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Junior Prom to be held at Buffalo Grand Hotel on May 17, 2019

The Hutch Tech Junior Prom will be held on May 17, 2019, at 7:00 pm. This year, the Junior Prom will be held at the Buffalo Grand Hotel, formerly known as the Adam's Mark. The theme of this year's prom is *Diamonds are Forever*.

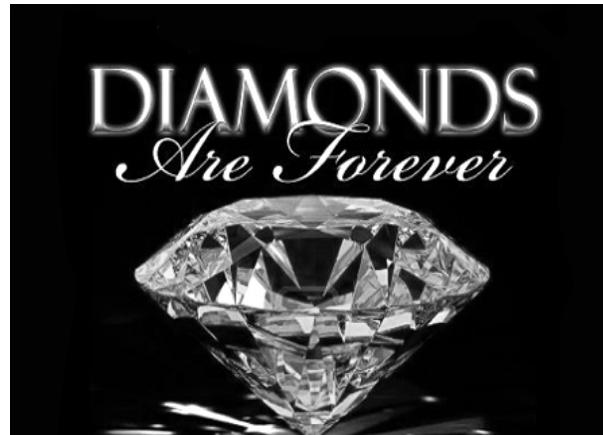
Throughout the year, the Junior Council and their advisor, Mr. Lojacono, have raised money and planned for this event to be memorable and fun for everyone.

Ticket to the Junior Prom

are \$50 and will be on sale until May 13. Those interested in purchasing tickets should see Mr. Lojacono in room 420. But do not hesitate! Ticket sales end Monday, May 13!

In addition to being held in a beautiful banquet room at the Buffalo Grand hotel, the prom will feature DJ P.Nasty, a photo booth, an amazing buffet dinner, unlimited Gelato, and dancing and fun for everyone!

Dress to impress and have a wonderful time, Juniors!



Buffalo School Board Election, May 7, 2019

Nine seats on the Buffalo Public Schools school board in New York are up for general election on May 7, 2019. Three at-large seats and six by-district seats are on the ballot.

Voters who live in these areas of Buffalo have the following choices of candidates.

Central Seat

Paulette Woods (i)

Office: At-large Member

Residents from any neighborhood in the City of Buffalo can vote for **three** of the following people to occupy the "at-large" seats on the Board.

East Seat

Patricia Ellicott
Kathy Evans-Brown

Ferry Seat

Sharon Belton-Cottman (i)

Lawrence Scott
Jack Kavanaugh
Jeffrey Conrad
Terrance L. Heard
Timothy Hartigan
Ann Rivera
Carolette Meadows
Desmond Nalls

North Seat

Hope Jay (i)

Park Seat

Louis Petrucci (i)
Austin Harig

West Seat

Jennifer Mecozzi (i)

The remaining candidates represent the different neighborhoods of the city.

To Be a Mentor

by Maha Alshuaibi

By definition of a role model is a person whose behavior, example, or success is or can be emulated by others, especially by younger people. This definition can apply to the importance of being a role model to younger Techtonians.

For the past 100 years, Hutch Tech upperclassmen have set a positive, impactful example for the lowerclassmen. The upperclassmen can motivate the lowerclassmen to do better and to get excited about their high school experience.

Looking back to when I first started here at Tech, I admired the seniors. I would be excited for pep rallies because the seniors went all out in costumes and face paint, it really showed the school spirit these seniors had. Now that I am a senior, I want to be the role model for the students here at Tech and make a positive impact on them like the seniors had on me.

To be a role model at Tech means to carry on the positive reputation our school. Hutch Tech is not only a school that produces strong skill sets, but this school also ensures that its graduates are determined and well-prepared for

the new world that they have entered. As a student I advise my peers to leave a long and lasting impression on their teachers. Students should also make choices that will benefit them in the future. A good student should be remembered as hard-working, kind, and committed. Going from high school to college is a big step in life for those who take it, and colleges look for people with those qualities.

That is why it is important for the upperclassmen here at Tech to set a good example and pave a path for those who have just begun their high school life. We are a school of Engineers, people who design and build off their creative ability. As Engineers, we should work together to build a positive environment for the future of Hutch Tech.



