrival at DeWitt Clinton, he coached at rival Kennedy for three years and at Columbus High School.

His relationships with students is already strong. "I have yet to see one of my teammates dislike Class," Dereck Capellen said. "Ever since the championship game was moved to at Yankee Stadium, not one team from the Bronx has made it," said Coach Class. "Brooklyn and Staten Island come to our home town to take the chip that we're (Continued on page 4)



Follow Good Shepherd

By Jennifer Diaz '16

The Good Shepherd Services (GSS) is a community-based organization supporting students and families in need. Multiple services are available here at DWC.

Good Shepherd has been helping people in New York City since the 1940s. GSS was branched out from the Sisters of the Good Shepherds, who 150 years ago would help young girls and women who were no longer able to live at home. GSS now carries on the name and has created many programs over the years that help students and families who are vulnerable or need help to succeed.

Programs provided by GSS at DeWitt Clinton include help with homework/tutoring, communication skills, counseling for individuals or groups, family support services, and crisis intervention. There are two advocate counselors: Allie Gendreau and Terrence Gittens, seven social workers: Rosalby Namnum, Erin Salazal-Garcia, Esmeralda Huezo, Jaylene Lorenzana, Toni Campopiano, Donna Sciascia and Kate Lakota, and 6 interns: Julianne Hawthorne, Mona Hussein, Josh Huchinson, Miguel Rodriguez, Christie Johnston and Manuel Molina.

Kate Lakota, who has been working at GSS in DeWitt Clinton for two months, said, "I feel like everyone needs help at one point in their life.... It makes me feel happy that I can be there for students."

"I feel good...they help us get all our credits and pass all the Regents to graduate on time" said Cynthia Rolon '16.

Good Shepherds Services is located in room B41A. Students are free to come by during lunch period or during class with a pass. All students are welcomed.

Health Workshops Open

By Mohammed Nahiduzzaman '18

Do you remember that on November 25, the 3rd floor gym became a health fair sponsored by Health Careers SLC?

Do you remember that the US Army gave a free t-shirt or a hat to students who accepted a challenge to do 20 military pushups (that's really 40 pushups) and that 90% of those who tried won t-shirts?

Most importantly, do you remember that Susanna Banks, from the Montefiore Clinic, explained what the free clinic offers and how to enroll? The services provided are vaccines, medication, dental care, counseling, physicals, and community health services. The clinic is open Monday-Friday 8:00 am-3:00 pm; it is closed 12:30-1:00 pm daily. It is located in room 262B. The phone number is 718-549-8022. It is free, but you have to be enrolled to see a provider.

So...have you used the clinic yet?

Four classes took part in the competition over several days. Reshon Witter '16 said, "I was glad to be part of such a great experience." Last year's winner, Danielle Hazert, who placed third this year, offered, "It was a great experience for me and I am really happy that others got to experience it."

The panel of judges consisted of Paula Deitz, Dana Gioia, Dr. Amanda Gulla and Wendy Salinger. Deitz is the editor of *The Hudson Review*, a literary magazine. She brings authors to our school and offers students cultural trips. Gioia, as chairman of the National Endowment of the Arts, created this contest 10 years ago. He teaches at Stanford and is the current poet laureate of California. Gulla is a poet as well as a professor at Lehman College. Salinger is the director of writing at the 92nd St Y, which offers a Tuesday afternoon writing program for high school students.

Our winners were Amanda Rampersaud '18, who recited the poem "Domestic Situation" by Ernest Hilbert, and Moamer Alsaedi '18 who recited the poem "Invictus" by William Baer. They will represent DeWitt Clinton at the Regional Competition at SUNY Purchase on Feb. 2nd.

Congratulations to all the classroom winners for participating in this special competition: Michelle Agyemang, Moamer Alsaedi, Souleyman Bah, Rashaun Buchanan, Sawera Choundary, Susan Dominquez, Danielle Hazert, Christina Mangroo, Reshon Witter, Amonique Perry, Sashia Jones, Damian Graham, Kendra Obeng, Caleb Palacios, Amanda Rampersaud, Surojnie Rampersaud, Adamma Ogbennaya and Porsha Williams.

