



# NEWS FROM THE NEST



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FIRST QUARTER

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## WELCOME BACK, OWLS!

Collegiate students and staff welcome back the new school year with the red carpet treatment. Student Council and staff greet, cheer, and encourage students as they get off the bus and get started with a new academic year.

All the Owls are eager to return to school for various reasons, but it's agreed that 2018-19 is going to be a great year. Here's what some of the Collegiate students are most looking forward to this year;

"I'm most excited for International Day."  
- Harshini Kumaresan (c/o 2020)

"Taking the Human Body Systems class!"  
- Hufsah Sadiq (c/o 2021)

"I'm ready for senior activities and graduation"  
- Marlon Wright (c/o 2019)

"I'm most excited to get to know all the new freshmen."  
- Muhammad Rayyan (c/o 2021)

"I'm most excited for cheerleading."  
- Mariah Rogers (c/o 2022)

"AP Computer Science!"  
- Akila Johnson (c/o 2021)

"A fresh start."  
- Quiara Shields and Audrey Quick (c/o 2022)



Student council members from left: Mohemmed Al-Husseiny, Christopher Murray, Sachi Korgaonkar, Caroline Reifsteck, Benjamin Vandenbrink, Collyn Robinson, James Mosley.

## NEW STAFF AT COLLEGIATE

Collegiate welcomes new staff family members for the 2018-19 year.

Ms. Angelia Rougeau joins the school as the new assistant principal. She is transitioning from her previous position as Science Curriculum coordinator for the district to join the Owls administration.

Collegiate also welcomes two, new teaching staff members, Ms. Lisa Pride and Mr. Nathan Klosterman. Ms. Lisa Pride is teaching PLTW 1, AP Environmental Science, and Botany/Zoology. Mr. Nathan Klosterman is teaching Algebra I, Physics First, and Physics 450. He will also be coaching the men's soccer team.

Two new support staff members join Collegiate, Mrs. Caitlin Boskamp and Ms. Becky Schulz. Mrs. Boskamp previously worked at Gateway STEM as a school counselor, and is loving her year so far as an Owl. Ms. Schulz previously worked at Mercy Hospital. This year she will also be splitting her time between Patrick Henry Elementary and Columbia Elementary.

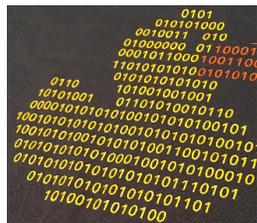


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## COLLEGIATE STUDENTS LOOK TO "QUACK" THE CODE FOR 2018 HACKATHON



Shown left: T-Shirts created for the Collegiate coding club as they prepare for the Hackathon competition beginning October 12.

Mr. Schenk's new classroom, known as the "Quack Lab," is the Computer Science hub for Collegiate students. The computer lab is named after a coding technique called "Rubberduck Debugging." Students talk through their code with a rubber ducky as they attempt to design programs using the new coding languages learned in class. A new set of rubber ducks accompany this year's students as they work through challenging coding problems.

Some of the Coding students will participate in the upcoming GlobalHack VII competition at Chaifetz Arena. The students will compete with other schools to code and develop a community-focused software. Students will compete for cash prizes during the weekend-long competition.

## SENIORS PREPARE FOR SPRING INTERNSHIPS



Board members and staff practice interview skills with students of the senior class.

Front: Board member, Ellen Mocerri, interviews Chynah Brown on her future career goals

## HOUSE WARS COMMENCE!

The 2018-19 House Cup competition gets off to a fierce start as the four house teams battle for points in the first quarter House Wars.

The Hawk, Great Gray, Snowy, and Eagle Owls compete throughout the year to earn points in various school activities, and by demonstrating the Collegiate core values during the school day. Each quarter, student council hosts a half-day house wars competition in which house teams battle to gain points.

This year, teams faced each other in events such as, trivia, kickball, Uno, and chess. The champions of the quarterly competition were the Hawk House, followed by Snowy Owls, in second place.

Current house point standings as follows:

**Hawk Owls - 288**  
**Snowy Owls - 284**

**Great Gray Owls - 258**  
**Eagle Owls - 216**



Mr. Metropolous and Mr. Cantu battle it out in the potato sacks during House Wars.



Student Council Member, Maddie Ritchie (center) explains the challenge to Demareia Clay (left), and Connor Copanas (right)

Part of the Collegiate experience is the Senior internship program completed during the Spring semester of students' senior year. Seniors express their future career interests and are placed at various sites throughout St. Louis. During the semester, the students intern at these sites, and gain valuable experiences to jumpstart their continuing education.

To prepare for these internships, seniors begin to practice the "soft skills" of the professional world. This semester they created and edited their resumes, learned about the dos and don'ts of professional attire, and participated in mock interviews.

Upcoming for seniors is the etiquette luncheon on October 23, where they will practice network-building skills with local professionals over a lunch setting.