Terror in New Zealand

by Hawa Saleh

On March 15th, 2019, the deadliest terror attack in its history befell New Zealand. A white nationalist who was stoked by anti-immigrant sentiments and internet fueled hatred unleashed a wave of catastrophe that resulted in the deaths of 50 Muslim worshippers.

In most criminal circumstances, most people believe in not blaming the victim(s). However, with the New Zealand terror attack, some people believe quite the opposite. Senator Fraser Anning of Queensland when responding to the attack said,

“The real cause of the bloodshed on New Zealand streets today is the immigration program which allowed Muslim fanatics to migrate to New Zealand in the first place... Let us be clear, while Muslims may have been the victims today, usually they are the perpetrators. Worldwide, Muslims are killing people in the name of their faith on an industrial scale... The truth is that Islam is not like any other faith. It is the religious equivalent of fascism. And just because the followers of this savage belief were not the killers in this instance, does not make them blameless”.

After saying this, he proceeded to quote a Bible verse. The irony here is astounding and appalling. A book that is regarded to teach love and acceptance was used to justify the senseless murders of members of another faith group.

What Sen. Anning said is loud and clear. He believes that the victims weren't innocent.

He demonized another religion; a religion that 50 people shared as they lost their lives to an ideology where they are considered monsters that need to be eradicated. If Sen. Anning's logic was applied to other circumstances, the outcomes would be disastrous, so why use the actions of a publicized extremist group that misconstrues the true meaning of religion to condemn 1.6 billion people to death?

What is even more upsetting is the fact that the President of the United States of America wouldn't condemn the sole instigator of this attack: White Supremacy. He belittled the issue of rising white nationalism as he proceeded to say, “I think it's a small group of people that have very, very serious problems, I guess.” Apparently, Heather Heyer's death in the Charleston neo-Nazi rally, the 9 deaths of black churchgoers in Charleston, and the deaths of 11 Jewish worshippers at the Tree of Life Synagogue, all of which were committed with white nationalistic motivation, aren't indicative of a major problem fomenting in America's domestic sphere.

We need to stop this cycle of destruction. Terror attacks such as the one suffered in New Zealand first started with

misinformation. People are not born racist; it isn't an inherited trait. Through rampant ideologies, manifestoes form and attacks occur. Instead of believing negative information about something, or much less about a large group of people, try going to the actual source.

For example, Islam is a religion that is often associated with some of the worst events in history and unfortunately, the media plays a big role in how this religion is portrayed. Rather than go to someone who will approve your unconfirmed biases, go to someone who practices this religion.

As much as people will proclaim that they “don't see color,” they in fact do. This is shown by subtle actions like clutching your bag when a certain someone walks by, locking your car door as someone is approaching, tensing up when seeing someone dressed in their native garb, etc. There should be no problem acknowledging someone's skin tone because it will allow us to view life from their perspective. Claiming to be color blind is the equivalent of erasing or making invisible our amazing human diversity.

Moving forward, people should try to recognize their own stereotypical thoughts and feelings. When someone has contradictory beliefs, they tend to ignore them because it will arouse certain emotions that they want repressed. This is called cognitive dissonance. This anxiety is then triggered by a set of circumstances in which a person's belief clashes with newly presented evidence. If people repress uncomfortable conversations, thoughts and emotions, inevitably negative consequences will arise. At times, when people are placed in uncomfortable situations, their implicit biases shine. This then comes at a shock to them because they never knew that they harbored such feelings in the first place. They never knew such prejudices existed within themselves. This can be solved through communication. If we as a society can come together, and see one another as the humans we are, the world can be healed from feuds and fights.

We can learn and unlearn together, hand in hand.

Finally, mental illness should not be used as an excuse to fall back on when the perpetrator of a crime such as that in New Zealand doesn't fit the typical terrorist profile. Anyone who seeks to spark fear within the masses is a terrorist.

As this paper was being written, New Zealand Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern had announced a weapons ban, including military style semi-automatic rifles and high capacity gun magazines. This makes sense because if we aren't privy to top military information, why should we have access to militaristic weapons?

