

# The Owl



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## Hudson High School Homecoming By Ahsraful Shamrat

The annual homecoming football game was held for the second time at the new Hudson High sports complex. An exciting game between the Varsity Boys' and Ravena was played. The Hudson Boys' had it in the bag, without a doubt. They easily won 42-6. Although Ravena put up a good fight, Hudson was able to take home the victory. Afterwards, the homecoming court ceremony was held. This year was a close competition. Charles Goodermote won homecoming king and Nicole Conte was homecoming queen. Jaylen Hartfield was homecoming prince and Sarah Alvarez was homecoming princess. Tyler Bleau was homecoming duke and Keesha Woods was homecoming duchess. Unlike most years, there was no homecoming dance to celebrate the homecoming royalty.

People were able to enjoy a nice, warm night of football. There was good food, a nice atmosphere, and overall a fun time. There were fundraisers, selling apparel, and the Hudson High robotics team was earning money as well. As the night went on, people were enjoying themselves on an eventful Friday night.



## A Moment with Miss Patricia An Interview with Patricia Lane-Mullins By Rida Farzana

Miss Patricia Lane-Mullins is one of our new faculty members at Hudson High School. Currently, she teaches two subject areas: Crafts and Studio Art. She was born and raised in Sydney, Australia. She moved to the Hudson Valley twenty years ago. She always knew that she wanted to follow a creative journey in life. Art, and the culture of visual thinking, has always been her passion. She practiced drawing and writing extensively from a young age and still is today.

Miss Patricia loves to spend time with colors and build her experience. As a student, she graduated with a BFA (Bachelor of Fine Arts) from the National Art School in Sydney, Australia after a five year study in drawing, painting, sculpture, photography, and printmaking. She earned a Visual Arts teaching degree (MS.Ed) from the College of Saint Rose in Albany and graduated in 2010. This is her first full-time teaching assignment in a public school. Before coming here, she worked in independent/private schools instructing various courses in the arts. Her last teaching position was held at a residential school for students with cognitive, intellectual and behavioral challenges at the Devereux Foundation in Red Hook, NY.

Miss Patricia has good advice for students that personally I will apply in my life. She advises, "Always live in the moment, enjoy your thoughts and ideas and value your education. There is no time but now to think, respond and act thoughtfully and positively to your experiences."

So far, Miss Patricia has started growing her love for her new place. "I am finding my work at the HHS to be very fulfilling and love the atmosphere of friendliness, helpfulness and care. I am so delighted by the efforts and talent that I see in my students here." We are so happy to have a teacher like Miss Patricia and hope to see her at HHS for many years. I would like to thank Miss Patricia for spending time with me, even though she is busy at the beginning of the school year. It has been a pleasure getting to know her better.



## Freshman Interview

### By Fahim Ahmed

As the Class of 2022 begins its journey at Hudson High School, the OWL decided to get their views on their new building and life as freshmen.

**Kyle Farley** is an enthusiastic and a clever freshman who “kind of” likes school. Kyle says that his freshman year of Hudson Senior High School is going alright because he still has things to get used to. He thinks that the teachers are fine, but the classes are a little rough. Moreover, he believes that the high school is definitely better than the junior high because there are more opportunities. He still is missing some junior high teachers who are Mr. Pomykaj (eighth grade math teacher), Mr. Briscoe (gym teacher), and Mrs. Hart (seventh and eighth grade English teacher). In Kyle’s opinion, the high school is way bigger than junior high and it is like a maze at first glance. So far, Kyle is involved in Envirothon for his extracurricular activity. Lastly, Kyle expects high school to be more challenging than junior high school.

**Brady McDonald** is a bright and an easy going person who knows what to do. Brady’s freshman year is going well. He cannot wait to learn more new things. The classes Brady is taking are pretty easy for him and the teachers are nice. He adds that high school is obviously better than junior high because you can be more open minded. Brady is missing both the junior high building and the teachers. He believes that the only thing that is different about this building and his old building is that high school is just bigger. The extracurricular activity that Brady participates in is playing varsity golf.

