

The Owl



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National Honor Society Induction By Ramisa Tasnim

On Tuesday, May 17, 2017, the Hudson High School Chapter of the National Honor Society inducted in thirty seven students, one of the largest groups of new members to be inducted. In order to be a part of the National Honor Society, the students had to have a cumulative GPA of an 87. They also had to be approved by a panel of teachers. The night started off with the Senior members being acknowledged for all their accomplishments, such as their acceptances to colleges and their achievements in high school. Then Mr. Abitabile and Dr. Maria Suttmeier gave words of encouragement and appreciation to the new inductees stating that they “were the best of the best.” Mrs. Flint was then acknowledged for the Teacher’s Recognition Award by the National Honor Society. The oath was administered to the new inductees and the night came to an end. Congratulations to the new inductees of the National Honor Society, and thank you to the co advisors, Mrs. Rom and Mr. Hernandez, and the executive committee for all their hard work and dedication.



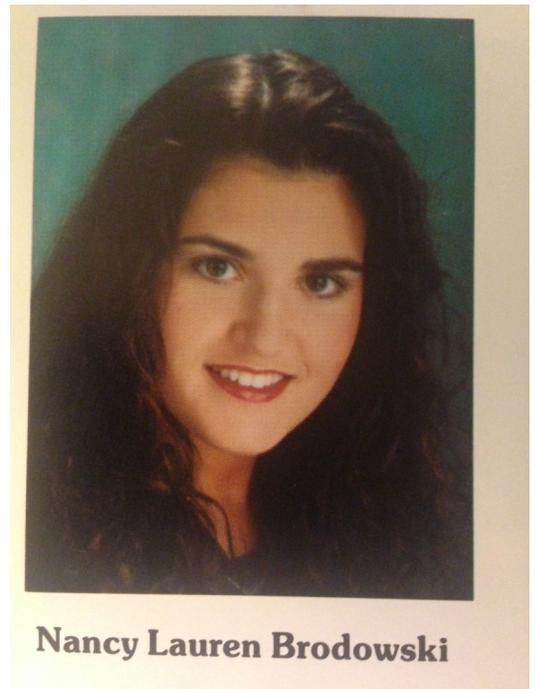
An Interview With Mrs. Zincio By Farzana Akhter

This month The Owl decided to interview Ms. Nancy Brodowski Zincio. Ms. Zincio graduated from Hudson High School in 1996. She is now a Health teacher in the same school she graduated from. Her interest in the health sciences has always inspired her to help others. Ms. Zincio went to CGCC for an Associate's degree in Applied Sciences, SUNY Plattsburgh for her Bachelor's degree, and Sage College for a Master's in Health Education. She started her first job at Le Moyne College in Syracuse, New York as an admissions' counselor. She loved working and connecting with the students and she coached cheerleading while she was there. Throughout her career, her two passions were education and health. She worked as a personal trainer, an OMT in a doctor's office, and even worked for a pharmaceutical company called Pfizer. Although she enjoyed her job working and traveling for Pfizer, she believed that she wasn't helping people the way she wanted to, especially the

youth. Her passion for helping others led her to become a teacher.

One of her biggest challenges as a teacher is getting everyone's full attention and getting students to be motivated. She believes that when taking on a teaching career, one should always have the passion and dedication to help others. It is also important to be open and accepting of all students. It is necessary to have a passion for what you are teaching. Over her years at Hudson High School, she has seen an increase in school spirit and academic growth. She believes that Hudson High can be an "unstoppable force of awesomeness" in the future. Her advice to all of her students is to never give up. You have everything inside of you to be the best you can be. Ms. Zincio also advises her student to be nice and accepting of all people and to focus on similarities rather than differences. She wants her students to

practice what they learn in class so that they can have a healthier lifestyle. She is a teacher because she wants to be here and she cares about every single student. She loves to dance on her free time and spend time with her daughter, Abby. They love to visit the aquarium and the zoo. She once auditioned for the show Pop Stars when she was twenty-two. All her life Ms. Zincio has had a passion to help others and now this is reflected in her career.



Nancy Lauren Brodowski

Studying Tips

By Saima Hannan

It still feels like the school year just started, but it turns out we are all almost done with another year of high school. With every end of every year, comes finals and Regents exams. This is when most students, including myself, begin to stress the most. However, there are a few tips that can help you do your best and reduce stress:

- Learn, not memorize - I can say that I am guilty of memorizing. I tend to cram and memorize everything the night before the test. But this will not help you remember. Learn and understand exactly what you are studying and this way you will actually remember and better understand the material.
- Make up a story - So there's no secret about it, there is a lot to remember. One way to do this is by making up a story for an enormous amount of details or steps. For example, Please Excuse My Dear Aunt Sally (PEMDAS).
- Write repeatedly - It's true that writing can seem like a hassle sometimes, however, research has shown that writing the same thing over and over again can help you retain the material, making forgetting something difficult.
- Read out loud - Read what you need to know out loud. Hearing yourself say things aloud will help you remember them for test day. For example, read aloud the dates you need to know for social studies, or the important vocab words for science.
- Study together - Get together with a group of friends and study together, like really study. Working with a group of people who are hoping to achieve the same goals as you will only help push you further.
- Believe in yourself - Lastly, believe that you can pass and reach your goals. If you have a positive attitude while you're going in to take your final or regents exam, you'll do a lot better than you would with a negative attitude.

