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Robotics - By Kristina Petrey

IB students Grace Thomas and Grace Hatten are part of a robotics group based out of Limestone High School, called "Argos." The way robotics works is each season teams are given a different goal, and they have six weeks to build a robot that meets the goal and completes tasks quicker than other teams' robots.

Those 6 weeks are dedicated to figuring out what they're going to build, testing prototypes, writing code and determining a way to combine these things together. This is the time where you build the robot with your team.

Once those six weeks are over, competition season begins. During this time teams test out their robots against others. They fix any mistakes that arise to better ensure their victory at the next competition.

This year, the Argos team qualified for Worlds, which is a huge competition in Houston, Texas, where both IB Graces competed against teams from Turkey, Canada, Israel, and Mexico.

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Student Spotlight - By Kristina Petrey

Student Spotlight is an opportunity to praise students for their efforts in our school or our community. Whether their talents lie in art, writing, sports or something more unconventional, the Student Spotlight is a space for praise and recognition. There are many students at IB whose talents fly under the radar, and the Student Spotlight can shine a light on them.

Teachers were asked to submit a student who they believe goes above and beyond not only what is expected of them academically, but also in terms of communication, plans for the future, or any area they think deserves recognition.

Our first student of the month is Bre Moore, and you can read more about why Bre was chosen on the next page.

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Sports Spotlight - By Mrs. Heinz

The Sports Spotlight is a dedicated space to highlight individual and team sports performances. IB has a proud tradition of wonderful sports teams and players, and in future issues

we hope to make an active effort to include and highlight them. In this issue, we spotlight Aubrey Brinkman and you can read more about her Senior track season on page three.

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Student Council - By Autumn Gray

The Student Council is hard at work finishing up plans for this year and putting together ideas for the 2022-23 school year!

goes their own way. All seniors are invited to come out to the soccer fields on Wednesday, May 4th from 7pm to 9pm.

The first upcoming event is TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK! This fun week will be from May 2nd through May 6th. Please use this time to show a little extra love to your teachers for all of the hard work they do! Abby Lowe, our Student Council Vice-President, is heading up the planning for this special week. The Student Council wants to make sure the IBHS teachers know how much we appreciate them!

Seniors, please use this as a chance to spend time with each other, play fun outdoor games, and eat delicious (free) food. Hopefully this will go down in your memories as a special event where you gathered together to watch the sun set on your Senior year!

Please don't hesitate to share any suggestions or ideas you may have with a Student Council representative! We love to hear from you so we know what to try and do to bring the most enjoyment possible to the student body!

Next is SENIOR SUNSET! The Student Council wanted to set up an opportunity for the Class of 2022 to get together one last time before their high school career ends and everyone



The Executive Board for the Student Council of the 2022-2023 school year (left to right). Grace Hutchinson as 2nd Vice President, Autumn Gray as President, Calvin Crowder as Parliamentarian, Amelia Howard as Vice President, Delaney O'Connor as Treasurer, and Adela Gonzales as Secretary.



Robotics at IB, Cont.

By : Kristina Petrey

In order to qualify for Worlds, the Graces and team Argos had to defeat many other teams in the Midwest area. During the Graces' experience at the World's competition, Argos was a finalist in their division, which was a great accomplishment!

This year, they needed to build a robot that would take "cargo" (a.k.a dodge balls) and make sure they could aim, fire, and make it into the "central hub" (a.k.a a hoop) to earn points. For the chance to earn more points, it must also be able to climb. The robot, which can weight up to 120 pounds, and climb to what looks like monkey bars.

Each Grace has a different responsibility when it comes to building the robot. Grace Thomas is part of the mechanical aspect of building. Once teams are given a list of tasks, such as climbing, throwing, they list them in terms of which ones to prioritize and begin working down the list. Once they figure out blueprints, testing, Thomas jokes, "Then we hand it to programming and tell them to deal with it!" Grace Hatten, a programmer, comments back "Then we tell you what isn't working out and then you deal with it again!" Two things are clear when listening to the Graces talk about their experience with Argos: They love the program and they have a lot of fun doing it.

This season was Grace Thomas's third season of competition and Hatten's first. Before joining Robotics, Grace Hatten had a decent amount of experience but she says, "It was a difficult transition because it was a different platform then what I used before. I still have so much to learn." The Argos team is sponsored by Caterpillar and basically all of the mentors they have work there and assist in the whole process.

Plans for a Robotics Community hour are in the works for next year! Using their knowledge and expertise, Grace Thomas and Grace Hatten will partner with a high school teacher and use the Lego Education developed curriculum to support this new Community Hour course.

If you are interested in joining the robotics team, there is a preseason that runs from mid August to late October. Thomas explains, "There is zero commitment during this time. If you come to a meeting and decide "this stinks" then you don't have to attend any of the others...Though I don't know why you would because it's a lot of fun!" Preseason is dedicated to learning about power tools, creating blueprints and easing into the program. The Graces would love to talk to anyone about more information. Great Job, Graces, for repping the IB wins!

