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Founders' Day rekindles mission



Senior Jean Reilly and her mother, Mrs. Nancy Reilly, who spoke to the Mount community.

"Hearing my mom speak on Founders' Day was a really special moment for me. I could not have been more proud of her for sharing her story. Through all her treatments she has remained so positive and faithful, and I think that her uplifting attitude really came across in her talk. I know for me, my mother's experience has transformed my perspective on life. I've learned that there is a plan for each of us, and although we will face hardships throughout our lives, we are intended to gain wisdom from each burden we overcome. Given her unique situation of losing her mother to breast cancer at 19, working with breast cancer patients as an oncology clinical nurse specialist, and having breast cancer herself, I think her well-rounded perspective on breast cancer's personal effects is what helps her to remain so inspiring. I think she was intended to share her perspective as a way to inspire others to overcome trials in their lives. Just within our Mount community, there are so many people whose mothers and relatives have breast cancer. I think hearing the stories of the three women helped to reiterate just how important breast cancer awareness really is and reminded the girls that no one is alone. There is a huge community of people who want to help." -Jean Reilly '18

By Brenna Reilly '18
and Mary Skobieranda '18

Though Founders' Day always reaffirms the charm of the Sisters of Saint Joseph through traditions like the walk to Chestnut Hill College, liturgy and the dance party, this year's presentation from inspirational breast cancer survivors reminded the Mount community that serving the dear neighbor begins within the community.

"Mrs. Phelan and I hoped to both inform and inspire by adding to our already established traditions of Founders' Day the presentations of the three courageous women, Mrs. Jeannie McCormick, Mrs. Nancy Reilly and Mrs. Tina Naydan, who shared their stories. During 'Pink Week,' we hoped to

continue to raise awareness and to highlight our mission of serving the dear neighbor," said Student Leadership Council Co-Moderator Mrs. Margaret DeStefano.

"Pink Week," October 16 to October 19, promoted Breast Cancer awareness, culminating in a dress down day and the creation of a prayer chain.

Proceeds from the week's events help fund the Stephanie Leonards Roman Memorial Scholarship. Stephanie Leonards Roman, who passed away from breast cancer in 2009, taught science for six years at the Mount. Donations from "Pink Week" will help fund Roman's scholarship, awarded to a rising senior who demonstrates a passion for science.



Dean Guyger sets steady course for the year

By Sarah Alessandrini '19

"I'm very impressed by the friendliness of the girls, the openness and the willingness to welcome me into the community," said Mrs. Kathleen Guyger, the new Dean of Student Affairs at the Mount, on her impressions of the school. "I just love everything about it."

A proud graduate of Villanova University, Mrs. Guyger received her Master's in Education from Temple University, and began her career by teaching fifth grade at St. Maria Goretti School in Hatfield. She became Assistant Vice Principal for Student Services at Cardinal O'Hara High School after serving as their disciplinarian for eleven years. She spent the last three years teaching Algebra I, Algebra II and Precalculus at Archbishop Carroll High School.

Mrs. Guyger takes pride in the Mount community, saying that she admires Mount girls for their willingness to take on leadership roles. She is happy to be a part of an institution that promotes young women as equals.

"Mrs. Guyger is a wonderful person to work with," said Miss Lydia Thomas, the Administrative Assistant to the Dean of Stu-

dents. "She is an energetic person, especially with a little Diet Coke in her system, and always ready to help where help is needed. She is very much invested in the future of the Mounties and making sure everything runs as

thing, I'm going to do it," she said. "I work very hard to make sure that I don't treat anyone, especially in the disciplinary sense, different from anyone else."

Mrs. Guyger said she hopes that her enthusiasm for her job

eminent policy.

"If we don't insist upon dress code, then it makes it seem as if the other rules aren't important either," she said.

Principal Dr. Judith Caviston said that she appreciates Mrs.

"She encourages her students to adhere to the policies and procedures of the school and to show respect and concern for each other," said Dr. Caviston. "It is a pleasure to work with Mrs. Guyger."

Starting her first year at the Mount, Mrs. Guyger was most excited for Founders' Day and joining the seniors on the first UNITAS Retreat.

"Being in the same retreat group as Mrs. Guyger, I was able to see how understanding and compassionate she is! If I were to go to Mrs. Guyger with a problem, I know she would have my best interest in mind and offer me logical advice," said senior Carly Hemcher.

Mrs. Guyger is eager to bond with and get to know the Mount students, and she especially looks forward to accompanying the freshmen on their trip to Disney World.

"I am confident Mrs. Guyger is the right choice for the Mount," said President S. Kathleen Brabson. "She possesses a gentle strength and years of experience guiding students toward becoming their best. We are blessed."



Dean of Student Affairs Mrs. Kathleen Guyger, seniors Alexa Silvestri, Bridget Malott, Haley Brennan, Meredith Killian, Carly Hemcher and Maeve McCormick bonded while on October UNITAS Retreat.

smoothly as possible."

As a disciplinarian, Mrs. Guyger strives to practice fairness and consistency.

"If I say I'm going to do some-

will inspire Mounties to be enthusiastic about their jobs, which is being students. She emphasized the importance of dress code and explained why she considers it an

Guyger's diligence, her openness to new ideas, her bringing new ideas to the school, her going above and beyond the call of duty and her sense of humor.

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Mount welcomes four new faculty

Mrs. Mary Ellen Crowe

By Meghan Zwicker '19

Mrs. Mary Ellen Crowe, the newest member of the English Department, may be new to Mount, but she certainly isn't new to the Mount mission.

Department Chair Mrs. Margaret DeStefano said, "As the niece of an SSJ, Mrs. Crowe is steeped in and invested in the mission of the Sisters of Saint Joseph and, by extension, of the Mount."

Mrs. Crowe is originally from the Lansdale area and has cousins that are Mount alumnae. Mrs. Crowe said she grew up hearing about Mount. She recalls running backstage after seeing Mount's performance of "The Sound of Music" and getting Maria's autograph.

Prior to coming to Mount, Mrs. Crowe lived in Easton, PA, and taught at Mount Saint Mary's for five years. Growing up with two parents and a brother who were English teachers, Mrs. Crowe said she was destined to go down the teaching path. "For me, the new year is not in January. It's in September."

Mrs. Crowe began teaching with the Jesuit Volunteer Corps after college. She then taught at St. Matt's in Phoenix, AZ, and Girard College High School in Philadelphia.

Mrs. DeStefano said, "When I met Mrs. Crowe for the first time, I was impressed by her breadth of knowledge and experience, her gentle yet assertive manner and her enthusiasm. Needless to say, her academic expertise, her genuinely exuberant personality and her commitment to the charism of unity and reconciliation make Mrs. Crowe a most welcome addition to the Mount's English Department."

