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GIRLS FOCUS ON STEM CAREERS IN ST. LOUIS

The American Heart Association's Go Red for Women team hosted its second annual "Go Red Goes STEM", a day long event that encourages girls to explore STEM outside of their classroom and become aware of the innovative STEM work taking place in St. Louis. Female members of the Junior class attended the day long event to learn more about the opportunities that await them after their education journey.



Above: Junior girls (back row from left) Brianna Young, Kaliyah Jackson, Lyeshia Grant, Naila Taylor, Megan Turner, Jada Houston, Michelle Martinez, Hollie Ballentine, (front row from left) Neveah Davis, Amya Owens, Jamie Bell-Higgins, and Jennifer Sandford pose at the "Go Red Goes STEM" event

Student, Hollie Ballentine, described the experience as "empowering." She said it was "inspiring to hear from women in the field" and how they were able to overcome the many obstacles encountered because of their gender or race. It gave her the confidence to know that she could also succeed in her future goals of being an engineer.

COLLEGIATE ACCEPTS ST. LOUIS MAYOR'S AWARD



From left: Mayor Krewson, Principal Steele, college counselor, Mrs. Nickolai, Assistant Principal Rougeau, and St. Louis Development Corporation's executive director, Otis Williams, as Collegiate accepts the city's award for improving the quality of life for St. Louis citizens

Collegiate is the recipient of Mayor Lyda Krewson's Quality of Life award. This award recognizes community innovators that are active in improving the lives of St. Louis citizens. Collegiate administration attended the mayor's annual luncheon to accept the award and celebrate with other community innovators.

The Quality of Life award is presented in recognition of the school's mission of providing the best education for future St. Louis leaders and innovators. The students Collegiate serves have and will go on to do great things for our city.

DEBATE TEAM WINS EARLY TOURNAMENTS

Collegiate Debate Team is off to a strong start for the season. With two tournaments under their belt, they have four students currently in the number-one seeds for the division. Seniors, Camille Shoals and Nya Fifer, sit in the number-one spots for the varsity division, and sophomores, Collyn Robinson and Emaline Edson, are currently number-one in the junior varsity division.

In their first tournament, at Webster University, the school placed first place overall, with multiple partner-teams winning high-places in their events. The team hopes to continue their winning record as they move closer to the city championships held in February.



Above: Members of the varsity debate team after a 2nd place overall during their second tournament, held at St. Louis University.



Above: Debate coach, Ms. Alford, stands proudly with her novice team after placing 1st in the novice division at their first tournament, held at Webster University.



COLLEGIATE GIVES BACK

Collegiate students have worked hard this year to give back to the community. Guided by the Compassion and Ethics core value of the school, students organized multiple school events that raised funds and awareness for causes in and around the St. Louis Community.

Community service is a goal for many of the student clubs at the school. Collegiate clubs like the "Helping Hands" community service club, the Health and Occupational Science Association club, National Honors Society, Student Council, and many more student organizations are always seeking creative way to give back to the causes that are important to them. A big "thank you!" goes out to our community members that continue to support our students' philanthropic efforts.



Above: Collegiate students proudly display the \$3,692.86 raised "For the Kids" of Children's Miracle Network during their Dance Marathon fund-raiser held at the school.

OUR STUDENTS' COMMUNITY IMPACT

Here's a quick overview of a few of the things our amazing students have accomplished this semester:

- Collegiate Dance Marathon event raised over \$3,600 dollars for the Children's Miracle Network in St. Louis.
- Pie Day Friday, hosted by the Health and Occupational Science Association, raised over \$250 for the Children's Cancer Research Foundation. The funds were raised from students paying \$2 to throw a pie at their favorite teachers; that's a lot of pies!
- National Honors Society held a student blood drive that donated over 25 pints of blood to the Red Cross .
- Collegiate hosts a house competition to collect canned food to be donated to Compton Hill Missionary Baptist Church. Over 550 items were donated.
- Helping Hands Community Service Club receives \$175 donation from the Clifton Heights Community after Collegiate students volunteered with a scholarship event hosted by the neighborhood. The club plans to donate the money to charity.



Above: Mr. Gilbert and Mr. Klosterman take pies to the face from their most beloved students to raise money during HOSA's fund-raiser for the Children's Cancer Research Foundation.

Left: Student Council members, Audrey Wessling and Mohemmed Al-Husseiny, encourage Benjamin Vandenbrink while he donates blood during the Red Cross blood drive.

Right: Students Christopher Murray, Caroline Reifsteck, and Camille Shoals cheer during the Dance Marathon Event.





2018 INTERNATIONAL DAY CELEBRATES STUDENT DIVERSITY

International Day is a yearly highlight for the Collegiate community. Each year, before Thanksgiving break, the school celebrates the diversity that makes the student body so unique. The day begins at lunch when students and their families bring foods that represent their cultures and countries of origin. Participants can sample recipes from around the world while learning more about the cultures represented. Following lunch is a fashion and talent show, which exhibits the attire and traditional performances of the cultures.

