

Principal's Letter

Dear TJ Parents/Guardians, Teachers, and Students:

Spring is such a wonderful time for renewal and savoring the beauty of this region in which we are so lucky to live. Another special quality of the Washington area is that it attracts people from across our nation and throughout the world to live here. Additionally, TJ is a special destination for many who move to this region. As a result we have a wonderfully diverse school community and student body.

As many of you know, I am a strong supporter of diversity because I firmly believe it enriches a school and enhances the learning experience of every student. Our students graduate from TJ with close friendships from every ethnic group which brings understanding and respect for cultural heritages other than their own. By living their school life in this rich milieu of diversity, they are preparing for the real world they will enter as adults.

At the March PTSA and faculty meeting, I reported on some recent theft and cheating at TJ by a small group of students. My intent was to inform parents and teachers about some of the challenges and ethical issues facing our students. In speaking about the incidents, I identified the ethnicity of the students who were caught and the percentage of these students who were involved with disciplinary issues in early 2006. In so doing, I violated my own core values. I sincerely and unequivocally believe that ethnicity has absolutely no relationship to ethics or behavior.

The passion of my personal and professional life has always been to speak powerfully about the compelling strengths and affirmations of diversity. The last thing I wish to do is to send any message that negatively impacts any student, parent, or friend. The appearance of bias is inappropriate in any setting, especially an educational one. TJ is proud of our ethnic diversity which directly enhances our reputation and achievements.

Therefore, I wish to sincerely apologize for remarks that I made while giving my disciplinary report at the March meetings. I deeply regret that they caused any hurt feelings. I hope that my public apology will help to repair any and all ill feelings. My door is always open for parents, students, and teachers to share your concerns. I value all comments whether good or bad, since my

goal is to continuously make TJ a better place for our students. All of us learn from our mistakes.

As we address the core ethic's infraction of cheating at TJ, the entire student, teacher, and parent community of TJ need to be actively involved. The PTSA Forum on Ethics on Monday, April 17, initiated a very thoughtful discussion among articulate representatives of all three groups. They shared their ethical concerns and steps that all groups could take to enhance TJ students' ethical foundations. The PTSA is committed to fostering this dialogue with parents. The faculty has created a Task Force on Integrity to assess classroom practices and strategies that either diminish or encourage cheating. The Student Government Association (SGA) is leading an effort to strengthen TJ's Honor Code. The issue of ethics has even become a campaign issue for student SGA offices next year.

Our goal is to continue to nurture an ethical environment in which our students can grow and learn. This requires effort by all who are a part of the school. Our faculty will continue to help students understand when collaboration is good and when it becomes cheating. They will keep the lines of communication open with their students so that confusions can be discussed, expectations clarified, and, hopefully, stress diminished. Our students must accept responsibility for ensuring that their academic work is solely theirs and above reproach. Our parents are our most valuable partners in helping their children (our students) understand how to deal with stress, how to avoid the temptations to take unethical short-cuts with school work, and how to honestly admit mistakes, apologize, and move on.

In any competitive environment like TJ, there will always be the temptation to put the grade above all else. The challenge for every adult in a student's life is to constantly reinforce that being a person of integrity is the most valuable part of one's character and a higher goal than good grades. Reputations that take a lifetime to build can be destroyed by issues of integrity. Producing solid ethical citizens who are equipped to understand complex issues is TJ's best gift to our students and to the future of this nation and the world.

I will look forward to seeing all of you at our many end-of-the-year events.
Happy springtime,
Elizabeth V. Lodal

President's Message

Dear TJ Community,

Spring has officially arrived as we look at the landscaping around TJ and see the results of our dedicated volunteers who put in long hours to make the entrance into TJ a very pleasant one! I'd like to thank the Landscape Committee and volunteer students who worked so hard so all of us can enjoy the beauty of their labor.

These past weeks have been very busy for the PTSA with preparation for the Class of 2010 as we provide information to the families during the preview night with follow-up information about volunteering, directory sign-up, and Community Cluster gatherings for the rising freshmen. This year, the Class of 2010 received an excellent PTSA sponsored booklet called "From Audlob to Zero" about TJ's unique language and activities. Many hours were spent putting this booklet together by PTSA Volunteer Dorry Emmer and senior Geoff Emmer. If you would like a copy of the booklet, please check in the front office. We met many families at the Freshman Preview Night on April 19th and were excited to greet new families and enjoyed seeing current TJ families who will be with us for another four years. I would like to personally thank all of our dedicated volunteers for helping make the evening so successful. Many questions were asked and much information was provided by parent and student volunteers. At this time of the year, we celebrate Volunteer Appreciation and at TJ, we are very lucky to have so many caring volunteers and I want you all to know how much we appreciate all that you do - every day of the year! Thank you - your efforts are very much appreciated!

Our PTSA Parent Forum on Ethics held on April 17th was well attended by parents, students, and faculty. We'd like to thank the panelists for volunteering to serve and share with us their concerns about the current issues facing our school. Many questions were submitted on cards and these will be made available through the PTSA website once answers have been gathered from the team of experts. If you would still like to ask a question about ethics at TJ, please submit your comments or questions to ptsa.forum at tjhsst.edu and we will include this information on the website.

We held the PTSA Board meeting on April 19th following the Principal's Coffee in the cafeteria and would like to thank all who attended. It was a great morning and a lot was accomplished. We had the privilege of being invited to the grand opening of the student run Apple Credit Union located in the cafeteria. FCPS leaders were present and the students provided a nice reception for the guests. We applaud these industrious young students for working so hard to bring the credit union to

TJ and we encourage all students and families to visit the branch. The TJ logo personal checks looked great.

The last two months of school are approaching quickly and the activity level increases as we move into the final weeks of the school year. We will be holding a General PTSA Board meeting on **May 8th at 7:30 p.m.** in the Library where we will hold elections for the new 2006-2007 slate of PTSA officers. Please join us and meet next year's officers. The new slate will begin their service after the June PTSA meeting.

This month will also see the culmination of our 20th Anniversary celebrations on the weekend of May 20-21. A schedule of events for the Sunday afternoon picnic can be found in the newsletter and we hope you can attend. We have extended an invitation to the class of 2010 as we want to include students from the past (our alumni), the present (current students), and the future (rising freshmen). Please join us as we support our TJ community.

