



# NEWS FROM THE NEST



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SECOND QUARTER

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## DEBATE TEAM STARTS SEASON STRONG

At October's St. Louis Urban Debate League Tournament, the start of the season, Collegiate came in first place overall. Nuriya Rodney placed 1st in the JV Speakers division, and Audrey Snodgrass and Enkosi Key were in 2nd and 4th place respectively. Varsity debaters Nya Fifer & Camille Shoals took 4th place, and JV debaters ranked 2nd, 3rd and 4th: in 2nd, Susan Parker & Asra Albaaj; in 3rd, Audrey Snodgrass; in 4th, Nuriya Rodney & Enkosi Key. Novice division debaters Collyn Robinson & Emaline Edson took 2nd. At the November 4th tournament, the team took 2nd place overall. Standout performances included Madina Bekirov & Sachi Korgaonkar, who took 1st place in JV debate, and Sachi Korgaonkar and Susan Parker, who were top speakers in 1st and 2nd place, respectively. The Varsity debate teams of Yusuf Bekirov & Sonjay Henry and Nya Fifer & Camille Shoals placed 5th and 6th, and varsity speakers Camille Shoals and Sonjay Henry placed 4th and 6th.



Emaline Edson & Collyn Robinson (c/o 21) display trophies from November's tournament, held at Ladue High School.



Clockwise from top left: Red group balances their entire team on a tire; green group builds a tower out of milk crates; orange group circles up; the freshman class poses outside Collegiate before their trip.

## ANNUAL FRESHMAN CLASS CAMP WYMAN TRIP

Freshmen went to Camp Wyman in October to create a greater sense of community and camaraderie within the freshman class while also solidifying the understanding of the Core Values of the school. All freshmen are expected to attend this annual trip, which is intended to have students push themselves beyond their perceived limits, to make new friends, to build lasting bonds, and the better understand the Core Values of the school. Thanks to generous donations from Maxine Clark and Bob Fox, this year the camp lasted Thursday and Friday, including an overnight stay.

Students participated in myriad leadership and teambuilding activities, led by Camp Wyman Staff, which strengthened their collaborative and creative skills. Each group had teacher leaders, who often got involved in the activities with their groups. Activities included individual challenges such as rock climbing, archery, and axe throwing, and teamwork challenges like building tables capable of supporting weight out of newspapers, building a tower out of milk crates, and balancing the entire team on one tire or on a teeter-totter.



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## JUNIORS VISIT DOISY

On October 27th, St. Louis University's Doisy College of Health Sciences hosted the junior class for the second-annual "Collegiate Day @ Doisy." During the field trip, students learned more about the health fields of Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Communication Sciences and Disorders, Nutrition and Dietetics, Investigative & Medical Sciences, Medical Laboratory Science, Magnetic Resonance Imaging, Nuclear Medicine Technology, Radiation Therapy, Health Information Management, and Athletic Training. Throughout the day, students used different healthcare disciplines to follow the case of Jane Billikin.



Juniors at SLU's Doisy College of Health Sciences



D'Shawn Valley and Cortez Burch (both c/o 18) were admitted to Harris-Stowe State University.

(HBCUs visit, cont'd) Philander-Smith College, and Rust College. Several awarded admission and scholarships on-site. Recruiter visits allow students to connect with those who award admission and scholarships.

## HBCUS VISIT, ADMIT COLLEGIATE SENIORS

October saw visits from four Historically Black College or Universities (HBCUs): Fisk University, Harris-Stowe University,

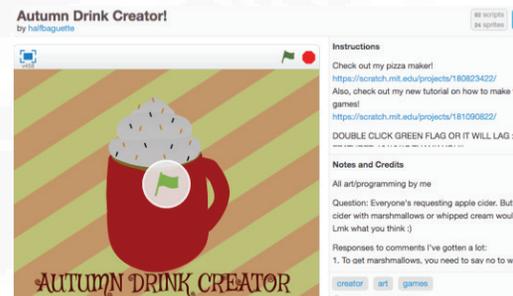
## QUESTBRIDGE FINALIST NAMED

Senior Brendan Morrison was named a Questbridge Finalist, a competitive designation allowing him to apply Early Decision to multiple top-tier universities. Since Early Decision is binding, most students are limited to one Early Decision application. Only one-third of students who applied to Questbridge were selected for the Finalist designation. Congratulations to Brendan on this accomplishment!

## MIT SITE FEATURES CODING PROJECT

Sophomore Tullaia Powell was recently featured on the Scratch homepage for her exemplary project 'Autumn Drink Creator.' The Scratch coding language, created by the MIT Media Lab, is used around the world. Since being featured on October 16, her project has been seen more than 58,000 times, and has been 'remixed' or transformed by over 500 Scratch users.

Powell's project uses original artwork, and she has since created a tutorial on designing similar projects. Coding 1 was her first experience with the Scratch environment. Coding 1 students are currently working on web development.



Screenshot of Tullaia Powell's (c/o 20) Coding 1 Project, "Autumn Drink Creator" on scratch.mit.edu



Clockwise from left: Student Council sets up biggest Homecoming Dance yet; students play Giant Jenga; life-sized Hungry Hungry Hippos, staff edition. Eagle Owl House was victorious in House Wars of Spirit Week 2017.



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## INAUGURAL DANCE MARATHON A SUCCESS

Students from the Collegiate Student Council teamed up with Saint Louis University students to host an inaugural Miracle Network Dance Marathon Friday, November 3rd. Dance Marathon is a student-driven effort benefiting local Miracle Network hospitals. This four-hour event blended games, music, dancing, and philanthropy into one experience honoring the children treated at the local hospitals. Miracle families attended the event, interacting with dancers and sharing their stories of how they have been impacted by Miracle Network hospitals.

In total, Collegiate students and staff raised over \$2,300 benefiting St. Louis Children's Hospital and SSM Health Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital. Funds will go towards new programs, equipment, and facility renovations to meet the needs of area kids.



Junior Amina Al-Hamdani gets bandaged after donating blood this November.

## INAUGURAL BLOOD DRIVE A SUCCESS

The National Honor Society sponsored a Blood Drive November 7th, the first in Collegiate's history. The goal was to raise 20 units of whole blood with 40 student and staff sign-ups. We were able to contribute 22 units of whole blood, surpassing our goal. Great job National Honor Society for organizing and hosting this event.

## INTERNATIONAL DAY CELEBRATION

Begun in 2014, International Day is a day where students share traditions, food, and performances with the student body. The celebration allows students to learn about the diverse cultures represented within our school and strengthens our community. This year students represented over 15 countries in a day full of dancing, trivia, food, and a fashion show, featuring traditional clothing of each culture. International Day has become a trademark for our school, highlighting our rich culture and vibrant diversity. Sophomore Harshini Kumaresan danced to songs from her favorite Bollywood movies, saying she "wanted to share parts of [her] culture" with her school.



Students represent Vietnam (left) and Jamaica (right) at International Day.



Collegiate students and staff showcase the grand total raised for Children's Miracle Network at the first Collegiate Dance Marathon: \$2,346.57. All funds will go to local children's hospitals.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Finals schedule

- December 15th: 5th & 6th
- December 18th: 1st & 2nd
- December 19th (1/2 day): 7th & 8th
- December 20th (1/2 day): 3rd & 4th

- December 21: No School for Students
- December 22-January 1: Winter Break
- January 2: No School for Students
- January 3: School resumes