

## Principal's Letter

Dear parents/guardians, teachers, and students,

For the first time in the history of TJ, two of our students finished in the top 10 at the Intel Science Talent Search competition. Narendra Tallapragada received a \$25,000 scholarship for his project to find ways to simplify complex models of atomic and molecular interactions. Alex Kim received a \$20,000 scholarship for researching the variation and diversification in populations of the Giant American River Prawn, the largest freshwater invertebrate in North America. Both have been fantastic science students and have been building on their research projects for at least two years. They got started in different ways, where one took advantage of summer research opportunities with one of our research partners, Mitre, and the other approached a TJ teacher with a passion to work on his research project during 8th period and outside the school days. In addition to the Intel Science Talent Search, congratulations to our regional science fair winners, Joy Lee and Sumit Malik, who will compete at the International Science and Engineering Fair in Reno this May. If your student would like to get involved in extra research opportunities offered at TJ, they should be in contact with one of our lab directors, or Mr. Pearce and Mrs. Kobick, for summer opportunities.

Mr. Scott McNealy, Chairman of the Board of Directors at Sun Microsystems, paid a visit to TJ on March 11. On his tour, TJ students explained how we have implemented a Sun network and how students are using the operating system Solaris from the large grant we received a year ago. He was impressed with our students' work, and certainly happy that all students learn Java in their computer science course at TJ. He gave a presentation to over 100 students in our lecture hall about the founding

and strategies of Sun. He also gave good advice for students on how they could maintain an entrepreneurial spirit in their future, and he reminded us of the importance of ethical practices with technology.

In late March, I participated on a panel which met with groups of high school principals in Beijing, Nanjing, and Hangzhou. The panel also included former high school principals who are now serving as a non-profit organization director to help the Chicago Public Schools, a program director from the Gates Foundation, and a Dean from Harvard. In addition to presenting at conferences, I had the chance to visit some of their best high schools and speak directly with students who, like TJ students, ask very insightful questions. The trip was remarkable, as I have learned firsthand about the Chinese education system, their culture, and their perspectives about globalization, competitiveness, and politics. I have made numerous contacts with Chinese high school principals to enable videoconference communication between our classrooms in the future. Our students will need to collaborate together across nations in order to address important problems that affect our world.

As always, please contact me ([Evan.Glazer at fcps.edu](mailto:Evan.Glazer@fcps.edu)) if you have ideas to make TJ an even better place for learning and growing.

Have a safe, enjoyable, and relaxing Spring Break!

Yours truly,  
Evan Glazer  
TJ Principal

## PTSA President's Message

Congratulations seniors! Welcome freshman!

We are very proud of all of our seniors and wish them the best of luck with their college decisions. We also extend a warm welcome to the incoming freshmen and their parents as they begin their TJ experience.

As I listen to the news filled with stories about families with tragic losses from accidents or violence, along with the roller coaster economic news, I can't help but feel very grateful for the success and support of our great school community. Though we are still facing many of the county issues we have been pondering for several months, there are manageable, if sometimes undesirable, solutions to our problems. We need to remain strong advocates for our children and ourselves.

The budget remains a big issue and no doubt many of you are hearing about some teacher losses. These decisions were made based on seniority, part time status and department needs and not on performance. I know we value all of our teachers, and if you know a teacher who may be leaving, please take a moment to let them know how grateful you are for the gift of their time and talent to TJ. This is not a welcome circumstance for any of us but it is a good time to offer gratitude and support.

The executive committee and I have been involved in a number of meetings. In summary, though the bell schedule proposal was rejected by the School Board, I think FCPS transportation will look at making some cost savings by adjusting some start times by not more than ½ hour. The Board of Supervisors will be offering their marked-up budget at the end of April. After that it will be the job of the School Board to divide the "fiscal pie" as they see fit, with feedback from the FCPS community. We will be lobbying the Board of Supervisors (BOS) to provide full funding of the requested county transfer. This number has been revised from about \$57 million to \$25 million because of money received from the federal stimulus package. We would encourage everyone to write to their BOS representative as well. When the budget reaches the School Board we will also lobby in particular on those issues which affect TJ.

We discussed the depot busing problem at the last PTSA meeting and are considering an online petition, in addition to individual letters and emails. Please remember that this is a school-wide issue even if you don't use the afternoon buses. Many students, including incoming freshman who are not yet able to lobby on their own behalf, rely on the afternoon transportation and we need to make sure it is available to protect everyone's opportunity to attend TJ.

Lastly, FCPS will be making recommendations to the School Board regarding revisions to the grading policy (10 point scale with pluses and minuses) soon. The issue of Honors weighting has not been resolved. While not a unanimous opinion, most parents, teachers and students we polled were not in favor of having an A+. We are lobbying to have Honors weighting instituted retroactively as recommended by the superintendent, but have concerns that this will be done only prospectively. We will continue to use the e-blast system to keep you informed. Please be an advocate where you can.

As usual, the remainder of this issue is filled with wonderful information and accolades for our students. Enjoy!

Thanks.  
Liz Ross  
PTSA President

### FYI

**PTSA MEETING** – Monday, April 13, 7pm – We will have the presentation by the nominating committee of their executive committee slate for next year. There will be follow-up discussion on the budget, grading policy and depot busing issues.

**COLLEGE CAREER NIGHT** - Thursday, April 16, 7:30pm, auditorium.

**PTSA BOARD POSITIONS FOR NEXT YEAR** - Please consider volunteering for a PTSA Board position next year. We are particularly in need of volunteers over the summer to work on the directory and PTSA website. Contact [ptsa@tjhsst.edu](mailto:ptsa@tjhsst.edu).

## PTSA Update

### Volunteer Coordinators

Thanks to our many volunteers who have been busy helping TJ run smoothly this year! A special thanks to the drivers and chaperones for our visiting Japanese students – we hope you enjoyed the interaction as much as they did!

#### Help Needed: AP Exam Proctors

It's that time of year again when we're looking for folks to help with AP exams at Jefferson on May 4-15. We have a total of 96 exam slots to fill, so please volunteer to help out at least once each week to help things run smoothly for our children.

Volunteers are needed to be present for 3-hour exams (exams vary in length, but the average is 3 hours). Duties include distributing and collecting exams, collecting trash, bathroom monitoring, tissue patrol, etc. Someone else is in charge but we must have folks in the room as helpers! Morning shift is 8:15-noon; afternoon shift is 12-3:45. Please contact Kathy Young at 703-623-9007 or at [gyoungcoach at gmail.com](mailto:gyoungcoach@gmail.com). Thank you!

**Urgent! CAB Webmaster Needed!** The Colonial Athletic Boosters' webmaster is "graduating" in June. We need a volunteer to take over maintenance of the website beginning with the 2009-2010 school year. The position involves: XHTML; CSS; FTP or WinSCP; Photoshop (or equivalent); making PDFs; monitoring the webmaster email address; updating the site with rosters, scores, photos, documents, brochures, etc.; archiving the previous year's information, and setting up the next year's site. Minimal PHP and some Javascript are helpful. Dreamweaver will make your life easier but is not required. If you have any questions, please contact our current webmaster, Vicky Linnell, at [TJAthleticBoosters at gmail.com](mailto:TJAthleticBoosters@gmail.com). We will welcome you with open arms!!

We will announce the date for the summer packet-stuffing in the next Techcetera issue. We hope many of our "veteran stuffers" will be willing to join us. We finished in record time last year, and would love to be even quicker this year! As always, you may contact us at [tjvolunteers at gmail.com](mailto:tjvolunteers@gmail.com).

~~Jill Cook and Rajni Goel  
PTSA Volunteer Coordinators

## Serving the TJ Community

### Free Money

Store	Start	End	Notes
Amazon.com	ongoing		Click on <b>TJ's Amazon icon</b> at <a href="http://tjhsst.edu/pts">http://tjhsst.edu/pts</a> before adding items to your cart.
Bloom	ongoing		Register your card for # <b>01218</b>
eScrip.com	ongoing		Sign up with TJ # <b>154534149</b> . Use website to shop online at your favorite stores.
Giant / Peapod	Oct 3	Apr 2	
Harris Teeter	Aug 1	May 31	Register your card for <b>5534</b> . Only HT brands count.
Office Depot	ongoing		Provide # <b>70103076</b> at check out.
Safeway	Oct 1	May 31	Register your card for # <b>154534149</b>
Target Redcard	ongoing		Register your card for # <b>119746</b>
Verizon	ongoing		Call 1-888-695-5299, mention code, <b>12679</b> , when ordering new services.

### Some shopping programs are winding down. Others earn all year!

Be proud of yourselves for accruing over \$11,000 of free money so far this school year from the programs below! Over \$5,000 is from Giant. Please note that Giant contributions end April 2. If you can, shop at Safeway and Harris Teeter through May 31 to continue to earn free money while you buy groceries. If you have any questions, please contact Nora Callahan at [norava at verizon.net](mailto:norava@verizon.net).

### ANGP – All Night Grad Party

More than 80% of the senior class have already bought their ticket to the capstone celebration of their four years at TJ, the All-Night Grad Party (ANGP)! Let's get that as close as possible to 100% by the end of April, both for planning purposes and so your ticket money will go to your student's party.



We won't be sending you a paper ticket, and there won't be a paper ticket to lose. Students who have had their tickets paid for will simply be on "[The List](#)" of attendees at the front door. To check to see if your student's name

is there, go to:

[http://information.tjhsst.edu/gradparty/tickets.html#ticket\\_list](http://information.tjhsst.edu/gradparty/tickets.html#ticket_list).

To those of you who have held off buying your student's ANGP ticket, please make your purchase by the end of April. One main reason to do so is that the purchase price will then definitely go toward YOUR student's party, the one for the Class of 2009. After this month, much of the ANGP proceeds will end up being held over to the Class of 2010. (See below the **ANGP Mythbusters** for yet more reasons to act now!)

The price is **\$109** and is all-inclusive for food, music, activities, door prizes, etc.

Please note that the ANGP is dedicated to making sure that no one is unable to attend because of financial constraints. If you would like to request a scholarship to the party for your senior, please contact your student's counselor, who will make sure this is handled privately.