May is certainly a busy month as we also celebrate Teacher Appreciation. Please remember to thank our wonderful faculty and staff for their dedication to our students and school. Our PTSA will be thanking them by providing hospitality during the month.

Enjoy Springtime Celebrations!

Debbie Kilpatrick
PTSA President

PTSA Update

Highlights from the April 19th PTSA Board Meeting:

- Freshmen Preview Night: Preview night was held April 19th in the evening. PTSA helped welcome the class of 2010.
- 20th Birthday Celebration: The PTSA, in partnership with the TJ Partnership Fund and TJ Alumni Association, will be hosting a TJ community celebration in honor of



TJ's 20th birthday on Sunday afternoon, May 21 from 12 p.m. - 4 p.m. Mrs. Lodal will be making a presentation at 2:00 p.m., followed by performances of the orchestra, band and chorus at 2:15 p.m.

- **Building Initiative:** The school is expecting 9 new water fountains; one bathroom will be renovated to meet ADA standards. Anyone who would like to serve on the "Immediate Needs Committee" and "TJ Visionary Committee" committees should contact Bernadette Saperstein [ptsa.firstvp at tjhsst.edu](mailto:ptsa.firstvp@tjhsst.edu).

- **Landscaping:** The landscaping committee will be working outside TJ the weekend of April 22 and also Sunday, May 7. All help is welcome with weeding and mulching. Thank you to Jim McConnaughey for refurbishing the benches outside the Aud Lob as part of his Eagle Scout project. Thank you also to the school's Greenhouse Club sponsored by Mr. Charnitski and the Red Cross Club for planting annuals grown in the greenhouse at TJ.

- **Volunteers:** Two volunteers are needed to take over the position of volunteer coordinator. Help is needed for the AP/SOL testing in May.

- **ANGP:** ANGP needs 200 more volunteers for the party. Please sign up on the web site. Join the meetings (held every two weeks until the party in June). The Fire Marshall's constraints on the party have been increasingly demanding so the 2007 class may want to consider hosting the party at another location. FCPS has rescinded all funding this year, making this safe annual graduation celebration ever more difficult and additional fundraising is necessary.

- **Treasurer's Report:** Everything is on track with the budget. Robin Howard (Faculty Allocations Chair) has a new efficient system in place to track the expenditures from the committee.

- **Apple Credit Union:** At the meeting, Apple Credit Union celebrated their grand opening ceremony for the Colonials branch. Student branch manager, Haonan Zhang, and faculty sponsors, Milde Waterfall and Haywood Torrence all made remarks.

The next meeting of the PTSA is scheduled for May 8 at 7:30 p.m. in the TJ library. It will be a General Meeting of Members, and the membership will vote on the nominees for office for next year's PTSA. Please join us!

Cultural Liaison Program

The Cultural Liaison Program's mission is to help the TJ community overcome linguistic and cultural barriers against full participation in their children's education process. We currently have parents who speak Arabic, Chinese, Farsi, French, Japanese, Korean and Spanish volunteering in this program. If you know a TJ parent who has questions related to their child's education process but is struggling with language barriers, please contact us. Additionally, if you are interested in volunteering for this program, please call Esther Yook at 703 642 0233.



Serving the TJ Community

Volunteers

Two Volunteer Coordinators Needed for the 2006 - 2007 School Year

Would you like to learn firsthand what is going on at TJ? Would you enjoy meeting and working with the most enthusiastic and dedicated parent volunteers? Ditto for TJ's staff, students, and PTSA. Then you might want to consider becoming a Volunteer Coordinator!

Two coordinators are needed to fill requests for volunteers for the many and varied volunteer opportunities at TJ, some of which require a regular commitment, while others are occasional or "as needed." The job of Volunteer Coordinator is to:

- Match the talents and availability of volunteers with the appropriate opportunity. The Volunteer Database provides easy access to the many parent volunteers willing to commit their time and talents to TJ.
- Recruit potential volunteers by advertising in the PTSA newsletter and attending events where parents are likely to be, such as PTSA meetings, Back-to-School Night, and Principal's Coffee.

Much of the work can be done via email and telephone. Computer skills are helpful but not necessary. Training will be provided. If you would like additional information, please contact the current Volunteer Coordinators, Cindy Carter and Dorry Emmer, at [ptsa.volunteers at tjhsst.edu](mailto:ptsa.volunteers@tjhsst.edu).

Student Services Advisory Board

The Student Services Advisory Board will meet for the last time this school year on May 18. Join the SSAB to tie up loose ends and discuss any new or current issues. All parents and students are welcome to join in the Library at 7:30 p.m. If there is something particular you would like to have on the agenda please email [karen.oconnor at fcps.edu](mailto:karen.oconnor@fcps.edu). Hope to see you there.

ANGP

Seniors and parents of seniors, now that you can see the end of the TJ tunnel, please check the chart in the senior hall to see if you have purchased a ticket to the All Night Grad Party AND turned in all the necessary forms. It is the greatest event of all four years and you don't want to miss it! Remember, every week a name is drawn and if the person has bought their ticket, a gift certificate is awarded to them on Wednesday. Sadly I have drawn many names only to try again because they haven't purchased their ticket yet. Just do it!

Academic News

Spanish News

Spanish Honor Society Inductions took place in the Lecture Hall on Wed. April 26. *Felicitaciones* to the 60 new members. Nominations and elections will take place in May and we will be making *quesadillas* for J-Day. Some Spanish 3 classes are doing research projects on various Spanish speaking countries and will present their findings in class in early May.

Japanese News

Our Level 4 Japan Bowl team won the 2nd place at 2006 National Japan Bowl tournament held at the University of the District of Columbia on March 25 and 26. Kudos to Sam Davis (12), Akshay Joshi (12) and Yang Jiao (11)!! Both of Level 2 (Samantha Keyser(10), Jessica Lee (10) and Ji Eun (9)) and Level 3 (Casto Unson (11), Cindy Hui (11) and Elise Ko (11)) proceeded to the semi-final round. We would like to thank the Academic Boosters and PTSA for their support!

TJHSST School-Wide Summer Reading Initiative 2006-2007

It is with great pleasure that the committee announces the title for Jefferson's ONE BOOK - ONE COMMUNITY - ONE JEFFERSON summer reading program: *The Night Trilogy: Night, Dawn, and The Accident*, by Elie Wiesel

Night, first published in 1960, is the autobiographical account of an adolescent boy and his father in Auschwitz. Wiesel writes of their battle for survival, and of his battle with God for a way to understand the wanton cruelty he witnesses each day.