**Matt Antonelli** is an athletic and an amusing 9th grader who is not a big fan of homework. Matt’s 9th grade year is going okay, but he thinks it is going to improve a little more. Matt finds some teachers tiresome. However, he finds some fascinating. He believes high school is so much better than junior high because you get more freedom. Matt concludes that the high school is a labyrinth and you cannot escape it until you are told to. So far, the only extracurricular activity Matt is participating in is J.V. soccer. Finally, Matt expects school to be easy, but he just does not like too much homework.

**Reagan Schlingen:** Is an extraordinary and a percipient student of H.S.H.S. Reagan's first year of high school is going well. At the same time, it is stressful for her. In Reagan's opinion, some of the teachers have a hard time explaining things and others do not. The classes she is taking are good but very difficult. Reagan believes that high school is definitely better than junior high because the students get more freedom which keeps them happy throughout the day. In addition, Reagan does not miss the building but, she does miss the teachers. Reagan is involved in Envirothon and Tri-M. She is having a challenging year. Nonetheless, she is not giving up.

**Arianna Camacho:** Is an intelligent and a well talented first year student. Arianna’s freshman year is going pretty well. She says it is a new experience, but so far she is enjoying it. Some junior high school teachers told Arianna that when she gets to ninth grade, all of the teachers are going to be difficult to get along with. Nevertheless, she had no problems with any teachers. Most of the ninth grade teachers are understanding. Arianna believes that the high school and the junior high both have good and bad qualities. She thinks that there is a little more freedom in high school and the free time disappears a little quicker. Arianna misses some teachers but the thing she misses the most is being the oldest in the school. She hates being the “little ones” of the grades. Arianna still is confused on where her classes are and she expected a map during the first day of school because she almost got lost in this huge building. Arianna is involved in Environmental Club, Envirothon, and Poetry Cafe. In the future, she is planning to play softball and get involved in more extracurricular activities. Arianna’s goal for this year is to slow down her pace, so she can do a better job on her homework.

## Fall Sports By Ahsraful Shamrat

One aspect of Hudson High that everyone seems to enjoy is sports. This year, that is no different. This fall season was filled ups and downs, but that's what makes it so exciting. Starting off with Hudson's specialty, JV and Varsity football blasted through the season. Both JV and Varsity showed constant effort throughout their whole seasons. It can especially be seen on the field and during practice. The Varsity Boys' Team had an impressive overall league record 4-2. A winning record truly shows the caliber of the football team, not to mention, stunning victories against the likes of Schalmont and Ravena. JV and Varsity Boys' soccer showed their muscle too. JV, under the coaching of Jake Hoffman, went far in the season. They accrued a very respectable record of 3-4-4. As for Varsity, they earned a nice 6-0-8 record, with upset victories against Greenville and Taconic Hills, as well as beating Catskill at their homecoming. Unfortunately, they were stopped in the second round of Sectionals against Schuylerville, although Hudson put up a good fight losing 4-1. It was an exciting game with Zakh Chowdhury scoring and goalkeeper Kasey Moore even saving a penalty kick. The Cross-Country team has also been running to victory. With such a talented squad, under Coach James Mort, it is hard to lose. Practice after practice in the blistering cold, they marched on unfazed. Kudos to them and their dedication. Moving on to golf, the Varsity Boys' team showed both class and sportsmanship on the field. So far, they stand at a whopping, 12-2 season! The Girls of Hudson High have been showing what Hudson is made of too. The JV and Varsity Girls' volleyball showed their dominance on the court. The Varsity Girls' team had a record of 6-3 after much hard work on the court. Under the guidance of Coach Peters, they were shooting for the stars this season. Last, but certainly not least, is the Girls' Varsity soccer team. Under the leadership of new coach, Kyle Roberts, they put much effort in throughout the season. With such a young squad, and considering this is the first girls' team in few years, they have a lot of potential and are already looking forward to next year's season. Coach Roberts would like personally thank Seniors Caitlin Keil, Byonté Jones, and Nicole Rivette for their dedication and hard work. Overall, the Hudson teams are establishing a good name for Hudson High School!