***Here's how to purchase:***

1) Fill out the form at the end of this newsletter, or go to <http://information.tjhsst.edu/gradparty/tickets.html> for the Ticket Order and Acknowledgement of Risk form.

2) Write a check for **\$109** to "TJHSST PTSA-ANGP," send it with the form to this address: Julia Villacorta, ANGP '09 Tickets, 8304 Hunting Hill, McLean, VA 22102 **OR** drop form and check off in the TJ front office in the "Grad Party" box.

If you haven't bought your ticket yet, you should have been contacted by one of us by email to encourage you to do so.

NOTE: If you know for sure your student *won't* be attending, please email Julia Villacorta at [thevillacortas1@mac.com](mailto:thevillacortas1@mac.com). That way we won't keep writing and calling to remind you!

## ANGP Mythbusters

### **1. Parent: "I'll just stop by TJ that night to see what is going on."**

No parent or sibling can enter the building unless he/she is preregistered as a volunteer. We are sorry,

but this is due to safety regulations we must follow.

To volunteer, email [CZigadlo at aol.com](mailto:CZigadlo@aol.com) for more information or send in the form:

<http://information.tjhsst.edu/gradparty/documents/volunteer-sign-up-form.pdf>.

### **2. Senior: "I'll just get my ticket later in April or May"**

a. Ticket prices are going up again. Why? We have already bought supplies/gifts and signed contracts based on current ticket sales and received bulk discounts. It's more expensive to order for latecomers.

b. We custom order one-of-a-kind traditional gifts for each graduate that are only available at ANGP. We cannot guarantee that we can supply this keepsake gift if you buy your ticket at a late date. For those with complimentary tickets, if you don't turn in the ticket form you received in the mail soon, you won't get the gift.

### **3. Senior: "I don't want to go to another Sock Hop or Lock In"**

This is no Sock Hop! We have more than 400 volunteers working to make this party spectacular. We've rented 4 huge generators to 'power' the events that night. There are more than 30 professionals from the entertainment industry hired to assist with the ANGP. This is no Lock In!!

### **4. Senior: "I'm not a party person"**

There is something for everyone at ANGP: Group events! Individual fun! Creativity! Athleticism! Music! Relaxation! Excitement! Techno! Gambling! Old-Fashioned Fun! Hot! Cold! International! Loud! Quiet! Gifts! Shopping! We have it all. YOU decide what you want to do that night....

### **5. Senior: "I'll just hang out with my friends after graduation"**

Your classmates will be at the ANGP. So don't be alone and look like this guy!



In every previous year, 95% or more of the class attends. Don't wait!! Forms are available at <http://information.tjhsst.edu/gradparty/documents/ticket-form.pdf>.

--Julia Villacorta and Sandy Evans,  
ANGP Ticket Chairs



**Decorations:** ANGP Decorations Committee Needs Your Help - Please help us make our Senior 2009 ANGP a night for our seniors to remember, by offering up your help to decorate the school

during **Friday, June 12, 5pm - 9pm** and **Saturday, June 13, 9am - 3pm**. You can volunteer for an hour or two or more. We would love to have as much time as you can offer. Please contact Chris Zigadlo at [czigadlo at aol.com](mailto:czigadlo@aol.com) our volunteer coordinator. Thanks in advance for your help.  
 ~~Sharon Smith, Co-Chair Decorations Committee.

**The Food Committee Needs Shoppers!** Thank you very, very much to those who listened to our plea ... and bought Coke!

We are still looking for the following items: **CASES OF WATER, DIET COKE, ROOT BEER,** and **GATORADE**, as well as boxes or bags of **REGULAR SIZE CANDY BARS**. Since these items will keep we are getting started now to stockpile our needs for the big night. If you are willing to donate any of these items, please buy them now and drop them off in the main office with a note attached that they are ANGP donations. We have made arrangements with the main office to pick them up as they come in. Please include your name and email or phone number so we can thank you. And, well . . . thank you!!



Also, we will soon have a wish list up on the ANGP website with a more complete list of items that we need. Stay tuned on that.

Still interested in cooking or baking, or have a question? Please email Barbara Barrett at [BarbaraBarrett09 at gmail.com](mailto:BarbaraBarrett09@gmail.com).

Thank you, from the Food Co-Chairs: Mini Kanwal, Barbara Barrett, and Barbara McGarey.

## Student Services Corner

### Student Government Association

Greetings!

Last month, SGA hosted the second annual TJ Olympics, Spring Sports Rally, and the Winter Chill Out. All turned out to be hugely successful, thanks to support from faculty, staff, and students. With only three months left of the school year, SGA is finishing up ongoing projects and starting a few new ones. According to schedule, the **Inspirational Quotes on the Walls** and the **Guinness Book of World Records** will be completed in May. In addition, SGA has already started planning for **J Day**, a day of outdoor activities, which will take place on May 29. Student club leaders, the booth request form will soon be available to you on the SGA website: [www.tjhsst.edu/sga](http://www.tjhsst.edu/sga). Don't miss the deadline!

The second **TJ Town Hall Meeting: "TJ Unplugged"** will take place Wednesday, April 1st, during A-Block in room 210. It's a meeting run for students and by-students, so be sure to sign up and come talk about what's on your mind!

Finally, SGA is planning for the second annual **TJ Leadership Conference** for middle school students. It will take place Saturday, April 18th. We're extending the opportunity for TJ students to take part in the event as leadership facilitators and guest speakers. Forms for the positions will be available at [www.tjhsst.edu/sga](http://www.tjhsst.edu/sga) very soon.

In last month's Techcetera, SGA reported on the student leader visit to Richmond and asked students and parents to write to their congressmen and women encouraging them to vote in favor of keeping the **Incentive Grants for Gifted Students** during this economic crisis. As a result of everyone's hard work communicating with Richmond, TJ has received word that our state legislators did pass the Incentive Grants for this year! Thank you to all who responded to this important call to action – your efforts paid off!

### Guidelines

The latest issue of the TJHSST Student Services Department newsletter, *Guidelines*, dated February 2009, is available at:

<http://information.tjhsst.edu/dss/>.

## Items from Other TJ Offices

### Academic News

#### *Chinese News*

On March 7, students taking Chinese 1, 2, and 3 participated in the Modern Foreign Language Tournament at South Lakes High School. From Chinese 1: **Gillie Cuda** (1<sup>st</sup> place); Chinese 2: **Andrew Watson** (1<sup>st</sup> place), **Ji Young Lim**, (2<sup>nd</sup> place), **Alexander Oshiro** (3<sup>rd</sup> place); Chinese 3: **Bryan Cheong** (1<sup>st</sup> place), **Helena Manguerra** (2<sup>nd</sup> place), **Jaewon Suh** (3<sup>rd</sup> place); Native speakers: **Linda Chiang** (1<sup>st</sup> place), **Zeming Lin** (2<sup>nd</sup> place). Good job to all participants!

#### *German News*

Frau Vaden and her German students are so pleased to learn that four students have just been awarded a free summer in Germany. The American Association of Teachers of German awards 39 summer study trips of 3 ½ weeks in Germany, based on scores from the National German Exam, an application process, and the daunting experience of an interview in German before four college professors.

While in each of the last seven years, one TJ student received the honor, this year, three TJ German students were awarded summer study trips! Congratulations to German III students **Nihaar Sinha** and **Kelsey Johnson**, and AP German student, **Mariet Kurz**. Congratulations also go to Senior **JeanMarie Stewart**, who took German through the fifth level, and who has just been awarded the Käthe Wilson scholarship from the American Association of Teachers of German. the only US student to win this award. All four of these fine German students will be living with a German family, and attending a German school during their stay.

Meanwhile, several of our German seniors have applied and interviewed for a full-year German program. We'll keep our fingers crossed (or as Germans say, our thumbs pressed) for **Brian**

**Murphy** and **Rebecca Justice**, as they await final word.

Finally, we congratulate the following German winners in the Modern Foreign Language Tournament, held at South Lakes High School on March 7: **Linda Ho** (1<sup>st</sup> place in German I), **Casey Huang** (1<sup>st</sup> place in German II), **J. Lee** (3<sup>rd</sup> place in German II), **Krissy Brant** (1<sup>st</sup> place in German III), **Jake Hermle** (2<sup>nd</sup> place in German III), **Katie Mitchell** (3<sup>rd</sup> place in German III), **Suzan Ok** (1<sup>st</sup> place in AP German), and **Tyler Brobst** (2<sup>nd</sup> place in AP German).

The German Honor Society sponsored German Idol on March 25 – an occasion for students to show off their musical skills.

#### *Spanish News*

The Spanish department has been very busy with participation in the Foreign Language Oratory Contest in early March. On Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, the Spanish Honor Society hosted Bulería, our annual salsa dance, beginning with a dance lesson from a professional instructor from Alliance Dance Institute. Finally, we welcome new members to the Spanish Honor Society. Over forty outstanding students have been accepted, and inductions will take place at 3:00 pm. on Wednesday, April 22. Invitations are forthcoming, but families of those students are certainly welcome. ¡Siempre de fiesta!

#### *French News*

France, the Ivory Coast and Belgium were all represented during this month's TJ Olympics. Our sport was "Pétanque" or "Boules" otherwise known as Bocci ball. Unfortunately, the competition had to be played in the snow first thing in the morning during JLC due to the untimely occurrence of our last snowstorm, so the results were less than stellar. Vive le sport!

For the Modern Foreign Language Tournament held March 7th at South Lakes High School, the French Department had representatives from Levels I – V. Winners in the Oral Interpretation of Poetry were as follows: Level 1: 1st Place: **Quynh-My Luu** and 3rd Place: **Katie Bennett**; Level 2: 1st Place: **Priya Chittur**, 2nd Place: **Christine Harris**, 3rd Place:

**Tim Tran**; Level 3: 1st Place: **Biqi Zhang** and 2nd Place: **Jane Hu**; Level 4: 1st Place **Jacqueline Chen**, and 3rd Place: **Peter Im**; and Level 5: 3rd Place: **Lee Picard**. **Maddie Whittle** and **Karen Morrison** won 1st Place for their Dramatic Interpretation from Moliere's Ecole des Femmes. Bravo tout le monde!