Ms. Elizabeth Hamilton

By Mary Skobieranda '18

The newest edition to Mount's Fine Arts Department, Ms. Elizabeth Hamilton comes to the



Mount's newest additions: Mrs. Mary Ellen Crowe, Ms. Megan Rodolico, Mr. Anthony Nardini, and Ms. Elizabeth Hamilton.

Mount this September eager to share her passion for the arts.

Ms. Hamilton views art as a visual language and method of communication. She worked with "non-verbal special needs populations," primarily 6th-9th graders from the PA School for the Deaf, as well as Edison High School's and West Philadelphia High School's special-ed classes.

"If [these students] find a visual language that they communicate with, it gives you chills," said Ms. Hamilton.

A graduate of the College of the Holy Cross and Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts, Ms. Hamilton arrives with seven years of teaching experience. She worked in art galleries and fine art museums in the Boston area, including The Guild of Boston Artists, St. George Gallery, Axelle Fine Arts and Beth Urdang Gallery, selling and marketing art. Her life-sized car sculpture, an example of three-dimensional installation art, has appeared on the streets of Philadelphia.

"I knew I loved education, and working in galleries had never been my long term plan," said Ms. Hamilton when asked about her transition from galleries to education.

At Mount, Ms. Hamilton hopes to spread her appreciation for the combination of Social Practice

and art, a great class for students interested but not experienced in art.

"Social Practice is a powerful and relatively new form of visual art that interacts with the audience and incorporates discussion."

Her work in this area includes a field of plastic flowers made in conjunction with grieving communities, each flower representing a personal loss.

"She brings with her an acute awareness of the power of art to express unity and also to challenge injustice within a society," said Fine Arts Department Chair Mr. Don Holdren.

Ms. Hamilton looks forward to seeing the transformative aspects of art on Mount students. She enjoys teaching students who do not view themselves as artists, especially watching them push through challenges toward a satisfactory result.

On this aspect of teaching, she said, "The ones who have natural talent are great, but the ones who are like 'I can't do anything,' they're so fun to work with."

Ms. Megan Rodolico

By Brenna Reilly '18

Ms. Megan Rodolico joins the Mount's Foreign Language

Department as a new Spanish teacher. She began her teaching career in 2007, having previously worked at Hallahan High School in Philadelphia.

"I always wanted to teach high school, so it only made sense to teach something that I was passionate about," she said. Ms. Rodolico has already recognized her students as "very welcoming and friendly" young women. She is looking forward to "becoming part of the wonderful community [at the Mount]" and continuing to "foster positive relationships with students and see them succeed."

Though she did not grow up speaking Spanish at home, Ms. Rodolico was a Spanish major in college. "I fell in love with the language when I first began to study it during my freshman year in high school. I had excellent Spanish teachers who inspired and encouraged me to continue my study of the language," she said.

As a college junior, Ms. Rodolico studied abroad in Callao, Peru, where she taught English to Peruvian high school students. "Three other students and I lived in the convent that was attached to the school. The sisters were awesome, and we had an amazing time," she said.

Foreign Language Department Chair Mrs. Anne Hoffman, when

asked about Ms. Rodolico, said, "I knew the instant I met her that I wanted her to be part of our department. I wanted it not only because when she spoke to me in Spanish, she conjugated the subjunctive mood perfectly, but also because she has new, fresh ideas for our department. I know that the Mounties will benefit greatly from her as a teacher."

Mr. Anthony Nardini

By Ailene Woznicki '18

The newest addition to the Mount's History Department is the fashion-forward Mr. Anthony Nardini. A graduate of Temple and Villanova, Mr. Nardini previously worked at Rowan and Widener Universities. He began teaching in 2005 because he wanted to share his interests and experiences with others.

While he enjoyed working in a college setting, he is extremely excited about coming to the Mount. He has noticed that the girls at Mount are respectful and involved and, of course, extremely competitive. He is looking forward to having more interactions and connections with students at Mount.

"What I didn't get at a college university level was being a part of something outside of the classroom or beyond the classroom," said Mr. Nardini.

In addition to being Mount's new fashion icon, Mr. Nardini is an avid traveler and work-out guru.

While Mr. Nardini likes to stay current, he says he has no social media and truly sees no need for it.

Mr. Nardini said he feels welcomed by both the students and faculty and is eager to share his knowledge and become a part of the Mount.



We remember S. Regina Brown

By Brenna Reilly '18

Sister Regina Brown entered the Sisters of Saint Joseph at age 17 after graduating from Little Flower High School in 1949.

Much of Sister Regina's ministry was served in the field of education. She began teaching at St. Hugh Parish School in Philadelphia in 1951 and continued working in Catholic schools and parishes across the Philadelphia area and southern New Jersey for 65 of her 67 years of religious life.

During her summers off from teaching, Sister ministered to the poor, volunteered at Mercy Hos-

pice in Philadelphia, worked with Native Americans in Arizona and assisted the Sisters of the Living World in New Orleans.

Sister said she always felt called "to be a healing presence." In 1985, feeling drawn to a new ministry, Sister left teaching and began her ministry visiting parishioners in hospitals and nursing homes, organizing activities for senior citizens and bringing Eucharist to the homebound.

Those that had the pleasure of knowing her remember her through years of laughter and loving labor.

By S. Gerry Sadowy

"I found Sister Regina to be a woman of great simplicity and honesty. 'What you see is what you get!' She loved and prayed to the Blessed Mother and Little Flower. She had many assignments, but at her funeral it was mentioned that she loved her last assignment and the girls at the Mount the best. To us, she was 'Reggie' and although she protested, she loved her nickname and MSJA."

GirlPOWER inspires young women in STEM

By Kaitlyn Przydzial '19

On September 16, Mount's robotics team, the Firebirds, held their eighth annual girlPOWER competition. This year, the competition hosted fifteen teams from four different states in the Mid-Atlantic region.

The Firebirds are the longest running all-girls robotics team in the world, a title that they wear proudly. Along with this title comes a dedication to instilling a love of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics, otherwise known as STEM, in girls and increasing the number of women represented in STEM fields.

Senior Annie Fowler, presi-

dent of the Firebirds, said, "It is important that opportunities like this are available to women while they are in high school, or in the midst of deciding what career path to take. With less than a quarter of positions in STEM fields being filled by women, this type of exposure is crucial in order for girls to realize their potential as women in STEM."

Some teams who were invited to attend girlPOWER were unable to come because they did not have enough girls to fill out a five person drive team. Others came to the competition, but needed to ask girls from other teams to drive their robot for them.

Senior Alex Reyes, head of the drive team, said, "Being a driver



Junior Brigid O'Neill works on the Firebirds' robot.

for robotics—especially a female one—is such an empowering ex-

perience. I love strategizing and collaborating with other teams, and every match is as exciting as my first. It's definitely a male-dominated position, and a huge majority of the drive teams I work with are all male, but when I get to work with a drive team that has girls on it, it makes me so happy."

Most of the girls that drove this year were either entirely new to driving or are not their team's primary drivers.