In the short novel *Dawn* (1961), a young man who has survived the Second World War and settled in Palestine is apprenticed to a Jewish terrorist gang. When he is commanded to execute a British officer who has been taken hostage, the former victim becomes an executioner.

In *The Accident* (1962), Wiesel again turns to fiction to explore the tragedy that befell him and his family and to question the limits of the spirit and the self: Can Holocaust survivors forge a new life without the memories of the old?

Our thanks to the staff who served on the title selection committee and to the students who advised them through the process. They have chosen a book that will encourage personal reflection on ethical decision-making and compassion.

Class News

2006 - Seniors

An Evening to Remember: The Senior Prom: Invitations will be mailed to every senior's home during the week of May 1-5. Students will need to register their attendance online on the TJ intranet. There is no charge for TJ seniors to attend this event, but due to security reasons, students must register in advance. The deadline is **May 31st**.

The Senior Prom is Friday, June 9 at 9 p.m., at the Westwood Country Club, in Vienna. Westwood Country Club is located on Rt. 123, 2 miles west of Tyson's Corner.

ANGP: 200 Junior & Senior Parent Volunteers DESPERATELY Needed: With less than 45 days remaining until the party we are still over 200 volunteers short of what we need for the party. Don't let our seniors down, volunteer today. JUNIOR PARENTS are especially needed for times when the senior parents will be preparing for and at graduation events and with out-of-town guests. We also need Junior Parents to help put away this year's decorations for use next year. Senior and Junior parents (as well as Freshman and Sophomore parents) are also needed for preparation from now until the party.

If you signed up but have not been contacted recently, please check the volunteer list at www.tjhsst-

angp.org. If you are not listed, it means we missed getting you on the list. Please sign up again. Please send a note to [ANGP_Volunteers at msn.com](mailto:ANGP_Volunteers@msn.com) to volunteer.

Time is Running Out to Buy ANGP Tickets: The deadline for ticket sales is June 1. Don't let your student miss this once-in-a-lifetime event because your student and you thought the other was getting the ticket, or because you missed the deadline. **Tickets will NOT be sold at the door.** Go to www.tjhsst-angp.org and download a ticket order form and mail it in today.

2007 - Juniors

Spring Formal: April 29

Junior Campout: May 26-27

Mark your calendars! Also, we will be contacting parents to help us as chaperones for both of these events, please make a contribution of your time to help our class!

Junior Parents: Senior Parents Need Your Help:

Junior parents are desperately needed to help give Senior parents time to prepare for and attend graduation events by volunteering to help with the All Night Graduation Party the day and evening of graduation.

2009 - Freshman

Freshmen Lock-In:

1. More than 100 freshmen parents have signed up to fill three shifts of chaperone positions for the annual TJ Freshmen Lock-In to be held May 12 and 13. Supervising each shift will be Jean Neitzke (7-11 p.m.); Mike and Tara McCord (11 p.m.-3 a.m.); and Lynn Borton (3-7 a.m.). Parents can still volunteer for the second and third shifts. Just e-mail Ann Besson, [bessons at cox.net](mailto:bessons@cox.net). Thank you to all the volunteers! (From this list of volunteers, we have an excellent roster with which to carry over into sophomore year!)

2. Be sure to turn in your student's lock-in paperwork and \$30 as soon as possible. How soon the money is received determines the quality of the annual event. Purchases can be made in a timely manner. Also, the balance is the first major deposit in the four-year account to build a \$10,000 balance to fund the Class of 2009 graduation.

3. Also, remember that on May 12, students are to bring the following foods to their IBET: Wood/Waterfall/Kemp: bottled water; Orser/Wood/Kemp: soda in cans or large bottles; Stevens/Rosenfeld/Hamby: fruit or vegetable tray with dip; Stevens/Curtis/Hamby: cream cheese, milk and juice; all Nelson/McFaden/Lafever: donuts, bagels

and cereal; Charnitski/Green/Pearce: munchies, such as chips, pretzels, nachos and dips; Uston/Seavey/Lafever: sweets, such as cookies, brownies, candy.

News Round-Up and Awards

Alumni

▪ Samarth Keshava and Emily Pitler, 2003 TJ graduates and students at Yale University, have created a computer algorithm for the morphological analysis of English words that won in an international competition. Emily and Samarth made a presentation on their work at the Pascal Challenges Workshop in Venice, Italy in April.

Faculty

▪ TJ Staff member Carolyn Gecan will be studying and caring for chimpanzees at the **Ape and Human communication Institute** at the Central Washington University in Ellensburg, Washington during the last 2 weeks of July. The formal name of the Earthwatch program is Caring for Chimpanzees. She will also be sponsoring/chaperoning junior TJ student Johnny Sando on his second expedition with Earthwatch to the same project; Johnny went last year on Carolyn's recommendation.

▪ TJ staff member Michael Stueben has been nominated by TJ students Daniel Schafer, Peter Diao, Haitao Mao, Jesse Geneson, and Men Young Lee for **The Edyth May Sliffe Award** for Distinguished Mathematics Teaching in High School!

▪ Congratulations to TJ staff member Shane Torbert for his recent publication of "**Advice for Solving Equations**" in the Mathematics Teacher publication April 2006. The publication of this article is a significant accomplishment, as only a small portion of the manuscripts that are received get published.

Students

▪ Juniors Frederick Mako III, Will Zeng and Soumya Nettimi were accepted into the prestigious program known as the **Research Science Institute (RSI)**. RSI is held in collaboration with the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. They were the three Virginia students of the 53 in the nation chosen to attend RSI for top math and science students. This summer program set up by the Center for Excellence in Education in collaboration with MIT will be held from June to August.

▪ Senior TJ student Sandi Wetzel, who takes German V, has been awarded the **Congress Bundestag Scholarship**. Sandi will live in Germany for one full year, staying with a host family, and attending a German high school. The Scholarships given by the American Congress and its German equivalent, the Bundestag, to offer young Americans the chance to experience German life first hand.