This Spring Break, Lucy LaSalle will be traveling to France with a small contingency of parents and students. Kathleen Roche and her father will be joining Madame LaSalle's group, which includes an alumna parent, Nancy Soble, and friends from McLean High School. (Two other TJ students had to cancel at the last minute due to illness and a broken leg.) The group will be traveling with ACIS to Paris, Touraine, Bretagne, and Normandy. A trip to France and Spain is being planned for next year's Spring Break.

## Class News

### 2009 – Seniors

Seniors, during your upcoming college visits, as you make your college choices, remember that your decision will impact the next four years of your life. TJ has prepared you well and we are confident you will make the right decision. We wish you the Best of Luck.

Here are some events and dates to note down:

**May 4-15:** AP Exams

**May 18-22:** SOL Testing (Geosystems for seniors)

**June 4:** Senior parent Program: Transitioning to college at 7.30pm, Auditorium

**June 5:** Senior Prom at Westwood Country Club, Vienna, VA

**June 11:** Graduation Rehearsal and Senior picnic

**June 13:** Graduation at GMU Patriot Center, 8 pm

**June 13:** All Night Graduation Party at TJ

For other relevant information please check the ANGP section of the newsletter.

Regarding the TJ tradition of a senior gift, the Senior Teacher Sponsor Ms. Bello and students suggest that it would be wonderful to donate more

enduring but still aesthetically pleasing tables and chairs/benches in the courtyard nearest the cafeteria. What's there now is showing signs of wear. We are deciding between the new, more durable plastic (as used for boat docks and porches) and wrought iron table/benches/chairs (more expensive). Parents, we look forward to your input.

Anjana Desai, [navanj885 at yahoo.com](mailto:navanj885@yahoo.com)  
PTSA class of 2009 Representative

### 2010 – Juniors



Join the Junior Class at the **Masquerade Ball on Saturday, April 18 from 8 pm to 11:30 pm**. The Junior Class is sponsoring the Spring Formal, and the theme this year is Masquerade. Please dress formally, and the Junior Class will supply the party masks at the door. The dance

is open to the entire school, but the juniors plan it and run it, and any funds earned go to support the Class of 2010. All money earned over the four years is used for graduation activities (from prom to the actual graduation). Junior parents are needed to chaperone the dance. So once again, I need to ask for your support. Please email me if you can chaperone that evening (or for just part of it).



The students have started planning the **Junior Class Campout**. Thanks to your strong support, the class will be able to hold the event at TJ on **Wednesday, June 17<sup>th</sup>** – the night before the last (two hour) “day” of school. If you haven't

volunteered, don't worry – it is not too late to sign up. We could use a little more help during the two late shifts (11 pm to 3 am and 3 am to 7 am). We also will need just a few parents from the last shift who can stay past 7 am to supervise until the school day officially starts. (Or a few who can come at 5 or 6 am and then volunteer until 8 am.) Let me know if you can help. In early June, I will provide information on food donations (the students will

probably be divided up by HUM, and parents will be asked to donate water and other drinks, breakfast food, snacks etc.)

Thanks for your support on this – after this l-o-n-g junior year, the students will really deserve a celebration!

~~Ellen Ranard, [ESRanard at gmail.com](mailto:ESRanard@gmail.com)  
PTSA Class of 2010 Representative

## **2011 – Sophomores**

Looking to do a little spring cleaning? The Class of 2011 will be holding the first-ever **Monticello Market**, an upscale yard sale, on Friday and Saturday, May 1-2, the date previously set aside for the silent auction. Please bring new and used items in good condition to the cafeteria from April 27 to Saturday morning, May 2. Larger items should be brought May 1. We're looking for furniture, knickknacks, clothing, etc.: items that one might find at a yard sale. We will gladly accept tickets, services, or other items as well.

Friday's sale will go from 7-9 pm, and Saturday's sale will go from 9-11 am. On Friday, early shoppers are welcome before 7pm. All proceeds from Monticello Market will benefit the Class of 2011, and all unsold goods will either be taken home by those who donated them or be given to the Salvation Army.

The Class of 2011 is seeking volunteers to help with the sale on both days. Volunteers with trucks, vans, or SUVs who can help us transport unsold goods on Saturday at 11am would be greatly appreciated. We are also welcoming parents who would be willing to bring in food and drink to sell on behalf of the sophomore class.

If you have any questions, or are able to volunteer, please contact us at [2011market at gmail.com](mailto:2011market@gmail.com).

~~Daniela Owen and Eileen Swoboda  
PTSA Class of 2011 Representatives

## **2012 – Freshman**

By all accounts, the Freshman Class Lock-In was a great success. From the Pi Day T-Shirts to the Talent Show to the All-Night Movies and Video Gaming – the kids had a great time.

Over 96% of the Freshman Class participated in the Lock-In – an outstanding turnout. The kids planned and organized the entire event with help from our class teacher sponsors, **Mr. Michael Auerbach** and **Ms. Kendal Orenstein**. The Talent Show had 19 acts ranging from rock music to dancing and singing and a little comedy thrown in. The event really gave our kids a chance to bond with each other in something other than a study group!

We would like to thank our 100-plus parent volunteers. We simply couldn't have had the Lock-In if you hadn't been there to support the effort. A special thank you to the TJ staff and faculty that stayed with the kids: Mr. Michael Auerbach, Mr. Cliff Hardison, Mr. John LaFever, Ms. Kate Lewis, Mr. Craig Lewis, Mr. Dennis McFaden, Mr. Adam Kemp, Mr. Clint Behling, Mr. Chuck dela Cuesta, and Ms. Mandy dela Cuesta.

The proceeds from the Lock-In go towards the Senior Prom and Graduation. The goal is to raise enough for these events so they can be held free of charge to the students. If we exceed our goal, we could possibly be in a position to donate a class gift to TJ. While the final numbers are not in, we believe we have exceeded our goal of \$10,000 for the Lock-In.

Parents, stay tuned for the upcoming planning meeting for our Sophomore Silent Auction.

Please e-mail us at [TJClassof2012 at cox.net](mailto:TJClassof2012@cox.net), if you have any questions.

~~Ann Nguyen and Janet Tasker  
PTSA Class of 2012 Representatives

## News Round-Up and Awards

### *TJ Students Dine at the White House*

On March 19, First Lady Michelle Obama hosted a dinner to celebrate Women's History Month, and ten TJ students were invited to attend. **Hope Smith, Vishaka Ravishankar, Xiaonan Hu, Mica Moore, Kiara Savage, Lindsey Doane, Teresa Ventura, Stephanie Valarezo, Rashmi Reddy, and Molly Patterson**, together with young women from eleven other schools from the District of Columbia, Maryland and Virginia, were welcomed into the White House to hear from, and be inspired by, women accomplished in many different fields. Other invited guests included Alicia Keys, Sheryl Crow, Dr. Mae Jemison (first African American in space), Gen. Ann E. Dunwoody (first female four star general in the US military), and Lisa Leslie (first woman to dunk a basketball in the WNBA).



Lindsay Doane and Hope Smith listen to First Lady Michelle Obama



Kiara Savage, Rashmi Reddy, Vishaka Ravishankar, Sheryl Crow, Lindsey Doane and Hope Smith

### *One Question Voting*

We are close to learning the winning question of the One Question initiative! Committees comprised of students, faculty, and parents selected five questions from the eighty-five questions originally submitted. Those top five students were required to write a rationale for their question, and the rationale statements were posted on the One Question website. From March 23rd - 31st, students and faculty voted to select the 2009-2010 One Question. The rationale statements were posted anonymously, and the writers will not be announced until voting is completed. The One Question chosen by students and faculty will serve as a major focus for TJHSST next year.

The five top questions, with their supporting rationale statements, can be found on the One Question web site:

<http://academics.tjhsst.edu/oneQ/>

### *Science and Humanities Symposium*

The 16th annual Virginia Junior Science and Humanities Symposium was held at James Madison University on March 19th and 20th. Fifty-four high school students from six Governors/Magnet Schools and four high schools in Virginia shared scientific research in oral competition.

Two TJ students received first place in their fields, and an opportunity to attend the 47th National Junior Science and Humanities Symposium, scheduled for April 29th-May 2nd, at the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs: **Alexander Kim** (Gold Medal in Life Science and Air Force Award for Outstanding Research in Science or Technology) and **Joseph Jachowski** (Gold Medal in Mathematics and Computer Science and Air Force Award for Outstanding Research in Science or Technology). Three students received second place awards: **Jee In Seo** and **Ester Yang** (Outstanding Scientific Research in Life Sciences); and **Rishi Ivengar** (Outstanding Scientific Research in Medicine Health). These students represented TJ well and certainly have worked hard for this achievement. Also, thank you and congratulations

to Milde Waterfall (Humanities Division), who chaperoned the trip and received the teacher award.

### ***Scholastic Bowl champions crowned***

At the 12th Annual VHSL Scholastic Bowl Championship held at the College of William and Mary on Saturday, February 28, Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology won its 9th State Championship title, defeating Maggie Walker Governor's School, 280-170. The "It's Academic" team of seniors **Naren Tallapragada, Josh Hahm, Kevin Casto**, and junior **Grayson Lewis** swept to the title by winning every round of competition throughout the day. Scholastic Bowl competitions consist of 3 rounds of 15 questions per match. Students use buzzers to signal their readiness to respond. Parts of the competition allow team members to collaborate on answers, others do not. Topics cover a very wide range of knowledge from physics to foreign languages, art to biology, calculus to popular culture and so on. For the team to succeed, members must be well-rounded yet have particular strengths in specialty areas—and very fast on the buzzer!

### **TJHSST Partnership Fund**

There's hardly a TJ family that hasn't been affected in some way by our nation's economic challenges. For some of us, this is not the most opportune time to make a charitable contribution. But when it comes to the support of our high school, it could be more important now than ever. TJ, too, will be hit with budget-driven resource reductions that will further strain already stretched programs and staffing. We all expect TJ and its tremendous faculty to deliver for us, in good times and bad, and therefore the TJ Partnership cannot abandon its job of soliciting your support. The volunteer parents who lead the Partnership Fund encourage you to keep our school strong by supporting TJ's most pressing academic and technological needs. Please visit <http://www.tjpartnershipfund.org/> to view the "wish list" generated by TJ faculty and/or to make a direct contribution to your high school. For further information about how you can help TJ through the Partnership Fund, please contact Gary Bottorff at 703-750-8317 or [Gary.Bottorff at fcps.edu](mailto:Gary.Bottorff@fcps.edu).

