

# The OWL



April 2017

## Top Teacher: Jim McDarby By Saima Hannan and Annaliese Tampasis

On April 5, Jim McDarby was featured on News Channel 13 as the Top Teacher of the Week! Student Council nominated him, and he won! For those who don't know, Mr. McDarby teaches AP Biology, AP Environmental Science, Living Environment, and Marine Science. He is a phenomenal teacher and finds new ways to make education entertaining. Mr. McDarby loves to introduce students to the natural world, while helping them understand what they see everyday. He dedicates his time after school to help his students in any way he can. On April 26, the Envirothon team competed in the annual competition in Fishkill NY and placed second! Envirothon is not the only thing Mr. McDarby advises; he is also in charge of the Environmental Club. He's had an interest in science since he was very young. His greatest interest was dinosaurs. In the News Channel 13 interview, he recalled the times he used to play with dinosaur toys as a kid. The interview took place in his eighth period AP Bio class, capturing the hard working students cooperating and diligently working on a lab, while Mr. McDarby assisted. Congratulations to Mr. McDarby and thank you for all that you do!



## All-County By Autumn Kudlack

Students once again had a chance to be musically involved in school activities this month with All-County. All-County brings select students from schools all around Columbia County together to sing, or play their instruments in a concert. This year, All-County was at Chatham High School. Students involved in All County had to go to this school on two nonconsecutive days. One time was to rehearse, and the other was to have their concert. It went that quickly! Of course, the time they went to Chatham wasn't the only time they had to practice. Mr. Cordato, the choir/music teacher, prepared recordings for students to practice and had rehearsals once a week. The conductor, a professor from Massachusetts, taught the students to think while they were singing, not just about the words but about dynamics, diction, and breathing. Songs *Hine Ma Tov*, *Omnia Sol*, *Bridge Over Troubled Water*, and *Three Madrigals* were sung beautifully in the concert and hopefully fun was had by all. Music events coming up include the Memorial Day Parade May 29, the High School Spring Concert June 6, and more. Many people are involved in these events, so be sure to come and enjoy even more musical events occurring at our school!

## Student Accepted to National Juilliard Dance Program

Orlando Harbutt, a sophomore at Hudson High School, is a talented dancer who has received scholarships to Manhattan Youth Ballet and the American Ballet Theatre School. Harbutt worked out a plan with Hudson High School that allows him to leave early on Fridays in order to travel to New York City and participate in the Manhattan Youth Ballet.

Recently, Harbutt became one of only 44 students in the nation to be accepted into the Juilliard Summer Dance Intensive, which is a three-week program in classical ballet and modern dance.

“Dancing allows me to express myself in a way that can’t be done with any other activity,” said Harbutt. “It portrays emotion. I love it.”

The exclusive Juilliard summer program begins in July.



Juilliard

DANCE  
DRAMA  
MUSIC

## Dellavechia and Sumayya Named Class of 2017 Valedictorian and Salutatorian

Antonio W. Abitabile, Principal of Hudson Senior High School, is pleased to announce the Valedictorian and Salutatorian of the Class of 2017.

Tyler Dellavechia, son of Lorraine and Lance Dellavechia of Claverack, and Esrat Sumayya, daughter of MD Elias and Shirin Akhtar of Hudson, have been named Valedictorian and Salutatorian, respectively.

Tyler is a member of the National Honor Society, the Class of 2017 President, a member of Yearbook Committee, Band, Jazz Band and Choir, and active in Varsity Basketball, Bowling, Cross Country, Golf and Tennis. He received the Wells College 21st Century Leadership Award in recognition of outstanding contributions as a student and a leader. Tyler will attend college to study Business.



Esrat was a Rotary Student of the Month, attended the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards Conference (RYLA), was active on the Robotics team, National Honor Society, Art Club and Yearbook Committee.

She was awarded the Xerox Award for Innovation and Information Technology in recognition of outstanding achievement in the pursuit of innovative approaches and an appreciation for the possibilities of technology. She also received the Elmira College Key in recognition of high scholastic achievement, leadership, citizenship and participation in extracurricular activities.

Esrat plans to attend Pace University to study Nursing. Congratulations to both of these outstanding Hudson High School students!