Those are my top 6 tips and hopefully they will help you. Good luck to everyone!



Italy Trip 2016

By Kayleigh McCagg

Nearly two-dozen Hudson High School students spent their Spring Break traveling through northern and central Italy, enjoying the unique experiences of Italian life. The 21 students, along with 6 adults and Mrs. Barletta, took flight from John F. Kennedy airport in New York City on April 22nd and landed safely back home on the evening of April 30th. During their travels, the students went to four major cities and or towns, spending two days in each.

The first two days of the vacation was in northern Italy. The group went from the airport in Milan to the town of Verona all on the first day of arrival. The students were able to enjoy the first hours on European soil soaking up the easy-going Italian vibes, shopping, eating, and roaming around the small little city of Verona. Not to mention, Verona is the city that also exists as the setting of the famous William Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet. Every kid got the opportunity to see the well known balcony of Juliet's, and a statue of her that radiates good luck in one's love life.

The next day of the trip was the journey inside a journey, the city built on water, Venice. Although the weather was quite rainy, the group found ways to make their time useful. They enjoyed a tour of the Basilica, a demonstration of how Murano glass is formed, and then ample free time to "get lost" in the city. The kids were amazed of the fact that Venice was a city literally built on water, with hundreds of canals that connect it to the rest of the world.

Florence was the next city that the group toured, called Firenze in Italian. Florence was such an old city that contained buildings in it that were world renowned. One of the first things the group did was tour Il Duomo, the 5th largest Cathedral in the world. Those who were lucky enough also got to climb to the tip-top of the dome on The Duomo, which was 495 steep steps up. Although the rough climb, the view from the top was astounding, as one could see a 360 degree view of the city and the surrounding mountains. More free time let the group free to see the beautiful statue of David, enjoy the free music concerts in the St. Mark's square, and taste the yummy authentic dishes.

After Florence was the mini day trip to the quaint medieval town of Assisi, which to many students, was the favorite place out of the entire trip. Assisi was the hometown of the courageous Saint Francis of Assisi, and of course, the home of his church. We all were offered a tour of his church and given time to venture on the narrow, hilly streets afterwards. Many hiked to the top of the town, the very top of the hill, where there was a magnificent view of the town and neighboring valley. The town in all was full of beautiful landscape with a beautiful church that has significant historical importance.

Rome was the last few days of the memorable vacation, as it was the biggest city we would be touring. Our group was extremely lucky as we were allowed to tour the Vatican City, which is considered the smallest country in the world. We were given tours of the Basilica and the Sistine Chapel, painted diligently by the amazing Michael Angelo. To our luck, we were even blessed as we were being guided into the Sistine Chapel. That was personally one of my favorite moments of the trip just because it is a rare occasion. Rome held more historical churches and cathedrals than one could imagine. Anywhere you went in Rome, even down some little alley, you would easily find a building that dated from hundreds of years ago. We got to tour the Coliseum that was the arena home to hundreds of thousands of Romans back during the Roman Empire, and the Roman Forum that held buildings dating back to 600 years B.C.E.

Overall, Spring Break for 21 of the Hudson High School students was one that they will never forget. They were able to embark on experiences with a new lifestyle and culture in one of the greatest European countries, exploring multiple cities and towns. No doubt, the trip was not just a vacation, but a learning experience for the students that they will never forget.



Photos Courtesy of Kayleigh McCagg

Hudson Senior High School's Europe Trip 2016

By Sharmin Akther

Hudson Senior High School's Spanish students have the opportunity to join Spanish teacher, Mrs. Gazzera, on the exciting trip to be in Europe for fifteen days! They stayed with a Spanish host family and even were allowed to host the Spanish student at their Hudson homes. Students went all over Paris, France and saw places like: The Louvre Museum, Napoleon's Tomb, Champs Elysees (the trendy shopping street), the Eiffel Tower and even a boat tour around Paris the Bateaux-Mouches. Students saw the Mona Lisa at The Louvre, and they got to see Napoleon's actual tomb. They went to a Mercedes Benz Car Show on the Champs Elysees. It was an amazing trip and students experienced so many different things. I highly recommend that students attend a future Europe field trip with Spanish teacher, Mrs. Gazzera.

The group of nine Spanish students headed off on April 21st and came back into the United States on May 3rd. Host families were there to greet the students at the airport. Students shadowed their host students at school for one day and then went home with them for the weekend and did many fulfilling activities with the host families. Three students were even lucky enough to go to the Moroccan city of Granada! Students from different school districts in central Spain are allowed to be apart of the exchange. Students from Hudson High were able to stay five days with their Spanish host families and students from Gredos High School in Spain came to the United States for two weeks. Hudson students spent five days in Spain and were able to visit the city of Toledo, center of Madrid, Plaza Mayor and the Cathedral of Madrid. This is an unforgettable experience for all who were able to participate.