One driver from Lansdale Catholic High School said, "[It] feels awesome. You make all the guys sit down. Our drive team this year was basically all guys; we were the backups. We had some experience, but it feels great to get out on the field."

GirlPOWER is an event that every Firebird eagerly anticipates, with many alumnae coming back every year to cheer on their team.

Senior Alex Konyk said, "It is an amazing bonding experience for the whole team, and I'm so sad that this was my last one."

The Firebirds continued their off-season matches with a competition at Hatboro Horsham High School, where they made it to semifinals. They will compete again at Wissahickon High School's Ramp Riot on November 4.

GirlPOWER provides a strong starting point for girls interested in robotics. No girl should ever feel as though she does not belong in STEM due to her gender.



Mounties further the SSJ mission



SSJ Leadership Conference

By Mari Kniezewski '19

This summer, five students, accompanied by Miss G. and Mrs. Bender, became more enriched in the mission of the Sisters of Saint Joseph.

Each summer, schools from Cleveland, Baton Rouge, Kansas City and Chicago meet to discuss the mission, the charisma and the ministry of the Sisters of Saint Joseph at the SSJ Conference. They collaborate on ways to further the SSJ mission within each of the schools' communities and focus on specific themes when presenting their ideas.

"One theme is management versus leadership, and how we want to lead by example, not micromanage our people," said Miss G.

In addition to presenting their ideas at the conference, students spend time doing various types of service. The SSJ mission highlights service to the dear neighbor, showing how small acts of kindness are what contribute to the overall experience.

Seniors Brenna Reilly and Kelly Ryan are two Mounties who returned to the conference this summer, and both spoke of their eye-opening experiences volunteering at St. Augustine's Manor, a nursing home in Cleveland. The students spent time talking with the female residents and painting their fingernails.

"Many of [the residents] talk-

ed about their younger selves and gave advice in relation to the point I am at in my life," said Reilly.

Though chatting and painting nails may not seem like service, Reilly said it actually represents how even the smallest encounters can affect someone's perspective.

Ryan added, "A memorable experience was interacting with a deaf resident. One of the boys from Chicago actually knew a good amount of sign language so he was able to communicate with her and teach the rest of us ways to talk to her."

The students found that they held onto the same ideals in furthering the SSJ mission. Although they come from different schools and live in different cities, the students formed close relationships with one another and enjoyed the time they bonded together. Senior Molly Higgins said that it was the little things that contributed to the highlight of her trip, such as arguing about "who had accents and if Wawa really is better than 7/11, even if nobody really grasps what Wawa actually is."

As a whole, the students said that the conference provided ideas on how to further the SSJ mission throughout the school year. One idea includes doing a "Big Sis/Little Sis Lunch Swap," where seniors eat with freshmen and juniors eat with sophomores. Another idea is as simple as designing shirts and stickers with maxims written on the front.



(Back row) Seniors Mady Taylor and Kate McLane; juniors Meg Schanes, Aggie Zin and Maeve McCarthy and (front row) junior Katie Greed; seniors Nora Denton, Kelly Ryan and Megan Prue soak up their experiences serving in West Virginia with Miss Becca Gutherman.

West Virginia

By Allison Prue '19

During the latter part of July and early August, nine Mounties and Miss G. set out to serve the dear neighbor in Pipestem, West Virginia.

This journey was no easy task for the girls who volunteered at the Wade Center in Bluefield, WV. The Wade Center is a faith-based organization that is used to guide young adults and their families spiritually, physically, emotionally and intellectually through various programs, such as a summer camp.

Miss G. described some of the service, saying, "[We] were pulling up weeds and all that jazz. We painted a lot and really beautified the area," she said.

By performing these small acts of service, the girls "explored the troubles plaguing West Virginia presently," said senior Kelly Ryan who has gone on this trip for the past two years.

Junior Aggie Zin added, "There are more issues than the ones in my city. I was blind to what others have to experience and how different struggles can be from region to region."

Seeing these struggles, junior Meg Schanes said, "It is a week of your life that changes the way you see the world, although it sounds cliché. The people you meet, the things you see, the friends you make, will make you want to go to West Virginia even after you've left."

Junior Maeve McCarthy had trouble seeing some hard-hitting issues in West Virginia such as Mountaintop Removal. West Virginia has the beautiful Appalachian mountains that are a source of income because they contain coal. Instead of going through the side of the mountain, coal companies have decided to remove the top of the mountain, leaving it desolate, abandoned and unattractive.

"When we were reflecting on [Mountaintop Removal] later, I got really emotional because I

was disgusted with what I saw," said McCarthy.

One major danger of the mining process is boulders being projected into the air. No one knows where they will land.

While the Mounties were in West Virginia, tragedy struck because of this issue: A young boy was killed in his sleep because a boulder fell onto his bed.

After long days of exhausting service and thought-provoking experiences, everyone participated in simple reflections. Senior Megan Prue said, "I was asked to reflect and think about situations and ideas that I had never thought about before, and I have a new appreciation for my life and I realize how lucky I am."

With all of the new memories, lessons learned, and so much more, Miss G. concluded, "[It is] necessary we go there, necessary that we do service to our dear neighbor there and necessary we bring back the information we learn there."



Seniors Brenna Reilly, Kelly Ryan, Emma Ferraro and Molly Higgins; junior Lily Howard, Miss G. and Mrs. Bender attend the SSJ Conference in Cleveland in June.

Sofia '19 travels to Italy for intensive opera training

By Maya Trujillo '18

Attending classes every day for a month in the summer is probably not every high schooler's deepest wish, but to junior voice scholar and opera singer Sofia Farrell, it was a dream come true. Maybe the possibility of studying in Florence, Italy, the birthplace of opera, had something to do with it.

Farrell was accepted to attend the Bel Canto Institute in Florence, Italy, for a month-long vocal program in the summer of 2017. As an only child, her parents decided to go with her for most of the time, but they did not stay with her. Instead, Farrell resided with two other girls in the program in a house with a generous hostess. "My hostess was Sandra; she was so sweet."

"I had classes every single day, Monday through Sunday. I had acting classes, voice lessons, Italian language class, all that kind of stuff."

In one of the classes, each girl had to stand up and perform a song in front of the whole pro-

gram and was then critiqued. Farrell remembers being very nervous, especially on the first day.

"Everyone would listen and

try and improve it."

Every day from 8:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Farrell focused diligently on her studies and improv-

But it wasn't all work, no play. The students got to attend late-night outdoor operas, sightsee and eat plenty of gelato and yum-

a girl said she was hungry, so we stopped in a gelato place that was still open and she wanted crepes... which take forever to make. So we were eating crepes at 1:00 a.m. in Florence." The next morning, "Some girls decided not to go to the Italian class but it was the last one so I was like 'we're going'. [My roommates and I] were the only ones who got our certificates saying that we completed the course, so it was worth it."