This year, student council hosted its biggest International Day yet, with over 20 cultures represented at food tables, and with performances. Collegiate alumni and student families also attended the event making it a celebration to remember.



Above: Students, Adnan Shaik and Sachi Korgaonkar, serve Briyani and Paneer as they teach International Day participants about their Indian heritage.



Above: Flags line the hallways representing the nations that make up Collegiate students' heritage.



Above: (Students from left) Vicki Truong, Jenny Nguyen, Matthew Phan, Nancy Kong, and Lorene Tran show off their Vietnamese and Cambodian fashion after the talent show.

COLLEGIATE STAFF MAKES THE NICE LIST THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

Collegiate is known for many things, and one of those is our amazing staff. Teachers, office staff, and administration work tirelessly to provide a top-notch education for the students. In an effort to appreciate their efforts, an Amazon Wish List has been created with items that the staff can use in the school. Any and all contributions are appreciated, but never expected. Even sharing the link with family and friends can help spread the word about our wonderful staff.

If you would like to purchase an item for a staff member to be sent to the school please see Collegiate's holiday wish list. To find the wish list, simply enter the link below into your browser, find an item you'd like to buy, and purchase it with your own Amazon account. The item will be automatically shipped to the school and be put to use right away. Thanks in advance for appreciating and contributing to our Collegiate family!

Here's the shortened URL, which can also be found on the school's website:

<https://rebrand.ly/csmbwishlist>

YEARBOOK SEEKS ADVERTISERS FOR 2018-19 EDITION

In an effort to make the yearbook more affordable and accessible for all our students, the yearbook staff is seeking advertisers or well-wishers to purchase page-space in the 2018-19 yearbook.

To purchase a space for a business, or a student/staff/school shout-out, or a congratulatory message for a student, please contact the yearbook advisor, Ms. Schneider at Lauren.Schneider@csmb-stl.org for details on pricing, placement, and to be put in contact with a student business manager for the yearbook.



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COLLEGIATE OWLS SPORTS' REPORT

The owls end its fall sports season with plenty to celebrate.

- Cross Country accomplishes a Collegiate-first by sending a full team to a state competition. The women's team qualified for state after placing 2nd in the district competition with an average time of 23:55 for the 5000 meter race. The men's team also did well at districts, placing 7th with an average time of 21:32.

- Volley ball ends the season 12-8. The girls' varsity team finished 2nd overall in the district. This was a transitional season for the team after the loss of their beloved coach, Ms. Lewis-Bey, who passed away unexpectedly last summer. The girls dedicated their season to their past coach and honored her memory with a winning season.

- Men's soccer ends the season after making it to the semi-finals in the district tournament. The team continues to improve year-to-year, and ended with a 4-9 record for the fall season. New coach, Mr. Klosterman looks forward to developing the program in the coming years.

STUDENTS GET READY FOR WINTER BREAK

After a semester of challenging academic pursuits, Collegiate students are ready for a much-deserved winter break. Here's what some of our students are looking forward to this holiday season;

"Relaxing and having time to rest my mind"

- Ramsha Ahmed (c/o 2020)

"Holiday food and spending time with friends and family."

- Logan Baerman (c/o 2021)

"Getting a fresh start with a new semester."

- Jade Petty (c/o 2021)



Above: Collegiate sends its first full team to a State competition. Congratulations to the varsity women's Cross Country team!

Collegiate winter season kicks off with men and women's basketball.

Women's basketball starts off the season with a 4-2 record, and a recent win against Cleveland. Men's basketball kicks off with five seniors in their starting line-up with many up and coming players from the underclassmen ready to fill their shoes as they develop as a team.

Both teams will be participating in the Public High School Christmas Tournament from December 26-29 over the winter break.

"Relaxing and hanging out with my family."

- Amanda Pender-Schraut (c/o 2019)

"Going on a college visit for a school I'm interested in."

- Nancy Kong (c/o 2019)

"Giving out gifts to my friends and family."

- Kaylee McKinney (c/o 2019)

"Hot chocolate and a movie marathon"

- Amra Seferovic (c/o 2021)

"Visiting my uncle's new restaurant in Chicago"

- Zahra Stevick (c/o 2022)

UPCOMING EVENTS IN THIRD QUARTER

Monday, January 7 - First day back to school

Tuesday, January 8 - Seniors begin internships

Saturday, January 12 - NMSI Saturday Study Session (English)

Friday, January 18 - No school for students, Staff Professional Development

Saturday, January 26 - NMSI Saturday Study Session (Math)

Saturday, February 2 - NMSI Saturday Study Session (Science)

Tuesday, February 12 - PTO meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Friday, February 15 - No school for students, Staff Professional Development

Friday, February 15 - No school, Presidents' Day

Friday, February 15 - Senior Appreciation, pay for dress down and donuts

Saturday, February 16 - Saturday Scholars begins every Saturday through March 16

Saturday, March 2 - NMSI Saturday Study Session (English)

Friday, March 8 - End of 3rd quarter

Saturday, March 23 to Sunday, March 31 - Spring Break, no school