Shakespeare & Company Performs at Hudson High By Ahsraful Shamrat

Students and staff alike were excited to see a play written by the famous playwright, Shakespeare. Shakespeare and Company recently came to Hudson High School on April 22nd to perform a rendition of Shakespeare's Macbeth. The tragedy of Macbeth was performed in ninety minutes. The whole play was performed by seven actors who played different roles. After the play was performed, the actors talked about themselves and even did an Q&A. Many saw a historic piece of literature and increased their historical understanding. Afterwards, the juniors were treated to workshops with the actors. This was an exciting experience for all and we hope to see more Shakespeare plays in the future.



BMX: A Show to Remember

A BMX tricks show, supported by the National Guard, was recently performed in the Hudson High School gymnasium. The whole show was done by three skilled BMX athletes. They performed daring stunts for the Hudson High Schoolers

and the children from the MC Smith Intermediate School. Volunteers were randomly chosen to help with tricks and prizes, including a Beats Headphones, was given away. As one of their last tricks, they jumped over the Hudson High

School and MC Smith Intermediate School principals, Mr. Abitabile and Mr. Brenneman. All the students were entertained and it was a fun show to watch.

New Library By Danny Gelles

For the last year, there has been quite the buzz around the prospect of a new library. Meetings were held, agreements were made, and the City of Hudson decided on the old armory as the new site. The renovation overhaul was a serious endeavor and for many Hudsonians it seemed as though it would never end, but this spring it did. On April 9th, the new Hudson Area Library opened its doors for the first time. The new library is not only spacious, but welcoming to all ages. The library hosts a variety of events such as a book club meetings, fashion shows, and a whole host of guest speakers. This summer the library is even starting a Battle of Books teen battle team. It is available to grades 9-12 and it is a trivia contest based on the content of popular books. If you are interested in joined the team, or just to see how the landscape of Hudson is changing, check out the new library!

Opening of the new library



The 2016 Hudson Children's Book Festival By Fahmida Choudhury

On May 7th, the 8th annual Hudson's Children's Book Festival will be held in the Hudson Jr. / Sr. High School. It began around 10am and ended at 3pm on Saturday. Many authors and illustrators attended. Activities were set up just like every year. Adults and children were able to participate in book giveaways. There were various workshops, where parents and kids were able to listen to stories read out loud. All credits go to Mrs. Dolan and Ms. Clark, who plan the Hudson Children's Book Festival Event every year. Students and parents enjoyed the event and look forward to the next Book Festival.

Spanish Exchange Students

We are the Spanish exchange students of 2016. We left United States on April 21 and arrived in Paris, France the following day. We stayed in a very beautiful hotel. We went to the Eiffel Tower, then the next day we went to Notre Dame Church. We saw many historical monuments and buildings. On the third day we went to Napoleon's Tomb. Before we went into the tomb, there was a museum that you had to enter first. We saw European weapons and armor from the Medieval era to modern times. The last day we went to the Louvre. At the Louvre we saw many types of beautiful and historical paintings like the Mona Lisa. We also took a beautiful cruise on the Seine River. We then took off to go to Madrid, Spain.

When we arrived in Madrid, Spain, we met our exchange family and the directors of the program. The families took each student that they were hosting to their homes. We learned about the Spanish culture from spending time in their homes. We went to the school the next day and found their educational system to be very different from America. Their school layout and the way they operate is different. We went to the capital city of Madrid and went to the Royal Family Palace. After, we went to another city called Toledo. Both cities were beautiful. The other days we spent with the host families and they helped us improve on our Spanish language. They also took us to other parts of Spain. When we got back from Spain, a week later, the Spanish students arrived in America. We showed them how the American culture operates and how it is different from Spain. The students enjoyed every moment of America. When they left to go back to Spain, we felt we were saying goodbye to a part of our family. We now know that we just made a long life friend.



Field Day By Ummeh Era

Field Day 2016 was full of energy and excitement. With endless options of activities ranging from badminton to kan jam, there is no way that this event was boring. Surrounded by music, dancing, smiles, and games it was a great atmosphere to be in. Field day included some competition. For example, the four way tug of war between the seniors, juniors, sophomores, and the freshmen, this was separated between genders. In this tug of war, the junior boys and senior girls took the victory. Though there was some tension between the AP exam and field day, at the end of the day field day did not interfere with the exam, and everyone got to attend. The weather was perfect with temperatures at 70 degrees. It's sad that field day had to end, but it'll be back quick for next year.



A Trip to the Met By Fahmida Choudhury

On May 9th, many students attended the trip to the Metropolitan Museum. It was a great experience. Many exhibits contained artifacts from various places and also pieces of artwork. The Metropolitan Museum of Art is one of the world's largest art museums. It contains more than two million works of art culture, from prehistory to the present and from every part of the globe. There were Greek artifacts along with artifacts from Africa, Asia and other places around the world. There were many exhibits about art, culture and fashion. Many of Picasso's paintings were on exhibit. The Composition & Literature class, along with the Humanities class and the Art Club, were able to attend. The students were able to enjoy a historical experience.



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