At the end of the program, there was a concert where each participant performed two songs. "It was really fun to get all dressed up and perform," Farrell remembered.

Farrell's ambition is to be an opera singer when she is older, and she spends most of her free time working on music or theater.

"I think [this program] reaffirmed what I've been doing because I've always loved Italian culture. The entire time, even though we had classes every day, I never got tired of it; I was so excited to go to class."



Sofia Farrell and her roommates with their Italian hostess, Sandra.

the leader of the program would ask the audience questions about what they thought [of your performance]. Then you would have to

ing her opera skills. "We had to wear dresses or pants, but it was way too hot to wear pants, so I wore dresses every single day."

my Italian food. One of Farrell's favorite memories was after an opera. "We were walking home one night and

Bailey Schleeper '18 hosts foreign exchange students

By Ashley Moore '18

For the past four years, senior Bailey Schleeper has met numerous exchange students from all around the world, hosting over twenty students from seventeen different countries.

Schleeper's mother, a PhD who teaches Criminal Justice at Chestnut Hill College, suggested the family take part in an exchange student program provided at Chestnut Hill.

Since Bailey was thirteen, the Schleepers have hosted students from France, Saudi Arabia, South Korea, Russia, Ecuador, The Netherlands and Belgium.

"This experience has truly impacted me because instead of learning about different countries and cultures in school, I can experience it first hand," said Schleeper. She added that she really enjoys when the student makes a meal from his or her country.

Before accepting any students, the Schleepers have a "family meeting" to make sure everyone is on board with the student. Each student stays at the Schleepers for six to eight weeks.

Other than Noely, who was from Ecuador, the students speak fluent English, so communication is rarely a problem. With Noely, Schleeper was able to put her Spanish to good use. "Noely spoke very little English, and since I know some Spanish, she would only speak Spanish to me," she said.

One of Schleeper's favorite memories took place on a camping trip with a student from Saudi Arabia. He suddenly jumped from a cliff into 40 degree water with all of his clothes on, including his shoes.

When asked why, he explained to the family that back in Saudi Arabia, if a male is swimming with females, he must wear all of his clothing, or he is considered rude.

Schleeper plans on continuing to host students in her college years and even when she moves out and finds a home for herself.

"Overall," Bailey said, "each student comes with a different story and is truly an eye opener to the world for me."



Senior Bailey Schleeper and her exchange student Noley from Ecuador.

Vonder Schmalz '17 places 2nd in playwriting contest

By Molly Eckert '19

Devon Vonder Schmalz '17 won second place in the Philadelphia Young Playwrights competition, designed for student playwrights. The winning plays are performed by Temple University's New Voices group from October 19-28.

Vonder Schmalz said she was surprised her entry had made it so far in the competition. She forgot that she had even submitted her play.

"I figured I wouldn't win anything anyway. I really did not think I would place above, like, 50th or something," said Vonder Schmalz.

Vonder Schmalz's drama class teacher and Acadram mentor, Ms. Jean Korey, urged her to submit her play, "The Real Whitehouse Wives," inspired by this past election and the reality TV show "The Real Housewives."

Ms. Korey said that she saw Vonder Schmalz's potential for playwriting after recognizing her "flare for writing dialogue" during her junior year. Devon attributes her gift for writing dialogue to the simple fact that she loves to tell stories in the form of conversations. She said that she loves comedy writers, especially Sacha Baron Cohen, so the idea of writing a political comedy came to her after noticing how the media focused "way more on what one candidate said about one an-

other, than what each candidate actually stood for and believed in" and how she thought that the election itself was being "treated like a reality television show."

"The Real Whitehouse Wives" is a satire that "makes fun of how immature



Vonder Schmalz, currently studies writing for TV and film at Emerson.

some of the candidates acted during this last election. It addresses that nobody's perfect [and] how stupid people look when they don't know how to act mature."

Speaking of Vonder Schmalz's success in the competition, Ms. Korey said, "I think it's presenting great opportunity. I think it's reinforced for her that she is a writer, that she should continue writing and that she has a lot of talent."

Vonder Schmalz said that being open to criticism helps her to develop that talent. One of the best aspects of winning the competition was the criticism that she received.

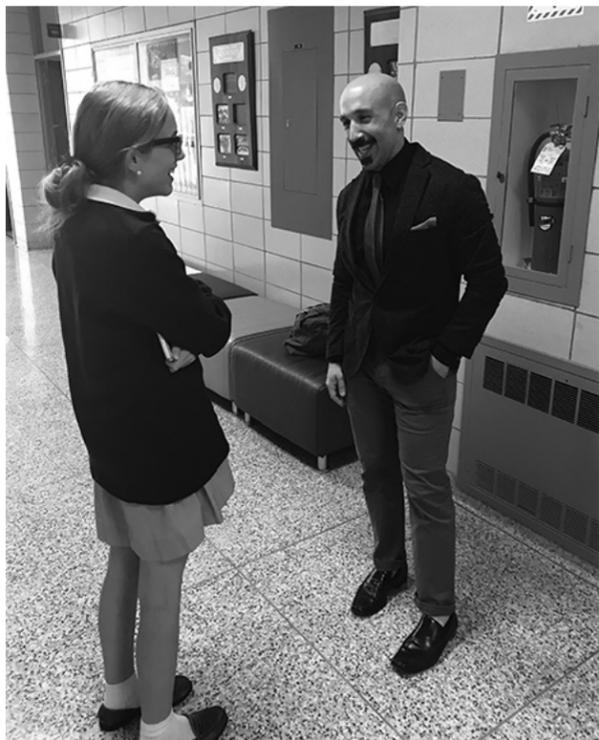
"It's supposed to help you grow and build skill, not offend you. I love getting criticism on my work because it will help me become a better writer."

Her advice to other writers is, "Don't let anyone make you feel bad about what you have written!"

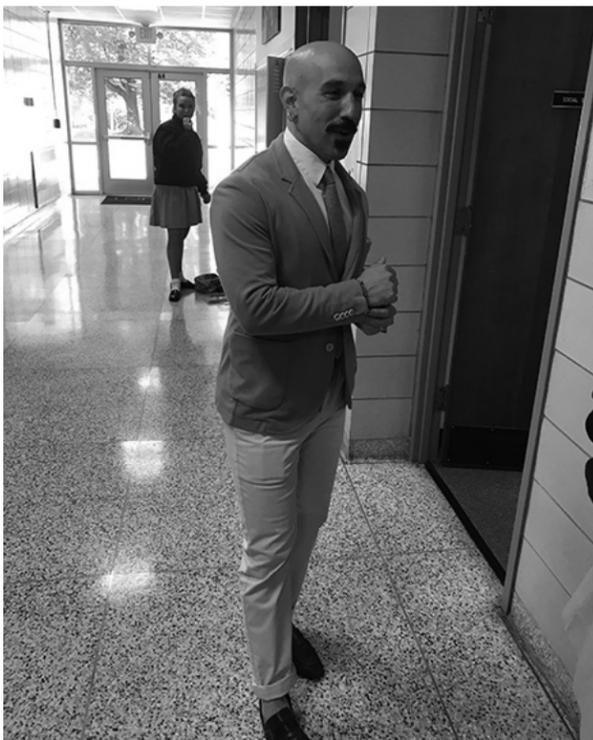
She also advises that students journal everyday so that they can get into the swing of writing.