### **TJHSST Boosters**

#### ***Academic Boosters***

Congratulations to the dozens of TJ students who qualified for regional, state and national academic competitions over the last month, and good luck to all! In addition, the teams all thank their teacher sponsors and parent volunteers who helped organize, coach and chaperone them.

#### **Biology Olympiad**

Two dozen TJ students qualified as semifinalists in the US Biology Olympiads: **Luke Cheng, Elliott Eggan, Jonathan Hsu, Victor Hsu, Alvina Jiao, Alex Kim, Aaron Koenig, Ho Jae Lee, George Liang, Jerry Liu, Jessica Liu, Rachel Marzen, Anirudh Mohan, Aakansha Nangarlia, Anirudh Saraswathula, Christine Shen, Ayaka Sugiura, Arvind Thiagarajan, Dennis Wang, Max Wang, Jillian Wen, Hanwen Xu, Linda Zhang, and Yuqing Zhang.**

#### **Certamen**

On March 7, TJ sent five teams to the Broadneck Certamen in Annapolis, MD. The Level I team, composed of **Elizabeth Steele, Jared Golant, Sam Sohn, John Chae, Weina Bao, and Quentin Moore**, placed fifth. **Austin Dunn, Sidhanth Rajesh**, and **Connor Hann** placed fourth on Level II. The other Level II team, comprised of **Zachary Seid, Ricky Short, Daniel Kim, Brian Shin**, and **Akhila Ananthram**, placed second. In Level III, **Catherine Zucker, Ashwin Raja, Christopher Reffett**, and **Connor Cheong** placed second. TJ's Upper Level team, **Amith Ananthram, Anne Marie Creighton, Vivaek Shivakumar**, and **Alexander Spalding**, placed first.

On March 21, three TJ teams competed at UVA. **Akhila Ananthram, Daniel Kim, Austin Dunn**, and **Connor Hann** placed first in Level II. On Level III, **Ashwin Raja** and **Connor Cheong** placed third. In Upper Level, **Amith Ananthram, Chris Kilgore, Vivaek Shivakumar, Lara Howerton, Christina Wallin**, and **William Czaplowski** placed first.

## Chemistry Olympiad

Twelve TJ students qualified to take the local Chemistry Olympiad exam: **Christopher Au, Udaysankar Chackarathan, Krishnan Chander, Stephen Eltinge, Alicia Goertel, Patrick Gould, Victor Hsu, Andy Mai, Rhitwika Sensharma, Vish Sridharan, Ritchie Yein, and Sherie Zhou.**

## Chess

For the eleventh straight year, the TJ Chess Team placed first at the Virginia Scholastic Championships. In addition, seven TJ students individually placed in the top ten: **Eddie Lu, Craig Saperstein, Yang Dai, Quentin Moore, Aryan Khojandi, Darwin Li, and Madhu Karamsetty.**

## Frosh 'Puter Team

On March 6, the team of **Alex Chen, Dasith Gunawardhana, William Qian, and Miraziz Yusupov** won fifth place at the VCU High School Programming Contest, even though it was the only frosh team at the competition.

TJ's Frosh 'Puter team earned 48 points on the American Computer Science League (ACSL) Contest # 3, for a cumulative total of 146 out of a possible 150. Alex Chen, William Qian, and **Glenna Yu** earned perfect 10s.

## Senior Computer Team

February USACO contest: In the Gold Division, **Brian Hamrick** was fourth in the country and **Jack Chen** tied for fifth. In the Silver Division Casey Mihaloeuw was second in the country, **Daniel Kang** was sixth, **Sin Kim** ninth, and **Dylan Ladwig** thirteenth.

March USACO contest: In the Gold Division, **Brian Hamrick** was third in the country, **Thomas Georgiou** sixth, and **Jack Chen** tenth. In the Silver Division, **Sin Kim** was fifth in the country, **Mitchell Stern** eighth, **Daniel Ranard** fourteenth, **Dylan Ladwig** sixteenth, and **Daniel Kang** nineteenth.

On March 6, the TJ team of **Thomas Georgiou, Daniel Li, Daniel Ranard, and Sin Kim** placed first at the VCU Programming Contest.

On March 11, eight TJ students competed in the second round of the North American Computational Linguistics Olympiad, having finished in roughly the top ten percent on round one: **Aviv Cukierman, Jared Hallett, Brian Hamrick, Sin Kim, Daniel Li, Casey Mihaloeuw, Vivaek Shivakumar, and Christina Wallin.**

## Debate and Speech Teams

TJ's debate and speech teams excelled at WACFL Metrofinals this year, with twelve TJ students qualifying for CFL nationals based on their performance at Metrofinals. TJ Debate also placed 2nd in overall sweepstakes, which took into account Lincoln Douglas debate, Policy debate, Public Forum debate, Student Congress debate, and speech.

Two varsity Lincoln Douglas debaters qualified for CFL nationals at Metrofinals: **Emma Pierson** placed first; and **Ani Mohan** placed fourth.

In policy debate, two varsity teams (**Kathy Hutchinson/Lisa Pang, and Hannah Clark/Andre Kessler**) qualified for nationals, and TJ won third place sweepstakes. (Is this the right word? Usually a sweepstakes is a lottery, not a contest based on skill.) Hutchinson/Pang placed first; Hannah Clark won first speaker; Kathy Hutchinson won second speaker; and Lisa Pang won third speaker. In the JV Division, **Mary Sun** and **Daniel Jang** made semifinals, and Mary Sun received the third speaker award.

In public forum debate, three two-person teams qualified for nationals. **Emily Yu** and **Rebecca Friedman** placed first, **Sumit Malik** and **Maya Chaudhuri** placed second, and **Kittie Helmick** and **Kevin Sun** placed fourth. The Public Forum team tied for first place with Whitman HS in the Metrofinals team sweepstakes, with a perfect score of 192/192.

At VHSL debate regionals, TJ placed first overall for all forms in debate. In speech, **Rebecca Friedman** placed 3rd in Domestic Extemporaneous

Speaking, and qualified for states. **Arvin Ahmadi** placed 4th in Original Oratory, and is an alternate for states. In contemporary policy debate, **Hannah Clark** and **Andre Kessler** placed first, and **Han Kim** and **Franklin Zheng** placed second. Hannah Clark also won 2<sup>nd</sup> speaker. In classic policy debate, **Johnny Kim** and **Max Wang** placed second.

### Future Problem Solving

Five TJ teams qualified to compete in the state bowl for Future Problem Solving. One middle division (grades 7 through 9) team qualified: **Ricky Prasannappa, Daniel Jang, Daniel Kang,** and **Vansh Kumar**. In the senior division (grades 10 through 12), four teams qualified for states. The first team includes **Vangie Shue, Natalie Medvedeva, Tim Hu,** and **Yasmin Kamal**. The second team includes **Kevin Casto, Logan Gates, Alexis Barrett** and **Clarice Lee**. The third team includes **Daniel Sun, Janiel Li, Max Wang,** and **Ashneil Jain**. The fourth team includes **Arianna Geneson, Maneeshika Madduri, Pooja Vinayak** and **So-Jung Youn**.

### It's Academic

On February 21, TJ's A team competed on NBC. The team, consisting of **Joshua Hahm, Kevin Casto,** and **Harry White**, placed second. Dr. Glazer appeared with the team on the show. Tune in to Channel 4, on April 11 at 10am, to watch it on the air!

On February 28, the "It's Academic" A Team, consisting of **Naren Tallapragada, Joshua Hahm, Kevin Casto** and **Greyson Lewis**, won the VHSL State Championship.

### Math Team

About 90 TJ students took the American Invitational Math Examination (AIME), after qualifying for the AIME based on their AMC 10 and/or AMC 12 scores.

On March 21, five TJ teams competed in an ARML local competition. TJ A (**Jimmy Clark, Brian Hamrick, Kee Young Lee, Daniel Li, Casey Mihalow** and **Chris Olund**) placed third, TJ C

(**James Baek, Krishnan Chander, Jack Chen, Andrew Cheong, Sin Kim,** and **Mitchell Lee**) placed fifth, TJ B (**Eric Bomgardner, Lawrence Diao, Billy Rieger, Sam Rush, Seung In Sohn,** and **Akshar Wunnava**) placed 8<sup>th</sup>, TJ D (**Luke Cheng, Divya Garg, Victor Hsu, Allison Koenecke, Grace Wang,** and **Jenny Yung**) placed 14<sup>th</sup>, and TJ E (**Sakethnath Are, Aviv Cukierman, Aryan Khojandi, Kevin Ko, Lenni Li** and **Daniel Sun**) placed 21<sup>st</sup>. In addition, **Brian Hamrick, Daniel Li** and **Mitchell Lee** had perfect scores in the individual round.

### Model UN

The TJ Model UN club hosted approximately 600 middle school and high school delegates for the annual TechMUN Conference on March 6-7. Over 100 TJ students were involved in chairing, staffing, and organizing the conference, which is the largest fundraiser for Model UN.

### Odyssey of the Mind - Regionals

On March 14th, ten teams from TJ competed in Odyssey of the Mind regional competition. The following TJ teams placed first in their respective problems and are advancing to Virginia State level competition in Newport News, VA. In the "Earth Trek" Vehicle Problem, the first place team included only 9th graders - **Ritvik Prasannappa, Saketh Are, Samuel Nicoll, Krishna Pai, Everett Hu** and **Dasith Gunawardhana**. In the "Teach Yer Creature" Technical problem, the first place team was an all-senior team - **James Heard, Ryan Kim, Josh Lee, Jeanette Miranda, So-Jung Youn, Sue Liu,** and **Matt Green**. In the "Superstition" performance problem, the first place team included only juniors - **Erica Bond, Kovela Shravya, Ahmadi Arvin, Ben Swanson, Anisha Apte, Andrea Jackson** and **Matt Palko**. And in the "Shock Waves" Structure problem, the first place team consisted of 10, 11 and 12th graders - **Sunaina Kapoor, Christianna Hay, Molly Patterson, Rashmi Reddy, Kushal Seetharam, Nicole Yu** and **Ankit Kapoor**.