2015 Valedictorian Offers Advice on College

by Yancarlos Diaz

I am a computer science major at the Rochester Institute of Technology. Some of you may know me. I am not here to scare you, but rather to help you make your transition to college a very smooth and pleasant one.

You are probably tired of hearing that college is very different from high school. What most people don't tell you, however, is the fact that college is not always "harder" than high school; it all depends on the decisions you make. Personally, I believe college give me less stress than high school did. For example, there is no more waking up at six in the morning to get to class on time. More importantly, I don't have to stay in school for six hours straight; I usually take two or three classes a day, all with at least an hour break in between.



Yancarlos Diaz

Then, why is it that people want to scare you about college? Well, it's quite simple. Because you have the last word in every aspect of your life. There is no one to stop you from making the wrong decisions. You'll probably want to skip that annoying sociology lecture that makes you want to go to sleep. You will also go to that party on Saturday night knowing that you still have to submit a lab report by 11:59 PM. Don't do it, it is not worth it. You will regret those bad decisions when you have

two weeks left to save your semester and you realize that there just isn't enough extra credit to make up for the work you missed. Remember that every assignment counts and that no one will give you that one point you'll need at the (Continued on page 3)



Poetry adviser Mrs. Ann Neary (2nd from left) and judges (from left) Dana Gioia, Wendy Salinger and Paula Dietz.

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Editor's Note:

We can all agree that this new school year has not been easy. Trying to adapt to the changes such as location of SLC and scheduled lunches has made us work.

But I say, make the best of it, enjoy your school year because high school is only four years. New semesters, new beginnings exist twice a year! Do things you like, find a hobby, join a sports team or a club. School is not supposed to be a prison or a punishment. You owe it to yourself to make it a good four years.

Freshmen, I hope you've enjoyed your first semester at DeWitt Clinton. Stay proactive throughout the years and do the best you can at all times. Do not slack off because in senior year it will come back to haunt you.

Seniors, we're almost there, so keep pushing. This is our year class of 2016. Do not let anything affect your senior year. Meet deadlines. Take care of business. Yes, applying to college is stressful, but have fun and enjoy the activities offered. Make these last couples of months count.

By Kristie Castillo '16

Principal Responds to Allegations

By Raghad Alisaleh '16

On Nov 29, 2015 a *New York Post* article by Susan Edelman reported that our principal, Santiago Taveras, allegedly changed students' failing grades to passing grades.

It claimed the grades were changed without any teacher's knowledge or consent. Currently, there is no support to these claims. Additionally, Edelman, who has a history of attacking public school principals, used anonymous sources. After considering the lack of evidence, inaccuracies and the unethical use of anonymous sources, DeWitt Clinton journalists composed letters to the *Post* editor, which were ignored furthering the suspicion that there was no story.

Taveras said, "There is no forgiving of a failing grade." He cited an example of a student who asked for an extra gym credit to graduate on time. He refused the student's request, referring them to a program that would help. The New York City Department of Education Office of Academic Policy and Systems states that for students who are seniors and super-seniors: "If a student misses class time, he or she must be provided opportunities to make up the classwork, assignments, and other learning experiences. Students are not required to make up the exact amount of instructional time due to absence."

Despite the attacks, there has also been support from students, parents, teachers, elected officials, union leadership, colleagues from around the nation, and from college professors, such as UCLA's Pedro Noguera.

Taveras said, "Stories will come and go. but the opportunities for a high school diploma are here and now. Don't waste any opportunities you can to achieve it. I am as dedicated today as I was 28 years ago to support my students in earning a diploma and helping them develop into productive citizens."

Opinion: Trump Against Muslims

By Briana Francis '18

If elected president, Donald Trump is planning to ban Muslims from coming to the United States.

Trump stated, "We need a total and complete shutdown of Muslims entering the United States while we figure out what the hell is going on." The recent ISIS attack on Paris, killing numerous people in an area called "Stade de France in Saint-Denis," as well as attacks in California and Turkey have caused him to paint, with a broad brush, all followers of the Muslim faith as possible terrorists.