## Ms. Cipollari Interview By Osman Gofran

Ms. Cipollari is the English Department Chair and currently teaches English 9 and 9 Honors. She is also a certified Social Studies teacher. Ms. Cipollari started teaching at Montgomery Smith Middle School in 1993. She has been in Hudson for twenty-four years and teaches some of her former students' children! She said that this makes her feel old. Ms. Cipollari taught at Troy High for her first year and the following three years she taught at St. Casimir's in Albany.

Ms. Cipollari grew up in Rensselaer, New York and attended St. Joseph's and Mercy High School in Albany. She then went on to S.U.N.Y. Albany where she studied English, History and Education. She received both her Bachelors' and Masters' degrees from S.U.N.Y. Albany. She always knew that she wanted to be a teacher and declared her major in second grade. Ms. Cipollari played basketball, was the copy editor of the high school yearbook, wrote for the school newspaper and performed in school plays.

Ms. Cipollari loves to travel. She has been to forty-three states and drove across country twice. She also toured all over Europe and has been to many Caribbean islands. She also loves to write.

Ms. Cipollari has advice for students. She says to do the best you can in school. It will pay off for the rest of your life. Make sure that you love what you do. After teaching for twenty-seven years, she can honestly say that there is nothing she would rather be than a teacher and she loves Hudson! The hardest part of her job is getting unmotivated students to do work. She tries many techniques. The best part is hearing how well her former students are doing later in life. She still keeps in touch with many of them. She hopes to finish her teaching career in Hudson then possibly do some writing and more traveling. She is amazed at how fast time goes by!



## Earth Week at Hudson High By Saima Hannan

Earth Day was on April 22nd, and Hudson High celebrated it with Earth Week. Among the most notable ways to raise awareness during the week were what took place on Monday and Tuesday. Monday, April 24th, marked the start of the Scavenger Hunt of Human Impact on the Environment, where numerous clues were left throughout the school. Participants were asked to fill out a sheet of paper and return it to Mr. McDarby, so the winner could be picked. The winner received two tickets to the movies! On Tuesday, the 25th, it was Lights Out Day, when teachers were asked to turn off the lights in their classrooms for one hour. This helped to raise awareness amongst the students and staff, while also helping the planet. A special thanks should be given to the Environmental Club, led by Mr. McDarby, for putting together all of the events that went on during Earth Week here at Hudson High!

## Senior Quarter 4 Clair Bazar

I wanted to ask a few seniors what their thoughts were on this being their last quarter of high school. Here are their responses:

**Lamyah Daniell:** “It seemed like senior year was always a long time away, but here we are in the last quarter and it doesn't seem real. I'm graduating soon and I'm all grown up. Not like I'm stressed on grades or anything, but knowing I'm going to be out of high school and starting a new path on life with new school, new friends, and new environment amazes me.”

**Maryah Ridley:** “I feel like I've been waiting for this moment my entire life. The time will soon come! We will all be starting our actual lives. Honestly, I never thought I would've made it this far. Just to think, my peers and I will be graduating in a little over a month is unbelievable. I just wish everyone the best and hope we become successful.”

**Cecille Ruiz:** “Wow! Everything is happening so fast, I don't think I'm ready to go to college yet. SOS.”

**Tyler Dellevechia:** “I can't believe that my time at Hudson High is almost complete. I am excited for the future, but I will miss the people I have met over my years here.”

**Kristian Tampasis:** “You know... I'm still sort of in a daze. I'm looking at all this work around me and I'm just like, 'well, I gotta get it done... but then I'm like, yo I'll be out of here in no time.' So it's something alright. I'm just ready to start my new path in life, and I'm excited to see where this will take me. The thing I'll miss the most is the people; some of them are irreplaceable.”

**Trevel Evelyn:** “I am somewhat nervous about what will happen in the future because soon, I will be entering a period of time that will not be entirely certain, and I will probably miss the people that I've grown up with.”