Student Spotlight: Bre Moore

By Kristina Petrey

Earlier this month, teachers were asked to submit the name of a student deserving of recognition. While a variety of students were nominated, one stood out among the rest. Nominated by Mr. Hallstrom, Bre Moore was applauded for her inclusive attitude toward all students, her continuous efforts to create a welcoming environment, and all the school spirit she shows on the dance team, in art club and at art show!

Bre is one of the "most socially supportive student's," Mr. Hallstrom states, "She takes time to interact with everyone and our community is benefiting because of it." As a student, there is a high probability that you left feeling accepted, welcomed and overall pretty good after talking to Bre.

Bre's reaction to Mr. Hallstrom's recommendation was this: "It's nice to know that my efforts are being seen by a teacher, I often just feel like I'm there, you know?"

Earlier this month Bre enlisted for military service. She had a sense of excitement while explaining her future, but don't let that fool you, though. She reiterated her anxieties about her future multiple times. Bre is looking forward to making a difference in the world, meeting new people of all backgrounds, and finally getting a start on the "real world." Afterward her military service, she plans on pursuing a career as a lawyer, but she laughed while saying, "If all else fails, I'll just go back to the military."

Bre is not only a quiet leader inside the classroom, but outside as well!



Current Events

By Mr. Adamczyk

On February 24, 2022, the largest land invasion in Europe since WWII began as Russia invaded Ukraine sparking near worldwide condemnation and protests. Since then, thousands of Ukrainians have been killed and millions of have become refugees in neighboring countries.

How did this all start? Historically, Ukraine had been a part of Russia for hundreds of years only becoming fully independent in 1991. This has fueled Russian leader Vladimir Putin's claims that Ukraine rightfully belongs to Russia. However, this is a difficult claim to back up as Ukraine has had a distinct language and cultural identity separate from Russia for a long time.

In more recent terms, the main reason for Russia's invasion stems from Ukraine's desire to join the European Union and NATO, a defensive alliance between other European countries and the United States, both of which Russia opposes.

Putin had repeatedly warned other European countries and Ukraine that EU and NATO membership for Ukraine would be seen as a direct attack on Russian national security.

It's difficult to say when the war will end. But Ukraine has put up a strong resistance.

Russia V.S Ukraine



Vladimir Putin has been Russia's de-facto ruler since 2000. Putin is seen by many as a cruel leader who censors free speech and free elections, both of which are sources of pride for everyday Americans. However, many people in Russia view him as a great ruler due to how Putin and his government were able to make Russia into a superpower again following the turmoil after the Soviet Union fell in 1991.

Volodymyr Zelenskyy is the current President of Ukraine. Only taking power in Ukraine in 2019, he has come to be viewed as a hero and champion of democracy through his selfless actions and commitment to stay in Ukraine during Russia's invasion. Even as Russian troops approached and bombed the Ukrainian capital Kyiv, Zelenskyy has refused to leave reportedly telling US officials after the US offered to extract him from Kyiv "the fight is here; I need ammunition, not a ride."

By Ms. Heinz

Sprinting into the end of her senior year, track star Aubrey Brinkman, reports that unlike the April weather, this track season as well as her future in track, is looking bright!

Aubrey Brinkman, last year's ICAC Conference Champion in shot put and runner up in discus as well as former Tomahawk Conference Discus champion and shot put runner up, is already throwing a prediction of success for this 2022 season. Even with the limited chances the weather has provided them this season, she states: "the team has been doing well and several people have won their events at both meets. We have a larger team this year than what we've had in the past and everyone is dedicated and puts in the time and effort to be the best they can be!"

Furthermore, Aubrey herself is experiencing well-earned success as she has thrown her personal best in shot put and "very close" to

to her personal best in discus in the past two meets. How is she not experiencing the well-known senioritis you ask? Well, what was her biggest obstacle is now her biggest motivator: "The biggest challenge I have probably had to face within the last four years was the cancellation of my sophomore season and then the craziness that was my junior season. There wasn't a whole lot I could do about it so I just practiced on my own and put some work into doing what I loved and overcame it that way".

The best part about this senior leader is that she applies her leadership skills on and off the field. In her past four years, Aubrey has been a member of the Volleyball team, a part of the State Scholastic Bowl squad, a member of Student Council and a member of National Honor Society. Her secret to this success? She urges students to "Try new things. It sounds pretty cliché but that's how you find out what you love and enjoy doing.

That's exactly how I fell in love with throwing and a couple other activities I have been involved in".