Donald Trump

"He's trampling on our constitution and packaging it as a snake oil cure for our security concerns," said Kassem Allie, executive administrator of the Islamic Center of America in Dearborn, Michigan, one of the largest mosques in the US.

This plan opposes the first Amendment in the Bill of Rights which states "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances."

Malala, the Noble Prize winning teen who was shot in the head by Taliban in 2012, said his comments were "full of hatred" and blaming Muslims for terrorism would only "radicalise more terrorists." She added, "If your intention is to stop terrorism, do not try to blame the whole population of Muslims for it because it cannot stop terrorists."

Trump needs to rethink his position on this issue.

Analysis: Obama's Belief in the Youth

By Tairou Diaman '17

In his last State of the Union address, on January 12, President Obama restated his belief that youth are "the future."

While much of his address focused on gun control, ecology and global warming, the economy and terrorism, Obama made reference to this country's youth. He said, "I want to focus on our future."

Claiming the country agrees that the "real opportunity" for success requires every American to get the education and training they need to land a good paying job, Obama cited the elimination of the No Child Left Behind policy and the increase in early education as ways to make that happen. High school graduations across the nation have risen during his presidency and more students are graduating in fields such as engineering, he stated. He believes that education is the weapon for our future generation.



President Barack Obama

Acknowledging that there are obstacles facing the nation, he ended his speech with "...the America I know. ...the country we love. Clear-eyed. Big-hearted. Undaunted by challenge. Optimistic that unarmed truth and unconditional love will have the final word."

Review: The King and I

By Julio Hernandez '16

A marvelous ship, in both detail and size, sailed towards the audience in Bartlett Sher's rendition of Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein II's grand musical *The King and I*.

This extravaganza, including 50 cast members, set changes and multiple musical numbers, captivates audiences for a full two hours and 50 minutes.

The journey begins with Kelli O'Hara playing Anna, an English school teacher on her way to teach the royal family of the King of Siam, played by Hoon Lee. But it is not solely about that grand adventure.

There exists a more serious undertone with themes of women's rights, societal change, and love. A pre-feminist teacher and autocratic King show how opposites attract. The audience is struck by the importance of standing up for oneself against societal norms and traditions, regardless of restrictions and fear of backlash.

With the integration of a Siamese interpretation of *Uncle Tom's Cabin*, this literary allusion depicts the problem of slavery. Slavery defined as the absence of voice for any individual man or woman.

This musical is full of splendid dances and songs. One of the great songs is "Whistle a Happy Tune" and that is exactly what you will be doing when you leave the theatre. There is comic relief amidst a tragic plot, especially when the king's many children parade in to a very catchy march tune. All together a wonderful show, living up to its reputation and multitude of revivals on Broadway and all over the world.

Winner of the 2015 Tony Award for Best Musical Revival now playing at the Lincoln Center Theatre 150 W.65th St.



Upcoming Regents in January 2016

By Eve Lake '18

Monday	Tuesday 26th	Wednesday 27th	Thursday 28th	Friday 29th
Study!	9:00 am Regents Global Physics	9:00 am Regents Living Environment	9:00 am Regents U.S Regents Earth Science Regents Common Core Geometry	9:00 am Regents
Know where to go	RCT Reading	Chemistry		Algebra 2
Bring pens, pencils		RCT U.S	1:00 pm Regents Common Core Algebra 1	RCT Global
Eat before	1:00 pm Regents	1:00 pm Regents Comprehensive ELA	RCT Writing	RCT Science
Get a good night's sleep	<u>Common Core</u> English Language Arts Geometry	RCT Math		

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For fun, see what past Clintonites are saying about their time at DWC.

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Spelman College Welcomes Clinton Student

By Kristie Castillo '16

On December 28, 2015, DeWitt Clinton senior Jasmine Sinkler's dream came true in the form of a baby blue envelope marked congratulations from Spelman College in Atlanta, Ga.

Just three days after her birthday, she didn't even have to open up the envelope. The baby blue envelope said congratulations on the front. Her parents felt proud, even while skeptical about her going away to college.