▪ The **American Association of Teachers of German** has awarded TJ junior Alan Fickling, a three-

week summer stay in Germany, all expenses paid. Alan was chosen by the Virginia Chapter of AATG from among 17 candidates interviewed (including three other TJ students; Jacob Welsh, Monica Li, and Thomas Bettge). The Virginia AATG chapter submitted Alan's name to the national organization, which announced his selection on March 21st. Alan is the 5th TJ student of German to win this trip in the last 5 years.

- TJ junior Emily Hillenbrand finished 2nd place in the **VHSL State Tournament for Foreign Extemporaneous Speaking**.

- TJHSST has two seniors' students: Melissa Shue and Men Young Lee that have been selected as student state winners for the **Siemens Award for Advanced Placement**. The Siemens Foundation awards scholarships for up to 100 students (potentially one female and one male in each state) who have earned the greatest number of grades of 5 on the following AP courses: Biology, Calculus BC, Chemistry, Computer Science AB, Environmental Science, Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism, Physics C: Mechanics, and Statistics. Students must obtain a grade of 5 on at least three of these exams to qualify.

- Our school TJHSST has been selected as the **State of Virginia's High School Winner for the 2005-2006 Siemens Award for Advanced Placement**. One high school per state is selected in recognition of its commitment to students and for being a leader in AP participation and performance. Schools receive a \$1,000 grant awarded from the Siemens Foundation to be used to support math and science education.

- Congratulations to 11 TJ students who are semifinalist for the **2006 Presidential Scholars** competition. They were selected as 11 of the 550 semifinalist from the Nation. They are selected based on two paths of accomplishment. The majority are selected on the basis of broad academic achievement. The students are: Rahul Agarwal, Catherine Hartman, Lisa Marrone, Rachel Miller, Daniel Schafer, Sarina Siddhanti, Joceline Vu, Wesley Williamson, Winston Yan, Elizabeth Yang, and Crystal Zheng.

- The **Ocean Bowl Team** and their sponsor, Mrs. Wu, will be traveling to the **National Ocean Sciences Bowl** finals in Monterey, CA on May 10th; Team members are: Captain Wil Kilpatrick (06), Avi Baehr (07), Seth Waddell (07), Helen Zhang (08), and Zack Yang (06),

- Congratulations to the finalists for the **Chemistry Olympiad**: Nebojsa Momcilovic, Veronica Pillar, Joel Shor and Zeshan (Jack) Wang. Senior Nebojsa Momcilovic and sophomore Zeshan (Jack) Wang will represent TJHSST and the Chemical Society of Washington (CSW) in the U.S. **National Chemistry Olympiad** at the Catholic University of America, in Washington DC.

- In its debut at the **National World Affairs Council World Quest competition**, the the TJ team of students: Scott Ylinen, Vikram Rao, Natalia Lerner,

and Lily Young all from the Topics of Globalization class - won first place!

- The following TJ students will be representing TJHSST at the **National Science Bowl** in Chevy Chase Maryland on Friday April 28 thru Monday May 1st: Charlotte Seid, Daniel Schafer, Neel Kotra, and Logan Kearsley.

- TJ has 4 winning students out of 8 students chosen from Fairfax County Public Schools and 800 students chosen Nationwide who have won Achievement Scholarships from the **2006 National Achievement Scholarship Program** (NASP). The Achievement Scholarships are awarded to Black American high school seniors to be used for undergraduate study at any regionally accredited US college or university. Congratulations to: Alexis Cook (neuroscience), Ruth Kidane (international relations), Christina Powell, Stephany Reaves (biomedical chemistry).

- Congratulations to TJ senior student Rachel Ruskin who has received the "**Legacy Heritage Internship for Young Scientist**". She will be attending a 6- week all expenses paid summer program in Israel where she will be working on an independent lab research project with a mentor at the Hebrew University.

- Congratulation to junior TJ student Robert Kalb who has been selected to play in the **2006 Sports Invitational Golf Tournament** in Maui, Hawaii this July.

- Over the past 3 weeks the TJHSST Band, Orchestra, and Chorus have had attended adjudicated festivals. This year each group received superior ratings in performance and sight reading in their respective programs. This means that TJ will be recognized as a "**Blue Ribbon School**" for our achievements in music!

- Freshman Alan Woo has been chosen to perform in the final round of the **James C. MacDonald Arts Scholarship Competition**. This will be held at the Alden Theatre at the McLean Community Center on April 5th.

- Senior Justin Solomon won First Place at the **Virginia Junior Science and Humanities Symposium** (VAJSHS) held at James Madison University. In addition to scholarship money, Solomon was awarded a trip to Albuquerque NM, where he will compete for additional prizes at the 44th Annual National Junior Science and Humanities Symposium, sponsored by the Academy of Applied Science

- Senior Jonathan Nussbaum was named a State Honoree by The **Prudential Spirit of Community Awards** for his work raising nearly \$50,000 for cancer research by organizing Northern Virginia's first youth-only Relay for Life, a fund-raising and cancer awareness event that benefits the American Cancer Society. Each of the 102 State Honorees will receive \$1,000, an engraved silver medallion and an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C., May 6-9 for several days of national recognition events. Ten of them will be named America's top youth volunteers for 2006 at that time.

Odyssey of the Mind Teams go to World Finals

Four TJ teams will go to the World Finals of Odyssey of the Mind in Ames, Iowa on May 24-27. To qualify at the State Finals they placed first or second in their problem, as follows:

- Winning first place in the "Jungle Bloke" problem were Vidya Avadhanam, Kevin Brown, Ankur Desai, Peter Gudmundsen, Richard Kim, Peter Kole, and Kevin Pujanauski. This team hopes to help an international team while competing at the World Finals but becoming an international "Buddy Team."
 - Taking top honors in the "Tech Transfer" problem were Sarah Benjamin, Ioana Cristei, Emily Gillevet, Nadir Ijaz, Michael Lowman, Brian Wu, and Tim Xu.
 - Earning second place were the team of Sumit Malik, Ryan Kim, Jeanette Miranda, Mounika Garlapati, Zoe Renfro, and Josh Lee, also in the "Tech Transfer" problem.
 - Also winning second were James Heard, Molly Patterson, Christianna Hay, and Michael Meadows in the "Great Parade" problem.
 - Four other TJ students, Colton O'Connor, Alfie Parthum, Robert Pasacki, and Josh Mullins, will be attending the World Finals as part of a multi-school team representing Chantilly.
- Congratulations to all these TJ students for their success and good luck at the World Finals.