### Physics Olympiad

Eight TJ students were among the 150 students in the United States who qualified as semifinalists in

the Physics Olympiad: **Jared Hallett, Brian Hamrick, Daniel Li, William Minshew, Chris Olund, Yangbo Xu, Arvind Thiagarajan, and Ming-Yee Tsang.**

### ***Band Boosters***

#### ***Breaking News!***

##### **Winter Drum Line/Winter Guard:**

Congratulations to TJ Drum Line for placing second in their division at the Atlantic Indoor Association Finals competition March 29. Drum Line's show was titled "Confluence" and is defined by groove and flow from one concept to the next. The drum line was awarded an additional medal which recognized their mid-season promotion from the Scholastic-A class to the Scholastic-Open class, the highest competitive division this season.

**CONGRATULATIONS** also to TJ Winter Guard, who arguably put on their best performance this winter on March 29. They placed 6<sup>th</sup> in their division in Atlantic Indoor Association finals, competing against the strongest guards, and finished their most successful color guard season in memory. Their show was "Spinning a Web," inspired by the intricate art of web making. It captured the stunning feats of spiders, with dramatic costumes, props and haunting music. Hats off to both ensembles for successful preliminaries, catapulting them into Finals.

We turned Finals weekend into an overnight trip to Prince William County, no less. A warm thank you to all the staff, chaperones and volunteer parents who made the trip a delightful success.

### ***Band Happenings***

**Winter Showcase:** We proudly hosted our annual winter show of Color Guard and Drum Line units from all over the region February 28.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to both of our very own! TJ Winter Guard and Drumline both topped their divisions that evening. It was a magnificent event, capped by the much anticipated performance of United Percussions, an ingenious percussion outfit which traveled from New Jersey to be part of our show. Thank you to the many band families who hosted the visiting percussionists.

It takes many hands and heads to pull off such an epic production. A cyclopean thanks must go to Steve Ballard for running the show; Showcase chair Ted Zagrobelny; Band Director Mary Ulrey; instructors Steve Ballard, Samantha Lee, and Dawn Comber; program book creators Felicia Schwenk, Leslie Mayer and Valerie Fetsch; volunteer coordinator Elizabeth Overton; Jayshree Sarma for running Registration, Debbie Noel for handling Concessions, Peter Mayer for Indoor Security, Greg Leong for tickets, and our student coordinators, Crystal Noel, Jonathan Sredl, and Ami Jo. Several additional parents also dedicated heaps of time, money and energy to this exhilarating day of performance art. This was the first time TJ hosted the show without the benefit of Atlantic Indoor Association's organizational backing and our staff and parents pulled it off with amazing grace, planning and expertise.

For video of the TJ Winter Drumline and the TJ Winter Guard performing at the February 28 Winter Showcase, go to:

<http://gallery.me.com/jeffkeithline/100013>.

**A season of wins!** TJ Drumline and Winter Guard did it again! Both performing groups placed **FIRST** in their respective AIA divisions March 7 at Loudoun Valley High School.

**TJ Jazz Band:** Congratulations for a fine performance at the Chantilly Jazz Festival on Saturday, March 28. The group earned an "excellent" rating. Pianist **Nick Starr** also received a tuition certificate for the GMU 2009 Summer Jazz Clinic in recognition of his performance that day. Great job, everybody! The group also recently hosted a jazz clinic at TJ, featuring bassist Neal Caine (Harry Connick Jr. Band), Stephen Reilly on tenor sax (also Harry Connick's band), and Joe Brotherton on trumpet.

**District Band Festival:** Hearty congratulations to TJ's Symphonic Band and Symphonic Wind Ensemble, who both performed at the VBODA District XI Band Festival on March 12 and 14, respectively. Both groups earned all "superior" ratings on stage and in sight reading. Thanks also to our parent chaperones who accompanied the SWE students on Saturday. Special kudos to Mr.

Sarma for accompanying the Symphonic Band on Thursday.

### **All-Virginia Band and Orchestra:**

CONGRATULATIONS to the following band students who will participate in this state-wide event: **Ellen Zhong**, piccolo; **Jin-Ah Kim**, flute; **Joseph Muldoon**, clarinet; **Jean He**, clarinet; **Sydney Schrider**, clarinet; **Andrew Hendricks**, oboe; **Eric Westman**, English horn; **Adam Christian**, bassoon; **Casey Mihalow**, bass clarinet; **Lauren Houck**, French horn; **Jack Borsi**, trombone; **Brian Schwenk**, tuba; **Kennan Murphy-Sierra**, percussion.

What a marvelous way to kick off spring break! The three-day event will be held Thursday through Sunday, April 2, 3, and 4 at Hayfield Secondary School, and is sponsored by the Virginia Band and Orchestra Directors' Association. The concert will begin at 1:30 pm at Hayfield on April 4 and is free and open to the public. Please join us in supporting our students.

### ***Announcements***

**Let's Dish!** - This is an easy and fun way to get healthy, homemade dinners on your table – and raise funds for TJ's Bands at the same time! The prices are reasonable too. Feel free to make arrangements with your Band Booster friends to sample it together. Many Band Booster parents who tried it out last year keep going back. See the flyer with instructions and the Band Booster promotional code. Questions? Contact Felicia Schwenk at [fns5 at aol.com](mailto:fns5@aol.com).

**Rae Ann Murashige Memorial Fund:** Please consider making a donation in memory of Rae Ann, who passed away on November 10. Rae Ann and her husband Allen had been very active members of TJ Band Boosters for eight years while their children, Lance and Danielle, attended TJ. Danielle graduated in June 2008 and is a first year student at University of Virginia. Rae Ann worked tirelessly on band booster activities and is remembered especially for organizing Citrus Fundraising. Please make checks payable to TJHSST Band Boosters with the memo line stating "Rae Ann Murashige" and mail to: Henry Ruempler, 5415 Waycross Dr, Alexandria, VA 22310.

**License Plate Frames:** It's not too late to order your Customized license plate frames. They make a great gift, for only \$20! Use as a novelty frame for panoramic photos or photo collections. To order, contact [Sylvie at wrtc.org](mailto:Sylvie@wrtc.org). See samples at <http://www.tjhsstband.org>. To order Gift Cards (variety available), contact [KayCorey at cox.net](mailto:KayCorey@cox.net).

**Safeway Club Card Program:** You can still support TJ Bands with your Safeway Club Card. Register at [www.escrip.com](http://www.escrip.com), band code 252809887. Please present your Safeway card to cashier at checkout. Using your phone number instead may not link your purchases to your e-scrip account. You can also use your credit cards to benefit TJ Band Boosters when you shop at participating merchants such as Macy's, Orvis and Office Depot.

**Citrus:** Our wildly popular citrus program has ended for the school year. Look for a repeat of our delectable fruit sales come fall 2009. Many thanks to Karen Rice for running this fundraising program and all our dedicated volunteers who signed up to unload the truck and sort the orders. Appreciation to all the families who supported this endeavor.

### ***Important Band Dates:***

**All-Virginia Band and Orchestra Concert:** April 4, 1:30, Hayfield Secondary School, Alexandria.

**Band Boosters:** Monthly meeting: April 14, 6:30 pm. Principal's conference room.

**All Things Band:** April 16 at 7:00. An information session for prospective band students, Music wing, band room.

**Solo and Ensemble Festival:** April 25 at Lanier Middle School.

**Spring Band Concert:** May 27, 7:00 pm in auditorium

**Jazz Cabaret:** May 28, 7:00 pm in cafeteria -- admission charged

**Spring Band Banquet,** June 3, (tentative) 6:30 pm

### ***Colonial Athletic Boosters***

Spring sports are in full swing; now let's hope for good weather! Remember -- your CAB Sports Pass, available with advanced levels of CAB Membership, gets you admission to all HOME

events. CAB membership is expected of all sports-playing families. Information can be found on our website: <http://sports.tjhsst.edu/boosters> (or Google "Colonial Athletic Boosters").

Each year the CAB awards \$4,000 in Scholarships! Details are on the website. This year's application deadline is Tuesday, May 26.

The CAB Physicals Event on Monday, June 1, provides an opportunity to receive the qualified sports physical that each student-athlete needs to participate in sports in 2009-10. A new physical, dated after May 1, is required each school year in order to play. Details are on the CAB website. Your own doctor can provide this service using the approved form, but many parents find the CAB Physical more convenient and choose to support this fundraiser.

### **Wrestling Honors**

Congratulations to coaches **Clint Behling** and **James Pilkington** who, in just their second year with the TJHSST wrestling program, were honored as "Liberty District Coaches of the Year" at the 2009 Northern Virginia Regional Wrestling Banquet in recognition of the team's meteoric rise to 9th place in the Region, finishing higher than any other team in the Liberty District!

**Boys Varsity Baseball:** Led by Head Coach **Dave Gardziel**, assistant coaches **Eric Williams, Josh Silver, Craig Lewis** and **Ed Burke**, the team appears to be significantly improved from last season. This year's team is lead by captains **Mason Freedman, Jeffry Siebach, and Ryan Stumvoll**. The team has a strong core of returning players, which includes **Allan Allworth, Kyle Gaarder, Chris Kilgore, Jacob McAuliffe, Patrick Still, Wes Stukenbroker, Travis Triggs, Jonathan Wildes** and **Thomas Woodruff**. New varsity players who have started for the team include **Kyle Applegate, Nick Perez** and **Mike Ross**. While the season has just gotten underway, the varsity team had one of their most lopsided victories in recent years with a 30-4 victory in a scrimmage against Falls Church. Although they were not able to pull out a victory in the season opener, the team looked sharp behind a solid outing on the mound by Ryan Stumvoll. We hope to see plenty of students filling the stands at home games!