Throughout Jasmine's high school years, she was very proactive. "Over the course of my high school years," she told the CN, "I managed to partake in a plethora of clubs and teams." She joined the debate team, where she is captain, is secretary of the book club, is in the pre-med society, ARISTA, senior committee, and on the bowling team. Out of school, Jasmine Sinkler participated in programs such as the MASTERS and College Now programs at Lehman College.



Jasmine Sinkler

Additionally, she volunteers at a Jewish home and hospital, and is a mentor to children in her community. Last summer she was selected for a month long trip to Italy, sponsored by Palazzo Strozzi.

"When it came to applying to college, I was a mixture between excited and a bundle of nerves," recalls Jasmine. Spelman has been her dream school for the past two years, so there was a lot of pressure during the application process. "Once I got past the part of doubting that I could actually be accepted to the number one HBCU in the country, I found the courage to press the submit button." She believes her essay was the factor that secured her acceptance.

Jasmine Sinkler is just one of our DeWitt Clinton students accepted to prestigious schools. With hard work and dedication, you too can fulfill your dreams.

School Celebrities:

Teacher, Singer, Songwriter --All the Same Person

By Christina Mangroo '18

To the outside world, Carla Kelly is a performer, singer, songwriter and more, but as a teacher at DeWitt Clinton, she is Ms. Kelly.

During school hours, Carla Kelly teaches health, earth science and occupations in the Health SLC. She enjoys what she does at DeWitt Clinton. She is a strong believer in strategies and thinks that "every student needs strategies."

After earning her bachelor's degree at Temple University in Philadelphia, Kelly perused kinesiology, or the anatomy of human movement. At the time, she was interested in athletic sports science, which could help her become a sports doctor. But she found her passion in teaching.

Kelly resides around the DWC area, and she was a Bronx local growing up. When rehashing her high school experiences, she admits that she was accepted to DeWitt Clinton High School, but sadly declined the offer so that she could attend LaGuardia High School. In 1996, Kelly earned the top vocalist award of her class.



Ms. Clara Kelly

After school hours, Kelly has a full life, making students wonder how she has time to grade their papers and tests. She takes part in active Buddhist practices. Other than Buddhist practices, Kelly participates in four bands, one of which is a band with her father! She does a great amount music, singing, songwriting, and performing on weekdays and the weekend. She does a tribute to Bob Marley annually on Marley's birthday at the B.B. King restaurant, down in Times Square!

"This year has been a great year," says Kelly. She has an eventful schedule with more to come in the near future. Carla Kelly, the master of multi-tasking, does it all from teaching to performing, to overcoming PTSD and more. She is a role model for young adults and teens everywhere. DeWitt Clinton is glad to have her part of the school.

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Penguin Random House's Great Opportunity For Public High School Students

By Ana Deleon '18

If you are a high school senior full of thoughts and ideas, the Penguin Random House Creative Writing Awards is a great way to get recognition for them.

This contest allows high school seniors from New York City to write original work in four categories: fiction, graphic novels (which can have two contributors, an artist and a writer), memoir, or poetry.

According to Richard Hoehler, a writer and performer as well as a judge for the competition, students should break out of the conventional

modes during this time. He says, "Sometimes we have to break the rules of writing to get to the audience."

While the chance of winning first prize is slim because Penguin Random House receives about fourteen-hundred submissions, someone wins \$10,000 in each of the categories. Second prize is worth \$5,000, and third \$2,500. There also are other prizes in amounts ranging from \$500 to \$1000. Every year, DWC has students who win something.

The deadline is February 5th, 2016.

Did You Read the Review of The King and I on Page 2?

The music in *The King and I* was written by our very own Richard Rodgers, class of 1919. While the original production was playing on Broadway, Rodgers was on our auditorium stage one great night in December 1952 conducting the Clinton orchestra in a selection of his music. Those students in the orchestra never forgot that night. You can be sure of that! His *The Sound of Music* plays on television every year.



During their 1952 visit to DeWitt Clinton, Richard Rodgers and his wife Dorothy received a gift from Principal Walter Degnan.