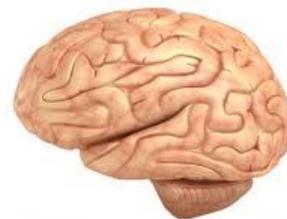
Hudson's Caitlin Keil (left) and Coxsackie-Athens' Angelina Conniff go after a loose ball on Wednesday.



## Brain Bee

### By Mashuda Sultana

Do you have any interest in going into the medical field? Do you like science? Do you want to learn more about the brain? Are you competitive? If any of these questions apply to you, then you certainly should think about joining the Brain Bee. Brain Bee was founded in 1999. Brain Bee is a program which was created for high school students interested in neuroscience. Brain Bee is not just a competition. It is much more than that. By joining Brain Bee, students have the opportunity to go to Albany Medical Center. They get to meet with doctors who are specialists in their fields. They also get the benefit to talk to colleges that offer neuroscience as a major. This year, the Brain Bee competition is in Albany on Saturday, January 26, 2019. If anyone is interested in joining the Brain Bee, please see Mr. McDarby ASAP for more details. The time is running out; the competition is only three months away.



## Fall Fling Swing Party

### By Hemel Debnath

On September 29, 2018, at approximately 7:00 pm, the wonderful history of the Hudson Armory was revived again with the commencement of the Fall Fling Swing Party. Historically, the Fall Fling Swing Party was a dance party held every September during the 40s, 50s, and 60s. At that point in time, the party was attended by young adults, featured delicious food, and was generally very lively. One fateful day, however, the Armory was closed down and resulted in the end of the era of the Fall Fling Swing Party.

The new and improved Fall Fling Swing Party had many of the same attributes as its former counterpart of the 20th century. For starters, like the one from the 1900s, the new version of the Fall Fling Swing Party featured scrumptious delicacies like cookies, sandwiches, food wraps, and much more. Additionally, beverages like soda, water, and (if you could legally consume it) alcohol. In front of the vast variety of available foods, there was a small yet generally spacious area illuminated by the light of various multi-colored disco lights placed in each corner of the room. At the time of my arrival, though, it had seemed that the party had already started as a small band of old instrument players stood passionately blaring their trumpet horns and furiously beating their drums. Then, just as how everything in this world begins, the party started out slow and not very lively as a very few amount of couples rose to dance. Soon, however, things escalated quickly as more couples rose simultaneously until there came a point where there wasn't a single person not dancing.

Overall, the Fall Fling Swing Party was an amazing experience. Not only did it allow outsiders to get insight into what a typical fall dance party of the 20th century might have been like, but it also provided new opportunities to treasure the value of our history and maybe even meet new friends.



## National Honor Society Pull Tabs

### By Autumn Kudlack

As the year has kicked off and students are becoming accustomed to their daily lives in high school, the National Honor Society has already begun a fundraiser and is hoping to continue fundraising. Besides fundraising, the NHS is also involved in volunteering and donating to charities. An activity they are a part of, therefore, is in collecting pull tabs. Each time you drink a soda or other canned beverage, be sure to save the pull tab, recycle the can, and donate the tab. These tabs will be given to an aluminum recycling center who will, in turn, give money to a charity chosen by the NHS. Currently, pull tab collection containers are in the office and guidance office. You can also give them to an NHS member that you know. Either way, by collecting pull tabs, you will be helping to make the world a better place, one pull tab at a time. Pull tab collections should last the year long.

## Senior Interview with the Class of 2019 by Abida Begum

My name is Abida Begum. I am a student of the class of 2021. Last year, my first article for *The Owl* was about seniors and what their experiences were like at Hudson High School. This year, I decided to do the same topic. I interviewed four seniors. Their names are: Monish Patel, Gabriella Cozzolino, Charles Goodermote, and lastly, Lynette Dellavechia.

**Monish Patel** revealed that his four years at Hudson High was fun, enjoyable, and memories were created. He described it as "a great time". When I asked him where he wanted to go for college, he replied U Albany. Monish dreams of becoming an orthodontist or dentist. In addition, he said that in ten years he sees himself graduating from dental school. There is one thing that Monish would definitely not miss at HHS and that is the bathrooms. Monish said that if there was anything that he would tell his freshmen self, it would be to "don't put work away and study". This is a good lesson to learn.