National Merit Scholarship Corporation Scholarships

Seven TJ students of the twelve FCPS students have been awarded corporate-sponsored scholarships from the National Merit Scholarship Corporation. The students are part of a group of approximately 1,000 National Merit finalists chosen to receive scholarships financed by companies, foundations, and other business organizations.

- Chen Chen (corporate law), Northrop Grumman merit scholarship.
- Yidan Chen (business management), Computer Sciences Corporation merit scholarship.
- Anna Draganova (biology), Accenture merit scholarship.
- Daniel Levick (engineering), SAIC merit scholarship.
- Timothy Loffredo (computer science), Lockheed Martin merit scholarship.
- James Mathews (theoretical physics), the McGraw Hill Companies merit scholarship.
- Joceline Vu (biochemistry), SAIC merit scholarship.

Science and Engineering Fair

TJ students had 17 of the 49 projects nominated for Grand Prize at the prestigious **Regional Science and Engineering Fair** held at Robinson Secondary School on March 17-19. Congratulations are in order for Jefferson seniors Zixuan (Jennifer) Wang and Lisa Marrone who were among the eleven individual Grand

Prize winners in the competition. Jennifer and Lisa will compete in the International Science and Engineering Fair in Indianapolis in May. Winston Yan was named Grand Prize Alternate, and the team of Jacqueline Andros, Courtney Dressing and Harry Kashdan was named Team Grand Prize Alternate. The TJ students who won 1st place awards in their categories are: Tara Benesch and Elizabeth Yang, Jennifer Wang, Sarah Wessel, Justin Solomon, Ankur Sisodia, Jacqueline Andros, Courtney Dressing and Harry Kashdan, Frederick Mako, Sandeep Das, Matthew Pyrak, Kareem El-Gohary, and Edward Rice, Victor Zhu, Lisa Marrone, Angela Zhang, Manvi Goel, Sarah Marzen, Winston Yan, Colton O'Connor, Sappho Gilbert, and Charlotte Seid. Each 1st place winner has been invited to participate in the Virginia State Science and Engineering Fair at Randolph Macon College on April 8.

At the 2006 **Virginia State Science and Engineering Fair** held at Randolph-Macon College in Ashland, the science projects of two TJ students were named Best of Fair and two TJ students won first place awards in two of the categories

- Lisa Marrone earned Best of Fair for her project, "A Novel Function of Lactate Transporter MCT1"
- Justin Solomon earned Best of Fair for his project, "Three-Dimensional Face Recognition From Video: Facial Surface Reconstruction and Analysis Using Tensor Algebra and Differential Geometry"
- Angela Zhang's project, "Examination of the Role of Spt2 in Genome Instability in *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*" was named Best of Fair Alternate.
- Lisa Marrone was the first place winner in the Medicine and Health category. She was also selected as the first place winner in Medicine and Health by Virginia Dental.
- Justin Solomon was the first place winner in the Computer Science category. He was also selected as a special award winner by the Institute of Industrial Engineers (first place), Intel (excellence in computer science), the Optical Society of America (outstanding achievement in applied optics), SAIC (honorable mention), the U.S. Army (best project in engineering, environmental studies, math-computer science, life sciences, and physical sciences), and the U.S. Navy and Marine Corps.
- Angela Zhang was the first place winner in the Microbiology category.
- Winston Yan won a first place award in the Physics category for "Sensitivity of 1/f Noise to Chemical Constituents."

Virginia Stock Market Game

Ben Cohen and Ben Kuebrich, two seniors at TJ competing as a team, bested 588 other teams to come in #1 in the Washington Post region of the Virginia Stock Market Game (SMG), Spring Competition. The team also ranked 2nd in the Commonwealth of Virginia, competing

against 2,127 other teams. National rankings are not yet available.

In ten weeks this team, with its investments, turned an initial stake of \$100,000 into \$142,644.06. This is a return of 42.64% - or annualized, a return of 222%. For its accomplishments the team will be honored at a brunch, hosted by the Washington Post on May 22, 2006 to which their parents, the team sponsor (Haywood Torrence), and Mrs. Lodal will be invited guests. Thomas Jefferson will receive a trophy inscribed with their names, and the students will each receive a savings bond in the amount of \$100. For their second place, statewide finish, the students will also be honored at an event that will be held in Richmond, Jefferson will receive another trophy, and the students will receive other prizes.

The SMG, which is sponsored by the Virginia Council on Economic Education, is an educational program based of a real-life simulation of the stock markets. Students work in small teams under the supervision of a teacher sponsor and learn about Wall Street trading, public ownership of companies, the costs, risks, and rewards of financial decision-making, teamwork and research skills. The game lasts for 10 weeks, and participants invest a hypothetical \$100,000 in NASDAQ, AMEX, NYSE-listed common stocks and mutual funds. They research stocks, study how the financial markets work, choose their portfolios, manage budgets, follow companies in the news, and make decisions on whether to buy, sell, or hold. They can compare their portfolios' performance to peers on a weekly basis.

TJHSST Partnership Fund

Orbital Sciences Corporation and TJ

Sometimes it's all about the difference that one person can make... and at TJ the "one person" is often a student. A conversation with a teacher and the Division Manager for Science and Technology - led to a meeting with our Principal Elizabeth Lodal --- and another with the Jefferson Partnership Fund's executive director.

And thanks to Class of 2006 senior Jason Ethier, and other TJ alumni who have preceded him in Mentorships at Orbital Sciences Corporation, TJ and Orbital have entered a partnership that will advance the development of curriculum for a new elective course in Systems Engineering, and collaboration on the construction of a miniature satellite by TJ students, faculty and Orbital engineers at TJ! Orbital has committed to purchasing a CubeSat kit - and quality control on its construction to assure launch worthiness on an Orbital Pegasus. Later this month, TJ faculty Adam Kemp will accompany an Orbital systems engineer to San Luis Obispo, California to attend a three-day CubeSat conference. We look

forward to sharing updates on this exciting new partnership in the coming months!