From the Principal



Dear DWCHS Students,

I hope you are well and that the New Year 2016 brings you lots of love, happiness, health and success. This year I want us to focus on attendance. In addition, I have been working with the student government to find ways to improve the reputation of our wonderful school.

First, let me address attendance. Our attendance for the 2014-2015 school year was 81.1%. The State has given us a benchmark of 82.2%, which means we need to improve our overall attendance rate by 1% from last year. As of now, our attendance is around 80%. This is obviously not good enough to make our target. I am asking that everyone make a concerted effort to come to school on time every day, even when you are not feeling 100%. If you have



Principal Taveras

a cold, but don't have a fever, come to school. If you went to bed late for whatever reason, come to school. We MUST improve our overall attendance and you can make a difference. Let us not just meet the benchmark of 82.2%, let's surpass it!

Second, let's address our school's reputation, which periodically has been less than stellar. This is hard to overcome especially if newspapers make up negative information. One of the ways we can change our reputation so that we are seen in a positive light is by improving our outcomes. Another way is by implementing a dress code. The addition of the dress code sends a visual message to everyone that DWCHS is changing and that we are serious about learning. Studies show that schools with a dress code are more likely to have less incidents and more of a focus on academic.

The student government and I have met and I have introduced this idea to parents during the last Parents' Association meeting. The dress code would have our logo (in red, black or white) embroidered on the left breast side of a polo or button down dress shirt. The options would be white, red or black (long or short sleeve) polos; or black or white long sleeve button down shirts. In addition, we will also have school hoodies for colder weather. We will put a survey on the school website asking for your input about the color of the pants/skirts. Stay tuned and watch the TV screens in the lobby and the cafeteria for more information in the coming weeks.

I know that together we can make DWC the high school of choice for all families in the Bronx. Let's work together to make it happen.

Sine Labore Nihil! Nothing is accomplished without hard work.

Love always,
Santi

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end of the semester.

Learn to manage your time. It is easy to organize yourself in college. I mean, you have access to a magical syllabus that tells you everything you need to know about your class. This magical syllabus has every deadline listed in it as well as all the topics that will be covered in class and when you will be tested on them. Please use it. It can save you a big headache.

Don't forget that you can get help. Let go of any restrictions that keep you from getting assistance from a tutor or your professor. Don't let your pride or shyness get in the middle of your passing the next calculus test. Most colleges have tons of different resources to help you succeed academically. Use them.

Lastly, remember that giving the right time to your academics does not mean that you won't have fun. I'll tell you the truth: I play volleyball for at least 10 hours a week and play videogames for at least 8. I also get back to my room around three or four AM on Saturday after watching movies with friends all of Friday night. I am having an amazing time at RIT and my GPA is still 3.93. If you learn how to manage your time, you will have time to do everything you want. I give you my word. Use a calendar, download an app, set up 7 alarms on your phone, do anything it takes to make the best out of your time. You won't regret it.

De Witt C-L-I-N-T-O-N Boom!
Clinton, oh Clinton, ever to thee,
Fairest of high schools
Give her three times three, oh students!
Long may we cherish thee,
Faithful we'll be,
Clin-ton, oh Clin-ton,
For you and me!

Do You Know the Clinton School Song?

Richard Rodgers did.
Stan Lee does.
Ralph Lauren does.
So should YOU!

Wide World of DWC Sports

Baseball Basketball Bowling Cricket Cross Country Flag Football Football Gymnastics
Handball Indoor Track Outdoor Track Soccer Softball Swimming Tennis Volleyball Wrestling

Celebrity Sighting: Christopher Ballerini

By Abubakar Kolia '18

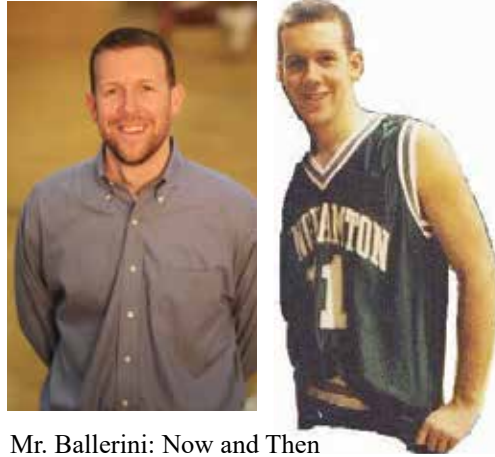
He's the man you see walking down the hallway with khaki slacks, a buttoned-down shirt, no tie and a smile. Mr. Ballerini.