**Gabriella Cozzolino** described her four years at HHS as very enjoyable, despite all the stress. She decided to do go to Co Greene then transfer to a four year college. When I asked her what career she wants in the future, she explained that she would like something in the Art History field. In ten years, she said that she sees her self in a good job with a small family. Gabriella mentioned that her most beautiful moment in high school was when she finished a mural. However, her worst was when she failed a final that she already took twice. Her favorite teacher is Mrs. Naramore. She also mentioned that after graduation she's going to enjoy a magnificent vacation or get a job, maybe both. Gabriella said that if there was anything that she would not yearn for, it would be some of the people in the school. She says, "Seeing people I don't like every day. After I graduate, the toxic friendships. I do not need that negative energy in my life." Gabiella Cozzolino concluded by saying, "If there was anything I would say to my freshmen self, I would say to work harder learn better study habits now because it will help you in the long run."

Next, I interviewed **Charles Goodermote**. He portrayed his high school adventure was an emotional roller-coaster for him. However, he enjoyed HHS. As for college, he mentioned that he would possibly go to U Albany. As for a mjob, Charles is still not sure what he wants to be in the future. Charles does state that right after graduation he will attend college, and in ten years he sees himself with a successful career and a college diploma. His favorite teacher in Hudson High is Mr. Antonelli. Charles said if there was anything that he would not miss from HHS, it would be the lunch and annoying drama. Lastly, he mentioned that if he could back in time to give advice to his freshmen self, he would say, "Study a lot more. Enjoy the little things, hang out with more friends, and put more effort in."

Lastly, I interviewed **Lynette Dellevechia**. She mentioned that her years of high school were busy, yet enjoyable. Despite the countless hours of homework and studying, she made many memories and friends that she'll cherish for the rest of her life. Lynette has yet to decide to which college she wants to attend; however, she is certain that it's going to be a four year school. She is still thinking about what she wants to be in the future. She would love to get a degree in interior design and obtain her real estate license. Lynette's most beautiful moment in HHS was when she had in high school was running my best 5K time for cross country because it was relieving to see her hard work pay off. Her worst moment was not doing well on the Trig Regents and having to suffer through it a second time that summer. Lynette says her favorite teacher without a doubt is Mr. McDarby. In ten years, she sees herself working a full-time job somewhere much warmer than New York. After graduation, she will most likely spend her last couple of months before college working a summer job and gathering everything she'll need for her dorm room. One thing she will not miss is waking up at 6:00 a.m. every day of the week for school. Lynette told me that if she could go back in time to give input to her freshmen self, she would tell her freshman to be involved in more things. Variety in extracurricular activities is the best way to build your character and skills.

Best of luck to the Seniors as they finish their final year at Hudson High School. They have impressive goals and we wish them nothing but success!

## Clubs

### By Halima Chowdhury

At this point in time, a lot of events and activities have already happened and many more are yet to come. As the beginning of the school year is slowly fading, information on extra-curricular activities is easily available. There are a lot of clubs for students to join. A few include: *The Owl*, Multicultural Club, Environmental Club, Tri-M, Game Club and Mock Trial. The list goes on and on because there is so much happening in so many different fields. There is something for everyone to partake in. If you want more information on the variety of recreational activities, the cafeteria has a list of clubs to join. You can even ask the instructors of each club for more information. Take advantage of these fun opportunities and meet some new friends!

## AP Scholars 2018

It is with great honor that Antonio W. Abitabile, Principal of Hudson Senior High School, announces that eight seniors have been recognized as AP Scholars. To receive this honor, students must achieve grades of 3.0 or higher on at least three full-year AP (Advanced Placement) Exams.

Congratulations to: Spencer Goldstien, Autumn Kudlack, Sara Li, Rowan Meyers, Gillian Perry, Katarina Scali, Kyle Ublacker and Michael Zhang!



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