**Cheer:** If you plan to try out for Fall Cheer, please mark your calendars and plan your summer schedule with the following in mind:

### **FALL TRYOUTS:**

~Tryouts will be Tuesday-Thursday, August 11-13.  
~4:30-7:30 on Tue and Wed to learn the material  
~4:30-6:30 on Thursday (Judging Day)  
*The competition squad will be chosen after camp. All Varsity members may or may not be on the competition squad.*

~UCA private camp held at TJ for **JV**:  
Monday and/or Tuesday, August 17-18 (Primary focus will be stunting.) It most likely will be an all-day camp, so both dates should be reserved. Camp is MANDATORY for anyone participating in Fall Cheer.

~UCA private camp held at TJ for **varsity**:  
Wednesday and Thursday, August 19-20 (stunting and competition routine) It most likely will be an all-day camp, so both dates should be reserved. Camp is MANDATORY for anyone participating in Fall Cheer. Varsity members who do not attend camp will automatically be placed as alternates for competition.

**Car Wash Fundraiser:** To help raise funds for Cheer equipment/uniforms/pom poms needed in the fall, the cheer squads will be washing cars. Please come out and get your car washed and support the team! If you cheered this year or plan to try out in the fall, please come out and help wash cars!  
~Saturday, May 9, 9:00am-12:00pm, at the Ravensworth Sunoco, 8011 Braddock Road (just a few miles west of TJ, right before the Braddock Road exit onto the beltway).

**Boys Varsity Lacrosse:** The team, under the direction of Head Coach **Alex Gorman**, claimed their first victory of the season on Friday, March 20, with a score of 9-5 over Yorktown. Team captains for the season are **Stefan Kowalski, Will Minshew,** and **AJ Smith**. Scoring for the Colonials were: **Colin Hennegan** (3 goals), **Tom Hillenbrand** (1 goal), **Kowalski** (2 goals, 2 assists), **Liam Carter-Condon** (2 goals, 2 assists) and **Ryan Vaughn** (1 goal - while lying on the ground!). Minshew and Smith won almost every face-off in the game. Ground balls were recovered by **Ben Bloom** (3), **Quantum Wei** (5), Vaughn 2), Smith (2) and Kowalski (7). The Colonial defense had an

excellent performance led by **Adam Christian**, **Matt Lycas** and **Quantum Wei**. They held Yorktown to no goals in the final quarter of the game.

We would like to welcome all of our new coaches for Varsity and JV: Head JV Coach **Greg Farquhar**, Assistant Varsity Coach **Chris Werwaiss** and Assistant JV Coach - **Vi Sieu Duong**. Please come support the team at our remaining home games: March 31, April 16 and April 24.

**Boys JV Lacrosse:** After an off-season of grueling conditioning that saw a large turnout of interested lacrosse players, the team opened the season on March 13. Under new head coach **Greg Farquhar** (an FCPS lacrosse product himself) and assistant coach **Vi Sieu Duong** (a former TJ lax middie), the team is made up of 22 enthusiastic and talented stickheads.

After a chilly Friday night opening loss against Chantilly, the team looked solid during a tough 3-5 loss at Yorktown on March 20. A road trip to Madison on March 24 resulted in another loss, but improvement could be seen in several key areas. After Madison jumped out to an early lead, the Colonials' defense kept the Warhawks scoreless throughout the fourth period.

The Colonials have several home games remaining; please come cheer on the team as they face McLean on April 13, St. Albans on April 16, and Marshall on April 24. All games begin at 5:30pm, except for the April 16 game against St. Albans, which begins at 5:00pm.

**Boys Varsity Soccer:** The team has had a busy pre-season with two scrimmages and four pre-season non-district games against Robert E. Lee (1-0), Annandale (1-1), Herndon (3-2) and Yorktown (2-2). The team, led by captains **Brian Murphy** and **Justin Etkin**, has 25 players, including eight returning seniors and five returning juniors. Once again, the team is fortunate to be coached by the veteran **Sean Burke** and assistant **Sharon Andrulot**. Twelve goals scored in the preseason were credited to 7 different players! That scoring capability, along with a strong mid-field and defense comprised of a number of returning varsity

players, should put the team in good stead as we begin to face the formidable opponents of the Liberty District.

**Varsity Softball:** The team began its schedule by thumping Falls Church in a scrimmage, 15-0. Junior pitcher **Meghan Mutchler** dominated, and also slugged a triple. Sophomore catcher **Barbara Lantz** went 4-for-5 with six RBIs, and gunned down two runners who tried to steal. In the following contests, TJ sorely missed their star pitcher and strong batter Meghan, out with shoulder tendonitis. Freshman **Helen Hastings** stepped up to pitch well, and the TJ defense was solid, led by the infield of senior **Toby Loewenstein** at third, senior **Sally Bornbusch** at first, and juniors **Hope Smith** at shortstop and **Sydney Schrider** at second. Against Mt. Vernon, in the third inning, junior outfielder **Ariel Deutsch** made a superb running catch at the left-field fence to end a Mt. Vernon threat. In the fifth, with the bases loaded after a single from sophomore outfielder **Kelsey Henderson** and a double by Barbara, hot-hitting junior outfielder **Emily Schultz** ripped a liner to right field, only to be robbed by a terrific play. Mt Vernon finally posted three late-inning runs for a 3-0 victory.

Against Langley, solid pitching by Helen and stellar fielding by Hope, Sydney and Sally kept the game close. Trailing 4-0 and down to their last out in the seventh, TJ fought back with two runs, highlighted by Barbara's smoking triple to the left-field fence. But the rally ended there for a 4-2 Langley win. In the home opener against Stone Bridge, sophomore outfielder **Allie Brouckman** singled, then scored when Meghan, returning to the TJ batting line-up, drilled a double. TJ lead until the fourth inning, before being overtaken for a Stone Bridge win. At McLean, TJ stayed on top until the fifth inning, again led by Helen's pitching and a double by Barbara. The Colonials fell behind 7-2, but, in the pouring rain, battled back in the seventh. The first four TJ batters, Sydney, Toby, Sally, and Helen, each delivered clutch singles, then Meghan's hard-hit grounder brought in another run. Barbara brought the crowd to its feet with a tremendous clout to deep-center, but the catch was made at the fence, and the rally fell short for a 7-5 final score.

So, the TJ softballers have easily won their only contest while playing with their full team, and

played close games in the other outings. Juniors **Emily Maier, Lauren Kim, and Alice Lee** and sophomore **Bethany Connor** have recently been added to the varsity roster. With Meghan expected to pitch again soon, things look promising for Coach **Brian Fleury's** team this season.



The Varsity Softball team lines up for introductions.

**Boys Tennis** is off to a great start with wins over Langley, Stone Bridge and McLean. Juniors **Edwin Zhang, Spencer Clark, Chris McPherson, and Sean Cheng**, along with Seniors **Glen Hookey, Spencer Frei** and **Eric Bomgardner**, lead the team. At this point, TJ Boys Tennis has won 35 consecutive regular-season matches dating back to the 2005-06 school year.



Top 12 Boys Tennis (L to R): Akaash Gupta, Anthony Lim, Ben Rosenblum, Sean Cheng, Kushal Seetharam, Edwin Zhang, Spencer Clark, Spencer Frei, Chris McPherson, Bill Qu, Glen Hookey, Eric Bomgardner

## Crew Boosters



Our spring season started with a snow storm, making rowing on the river a challenge, but now the sun is shining and the boats will be competing on the Occoquan in April. Join the

Crew team parents on the Occoquan River and cheer on the team. Directions to Sandy Run are on our website.

<https://sports.tjhsst.edu/crew/pages/?13>

To avoid the crowded parking at Sandy Run, TJ crew provides a free shuttle bus from Silverbrook Elementary School to Sandy Run Park on Regatta days.

**Attention Rowers/Coxes and Families:** Please remember to register on the crew website to receive team emails:

<https://sports.tjhsst.edu/crew/register>

Need any rowing clothing or spirit wear? Check out our new items and new order form with pictures. We have a great new “splash vest” for rowers. To place your clothing order, go to: <https://sports.tjhsst.edu/crew/files/> and click on forms/order forms/clothing order.

Please continue to support TJ Crew by purchasing grocery gift cards and participating in our other “no cost” fundraisers. For details, see the March OARacle (on the Files page on the crew website).

If you have questions about crew, please email Crew Booster President Teresa Zeng at [TJCrewPresident at gmail.com](mailto:TJCrewPresident@gmail.com)

## Save the date for Athletic Boosters Annual Sports Physicals

Don't be left out on the first day of try-outs!!! Every athlete who tries-out for a sport must have a new athletic physical after May 1 every school year. Mark your calendars for Monday, **June 1st**, 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 2009-2010 season and also to support TJ's many fine athletic programs.

Medical professionals will perform the comprehensive physicals from 4:30-7:30pm. Every athlete needs a new athletic physical every school year so, save a trip to the doctor's office and come out and support TJ Athletics. Look for more information as the date approaches.

### **Volunteers Needed for Physicals!**

We need medical and non-medical parents to help make the sports physicals a successful fundraiser! If you are a TJ parent and a physician (MD or DO), physician assistant (PA), physical therapist (PT) or nurse practitioner (NP), please consider helping out with the TJ Colonial Athletic Boosters' major fundraiser on June 1. We also need non-medical parents who want to help with working a station or check-in/out desk. Last year this fundraiser provided over \$9,000 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 or email Heather Murphy, ATC at 703-750-8387 or [heather.murphy at fcps.edu](mailto:heather.murphy@fcps.edu).

### **Choral Boosters**

On Saturday, March 21, the TJ choirs hosted the Annual District 11 Choral Festival. A total of eight schools from around the district entered 32 different choirs, which totaled well in excess of 400 choir students. The choirs performed from 9 a.m. until 8:30 p.m. The two TJ choirs that performed, the Advanced Ladies Chorus and the Concert Choir, each received the highest ratings available from each of three concert judges and one sight-singing judge.

Congratulations to **Mr. Frels** and to the two fabulous choirs for their outstanding performances. A huge THANK YOU goes out to the students and parents who volunteered for making the Festival an extremely successful event. A special thank you goes to Meghan Clark, Choral Council Co-President, for organizing all of the student volunteers and activities. Also, a special thank you to choral student parents Amy Darger-Stewart, Cindy Hann, and Candace Fleischer for literally

donating their entire Saturday, from dawn to well past dusk, to making the event a success. The final major event for the TJ choir community is the Annual Spring Show on Friday, May 29. The theme for this year's program is "Summer Days."