When reflecting on her past four years as an athlete at IB, Brinkman believes she has come a long way and that the specifically challenging past two years has actually led her to strengthen the mental aspect of the sport as well as become a better teammate. She hopes to take these two strengths with her on her journey to Lewis University where she will be competing on a track scholarship!



Senior Salutations

By Kristina Petrey

Clara Alvey, Olivia Young, and Mickey Bane are three seniors who were asked to share about their time in high school.

During their interview, the sense of nervous excitement was very prevalent in the room. When asked how they felt about leaving the school and facing the future, Clara said, "It's definitely bittersweet. But it's also nerve wracking." Clara plans on going into the hospitality and traveling business. In the near future she plans on taking a trip to Spain to visit fellow student, Lucy.

Olivia admits, "I'm terrified. The thought of going from a set schedule that I've had since I was a kid to none at all really worries me." She plans on taking a year break after high school and will spend most of it making up the lost sleep from waking up early and caring for animals at Pekin animal shelters.

"Yes," Mickey states, "It means I will have to learn how to drive." Mickey plans on going to college to be an English teacher.

After discussing their next steps, I asked for their advice. "Don't overwork yourself," Olivia said. "Get your required credits out of the way so you can have fun your senior year," offered Mickey. "Don't take yourself too seriously, you only get this once," said Clara. Good luck on your next adventure, Seniors.

Library News

By Ray Lawrence

The library is a safe and understanding place for anyone. Between the genres of books and things to do, it's the perfect escape from the chaos of school. The shelves are filled with new and award-winning books, but it's a quiet place that's not just for reading. You can also wind down with some puzzles, sticker books, or just enjoy the comfy chairs and the sunny window seats.

The voices of commotion in the hallway are quieted when you enter. If people are working in the main part of the library the side rooms still offer a quiet space for group work, media recording, and other activities. Mrs. Coulter rotates the decor to correspond with happenings in our community and in our world. At the moment senior portraits, student work, and National Poetry Month are on display.

In the words of Hermonie Granger (and one of Mrs. Coulter's favorite quotes) "When in doubt, go to the library."

Community Hour

By Mr. Brown

On Friday, April 15th, Community Hour students and teachers spent the morning focused on Community Service. Students and teachers collaborated to create meaningful service experiences and today carried out their plans. Service projects included:

Visiting EPIC in Peoria and helping in their community garden

Creating blankets for patients/families served by the Ronald McDonald House in Peoria;

Filling Easter eggs and preparing play areas in advance of the Hollis Park District Easter Egg Hunt;

Making and packaging various flavors of dog treats to donate to TAPS No Kill Animal Shelter;

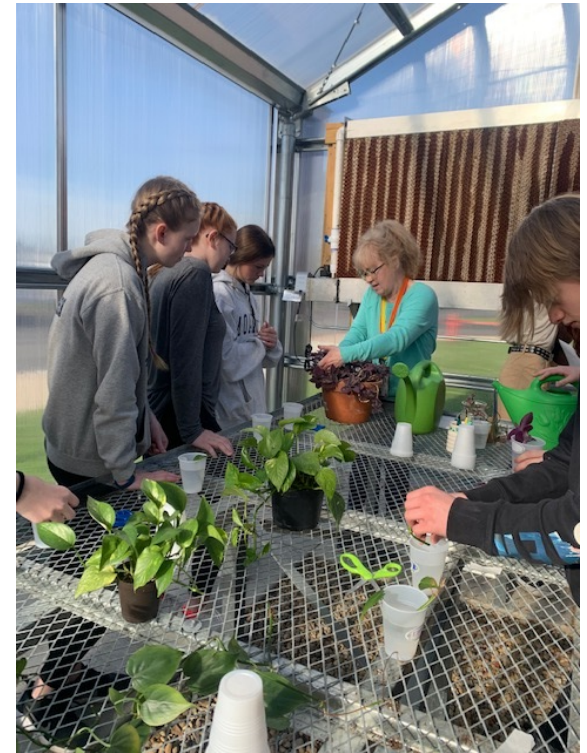
Helping complete yard work for community members;

Teaching 6th grade students about our Industrial Technology program by helping them create birdhouses for their families to enjoy;

Hosting an "Anime Convention" for IBES students to explore art and creativity;

Mentoring 8th grade students through the process of Community Hour, and collecting data on the types of courses they'd like to participate in as freshmen. They enjoyed courses such as Robotics, taught by our own students Grace Thomas and Grace Hatten, Participated in Behind the Curtain, led by Mr. Wirth and his drama volunteers, and Mrs. Gresham and Mother Nature students offered a class about plants and finding different ways to be more sustainable to ensure a better future for everyone.

Among other experiences, Community Hour has focused on understanding and improving the world our students live in.



Ms. Gresham teaching 8th graders about propagation

We are learning about the impact each of us can have on making our school community, the Illini Bluffs community, Central Illinois, and the world a better place. Great job IBHS teachers and students!



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