## FRESHMEN FOCUS ON CORE VALUES AT CAMP WYMAN



The Freshmen class embarked on Collegiate’s second annual overnight trip to Camp Wyman. Made possible by a generous donation from Collegiate board members, Bob Fox and Maxine Clark of the Clark-Fox Family Foundation, this annual team building experience is one of the highlights of being a Collegiate student.

The event spans two days, including staying overnight in a cabin with staff and parent volunteers. Students must work together as they tackle the many challenges presented at Camp Wyman. These events include a teams course, a target and archery lesson, a series of climbing challenges, a skit performance, and a set of strategy games.

Each team is named after, and focuses on one of the six core values of Collegiate. The goal is for the freshmen students to form new friendships, and bond as a class, while framing their experiences within the core values of the school.

Left: Members of the Respect team work to create a bridge made only from newspaper and tape to win the engineering challenge.

Center: Members of the Self-Discipline team, Jose Montoya and Tania Whitley, celebrate after successfully throwing their tomahawks into the log targets.

Right: Members of the Strong Academic Habits team, Kai Stockie (left) and Ben Breuer (right), scale the rock climbing wall with the help of their fellow team members holding the harness rope



## GARDENING CLUB "CROPS UP" AT COLLEGIATE



Gardening Club members Quiara Shields, Darnesha Franks, Rhiannon Steele, Avonelle Lindon, and Jose Montoya stand in front of the renovated Secret Garden

This year Collegiate starts a newly-founded Secret Garden Club. Assistant Principal Rougeau led the march on rennovating the Secret Garden plot near the South Entrance of the school.

The club will learn agricultural techniques such as, sustainable gardening, harvesting, and how to plan, grow and maintain seasonal flora and fauna. The first crop will yield squash by mid-October. The club is looking to sell the harvest to gather funds for Spring planting.



Shown above: Squash grown by the Secret Garden Club, available for sale at the end of October



Coach Edward Kennedy talks to the Women's volleyball team during their game

### COLLEGIATE OWLS SPORTS' REPORT

Women's Volleyball is 7-5 and playing well. They are coming off of wins vs. McCluer South Berkley as well as wins against Carnahan, Normandy, Confluence and Roosevelt. Coming up for Volleyball are games against Vashon, September 27th at Vashon, vs. McKinley on October 2 at McKinley, and PHL JV Tournament starting on October 4th at Gateway and Miller.

Soccer is currently 2-5. They are coming off of a big win vs. Cleveland 9-1. Coming up for Soccer are games against Carnahan on October 1st at Gateway, vs. North Tech on October 3 at North Tech, and vs. McKinley on October 8 at 4:30 p.m. at Cleveland.

Cross country has the Northside Invitational coming up at Willmore Park on September 27th and the Hancock Invitational coming up Saturday, September 29th at Jefferson Barracks Park.

### UPCOMING EVENTS IN SECOND QUARTER

**Monday, October 1 to Friday, October 5** - Spirit Week for Homecoming

**Wednesday, October 3** - Prospective Student Open House at Collegiate (6 p.m. - 8 p.m.)

**Friday, October 5** - Second Quarter House Wars

**Friday, October 5** - Senior Picture Day and Re-takes

**Saturday, October 6** - Homecoming Dance at Collegiate (7:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.)

**Friday, October 12** - No School for students, Professional Development Day for Staff

**Friday, October 12 to Sunday, October 14** - Global Hackathon at Chaifetz Arena

**Monday, October 15** - Second Quarter begins

**Thursday, October 18 to Friday, October 19** - Parent-Teacher conferences after school beginning at 4 p.m.

**Thursday, October 18 to Friday, October 19** - FAFSA nights, fill out the FAFSA during Parent-Teacher conferences with Mrs. Nickolai, the college counselor

**Friday, October 19** - Senior fundraising day, pay to dress down and get donuts

**Tuesday, October 23** - Senior Etiquette and Networking Luncheon at the St. Louis Club

**Friday, November 2** - Miracle Network Dance Marathon at Collegiate (5:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.)

**Monday, November 12** - Veterans' Day, No school

**Saturday, November 17** - NMSI Saturday Study Session for AP English at Clyde C. Miller, beginning at 8:30 a.m.

**Monday, November 19** - Senior fundraising day, pay to dress down and get donuts

**Tuesday, November 20** - International Day at Collegiate beginning at 12 p.m.

**Wednesday, November 21 to Sunday, November 25** - Thanksgiving Break, no school

**Friday, November 30** - Junior class field trip to Doisy School of Medicine

**Saturday, December 1** - NMSI Saturday Study Session for AP Math/Computer Science at Clyde C. Miller, beginning at 8:30 a.m.

**Saturday, December 15** - NMSI Saturday Study Session for AP Science at Clyde C. Miller, beginning at 8:30 a.m.

**Monday, December 17 to Thursday, December 20** - Final Exams, half-days on Wednesday the 19th and Thursday the 20th

**Wednesday, December 19** - Senior fundraising day, pay to dress down and get donuts

**Thursday, December 20** - Last day of Semester