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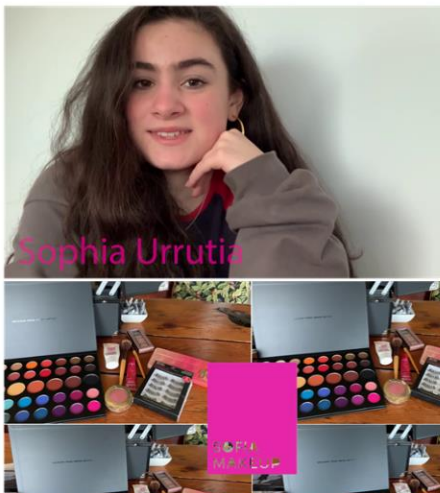
Business, Innovation & Leadership



World Artist Experiences Writing Project 2019-2020 Recognized Awardees & Finalists

On April 26, 2019, Leadership students Lauren Street, Sydney Park, Megan Bast, Sophia Villagomez, Julia Myers (3-time published poet) and Stevie Landis were recognized as Awardees and Finalist for their submissions for the World Artist Experiences challenge, held at the Oman Cultural Center in DC. The topic focused on what it means to be "Building Bridges, Breaking Down Barriers". World Artists Experiences is a non-profit organization that bridges international understanding through culture and people. WAE encourages international interaction by providing channels for communication and exchange. This is the third year that SPHS has had a first 1st place winner; Lauren Street. Writing selections were judged by a panel of respected writers, headed by former Maryland Poet Laureate Dr. Michael S. Glaser and Professor Rachel Heinhorst. A special collection will be created for the annual WAE Anthology that contains their published work.

CELEBRATED SIGNATURE STUDENT VIDEO



Sophia Urrutia was nominated and selected to be the Spring 2019 Celebrated Signature Student for having her own make-up business, Sophia Cosmetics. Sophia was chosen to highlight her business in a video created by the Interactive Media Production class. The video was viewed by SPHS students during a Signature sponsored advisory. If interested, contact Sophia at [@sofibelurrutia](https://www.instagram.com/sofibelurrutia) & www.sofibelskitchen.com

Congratulations to James Henson of Henson & Associates



SPHS Partner of the Year James Henson was recognized on April 25, 2019, at the 33rd Annual Excellence in Education Awards Dinner. SPHS Alum, James Henson, has been an integral member of the SPHS Business Advisory Board and Signature partner. He has worked hard to pass on his passion about the importance of financial literacy. Most recently he helped to implement the Parent Night during financial literacy week.



James has been instrumental in developing unique curriculum to help prepare students for life outside of school. He volunteers for mock interviews and as a guest presenter. He was also a presenter at the annual Signature Entrepreneurship Fair in 2018. We are very thankful for his spirit, dedication, and energy.

2019 Signature Faculty Business Field Trip



On April 9th, three local businesses hosted our Signature Committee members for the purpose of helping teachers make practical real-world connections to their content areas.

1st Stop - Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, Maryland. Teachers had a great time learning about what it takes to train doctors on different techniques and procedures. Teachers watched an actual OB/GYN practice on the Davinci machine to perfect her technique using the robot assistant technology.

2nd Stop - Kimpton Hotel Monaco in Baltimore, Maryland. Teachers toured the facilities and gained great insight into the hotel restaurant industry. Our host helped us to better understand the skills and abilities that they look for in employees and what opportunities are available to move up in the international company.

3rd Stop - B&O American Brasserie located in the Kimpton Hotel Monaco in Baltimore, Maryland. The management and staff were very helpful in answering our questions about skills that are essential in the restaurant industry. Our host was gracious enough to treat our teachers to an amazing lunch which they enjoyed while discussing different applications of the new information they had gathered during their day.

Here's to the teachers making "real-world connections" to their content area so that they can pass on the knowledge while also engaging and enriching our students' experiences.



Alum Teddy Giard ('16) Giving Back to Business Students



A recent contestant and winner on ABC's Shark Tank, Teddy Giard, has returned twice this year to speak to Honors Interactive Media Production and Honor Entrepreneurship classes. He spoke about what it takes to bring an idea into reality and compete for a chance to be on Shark Tank. Featured on the AACPS website on / AM ALUM, Teddy said, "looking back on my high school experiences I owe a lot to my teachers and the curriculum that was in place at my high school. It truly felt like I had been exposed to more real world experience than almost all of my classmates at Clemson." Business students could not be more excited to have him as a guest speaker. His willingness to volunteer time and knowledge helps to bring the real world into the classroom and makes the subject come to life! For more about their company & products go to: <https://buykanga.com/>

SPHS 2019-2020 Important Dates:

August 29, 2019 - BAB Executive Officer Strategic Planning
 September 10, 2019 - First BAB meeting for 2019/2020
 September 12, 2019 - Back to School Night – BAB Table
 September 17, 2019 – First ICST meeting for 2019/2020
 November 22, 2019 - Mock Interview Advisory
 December 2, 3, 4, & 6, 2019 - Mock Interviews & Career Conv.
 March 23-27, 2020 - Financial Literacy Week
 March 27, 2020 - Financial Literacy Advisory

Week Long Focus on Financial Literacy!

Who likes to talk about money? Sometimes it's hard to broach the subject with our children but we all know it is important to have strong financial knowledge to make sound decisions. Thanks to our Business Advisory Board, and ICST, we have been able to engage teachers and staff on financial topics. During our annual Financial Literacy week, March 18-22nd, State Employees Credit Union (SECU) sponsored a Financial Reality Fair in which students "played the game of life," making financial decisions based on specific lifestyle choices. Also, the very first Financial Family Night was unveiled for our Community. Attendees were treated to an interactive panel discussion as well as presentation posters from AVID about financial topics they researched this year. The youngest guests were captivated by high school student ambassadors leading fun financial games for children. On the last day of the week community members facilitated lessons to the students through advisories on saving, budgeting, and credit.



Erica Szymanski wins the

Maryland
SMALL BUSINESS WEEK
Awards

Rising Star Student Entrepreneur Award!



on June 6, 2019, SPHS student nominee was awarded the SBA Rising Star Student Entrepreneur Award. Erica's business, Erica Morgan Designs, features original watercolor drawings turned into a line of fun and colorful accessories. EMD's decals and magnets are currently carried in 30 retailers across six states on the East Coast and are also available online through Etsy, Amazon, and EMD's ecommerce website. www.ericamorgandesigns.com

Congratulations Erica! Here's to your continued success!

The Office Parody Financial Literacy week Behind the scenes



IMP Students Create 2 Promotional Video Trailers for Financial Literacy Week! Interactive Media Production 1 & 2 classes collaborated this spring to produce 2 video trailers for Financial Literacy Week! Special thanks to Cora Keen (12th), Abigail Billovits-Hayes (11th), Charlotte Miller (10th), and Warren Anderson (9th) for their amazing work on the editing and special effects to complete both projects.



Chick-fil-A Leader Academy Impact Project for Maryland



Animal Sanctuary and Rescue (MAS).



Service to the community is what this club is all about!

The 4th year of this club was full of activities including assembling care packages for Operation Gratitude, making handmade dog toys and baking dog treats to sell at the Environmental Fair. Students have been able to bring awareness about the MAS organization that is located in Maryland, but they still need more support! For more information about what you can do volunteer or donate to this great cause please visit

<http://www.masrescue.org/>

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