Spring Appeal Underway

All parents should have received the Jefferson Partnership Fund's Spring Newsletter earlier this month, highlighting accomplishments over the past year. This has been a year of record contributions from parents, alumni, and corporations! If you have not yet made your gift, please consider a donation to the Jefferson Partnership Fund's Spring Appeal. A donation form is included with the newsletter, or you may download a form or donate online at www.tjpartnershipfund.org. Many thanks to the hundreds of TJ families who have donated generously throughout this school year - your gifts are being invested in academic and research excellence for our students...

Welcome to the New Freshmen Class of 2010 and their Proud Parents

The Jefferson Partnership Fund congratulates and welcomes the members of the Class of 2010 and their parents to the TJ Community. The Jefferson Partnership Fund is a 501(c) (3) private education foundation established by TJ's PTSA in 1999 to help assure that Thomas Jefferson remains a premier cutting-edge school through private support that provides a state-of-the-art scientific and technological educational environment for future leaders. We look forward to working with you in the coming years on our shared commitment to educational excellence at TJ.

TJHSST Boosters

Academic Boosters

Join Us in Celebrating All TJ's Academic Teams:

Although the school year is coming to a close, TJ's academic teams continue to compete, but now the stakes are higher as they compete in national and international events. The **Future Problem Solvers** will be competing in this year's FPS International Bowl in Colorado Springs. **Odyssey of the Mind** will be sending teams to the international competition in Iowa. Our **Chess Team** is sending 11 students to the national chess championships in Milwaukee. Two **Policy Debate** teams will be at the CFL national competition held Memorial Day Week End. **Ocean Bowl Team** will be competing in Monterey, CA at the National Ocean Sciences Bowl. And so on.

If you want to meet and congratulate members of our championship teams, you have two chances later this spring. Team representatives will be present at the TJ@20 picnic on Sunday, May 21. We'll have chess boards set up and members of our Academic Team may try to stump you with questions that they've been asked

at tournaments this year. See if you can answer and win a prize.

On Wednesday, June 7, at 6:30 in the cafeteria, Academic Boosters will host our annual awards ceremony. There will be plenty of food, and at 7 we'll start the ceremony, at which students from each team will take turns thanking the coaches and sponsors who helped them all year long. Come hear the students and join us in celebrating the students, faculty members and parents who've worked so hard to make this year a success.

Support our great academic teams by joining Academic Boosters. Questions? Contact Boosters' president Andrea Field at afield@hunton.com.

Band Boosters

- Chantilly Jazz Festival: Jazz I achieved a "superior" rating in this prestigious competition. This talented ensemble also helped welcome the Class of 2010 on Freshmen Preview Night.
- Winter Guard and Drum Line: These ensembles ended the season with an exciting trip to Atlanta, Georgia. The Guard finished 7th overall, and 2nd of the Northern Virginia competitors. The Drum Line finished 4th overall. The Band Boosters would like to thank the many parent volunteers who made this trip possible.
- All-Virginia Band and Orchestra: In early April, 9 TJ band members joined 11 TJ orchestra members and represented TJ at music clinics and concerts in Richmond. Our students comprised the largest contingent from a public school.
- TJ License Plate Frames Available: Attention all classes, advertise your academic achievements with enthusiasm and pride; order one or more customized license plate frames. Contact: [jfhurl at yahoo.com](mailto:jfhurl@yahoo.com), (703) 323-9710. See frame samples at: http://www.toward.com/tjbandboosters/Fund_Raisers/license_plate_frames.htm.
- Scrip/Gift Cards: Attention Class of 2006 parents -- purchase scrip and/or gift cards by contacting: [PLLEE10 at aol.com](mailto:PLLEE10@aol.com). A list of available scrip and gift cards is available at: http://www.toward.com/tjbandboosters/Fund_Raisers/scrip.htm.

Colonial Athletic Boosters

- Congratulations to Taylor Bostick and Stephany Reaves who were named All-Met Honorable Mention for indoor track.
- The TJ Varsity Girls' Lacrosse team has started the year with a 3-2 record and are ranked 9th in the area Coaches' Poll. Cheli Bleda has been awarded a full lacrosse scholarship at Davidson and Ruth Isenstadt has been named an Echols Scholar at UVA.

- The boys track team won their most recent invitational, the Scudieri Challenge. First places went to junior Richard Prevost in the 3200 meter run and senior Megan de Bettencourt in pole vault.
- Looking for that perfect gift for graduation? For \$25 you can purchase your senior an alumni pass that is good for life for entrance to all games. It is as easy as going to our website <http://sports.tjhsst.edu/boosters> and click on membership for the form.

Crew Boosters

TJ Crew turned in some great performances during April. For the first full regatta of the year on April 1, out of eleven TJ boats entered, seven took first place, one took



second place (to another TJ boat in the same race) and one placed third. The Crew followed up with another strong outing on April 8. The top two boats, the Women's and Men's Varsity 8s took second and first places respectively on the Potomac at the George Washington Invitational. The Crew's other boats all rowed up one level at the Occoquan and came away with three first place finishes. Unfortunately, the lower boats were unable to compete as the regatta was called due to heavy rain and cold.

The Virginia State Championship Regatta on May 13 is the next big step for TJ Crew. This will be followed by the Stotesbury Cup in Philadelphia on 19-20 May and the Scholastic Rowing Association of America Championship in Saratoga

Spring NY on 26-27 May, which ends the rowing season. With the exceptional strength and depth of this



year's TJ Crew, expect to see some outstanding results at these national regattas.

As always, if you have questions about Crew, contact Head Coach Matt Shoop at [shoop2 at cox.net](mailto:shoop2@cox.net). If you

have any general questions about the team or the TJ Crew Booster organization, please check out the team web site at <http://sports.tjhsst.edu/crew/> or contact Mark Peterson, Crew Booster President, at markpusafb@gmail.com.



Orchestra Boosters

The TJ Orchestras traveled to Boston in late March to perform at the Heritage Music Festival, competing against many other orchestras from around the country. TJ received both Silver and Gold trophies for their performances, and also the coveted "Spirit of Boston Award" - Presented to the School Who Best Represents its Community and State at the 2006 Boston Heritage Music Festival!

In addition to the competition, Orchestra students enjoyed visiting the USS

Constitution/Old Ironsides, the New England Aquarium, the Prudential Center, Quincy Market, Harvard Square, and at the historic Boston Symphony Hall, enjoyed a Boston Symphony concert performance which featured the renowned violinist, Joshua Bell. It was a spectacular trip for everyone! Many thanks to Ms. Bailey for arranging such a memorable trip.