Please remember that all TJ choir parents are welcome to attend the TJ Choral Booster Board meetings. We generally meet on the third Thursday of the month in the music wing. Your input is always welcome!

### **Orchestra Boosters**

It has been a great month for our TJ Orchestras! First, congratulations to those who were selected for All-State Orchestra, which will be held this year at Hayfield HS on April 4th. Well done to the following students: Violins: **Jeanette Du, Chi Chi Li, Ritchie Yein** and **Biqi Zhang**; Violas: **James Heron** (Principal), **April Hu** and **Brian Shin**; Cellos: **Mikas Kuprenas** and **Shawn Tsutsui**. Thanks to all who helped in the Pre-Festival concert on March 17th. It was a great prelude to the Festival itself where all of TJ's Orchestras received straight "1's" in all graded areas. The Symphonic Orchestra's playing of Tchaikovsky's "Souvenir de Florence" was particularly well done. Thanks so much to Ms. Bailey for her outstanding leadership and commitment to our students.

We really need an individual to step forward and volunteer for the President role for next year as the service of the current President is rapidly drawing to a close. Please consider this leadership position as a great opportunity for you to make an important contribution to keeping our program strong and taking it to the next level. Thank you. Our next Booster's meeting will be on **Tuesday May 12<sup>th</sup>** at 7:30 p.m. in the Principal's Conference Room at TJ. Please join us and thanks for your support of the program.

~~Larry Jones ([lawrencemjones at aol.com](mailto:lawrencemjones@aol.com))

### **Theater Boosters (Shakespeare and Drama)**

The Shakespeare Troupe held its 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Shakespeareance at TJ on March 14, and it was a tremendous success. Approximately 250 elementary and middle school students participated

in the event, which consisted of a day filled with workshops and performances led by TJ Troupe members. Participants learned about character development, sonnet writing, stage fighting, acting, stage production, makeup, and much more! The day ended with each participant performing a scene from a Shakespeare play on stage. Congratulations and thanks to all the students, teachers and parents who planned and participated in the event. Thanks especially to teacher sponsors, **Catherine Colglazier, Judy Bello and Bettie Stegall**. Thanks also to **Cliff Hardison** and the TJ custodial staff for readying our building so quickly after the Freshman Lock-in.



Shakespeare Board of Directors, **Talia Czapski, Kevin Place, Matt Bikoff, Mikey Kim and Nicole Boyd** celebrate the kick-off of Shakespeare



**Sam Schipani** leads one of the costume workshops at Shakespeare



**Sarah Schmoltner and Lindsey Doane** conduct a workshop on sonnets

On Tuesday, March 3, twenty-one Shakespeare Troupe members attended the Folger Shakespeare Library Secondary School Festival in Washington, DC. The students earned several awards at the festival:

- Acting with Distinction -- **Nicole Boyd**
- Excellence in Acting -- **Kevin Deisz**
- Acting with Distinction -- **Cara Newlon**
- Distinction in Directing -- **Kevin Place and Talia Czapski**

Thanks to **Kate Lewis**, the teacher sponsor for the event, and to the parent chaperones, Eileen Place and Nancy Fitzsimmons.

TJ Drama is gearing up for its last production of the school year. *Up the Down Staircase* will be presented April 24-25 at 7 p.m. in the TJ Auditorium. Don't miss it! If you would like to order tickets in advance, please send in the form attached to this newsletter by April 18.

## Announcements and Information

### Students from Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology seek local support in winning national contest

A team of four TJ juniors has been named a finalist in the annual "Pete Conrad Spirit of Innovation Awards." Teams of high school students participate in the competition to develop new business opportunities in the fields of personal spaceflight, lunar exploration or renewable energy. The TJ team designed a Modular Wave-powered Ocean House, with applications in the areas of recreational housing, astronomy, flood salvage, and the military. During spring break, the team will be presenting its project in California, at NASA. Half of any prize money would go to TJ (first prize is \$10,000).

**Public votes will help determine the winning team!** To vote for the TJ Alpha team, visit [www.conradawards.org/tj\\_alpha](http://www.conradawards.org/tj_alpha) and click on the five stars in the "Rate our Product" box.



## Noteworthy Dates

<b>April 2009</b>	
1	Athletic Booster meeting, 7pm in Career Center
2-4	All District Band/Orchestra, Hayfield HS
2-6	Chess Team to Nashville
3	Student Holiday
4	VA State Science and Engineering Fair
4	All-Virginia Band and Orchestra Concert, Hayfield Secondary School, Alexandria, 1:30
6-10	Spring Holiday
8	3 <sup>rd</sup> quarter report cards mailed home
13	PTSA meeting, 7pm in Library
14	ANGP meeting, 7pm in Career Center
14	Band Booster meeting, 6:30pm in Principal's Conference Room
14	Diversity Committee meeting, 7pm in Career Center
14	Crew Board Meeting, 7:30pm in library
15	Orchestra Booster Monthly meeting, 7:30pm in Principal's Conference Room
15	Government Affairs Committee meeting, 7pm in room 106
16	College Panel Night, 7:30pm in auditorium
16	All Things Band, for prospective Band students, 7pm in band room
18	Spring Formal
18	Crew to St. Andrews Regatta, Delaware
21	Academic Booster Meeting, 7pm in Career Center
23	Curriculum Advisory Committee meeting, 7:30pm in Career Center
23-26	Orchestra to Myrtle Beach
23-24	All State Chorus
24-25	Drama Booster's "Up the Down Staircase" performances, 7pm in Auditorium
25	Solo and Ensemble Festival, Lanier Middle
Apr 30-May 5	Science Bowl to 4-H Competition in Chevy Chase, MD
<b>May 2009</b>	
1-2	Monticello Market
4-15	AP Exams
5	ANGP meeting, 7pm in Career Center
5	Band Booster meeting, 6:30pm in Principal's Conference Room
6	Athletic Booster meeting, 7pm in Career Center
8-15	International Science and Engineering Fair, Reno, Nevada
9	Diversity Committee Outreach Day meeting, 1pm in Auditorium
9	Penultimate Track, 6am in Stadium
12	Orchestra Booster Monthly meeting, 7:30pm in Principal's Conference Room
12	Diversity Committee meeting, 7pm in Career Center
14	Crew meeting, 7:30pm in Career Center
14-15	District Track Meet, 3pm in Stadium
14-16	Crew Team to Stotesbury Cup Regatta, Philadelphia, PA
18	PTSA meeting, 7pm in Library

18-29	SOLs
19	Academic Booster meeting, 7pm in Career Center
20	Government Affairs Committee meeting, 7pm in room 106
21	Curriculum Advisory Committee meeting, 7:30pm in Career Center
21	Latin Honor Society Award Ceremony, 4pm in Lecture Hall
21-23	Crew to SRAA Nationals, Princeton, NJ
25	Memorial Day Holiday
27	Mentorship Fair, all day
27	Band Concert, 7pm, auditorium
28	Jazz Concert, 7pm, cafeteria
28	TJ STAR symposium, during school hours
29	Choral Spring Show, 7:30pm in Auditorium
29-30	Math Competition to Penn State
<b>June 2009</b>	
1	Drama Banquet and Awards, 6pm in Cafeteria
1	Athletic Booster Sports Physical, 4:30pm
2	ANGP meeting, 7pm in Career Center
2	Band Booster meeting, 6:30pm in Principal's Conference Room
2	Academic Boosters Awards Banquet and Ceremony, 7pm in Cafeteria
3	Athletic Booster meeting, 7pm in Career Center
3	Orchestra Concert, 7pm
4	Transition to College Night, 7:30pm in Auditorium
5	Sophomore Sizzle, 4 pm in Gym
5	Senior Prom, Westwood Country Club in Vienna
5-10	Senior Exam Period
7	Crew Family Picnic, 12pm in Cafeteria
8	Athletic Booster's Spring Sports Awards Banquet, 6pm
9	Orchestra Booster Monthly meeting, 7:30pm in Principal's Conference Room
11	Graduation Rehearsals and Class Picnic
11	Crew meeting, 7:30pm in Career Center
12-18	Underclass Final Exams
13	Graduation at the GMU Patriot Center
13	All Night Grad Party at TJHSST
15	PTSA meeting, 7pm in Library
16	Academic Boosters Meeting, 7pm in Career Center
17	Class of 2010 Campout on TJ football field, 7pm
17	Government Affairs Committee meeting, 7pm in room 106
July 7	Band Booster Meeting, 6:15pm
August 2	Alumni Association BBQ and Reunion, 10am



**Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology**  
**Ticket Order Form for All Night Grad Party, Saturday, June 13, 2009**  
(Following the Graduation Ceremony)

PLEASE COMPLETE FULLY AND PRINT CLEARLY

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's email: \_\_\_\_\_

**TICKET PRICE \$ 109** \_\_\_\_\_

**Additional Tax Deductible Donation**

**\$** \_\_\_\_\_

(Because ticket prices do not cover the cost of the party, additional donations are greatly appreciated!)

**Total \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**Check number** \_\_\_\_\_

**Make Checks Payable to "TJHSST PTSA-ANGP"**.

Your cancelled check is your receipt. No paper tickets will be issued. A list of those who have paid for tickets will be posted on the website.