The carnage exhibited through this act of terror speaks volumes about current day society. New Zealand which was considered one of the world's safest countries was

Listen to the Voices Unheard

by Kayla Pulvino

I have a great mind. I think differently from many people, and I take a unique perspective on life. I am creative and a deep thinker; yet, I know I have much more to learn and more time to grow. My age puts me at a disadvantage. Half the time I am misunderstood, and my generation is overlooked. Yes, maybe maturity comes with time due to an increase of responsibilities, but that is not always is that the case.

There are numerous people who are brilliant but never listened to. Their words are never heard. We have ideas, solutions, and experiences that not only will shape us one day but which will even create the future we will one day have. Politics, and “grown up” conversations are pushed aside until the age of 18 because that's when legally we are considered adults. That's when our voices are considered to matter.

But when will our generation be heard? Why does a number define our voice? Now, I understand that some teenagers

have lead themselves down the wrong path, but ask yourself this: where would that person be if they were just simply listened to? I say simply because listening is a simple task. If you take the time to understand and to hear that person out, most of the time it will result in positive change. We need change as a society.

Our childhood shapes the adults we will one day become, adults who, maybe one day, will feel that our opinion or views were invalidated because no one ever took the time to listen to us. As a society, we need to raise thinkers and problem solvers instead of hiding behind existing social norms. All expectations have been dropped of youth, and we need that to change. And in the words of Emma Watson, “If not me, who? If not now, when?”



susceptible to an atrocity that will plague its history for eternity.

As for the victims' families, we are with you and we stand with you.

May they rest in peace.

Post Script: After completing this piece, I couldn't ignore the need to bring awareness to yet another tragedy of gun violence in a religious setting.

On April 27, 2019, a terrorist fueled by anti-Semitic sentiments unleashed a hail of bullets at the innocent worshippers of the Chabad of Poway synagogue. Jewish worshippers who were in the middle of their Passover service met the ugly face of bigotry that dreadful day.

The woman who lost her life died shielding her rabbi. She was highly respected in her community and loved by those near and dear to her.

We have experienced far too many deja vu moments when it comes to acts of terror. It seems as if this increasing problem can't be combated; yet, it can be.

It all starts with a change in mindset. For some, the hardest thing to do is change views that have been ingrained in them since childhood. This should not be ignored. We have seen multiple times throughout history how the deaths of innocent people can be celebrated and their murderers' existence demonized.

All the world asks of you is to be informed. While we may have our own lives, our moral duty as human beings is to help each other out in our times of need.



Pi Day a Huge Success!

The math department would like to thank all of the teachers, staff, and administrators who were kind enough to help them with various aspects of Pi Day this year. It was a huge success with some records set and some firsts accomplished. For example, this was the first year of "Duct Taping an Administrator," with Mr. Stefanone becoming part of the wall in the cafeteria. Students paid \$1 to add some tape in an effort not only to attach him to the wall, but to raise money for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society,

This year, 222 Pi Day shirts were sold. Additionally, 137 pies were donated by students and brought to Evergreen Commons



at the conclusion of the event. The winners of the various contests are as follows:

Pi T-Shirt Contest: Caitlyn Murphy, Alyssa Morse and Dominique Zirpolo--"Thought Bubble"

Most Unusual Pie: Lisa Czapla--"Swamp Pie"
Pi Symbol Contest: James Darnley--"Balloon Engineer (pictured below)"

Pi Trivia Contest: Alexis Khantavout

Pi Math Contest: Kelsey Vegas

Pi Memorization Contest: Bibas Chhetri--376 places!

(For more pictures, see page 4, the Tech Tribune Picture Page)



Sport Scholars

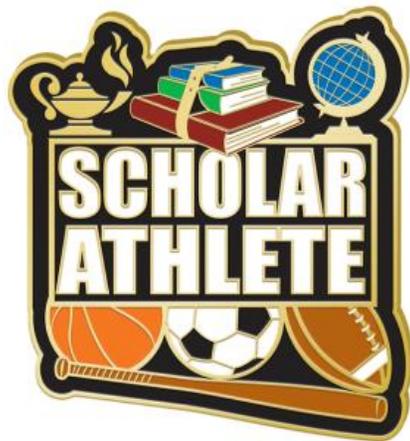
by Zachary Eckborg

A lot of work goes into winning and playing a sport, but how much work? In addition to practices, strength training, and games, there is still the school work that must be done just to be on the team. When do scholar athletes get all this work done?