Mark your calendars for the **Spring Viennese Ball**, to be held on Friday, June 2nd in the Cafeteria. You will want to join us for one of TJ's classiest affairs, with wonderful decorations, finger foods and desserts, and classical music provided by our own Orchestra to waltz the evening away. Requests for volunteers and donations will be coming out to Orchestra Boosters members soon.

Think Spring and think TJ low-cut socks and plush gym towel - available from the TJ Orchestra Boosters! The white socks feature "Jefferson" woven into the low-cut 1" navy and red cuff - perfect for spring and summer sports. The white plush cotton velour 16" x 26" towel features the TJHSST orb logo and is perfect for working out at the gym, or fine enough to serve as guest towels in your powder room.

Contact Christine Kleiber, tjhsstorchestraboosters@msn.com, or Marilyn Myers, myers8163@aol.com, to purchase these fine products.

Theater Boosters

School for Scandal, a comedy satirizing fashionable 18th century society amused TJ audiences with its materialism, gossip and hypocrisy. Slander and clandestine love affairs combined to create an entertaining play that is as timely as ever. The performance proved to be delightful entertainment and a fabulous final show. *Bravo to the cast and crew for a wonderful production!*



Sir Peter Teazle and Lady Teazle



School for Scandal

Performances

TJ Shakespeare Troupe Spring show will be *Antony and Cleopatra*, the Bard's tragedy of war and love that takes place in Egypt and Rome. This final Troup show for the year will be presented May 17, 18, 19 at 7:30 p.m.

Announcements and Information

Landscaping

Special thanks are owed to those who have worked so hard this school year beautifying TJ's grounds. In



August, for his Eagle Scout Service Project, Matthew Hoel (Class of 2008) organized a team of fellow Troop 994 Scouts and

parents. They transformed the two main garden beds in the front of the school by weeding and mulching as well as installing 97 new plants and shrubs. TJ parent (Joel, Class of 2006)/Landscape Designer, Ellen Peterson provided the spectacular plan for these garden beds utilizing native plants and shrubs that will provide year round interest and color (school colors!). Ellen continues to guide us with her expertise and hands on assistance. In April, for his Eagle Scout Project, James McConnaughey (Class of 2008) and Scouts from his LDS Troop 827 refurbished the five benches outside the aud lab. Soon they'll paint them blue to coordinate with the building's trim. Sharon Kim (Class of 2006) and the TJ Red Cross Club will be doing their annual beautification project for the school by planting red annuals grown by TJ's Greenhouse Club.



Such curb appeal but we're not done! Please join us and other Landscape Volunteers on Sunday, May 7, at 9 a.m., for more weeding and mulching. Bring gardening gloves and tools (shovel, rake, etc.) if you have them. Thank you again.

For information, please contact Michele Pitler [Mb1955 at aol.com](mailto:Mb1955@aol.com) and Mary and Michael Martin [fivemartins at earthlink.net](mailto:fivemartins@earthlink.net) TJ PTSA Landscaping Co-Chairs

TJHSST Required Summer Reading Book Fair

Again this year, the TJHSST Library is coordinating a book fair for required summer reading titles. In addition to this year's "One Book - One Community - One Jefferson" book, Elie Wiesel's *The Night Trilogy*, students may purchase available books that are recommended or required summer reading for some of their 2006-2007 courses.

- The order forms for the book fair have been mailed home to parents and are also available on the TJHSST Library Web site at <http://www.tjhsst.edu/~library/>.
- The direct link to the order form for rising Freshmen is <http://www.tjhsst.edu/~library/docs/gr9bkfr2006.pdf>
- The direct link to the order form for rising Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors is <http://www.tjhsst.edu/~library/docs/gr10-12bkfr2006.pdf>

Books ordered through the Book Fair are purchased tax-free and proceeds from the sales go directly to help fund Library operations. Please return completed order forms along with checks payable to "TJHSST Library" no later than May 3, 2006.

Pre-paid orders will be available for pick-up in the Library from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on May 31 and June 1. A very limited number of extra copies of some titles will be available for purchase during those hours as well. Questions? Contact the librarians at 703-750-8325.

Athletic Boosters Annual Sports Physicals

Mark your calendars for June 7th to get your student's annual sports physical at TJ. The Colonial Athletic Boosters are sponsoring this popular at-school fundraiser to ensure that our athletes are ready for the 2006-2007 season and also to support TJ's many fine athletic programs. Medical professionals will perform the physicals. The full \$50 fee is a donation to support TJ athletics. TJ students, siblings, and friends needing physical exams for sports or summer camp are welcome.

Save yourself a trip to the doctor's office! Just call the TJ Athletic Training room at 703-750-8387 starting May 15th between 12 p.m. and 6 p.m. to make an appointment. The Virginia High School Athletic Physical form (Revised May 2005 version) and HIPPA form can be picked up from the TJ Athletic Office and **MUST BE FILLED OUT AND HAVE YOUR PARENT'S/GUARDIAN'S SIGNATURE BEFOREHAND**. Appointments will be held June 7th, from 3-8 p.m. (no walk-ins after 7:30). Come one, come all, and get your physical at TJ! Parent volunteers are needed to help. If you can help, please contact: Heather Murphy, ATC, 703-750-8387 or by email at [heather.murphy at fcps.edu](mailto:heather.murphy@fcps.edu). Come one, come all, and get your physical at TJ!

Physicians Wanted... Needed... Appreciated!

If you are a TJ parent and a physician (MD or DO), physician assistant (PA) or nurse practitioner, please consider helping out with the TJ Colonial Athletic Boosters' major fundraiser on June 7th. Last year this fundraiser provided over \$8,000 in support of our various sports programs. Your expertise and a few hours of your time will greatly benefit our TJ athletes! If you are willing to volunteer, please call Heather Murphy, ATC at 703-750-8387.

Guaranteed Fun for Junior Parents

Many schools have a tradition of having junior parents host the All Night Graduation party for its graduating seniors. In this way, senior families are free to enjoy the events surrounding graduation and spend time with visiting family and friends. Each class is in turn celebrated by the following class.