Christopher Ballerini, who is Irish and Italian, was born in the Bronx but raised in Mahopac, New York. Always very interested in sports, he attended Binghamton University, playing D1 basketball as a point guard for the Binghamton BearCats. When asked why he didn't pursue basketball, he humbly says he wasn't "Pro level."

Majoring in business, Ballerini found a job on Wall Street. But he wanted to teach. He obtained his Masters at Lehman College, where he also became an assistant basketball coach. He found his first teaching gig in New Jersey as a history teacher. Ballerini said, "History was my favorite subject as a kid and it would only make sense for me to teach it." After teaching in NJ for a year, DeWitt Clinton hired him in 2004. Ballerini said "I found a home here in Clinton."

Before becoming head coach for DWC's boys varsity basketball last year, Ballerini coached for 10 years at the High School of American Studies in both basketball and softball. At Clinton, he has led the Governors to a 25-3 record in the regular season and 5-3 record in the playoffs.

Ballerini says that while "it's difficult to find a passion," he has found several. Not only is he a teacher and basketball coach, he is a husband with two children and a third on the way.



Mr. Ballerini: Now and Then

Many students appreciate his dedication and his hard work for his students and the school. Saaima Nanabawa '18 says, "He works very hard to make sure his students pass and feel comfortable in school." A friend and colleague, Mr. Maguire says, "Mr. Ballerini is a very good and dedicated teacher who exudes true leadership and it is a true pleasure to work with him."

We are very fortunate to have a teacher like Mr. Ballerini who makes education interesting. All with a smile.

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Varsity Basketball

All Games at 4:30 P.M.(except 01/20 at 5 P.M.)

Clinton Wins in Red

11/30/2015	at Bronx HS Of Science	41-61
12/02/2015	Roosevelt	64-54
12/04/2015	Walton	56-60
12/07/2015	at Taft	48-63
12/09/2015	Riverdale/Kingsbridge	52-36
12/10/2015	Bronx HS Of Science	46-31
12/16/2015	Holcombe L. Rucker	57-54
12/18/2015	at Morris	55-52
12/22/2015	Christopher Columbus	67-55
01/04/2016	at Adlai Stevenson	37-81
01/06/2016	Alfred E. Smith	69-39
01/08/2016	at Lehman	41-72
01/13/2016	at Roosevelt	60-64
01/15/2016	at Walton	36-38
01/20/2016	Taft	00-00
01/29/2016	at Riverdale/Kingsbridge	00-00
02/03/2016	at Evander Childs	00-00



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Elijah Brown Will Paradise



S. Magassouba Isiah Ryan



Head Coach Chris Ballerini

Coach Wolfgang Lucena

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First Basketball Tournaments Held

By Abubakar Kolia '18

On January 7th and 8th, Clinton students lit up the basketball courts in the first Annual Basketball Tournament.

Teams of five, all including one female player, registered online. Twelve teams were divided into two groups: the NCAA for students under 15 and the NBA for students over 16. Four rounds were scheduled.

Round one had incredible intensity and enthusiasm from the crowd and players, with one game going to overtime. The gym was packed, students hung off the upper level to get a good view. Students and teachers were chanting players' names, stamping their feet, and clapping loudly.

Four teams were eliminated in Thursday's first round. Round two on Friday saw action from Team Glo vs. Macy Elite, Warriors vs. We The Best, DWC Bulldogs vs. Clinton All Stars and Golden Renegades vs. Never Broke Again. Working hard to stay in the championship race made the crowd louder and louder. The Macy Elite, the Warriors, the DWC Bulldogs and the Golden Renegades advanced to the third round.