**Return to:** "Grad Party" mailbox in front office  
OR mail to Julia Villacorta, ANGP '09 Tickets  
8304 Hunting Hill, McLean, VA 22102

**Ticket Questions?** Contact Julia Villacorta  
703-917-9135; email: TheVillacortas@cox.net  
or Sandy Evans; 703-538-2783;  
email: EvansSandy@aol.com

**Visit our website for more information:**  
<http://tjhsst.edu/gradparty/tickets.html>

This form, including the **emergency information**, must be completed by Parent/Guardian and received by the Name of Student's TA Teacher \_\_\_\_\_  
Committee by **June 1st, 2009**

**T shirt size (circle one) S M L XL XXL**

**EMERGENCY INFORMATION**

**Phone # during party hours:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Allergies/Reactions:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Medications:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name Signature**

**By signing this document, I give my permission for the TJHSST All Night Graduation Party Executive Committee to seek medical attention for my child in the event that I cannot be reached during an emergency.**

**PARENTAL AUTHORIZATION & ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RISK**

I understand that participation in the All Night Graduation Party, (ANGP), involves public property, and that neither the All Night Graduation Committee, nor its parent volunteers, will have any responsibility for the condition of this property. I have been made aware of the purpose of the ANGP, and that its activities include physical games, and agree that, to the best of my knowledge, my child is physically able to safely participate in this Celebration. Also, I have had an opportunity to have all my questions concerning the All Night Graduation Party answered to my satisfaction and I understand that my child will abide by all restrictions and procedures set forth by the Graduation Party Committee.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Student Name (Print) Date**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Parent/Guardian Name (Print)**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Parent/Guardian Signature**

# Honor our TJ Graduates: Make a Donation & Dedication!

## ANGP Champion — \$500

The Cahill Family (Includes matching funds from Intel)	Way to go CJ!
The Howard Family	Mike, go with all your Heart!
Dennis & Vicky Linnell	Mary, shoot for the moon!
The Pitler Family	We are so proud of you Will!

## ANGP Benefactor — \$250

My-van Tran	Robert Q. Bui
John & Joan Burch	Evan, we're so proud of you!
Jeff Clark	Congratulations Meghan!
Pat & Joan Daly	TJ + Ben = Too much fun!!!!
Sandy Evans & Steve Hoffman	Congrats Zoe Our Shining Star!
Stephen & Terri Minshew	Congratulations William!
David & Eleni Silverman	Congratulations, Alexa!!!
Barbara Steakley & Milan Yager, Reid & Jack Yager	Austin: it's in the net!
Gilberto & Julia Villacorta	Our Indefatigable Lionness!
Yilin Weng	We love you so much, Lorna!

## ANGP Patron — \$100

Florence Hsio Hsia Au & Kin-sing Au	Alex Au
Ron & Nassmah Brooks	Mabrouk Ranya class '09
Kay Bushman	Congrats Sheila and Leila
The Cain Family	The Amazing Awesome Amanda
Steve & Sallie Casto	Congratulations Kevin!
Patrick & Anne Clougherty	We love you and are so proud!
Robert & Nan Coleman	Johnny Coleman
Douglas & Kay Corey	Rebecca!! You go girl!!
Susan deMars	Spencer
The DeWeese Family	Jack's 4 great years at TJ!
Jerry & Diana Dreo	Great Job – Maximus Max!
Joan & David Evans	Way to go Brett!
Patrick & Lucille Ferraren	Congratulations. God Bless You
The Fielding Family	Recognition of Becca Fielding
The Griffis Family	Kites rise highest against the wind
Cindy & Jon Hann	The Hann Family
Gordon & Mardi Hastings	Way to go Suzy!

Emmanuel & Rebecca Hife	Congratulations John. God Bless You.
Emmanuel & Rebecca Hife	Way to go John. Proud of You. Audrey Aldo
Daniel & Catherine Holohan	Congrats Daniel. We Luv ya!
Charles & Megan Hookey	"Glenjamin" the Great
Jennifer Jones	
Atul & Nupur Kapoor	Sunaina
The Kempson-Brooks Family	You did it, Spencer!
Tom & Angie Kirchner	Natalie
David Kolker & Lynn Borton	2009 is Mighty Fine
Iayun Kuo & Iayon Shang Kuo	Jonathan Kuo
Steven & Frances Lagerfeld	Liz
Jaewoo & Edith Soyeon Lee	Congratulations Clarice!
The Lewis Family	Well Done Love You Lots Ashley
Arundhati & Somayazulu	We are proud of you, Manchali
Susan & John McAuliffe	Excellent job Jacob!
David & Thuy McMurray	Evan TJ 2011
Steve & Carol Miranda	Jenneroo — We Love You!
A. Reed & Darlene Mihalow	Congratulations Casey Mihalow
Kathleen McGann	Congratulations Monica!
Kevin & Elizabeth Murphy	We love you, Brian!
The Ok Family	We are very proud of you Suzan
Yun & John Pang	We love you Brian!
Trang Bui	Alex Pham
John & Donna Repetski	Trey
Steve & Lillian Ryals	Congrats, Nick — We Love You!
Liz & Doug Ross	Way to go, Michael!
Pat Savage	Kiara
The Schmoltner Family	Sarah
The Schnepf Family	We love you Neesha!
Brenda Simon	Alex Simon
Richard & Elizabeth Starr	The incredible gift that is TJ!
Hung & Que Vu	Great job, Camille!
Jay & Cindy Wallin	Christina Wallin
Joseph White	17 years of great adventures
Jeffrey & Mary Witko	Congrats, Alex! Keep Running!
Weifen Zhang	Simon Lee

# Honor our TJ Graduates: Make a Donation & Dedication!

## ANGP Friend — \$50

Elisa & Steve Anders	Congratulations, Brett!
Sharon & David Bomgardner	Way to go Eric
Jonathan & Bonnie Bloom	Great Job Ben! We Love You
Spencer Brooks	Spencer
Gina Oak	So proud and love you, Adam!
Lyle & Ann Clark	We are so proud Meghan
Erica Curles	Erica
Owen Cyr	Owen
E. David & Hollye Doane	Great Job Lindsey Doane
Richard & Denise Dorn	Rachel
Preetan d'Souza	Preetam
Eli Eilbott	Rachel Eilbott
Karen Emmons	Dan – we are so proud of you.
Stephen & Liane Eng	Michael Eng
David English	David
The Fuller Family	We love You, Emma!
Mary & David Godofsky	Peter & Steven
The Greer Family	In Recognition of Zack Greer
Lauren Groskaufmanis	Lauren
Danielle Howard	Almost free! I love you kiddo.
Anthony Hwang	Anthony
The Kaplan Family	Great job Jim! We love you!
Alex Khmurets	Walex
Richard & Valerie Kuehn	Congrats-You're amazing Erica!
Manchali Madduri	Maneeshika
Leslie & Bruce Metge	So proud of you, Jed-man!
Gerardo Rodriguez & Maggie Maldonado	We are so Proud Kevin, Love You
Anita Moutafakis	Lexi
Quyen Nguyen	Alex – We Love you very much.
The Nguyen Family	Great job Stephanie Nguyen
Suzan Ok	Suzan
Michael & Mary Jo Patterson	Great Job, Molly Patterson!
The Perez Family	Nick
Reinaldo Perez, Jr. & Angie L. Bonilla-Perez	We are very proud of you Rey!

Christine Pham	Christine
The Reddy Family	We are so proud of you Rashmi!
John & Donna Repetski	Tech Rock Star Trey
Kylene Smart	Kylene
Daniel & Sondra Snyder	Mark
Steven Tan	Steven
Aoibheann Thinnes	Aoibheann
Roy & Elizabeth Tubergen	We are so proud of you Brian!
Diane & Peter Ungerleider	We are so proud of you Jessica
Stephanie Valarezo	Stephanie
Val Vaughn & Dilaun Terry	Ryan Vaughn
Ravi Veluri	Raghav
Karla Vernon	Greg, an excellent son!
Chia-pu Wang	I-Ting Wang
Kathie & David Watson	Congratulations Kelly!
David & Kitty Wildes	Jonathan – You made it!

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Safe Community Coalition	Champion
Virginia State Police Association, Inc.	Champion
Churchill Road School PTA	Friend
Longfellow Middle School PTA	Friend
Liberty Middle School PTA	Donation
Louise Archer PTA	Donation
Thoreau Middle School	Friend



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Donors are acknowledged in the Techcetera and at the ANGP. Dedications should be a maximum of 30 characters: To correct an entry, email [VL2009 at gmail.com](mailto:VL2009@gmail.com)

# Take out a personal ad in the Senior issue of tjTODAY!

Dear Seniors/Parents,

The school year is almost over, and the senior issue of tjTODAY is fast approaching. Six 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. Our printing expenses for this one-of-a-kind 32-page issue continue to rise so our ad prices have gone up a bit over last year, but all involved would say, it's worth it!

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 c/o Jennifer Seavey, Room. 107  
 6560 Braddock Alexandria, VA 22312-2206  
 (703) 750-8375

Deadline for all advertisement submissions: **May 15, 2009**

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: \$ \_\_\_\_ . \_\_\_\_

Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Thank you for your order! **tjTODAY** seniors:

Teresa Ventura, Gloria Driessnack, Lisa Kong, Viola Li and Carolyn McCallister

TJ Drama Presents:  
**Up the Down Staircase**

**Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM**  
**Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM**

(Presale Ticket Price is \$8.00. Tickets are \$10.00 at the Door.)

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**ADVANCE TICKET ORDER FORM**

**Mail orders must be postmarked by Apr 18<sup>th</sup> and received by April 21st!**  
**Tickets purchased with Advance Ticket Order Forms should be picked up on the night of the show. Any tickets remaining in Will Call at 6:50 PM on the night of the show will be released for resale.**

**Up the Down Staircase**

Friday, April 24th @ 7:00 pm	___ tickets @ \$8.00 =	\$ _____
Saturday, April 25th @ 7:00 pm	___ tickets @ \$8.00 =	\$ _____
	Total	\$ _____

Please make checks payable to: **TJHSST**

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Phone** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Email** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail by April 18<sup>th</sup> to: TJHSST, Student Activities Office, ATTN: Dorothy Diggs, 6560 Braddock Road, Alexandria, VA 22312**

**OR**

**Drop Off April 1<sup>st</sup> to April 21st – “Up the Down Staircase” Box – on TJ’s Front Office Counter**

***Tech cetera***  
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TJHSST  
6560 Braddock Road  
Alexandria, VA 22312

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PLEASE EXPEDITE

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### Check List

- April 3, Student Holiday
- April 6-10, Spring Break
- April 13, PTSA Meeting, 7pm in Library
- April 16, College Panel Night, 7:30pm, auditorium
- May 1-2, Monticello Market
- May 4-15, AP Exams