Devon is majoring in writing for film and TV at Emerson. Her dream is to write and act in her own TV show one day.

Mr. Nardini's fashion: One for the books



Mr. Nardini, sporting a sleek Zara jacket, stops to chat with senior Zoe Ferraro.



Mr. Nardini makes the halls his runway in this eye-catching, powder blue sport coat by Zara.



Mr. Nardini, wearing Armani trousers, and senior Grace DiGiovanni catch up in the hallways.

By Cartier Allen '18

Mr. Nardini, Mount's newest history teacher, has brought an eye-catching change of pace to Mount's halls.

Everyone has noticed him strutting down the halls in his bright, colorful wardrobe and double-hoop earrings. His style has students, teachers and administrators mesmerized.

He gets his style tips from traveling to different countries, like Italy, and simply "wanting to look nice." On his style, Mr. Nardini said, "It's a representation of my character and self-respect. By dressing professionally yet fashion forward, I think it shows respect for my job, colleagues

and students."

His favorite designer is Brunello Cucinelli, although he gets many of his pieces from online stores like Zara and Mr. Porter. He likes to see which fabrics feel the nicest and said he enjoys "elevating the idea of beauty."

As a teenager, Mr. Nardini said his fashion was "all over the place." He explored many different styles in order to find what fit him best. He started working solely to earn money for clothes.

A memorable piece was his "big, baggy, brown corduroy pants," a stark contrast to the slim-fitting trousers he wears everyday to Mount. In college, he wore mostly t-shirts and sweatpants, much like Mounties on a dress down day, and

later began to realize that clothes should fit a certain way in order for him to be seen as a professional.

Something that really stands out about Mr. Nardini's style is his double-hoop earrings. His ears have been pierced since he was 17, but the hoops first made their appearance in college.

"I think they look good with the shape of my head," he said.

Mr. McGovern said of his colleague's sense of fashion, "His style is unique and timely, but I'll probably stick to my bow ties."

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Cianciulli '14 performs across U.S.

By Teleri Broomhead '19

For many of Mount's aspiring performers, participating in a musical on a professional stage is a dream. For Mount alumna Erica Cianciulli '14, that dream is coming true.

Since graduation, Cianciulli has attended Point Park University in Pittsburgh, studying Musical Theatre with a minor in dance. Through one of her classes at Point Park, Cianciulli received an opportunity almost too good to be true.

"In the first semester of my junior year of college, I was in a jazz class with a man named Mark Burrell. . . . [Mark] pulled me aside after class one day, asked if I was interested in auditioning for the National Tour of 'Pippin,' and if I was willing to leave school if I were to book it. Through that, I was cast in my first National Tour as Fastrada in 'Pippin.'"

Cianciulli left Point Park University that year to participate in the National Tour's production of "Pippin" and has been traveling all over the country to perform in the production.

"'Pippin' will forever have a special place in my heart, not only because it was my first professional contract, but because of the show itself and the people who were a part of it."

Cianciulli's participation in "Pippin" has led her to her cur-

rent project, the National Tour of "Dirty Dancing." Cianciulli said, "While we were on the road, my coworker's agent came to the show and reached out to me. . . . [H]e sent me into multiple audi-



tions, and I ended up booking the tour of 'Dirty Dancing' as Marjorie, which I will be working on for the next 10 months."

"Dirty Dancing" opened on Friday, Oct. 5, in Folsom, California, and Cianciulli could not be more excited. "Eleanor Bergstein, the writer of 'Dirty Dancing,' has helped me so much in taking on my role, and I can't wait to open the stage version of her beautiful work! . . . We are performing all around the United States, and then we perform in Canada for a

few weeks," she said.

Although Cianciulli may be currently living a life very far from her humble Mount beginnings, she has never forgotten the memories and lessons she learned along the way.

Cianciulli may be best known to some upperclassmen and faculty members for her starring role as Elle in Mount's 2014 show, "Legally Blonde."

"Mr. and Mrs. Doyle, Mr. Holdren, Ms. Ochs and Mrs. Kennedy were such a huge part of my Mount theatre experience, and I will forever be grateful for all of them. Not only have they given me endless support, but they have also given me room to grow my own way in the arts."

Cianciulli fondly recalled her favorite Mount theatre moment featuring Mrs. Maggie Doyle, the co-director of Mount's musicals. "In 'Legally Blonde' my senior year, I had to do a quick change behind a room divider on stage. . . when, to my surprise, Mrs. Doyle was standing behind the divider on stage ready to help me change my mic pack," she said.

Cianciulli concluded her interview with a small piece of advice for all of Mount's performers in "Les Miserables": "I would say that whether theatre is a hobby or something that you would like to pursue, have fun with it. Theatre is an art, not a competition—your cast is your family."

Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals

A beginner's guide to DACA: What it is, whom it affects and what's happened

By Áine Playdon '19

Since the start of September, the issue surrounding the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) has plagued the nation. Established under the Obama administration, this program offers protection and safety for people who entered the United States illegally, enabling them to create a life in the United States.

What does DACA do, exactly?

DACA does exactly as the title would suggest—it allows the government to issue deferrals to illegal immigrants who entered the country before they turned 16. Deferred action, which gives the Department of Homeland Security the ability to establish an illegal immigrant as a legitimate presence in the United States, does not make an immigrant a citizen, but rather enables the individual to operate within the United States without fearing persecution from the government for the duration of the deferral. Those who are protected are called “Dreamers” and can apply for documents such as valid drivers’ licenses, as well as college and employment applications.

How do illegal immigrants become Dreamers?

According to the Department of Homeland Security, to qualify for DACA, children must have



Crowd protests near Trump Tower on Fifth Avenue in Manhattan in support of DACA.

entered the country before the age of 16, and applicants could not have been older than 31 by June 15, 2012, the day the program was established. If an individual meets these requirements and can provide proper documentation as proof, then under the DACA program, they are granted two years of deferral. At the end of this time, all applicants have

the ability to request renewal of their DACA protections and can remain as a legal presence in the country unless their deferral is dismissed, the individual decides to depart from the United States

hundreds of thousands of people could be wholly interrupted; if new legislation is not proposed within the sixth month period issued by President Trump, every DACA participant is at risk for

immigrants who are protected by DACA.

What does President Trump's decree mean?