As a first step toward moving closer to that model here at TJ, we would love to see increased participation by junior parents in helping to set-up and work while senior parents are transporting family and attending graduation. We also need to locate an energetic parent who would like to shadow our current chair during the last few weeks of preparation in order to become familiar with the schedule, the entertainment and vendors, etc. This year's parents have worked hard to hand over excellent records, schedules, tips, and recommendations for next year's chairpersons. Please contact either Joanne Rehm, Chair, at [jorehm at cox.net](mailto:jorehm@cox.net), or Cindy Jubinsky at [ANGP_Volunteers at msn.com](mailto:ANGP_Volunteers@msn.com) for more information.

Junior parents!! The senior class needs you!

As per tradition, the parents of juniors help the current senior class by assisting with some minor tasks at prom. Your duties would include helping to check students in,

servicing soda and distributing prom favors. It is also a great way to learn about how proms at TJ are run. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact prom chair Natalia Lerner at [nlerner at cox.net](mailto:nlerner@cox.net).

Apple Credit Union Colonial Branch

At its debut at Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology, the Apple Federal Credit Union opened its Colonial Branch headed under a full student management staff. The Colonial Branch office is in the cafeteria, right next to the security office. Its first year, the credit union is open Wednesdays and Fridays, during lunch. The student-run chain of credit unions has already had a large presence within the area, making TJHSST its 20th high school partner. The AFCU sees itself as a necessary part of any high school, giving students real-world experience in the financial world.

Offering services ranging from Visa check cards, credit cards, savings accounts, and loans, the AFCU allows students to have a large advantage once out of high school. Since opening, the bank has seen much popularity of its Visa card services; students can build credit, purchase items online, and have the low rates exclusive only to Thomas Jefferson students and staff. Following its grand opening, the AFCU is having a variety of specials, and certain clubs have joined with AFCU to spread its services throughout by encouraging students to open accounts with lettering credit, and club-specific promotions. It is absolutely vital that high school students are given the advantage of having full financial knowledge instead of having fiscal responsibility and expectations suddenly forced on them once they are off to college.

As a credit union, students and faculty are offered exclusively to high interest checking accounts and low interest loans. Encourage your student to open an account so you can open yours!



More information can be provided by Colonial Branch Manager: Haonan Zhang; Marketing Director: Ted Cho; Tellers: Berit Fitzsimmons, Amy Bisker, Sarah Peterson, Amilie Napier, Amy Bhatia, Andrew Kim, Colin Buss, Maria Sinziana Hada, Leo Ahnn.

Robotics Workshops For Kids

The Fairfax County Association for the Gifted (FCAG) is sponsoring robotics workshops for fourth through eighth grade students on Saturday, May 20th, at the local branch of Virginia Tech, 7054 Haycock Road, Falls Church, VA 22043. The morning workshops start at 8:30 AM and end at 12 noon. Afternoon workshops start at 1:30 p.m. and end at 5 p.m. Instructors include the FIRST Lego League coordinators for Virginia, experienced robotics coaches, and adult and high school

volunteers. There will be simultaneous parent workshops on organizing FLL teams and tournaments.

To cover the cost of the facilities and equipment, these workshops will cost \$30 per child. To register your child for the workshop, please call Louise Epstein at 703-917-7960.

FCAG also is seeking adult and high school volunteers, especially those with computer programming or engineering backgrounds. Volunteers will be trained before the morning and afternoon workshops, and lunch will be provided to them between the morning and afternoon sessions. Please call Louise Epstein at 703-917-7960 if you or one of your students is able to volunteer.

Noteworthy Dates

May	June
3 CAC Coordinating Group (7:30, Career Center)	2 Spring Viennese Ball (Cafeteria)
8 PTSA General Meeting of Members (7:30 p.m., Library)	5 HRC Meeting (4:00 p.m., College Career Center)
9 Diversity Committee Meeting (7:00 p.m., Career Center)	7 Athletic Boosters' annual sports physical at TJ
12 Freshmen Lock In (7 p.m.)	7 Academic Boosters Annual Awards Ceremony (6:30 p.m., Cafeteria)
15 HRC Meeting (4:00 p.m., College Career Center)	7 CAC Coordinating Group (7:30, Career Center)
16 ANGP Committee Meeting (7:00 p.m., Career Center)	7 ANGP Committee Meeting (7:00 - Career Center)
17 Senior: surveys & Panoramic photo at Tj	9-14 senior exams (see Guidance section for specifics)
17-19 Antony and Cleopatra (7:30 p.m., Auditorium)	9 Prom (Westwood Country Club)
19 J-Day	12 PTSA Meeting (7:30 p.m., Library)
20 Gala Fundraiser - George Mason University	13 Diversity Committee Meeting (7:00 p.m., Career Center)
21 TJ@20 Community Celebration Picnic (TJ)	13 Seniors: Baccalaureate at 7pm at Word of Life Church
29 Memorial Day Holiday	14 ANGP Committee Meeting (7:00 - Career Center)
	15 Mandatory graduation rehearsal (1:30 p.m., TJ) followed by Senior picnic.
	16 ANGP Final Preparations (All day, TJ)
	17 Graduation (8:00 p.m., Patriot Center, GMU)
	20 Last Day of School

TJ@20 Community Picnic

Sunday, May 21st

12 - 4:00 p.m.

Schedule of Events:

*Student activities and booths
scheduled throughout the afternoon*

Wrestling Exhibitions:

1:00 p.m.

Gym I

Performance of Choir and Orchestra:

2:00 p.m.

Auditorium

TJ Art Display:

TJ Authors Corner

1 - 3 p.m.

Library

Dear Seniors/Parents,

The school year is almost over, and the senior issue of tjTODAY is fast approaching. Three years ago, tjTODAY started a new policy of allowing seniors to place personal ads in this issue. The product was highly successful so we are offering this opportunity to you again. Seniors receive their issue at graduation rehearsal.

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Deadline for all advertisement submissions: May 30, 2006

Please retain a copy of all materials submitted, as tjTODAY will not return submissions. We recommend that you send in a copy and keep the original. Thanks!

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Student's name: _____ Parent's name: _____

Telephone number: (____) _____ -- _____

Address: _____

Package (circle one only): A B C D Amount of check: \$ _____ . _____

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Check List

- Join the celebration at the TJ Community Picnic on Sunday, May 21st from 12- 4:00 p.m.
- Volunteer to serve as a 2006-07 PTSA Committee Chair!
- It's gardening time - plant those flowers!