I asked Windy Singo Olanga and Mariah Colon and here is how they handle it. Windy Singo Olanga said "All you need is time management and to know your limits, but also faith." Windy Singo Olanga is correct, all you truly need is time management and limits.

Mariah Colon said, "It's pretty easy for me to manage school and a sport because I don't really have a lot of other responsibilities outside of school." Mariah Colon is good at school and her sport, but I asked her how easy it would be for her if she belonged to clubs or had a job. Mariah prioritizes cross country and track, putting it first after school work.

According to these Sport Scholars it's easy to excel at school and at sports. Everybody is different and has their own way with dealing with multiple responsibilities, like school and sports, clubs, jobs, helping at home. The key is that you never know if you can balance it all unless you try. Many students at Hutch Tech balance their responsibilities and excel in multiple areas. Having good attendance, good study habits, and eating and sleeping well will also contribute to your success.



Student Spotlight



William Moore

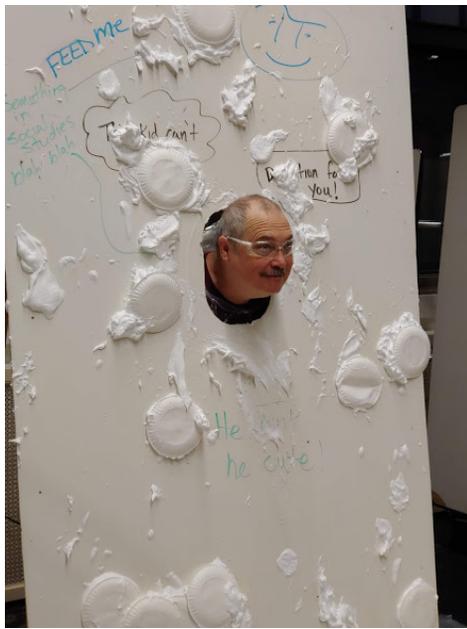
Congratulations to William Moore on his accomplishments and commitment to Buffalo Prep. William took part in the Buffalo Prep program throughout high school and for him, it made a major impact on his character, morals and values. He says, "I learned having a good work ethic is the most important thing." William has been accepted to Alfred University, Daemen, Gannon, Niagara, Roberts Wesleyan, SUNY Fredonia, and Wells College. Good luck in your bright future, William!



Chloe Maciejewski

Chloe Maciejewski won the Superintendent Cash's Five A's of Excellence Award on Saturday, May 4, 2019. This award is given to five students in grades 6-12 in recognition for exemplifying excellence in: Academics, Attendance, Attitude, Athletics, and the Arts. Chloe is on the swim team, she dances, she is on the hockey team, and she ranks academically in the top ten of the Hutch Tech class of 2019. Even with all of these commitments, she also works part time as well as teaches dance classes. She is a model Tectonian! Chloe will attend SUNY Geneseo in the fall. Congratulations, Chloe!

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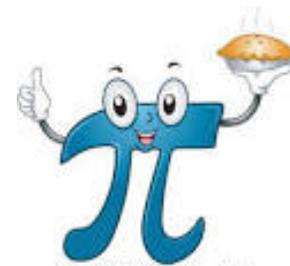
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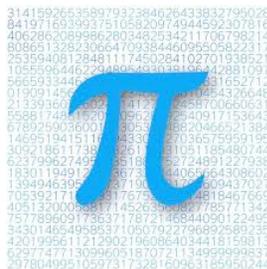
Mr. Slaght



Dr. Morquecho is Pi Queen for the day!



Mr. Stefanone



Pi Day T-Shirt Winners



Alyssa Morse

Pi Day Poster by Blosser Paw