As it stands now, President Trump's immigration crackdown will “phase out” DACA. The Department of Homeland Security ensures that the work permits issued to Dreamers will be honored until they expire, DACA applications that are currently being processed will continue to be considered and any immigrant whose deferral expires before March 5, 2018, will be allowed to apply for renewal. However, CNN reported that without a concrete plan for new legislation, some 300,000 people are at risk for deportation in 2018, and about 320,000 people will face the same risk in 2019.

What are the next steps?

If DACA is rescinded, Dreamers risk deportation, and without many options to combat their removal, it is likely that many will, in fact, be deported. Dreamers whose deferrals need renewal in the next year are being advised to apply immediately, and many have started to prepare for any situation that may arise.

or the individual makes the decision not to renew.

Whom does DACA impact?

According to the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services, over 800,000 illegal immigrants have been approved for and live under the DACA program today. The lives of these

immediate deportation. However, the Dreamers will not be the only ones affected. According to an article published by the American Institute of Architects, the economy will be disturbed if DACA is eliminated; a huge gap will open in the construction industry in particular, as 15% of the industry, which is struggling with a shortage of workers anyway, is

By Claudia Langella '18

September 5 Donald Trump advised Congress over Twitter to “get ready to do your job.” Attorney General Jeff Sessions formally announced DACA's termination, describing it as an “executive overreach” by the Obama administration. Just minutes after the announcement, California educational institutes vowed to defend students protected by DACA. Similarly, state attorneys from California, Connecticut, Delaware, Hawaii, Illinois, Iowa, Massachusetts, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, Virginia, Washington and Washington, D.C. filed a lawsuit against Trump, the Los Angeles Times reported.

September 6 White House officials urged Dreamers to apply for other immigration benefits reported CNN. Department of Homeland Security spokesman David Lapan told reporters, “We would encourage persons who are in the country illegally to depart voluntarily or seek another form of immigration benefit for which they might qualify.”

September 7 Trump assured Dreamers that they have “nothing to worry about” in a tweet. Former White House strategist Steve Bannon attacked Catholic bishops’ support of DACA. CNN reported that Bannon claimed the

Catholic Church needs “illegal aliens to fill the churches.” New York City Archbishop Timothy Dolan fought back, stating, “We tend to treat the immigrant with dignity and respect. To make sure that society is just in the treatment of the immigrant is Biblical mandate,” reported the New York Post.

September 9 Thousands of protesters gathered outside of the Trump Hotel in Columbus Circle in New York City. They chanted “No one is illegal,” “Immigrants welcome,” “Deport Donald Trump” and “No hate, no fear, immigrants are welcome here,” NBC New York reported.

September 11 Trump's Bronx golf course was vandalized by pro-immigration supporters, reported the New York Post. Lines from the Emma Lazarus poem “The New Colossus,” which is inscribed on the Statue of Liberty, were spray painted on various holes around the course.

September 13 Democrats, including House minority leader Nancy Pelosi and New York senator Chuck Schumer, met with President Trump to negotiate, the New York Times reported. They came up with a plan to pass the bipartisan Dream Act and to strengthen border security, so long as it does not fund Trump's wall. Schumer and Pelosi released a statement that night: “We agreed to enshrine the protec-

tions of DACA into law quickly, and to work out a package of border security, excluding the wall, that's acceptable to both sides.” Hundreds of Trump supporters flooded Breitbart News after the newsbreak, criticizing the negotiations. Speaker of the House Paul Ryan said that it is “not in our nation's interest” to deport the 800,000 Dreamers protected by the program; he said he hopes there is time for new legislation to be crafted, the Washington Post reported.

September 14 Trump denied in a tweet that a deal was made during his meeting with Pelosi and Schumer. He also confirmed that the wall was already under construction, but would stay out of all DACA discussions. “The wall is going to be built. It will be funded a little bit later,” Trump said, aimed at his supporters, before departing for Florida to aid hurricane victims, reported CNN.

September 15 The President tweeted just days after negotiations that “CHAIN MIGRATION cannot be allowed to be part of any legislation on Immigration!” Thousands of chain migrants come to the U.S. each year, following family members that come to the country before them. Republicans would support such legislation prohibiting Dreamers from sponsoring family members for citizenship.

September 17 New York Gov-

ernor Andrew Cuomo warned Democrats to proceed with “extreme caution” when negotiating with the President. Cuomo predicts that any bipartisan funding will “turn into a wall by the time [Trump] is finished,” the Washington Examiner reported.

September 18 Nancy Pelosi was heckled out of a San Francisco press conference by Dreamers. The San Francisco Gate reported that nearly 60 pro-immigration activists shouted, “All of us or none of us,” “Democrats deport” and “We are not a bargaining chip” at the California representative. The group urged Pelosi to work on a bill that does not include negotiation with President Trump. Before exiting, Pelosi addressed reporters, saying, “This group today is saying don't do the Dream Act unless you do comprehensive immigration reform. We all want to do comprehensive immigration reform . . . I understand their frustration—I'm excited by it as a matter of fact—but the fact is, they're completely wrong.”

September 19 Florida Representative Darren Soto asked the Trump administration to delay the October 5 application deadline for those impacted by Hurricane Harvey, Irma, José and Maria, according to NBC. “Due to the devastation and severity of these two storms, several government offices were closed or are currently closed,” said Soto in a

letter to Homeland Security secretary Elaine Duke. Lapan announced that a delay is already in the works, but no date has been decided. “As with any disaster, the department will evaluate the impact on specific potential benefit recipients living in the disaster-affected areas,” Lapan said.

September 25 Republicans proposed the SUCCEED Act. Applicants are eligible for protection if they came to the U.S. before age 16, obtained a high school diploma or equivalent, pass a criminal background check and are able to pay off federal taxes. Dreamers will be protected for 5 years under the SUCCEED Act and can then apply for a green card, reported CBS News. The DHS also requires applicants to submit “biometric data.” North Carolina Senator Thom Tillis told Dreamers, “If you work hard, follow the law and pay your taxes, you can stay here permanently,” according to CBS News.

October 5 To qualify for DACA status, Dreamers needed to submit applications for renewal no later than October 5. Public Radio International reported that 36,000 Dreamers had not applied for renewal, just hours before the deadline. Any Dreamer that did not reapply could be deported from the U.S. and sent back to a country they haven't visited since childhood.

Republican Party fails to repeal Obamacare

By Natalie Ward '18

Within the past few months, the confusing and complicated conversation surrounding the American healthcare system has expanded drastically. Since his inauguration, President Trump and his administration have made several efforts to repeal and replace former President Obama's Affordable Care Act (ACA), more commonly known as Obamacare.

What is Obamacare?

The ACA was signed into law on March 23, 2010, under President Obama's legislation. At the time, millions of Americans were uninsured, and individuals that were insured typically paid higher prices for health insurance than they would in other countries.

While Obamacare and most healthcare systems are difficult to comprehend, Americans must be aware of several important pieces of this confusing puzzle.

The ACA contains a mandate that requires all Americans to have health insurance or else they have to pay a tax penalty. Because all Americans must have health insurance under this mandate, the ACA contains rules and programs to increase accessibility to affordable health insurance companies.

