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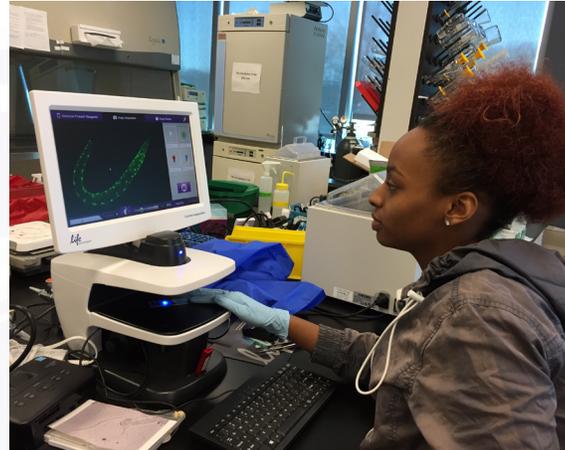
## WHAT'S HAPPENING?



## WINTER SEMESTER

### HELLO COLLEGIATE FAMILIES!

This year, like each before, has seemed to steamroll by! We are well into the third quarter, and finally seeing CSMB in full swing; Not only are we at full enrollment, but internships have begun, and early college acceptances are already rolling in! Not to mention preparations have already begun for our first-ever senior prom and graduation ceremony!



Senior Aminah Pang in Elizabeth Boedeker's lab at the Bio-Research & Development Growth Park (STLCC)

### SENIOR INTERNSHIPS:

Perhaps the most unique thing about Collegiate is the opportunity our seniors have in their last semester to complete an internship or capstone at one of the many Collegiate partners—Universities such as Wash U and SLU Schools of Medicine, Logan U, BJC and Goldfarb School of Nursing, MOBOT, the Zoo, and Cortex—who are on the forefront

of scientific, medical, and technical research.

### BETTER MAKE ROOM:

As part of her Reach Higher initiative, Former First Lady Michelle Obama created a student advisory board she calls "Better Make Room," whose job it is to foster college aspirations and connect students with resources. Senior Fatima Wahidi was chosen as one of only seventeen members of the inaugural board. She traveled to Washington D.C. and met the First Lady!

Internship experiences range from sports medicine, nursing, hospital and clinical practice, to urban gardening, to psychology, to tissue regeneration in a biomedical engineering lab. This is what we consider a truly collegiate experience!

The benefits of this internship can be manifold: Students receive hands-on learning experiences that will last a life-time; they will gain research experience that will help them stand out in college admissions and on campus; and they make connections, which are essential today in jump-starting a successful career.

### COLLEGE ON THE HORIZON:



Fatima Wahidi (front row, second from right) in the Diplomatic Reception Room in the White House



It has been an exciting year for college admissions at Collegiate. So far, 100% of our seniors have been accepted to at least one college or university. The majority of our seniors have finished all of their college applications, and are waiting until Spring (around April 1) to hear about acceptances to colleges. For schools that use "rolling admissions" rather than "regular decision" deadlines, the good news has been rolling in for our students. To date, our seniors as a collective have been admitted to 52 different colleges and universities. (Cont'd on pg. 2)



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(Cont'd from pg. 1) Last Fall, we welcomed over 30 college recruiters to school. We have already kicked off the spring visits by college recruiters. Students can check the announcements and college calendars to find out who is coming to campus.

We are also starting the exciting process of student applications for Summer Enrichment programs. From 9th graders interviewing at Washington University to 10th graders taking the Accuplacer for admission to the BEST Pharmacy program, there is a lot of excitement and activity. Ms. Nikolai gave all students a handout with over 100 summer programs to consider. Summer Enrichment is strongly encouraged, it builds the resume that will help with college admissions!

### SHOWING OFF OUR ROOTS:

In November, Collegiate carried on one of our favorite school traditions: International Day! This is a time for us to experience and celebrate the vast array of cultures at our school, and also to eat a lot of good food! This year we had displays from *seventeen* countries or regions:

Jamaica, Haiti, Barbados, Mexico and Honduras, USA (including soul food and Cherokee), Kenya, Somalia, Iraq, Vietnam, Cambodia, Pakistan, India, Bosnia, Italy and Ireland.

The day wrapped up with a fashion show displaying cultural garb, and several student performances representing the cherished cultures of our students!



Juniors Khylan Nevils-Reed (center) and Sonjay Henry (right) with Fox 2 Reporter Roche Madden

### CSMB IN THE NEWS:

On January 20th, Fox 2 News filmed our AP US History students watching the Presidential inauguration ceremony under the guidance of Dr. Kevin Knickman. About 35 students watched the entire ceremony then reacted to it in

discussion. Two students volunteered to be interviewed live with the reporter Roche Madden. Also, 6 students were interviewed one-on-one with Mr. Madden. These were broadcast later in the day.

Special thanks to Dr. Knickman for prepping our students and facilitating the discussion. We are very proud of our students. They all conducted themselves with dignity and maturity.

### GREAT SUCCESS:

CSMB students continue to represent our school with the utmost prestige: Throughout the district tournaments this year, our Debate League students have collected a number of first place trophies both individually and as a school. And, In the regional Poetry Out Loud recitation competition, Senior Amanda Arbuckle took 3rd overall!



Amanda Arbuckle (Center) at Poetry Out Loud



L to R: Mrs. Riggs, Sonjay Henry, Nya Fifer, Fardosa Aden, Camille Shoals, Mr. Cantu



Success is no accident. It is hard work, perseverance, learning, studying, sacrifice and most of all, love of what you are doing.  
-Pelé