A five on five full court match followed. Each team needed one win to make it to the championship game. Macy Elite vs. the Warriors was intense. The Warriors early lead held

the game out of reach for a time, but Macy Elite came back, off the play by Rody Lalit '18. Lalit caught fire, making multiple deep shots. It was enough to advance to the championship round. Golden Renegades vs. the DWC Bulldogs advanced the Renegades.

In the championship game Macy Elite, with momentum from their previous game, started off hot by hitting two three pointers to take the lead. But the Golden Renegades did not back down. Subbing Kenny Sanchez '17 off the bench, the Renegades sparked a comeback by hitting two "threes" to tie the game. Macy Elites offense scored only four points after that. But the Golden Renegades offense was lighting it up, hitting "threes," passing the ball and taking it in the paint.

The final score was 22-10 Golden Renegades.

Trophies were distributed to finalists and MVPs, Rody Lalit for the Macy Elite and Kenny Sanchez for the Golden Renegades.

"This tournament was all about having fun. I didn't expect to win MVP, but the way I played I guess I earned it." Sanchez said. Lalit added, "The tournament was very exciting and intense and it was a tough loss in the finals. But there is always next year. Overall this tournament was great."

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New Football Coach Ready for Action

suppose to be playing." That speech touched a lot of his football players. So since the end of the 2015 season, the Governors have trained daily on the track or with the wrestling team or in workouts with Class himself.

Coach Class goals extend beyond football. He wants his athletes to be students first. Every player has a conduct to ensure their maintenance of good behavior in class and passing grades. Using his own personal narrative, Coach inspires as a role model. He does not want his athletes to follow in his footsteps--or missteps. As

a high school dropout, he fought his way back by getting a GED and attending SUNY Canton Junior College. He returned home to coach at Columbus and led it to a Bronx division title in 2006 as the offensive coordinator. It was then that he decided to get his life together, with the prodding of Blue Steel coach David Diaz. Class got his degree at SUNY Cortland. He teaches math at Bronx Theater High School.

"My kids know that I made the wrong turn and spent the rest of my life trying to make it right," Class said. "I want them to be better than me."

Flipping for Gymnastics

By Francisco Cuadrado '16

The girls varsity gymnastics team's stellar record is putting pressure on the Boy's Varsity team.

At 15-1, the team is rolling. Gymnast Mai'eja Williams '16 said, "I can see us improving as the season progresses and growing to be better people, as we do learn more than just gymnastics when we are out there, day in and day out." There is no lack of motivation with athletes like her. Williams is not the only team member enthusiastic about this year's season. Artiola Islami '18 said, "It's a great

sport, it's not only a physical sport, but a mental one as well."

The boys varsity gymnastics team season has just begun, but they already are focused on winning. The captain of the boys' team, Ashadur Omith '16, says, "My team truly inspires me each day at practice." Omith also praised the coach, "Having one of the best coaches that not only pushes the team but also motivates everybody, I am very confident this year."

The sky's the limit for these two teams.

One of the Greats Gone: Dolph Schayes '45

By Abubakar Kolia '18

Dolph Schayes "attended" the game that gave DWC the city basketball championship in 1945. He did not play because had just graduated a month earlier in January. He was then playing for NYU.

Though drafted by the New York Knicks, he chose the Syracuse Nationals because the pay was better. In his first year, Schayes led the Nationals to their first-ever finals. His skills at center and power forward got him into NBA's first All Star game on March 2nd 1951.

Schayes had an impressive career; a twelve time All Star and a 6 time NBA team. He also won a championship with the Syracuse Nationals in 1955. When he retired after

16 years, he led the entire league in scoring with 19,249 career points.



Dolph Schayes '45

Dolph Schayes was inducted to the Hall of Fame in 1973 and is on the 50 Greatest Players in NBA history list.

One of his friends from high school, Dr. Jeffrey Gurock said, "To me he was always Adolph. Later when he turned pro, they dropped the A. I am very sorry to read of Adolph's passing."

Schayes never left the game. He coached the Philadelphia 76ers in 1965-1966 and won Coach of the Year.

Dolph Schayes died on December 10th at the age of 87. Our thoughts go out to his family.



Football training...even in January