For example, insurers are required to allow dependent children under the age of 26 to be covered under their parents' healthcare policies and insurance. Additionally, insurers are prohibited from charging older Americans more than 3 times what they charge younger Americans.

One of the most popular components of the ACA is the expansion of Medicaid. Under Obamacare, Medicaid funds increased

in order to expand healthcare for the poor and protect low-income individuals.

The ACA also contains rules that provide health benefits for individuals in specific circumstances. All insurance plans must cover certain health conditions, including ER visits, cancer treatments and maternity and postnatal care. Insurers are prohibited from charging women higher prices than men for the same plan, and they must provide basic services with maternity care and contraceptives.

Additionally, individuals with pre-existing conditions, such as asthma, heart disease, cancer and diabetes, cannot be denied insurance coverage or charged more than individuals without pre-existing conditions.

What reform bills have been proposed?

Throughout the year, the GOP has proposed multiple bills with the intent of repealing or replacing Obamacare, although the bills have yet to be successful.

The American Health Care Act (ACHA) focused on completely repealing the ACA without replacing it. The ACHA, which was introduced in the House on March 7, was pulled from the floor on March 24.

In July, the GOP proposed multiple versions of the Better Care Reconciliation Act (BCRA) in the Senate. The Congressional Budget Office (CBO) estimated that compared to the ACA, 15 million more individuals would be left uninsured by 2018 if this bill passed.

The bill failed by only one vote. 48 Democrats and 3 Republicans—Susan Collins, Rand Paul

and John McCain—voted against the BCRA.

The most recent proposed bill came from Senators Lindsey Graham and Bill Cassidy. Under the Graham-Cassidy proposal, several important components of Obamacare were altered.

The Graham-Cassidy plan repealed the individual mandate set under the ACA, which may appeal to some individuals who want to avoid the tax penalty.

Dependent children under the age of 26 were still guaranteed coverage under their parents' insurance. However, the Graham-Cassidy bill let states apply for waivers that would allow insurers to charge older Americans almost 5 times more than younger Americans.

One of the most drastic components of this bill was the cut to federal spending on Medicaid. The CBO released a partial score on September 25, stating that "the legislation would reduce the on-budget deficit by at least \$133 billion," and that "federal spending on Medicaid would be reduced by about \$1 trillion over 2017-2026 period under this legislation. . . ."

According to the Medicaid website, 68,808,208 individuals were enrolled in Medicaid as of June 2017. While the CBO did not have enough time to estimate the specific number of people who would be affected by this change, it estimated that millions of Americans would lose coverage made eligible under the ACA.

The Graham-Cassidy bill also allowed states to apply for waivers that drop coverage for several health conditions. States' waivers could be used to end mandatory coverage of certain health conditions, such as vision and dental care for children or hospital care.

Although still prohibited from charging women more than men, the states' waivers would also allow insurers to drop coverage for maternity care and contraceptives.

Finally, the Graham-Cassidy bill allowed states to avoid applying for a waiver for insurance for pre-existing medical conditions. Instead, states must describe how they would provide "adequate and affordable coverage" for individuals with medical histories.

How are Americans responding?

Republican Senators John McCain, Rand Paul and Susan Collins have openly opposed the AHCA, BCRA and Graham-Cassidy bill since their introductions and have received backlash from their Republican peers for their lack of support.

On September 25, Collins announced that she would not vote in favor of the Graham-Cassidy bill, bringing the public "no" votes to a total of 3 Republicans. Her decision killed the GOP's potential for success with their latest bill.

Collins defended her decision in saying that the bill did not provide enough protection for people with pre-existing conditions, and the cuts to Medicaid were too deep. She added, "Sweeping reforms to our health care system and to Medicaid can't be done well in a compressed time frame, especially when the actual bill is a moving target."

However, these Senators are not the only people with a strong influence who spoke against the Graham-Cassidy bill.

Senator Ron Wyden hand-delivered pizza to protestors in the

Capitol on September 25, saying, "You are the faces of political change in America. . . . We are going to kill Trumpcare." The protestors responded by chanting "Kill the Bill!" and "Kill Trumpcare, don't kill me!"

Although many politicians opposed the bill, one of the greatest influences that emerged in the healthcare battle was Jimmy Kimmel, who has recently spoken about the Graham-Cassidy bill on his late night talk show.

In May, Kimmel shared the story of his newborn son, who was born with a serious heart condition. Inspired by the firestorm surrounding the Graham-Cassidy Bill, Kimmel spoke about his son again in response to the lack of protection for individuals with pre-existing medical conditions.

Many criticized Kimmel for politicizing his son's medical condition in mid-September, to which he perfectly responded, "I am politicizing my son's health problems because I have to."

Kimmel continued by listing the most common medical associations that opposed the Graham-Cassidy bill, including the American Cancer Society, American Heart Association, ALS Association and American Diabetes Association.

Exhausted from the consistent battle to pass an unpopular healthcare bill, the Senate announced on September 26 that they would not vote on the Graham-Cassidy bill. Despite the huge blow to President Trump's legislation, Majority Leader Mitch McConnell insists that they have not yet given up on reforming the American health care system.

Las Vegas massacre calls meaning of Second Amendment into question

By The Campanile

On October 1, Stephen Paddock opened fire on thousands from his hotel room overlooking the Route 91 Harvest Country Music Festival. The massacre left 59 dead and 489 injured, making this the deadliest mass shooting in United States history.

Every year, another mass shooting devastates America. We mourn for the victims and their families, we try to understand why these things happen and then we let it happen again. It is time we draw the line and strengthen gun laws, as hundreds of other countries have done successfully.

For many, the right to bare arms in America is a symbol of freedom. In a country where every man is for himself, they take pride in having the ability to protect themselves. Many use the argument that we need guns in order to prevent tyranny; this was

actually the original argument behind the Second Amendment, which reads, "A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed."