## Trip to Staatsburg



## Students on the Run Recipes: 10 Minute Veggie Fried Rice By Sharmin Akther

It's almost the end of the year for all students, and a lot of them are cramming in work before the final quarter to raise their grades. Not a lot of students have a lot of time to make their lunch, and some go without eating all day. Students on the Run Recipes brings you 10-Minute Veggie Fried Rice! A few everyday household ingredients are all you need and students are on their way. Prep time is 10 easy minutes and it is super delicious and healthy (even though it says it is fried).

Prep Time: a little under 10 minutes

Ingredients:

2 tablespoons sesame oil, divided

Coupons

2 cloves garlic, minced

1 1-inch piece fresh ginger, grated\*

3 eggs

4 cups brown rice (cooked, cooled, and separated)\*\*

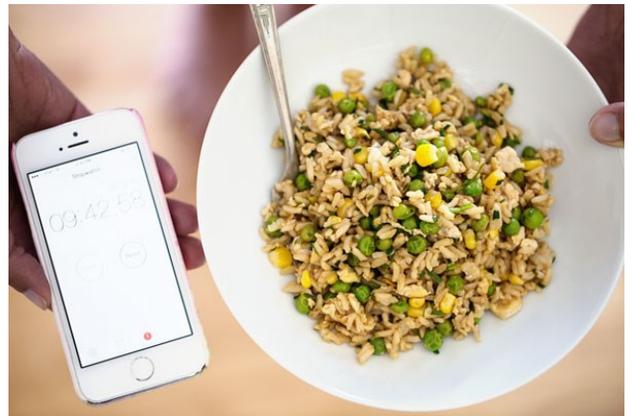
1 cup frozen corn

1-2 cups frozen peas

½ tablespoon rice vinegar

2-3 tablespoons soy sauce

Fresh chives, fresh basil, baby spinach, any other add ins you want!



Directions:

Heat one tablespoon oil in a large pan over medium heat. Add the garlic cloves and ginger and stir fry for one minute. Crack the eggs directly into the pan and gently push them around in the pan until barely cooked, 1-2 minutes.

Add the rice and stir, add the other tablespoon of oil and turn the heat up to get it sizzling. The eggs should sort of incorporate and stick to the rice. NUM.

Add the frozen corn, peas, rice vinegar, and soy sauce and stir fry for another 1-2 minutes. Remove from heat, stir in any additional add-ins (basil is a must! SO good) and serve!

## Dave Johnson's Visit By Mashuda Sultana

Dave Johnson is an American poet. He came from New York City to do a workshop with Hudson High school students on April 7th. He said, "every language has a word for poetry." Poetry is a way to express ourselves and our feelings. The students read the "Watermelons" poem by Charles Simic, and "Ode to the Onion" by Pablo Neruda, and later discussed their meanings. Students also made their own poems and had a chance to share them. The poem had to describe something. I wrote a poem about the heart:

*You know how we have so much hatred, love and other feelings hidden in our hearts,  
and no one can see it, but they can feel it.*

*Cherry is the color that describes us. We shall not see it but it is inside us.*

In this poem, the cherry represents our hearts.



Poetry



## Hudson High Visits Italia By Kyle Ublacker

A group of lucky tourists from Hudson visited various locations in Italy from April 15th-22nd. Forty-four students, parents and a couple of teachers explored Italy from Milan to Rome. We toured Verona and saw Juliet's balcony and statue. The tour then went on to Venice, where we spent Easter. We went on a gondola and saw The Doge's Palace. The tour then went to Florence where we saw the Duomo and shopped a lot. The next stop was Assisi, the home of Saint Francis. We ate the world's best gelato there! From there, we went to Rome and saw the Coliseum, Roman Forum, and the Vatican. We then flew out of Rome.

Overall, the trip was amazing! The weather cooperated most of the time and the temperature stayed in the comfortable sixties. A big thank you to Mrs. Barletta, who made the whole thing happen. She was the perfect tour guide and knows the country amazingly well! Hudson hopes to revisit Italy in a couple of years so stay posted for future information.



## Badminton Tournament 2017



Photos courtesy of Mrs. J. Millar

## Art Show 2017



## Boat Race Hudson vs. ICC vs. Germantown



# Hudson Children's Book Festival

Free Admission & 75 Children's & Young Adult Authors & Illustrators



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10 am to 3 pm Hudson Jr/Sr High School

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