Looking at what is happening

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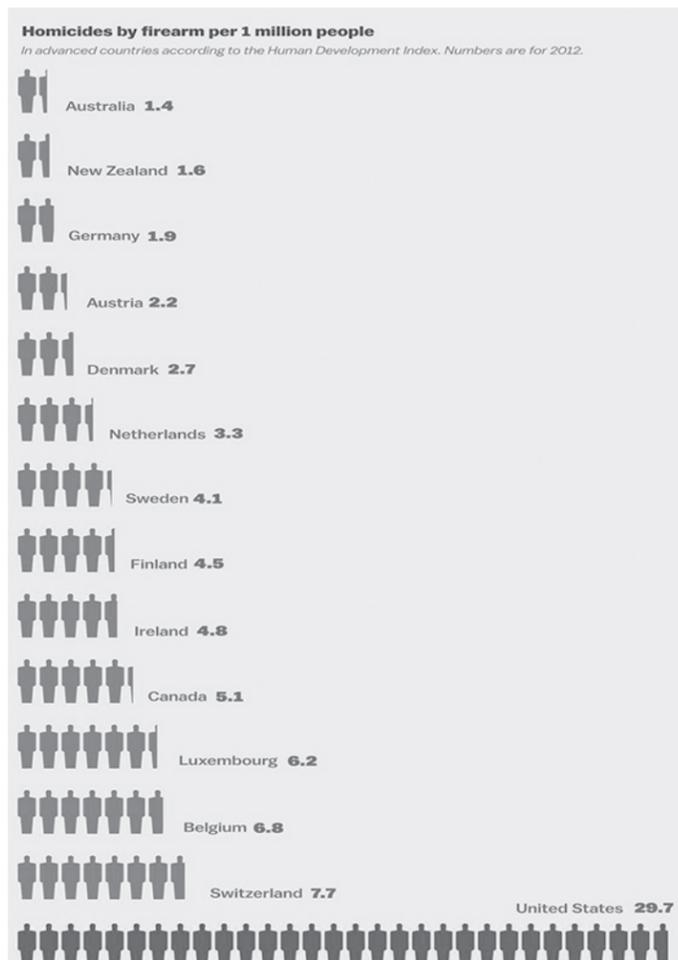
in our country today, it is clear that guns have not protected us from tyranny. Even in the event of a coup, those in power in our country have weapons that could destroy an entire city in seconds. Guns would not stand a chance.

As far as self-protection goes, it is quite counterintuitive to say everyone should be allowed to

have guns to protect themselves from people who have guns. Countries with stronger gun control very rarely face the issues that American gun owners are worried about, such as home invasion and armed robbery.

How far will we let this go for the sake of freedom and self-protection? In America there is an average of more than one mass shooting per day. The Second Amendment itself says a "well regulated Militia." The writers of the Constitution could never have envisioned the damage that guns would eventually cause in this country.

Every day that we wait for stricter legislation to pass and come into action, at least one mass shooting occurs in America. It is more crucial than ever that you call your representatives and senators and tell them what changes you would like to see in gun laws.



The US is the country with the most firearm homicides. (vox.com)

Hurricanes: Devastation and recovery

By Molly Eckert '19

25 August 2017

Harvey makes landfall.

26 August 2017

J.J. Watt and Houston Texans announce fundraiser in hopes to raise \$200,000.

Goal surpassed in less than two hours.

29 August 2017

First presidential visit to help relief in Texas.

31 August 2017

Over 51,000 flood insurance claims are filed throughout Texas.

Local search and rescue teams search for survivors in inaccessible stranded areas.

240 Red Cross shelters house 33,800 Texans.

Coast Guard and National Guard transport supplies and volunteers to most affected areas.

53,000 pounds of medical equipment are distributed throughout Texas.

2 September 2017

Second presidential visit to help relief in Texas.

Companies around the world have donated \$157 million to help hurricane relief efforts in Texas.

5 September 2017

International Revenue Service assigns FEMA's service center 2,300 staff.

7 September 2017

5 former presidents gather together to help aid hurricane relief.

8 September 2017

President Trump signs \$15 billion hurricane relief bill.

13 September 2017

Puerto Rico loses power throughout island.

14 September 2017

Over 6.6 million meals and 4.7 million liters of water have been distributed to survivors throughout Texas.

15 September 2017

Irma makes landfall. First presidential visit to Florida.

15 September 2017

J.J. Watt and Houston Texans close their fundraiser after raising over \$37 million.

16 September 2017

National Hurricane Center predicts that hurricane Maria will hit Puerto Rico one week after Irma brushed the island, killing three.

20 September 2017

Maria makes landfall.

22 September 2017

Carmelo Anthony donates \$50,000 to his own fundraiser to help Puerto Rico.

25 September 2017

Carmelo Anthony raises over \$240,000 for families affected by hurricane Maria.

26 September 2017

President Trump announces that he will be visiting Puerto Rico after addressing neglected aid to the island.

3 October 2017

First presidential visit to Puerto Rico.

By Maya Trujillo '18

Hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria have brought devastation to Texas, Florida, Cuba, the Caribbean Islands and Puerto Rico. Now that the storms have passed, the communities are working hard to find solutions to challenges that will help in recovery and rebuilding.

Hurricane Harvey was the first devastating storm this season in late August, hitting mainly Texas, as well as Mexico, Louisiana and the



Destroyed buildings in St. Martin due to Hurricane Irma. (cnn.com)

Yucatán Peninsula. NBC News and numerous other sources have predicted that Harvey will cost tens of billions of dollars in damages.

Back in August, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) officials said that they are "bracing to help with recovery efforts in Texas and other states hard hit by Hurricane Harvey for years to come."

The Chicago Tribune reported that around 1,300 people are still living in shelters, and at least 60,000 displaced people are still residing in hotel rooms provided by FEMA. It will likely take months for all the debris to be picked up around affected areas.

On September 26, Harris County commissioners approved \$20 million in an attempt to buy out 200 homes flooded by Harvey.

According to The Wall Street Journal, officials in Harris County, which includes Houston, are considering a potentially billion-dollar bond issue that could fund a new storm-water reservoir, more flood-mitigation projects and quicker buyouts of flooded homes. Engineers are reassessing flood-prevention projects to see if they can handle storms similar to Harvey.

Hurricane Irma first hit the Caribbean, and then moved its way up to Florida, wreaking havoc on the Keys. However, the Keys and some Caribbean Islands, which luckily avoided Irma's wrath, are ready to start welcoming visitors for the fall tourist season. The Florida Keys even launched a one-million dollar advertising campaign to let people know that they are ready for visitors, according to the Los Angeles Times.



Interstate 10 submerged in Vidor, Texas. (telegraph.co.uk)

The most recent hurricane, Hurricane Maria, completely wrecked Puerto Rico with a direct hit, along with passing through the Caribbean Islands. The Islands barely had time to recover after being clipped by Hurricane Irma before Maria passed through.

Vox reports that AIR Worldwide, a catastrophe risk consultancy, estimates the storm caused \$40-\$85 billion in insurance claims throughout the Caribbean, with 85 percent of those losses in Puerto Rico.

conditioning and without running water, Wired reported.

The New York Times reported: "Getting the power back on in Puerto Rico will be daunting and expensive. Transformers, poles and power lines snake from coastal areas across hard-to-access mountains. In some cases, the poles have to be maneuvered in place with helicopters." Getting power back on in hospitals is a top priority for officials.

Wired reported that Otis Rolley, 100 Resilient Cities regional director for North America, sees the recovery as an opportunity for a total reimagining of Puerto Rico's energy system and resiliency infrastructure.

Rolley said Puerto Rico could learn from New York and New Orleans after Hurricanes Sandy and Katrina. After those storms, the cities changed their zoning and construction codes, and also strengthened social connection. After disasters, "both a physical infrastructure and a human one helps them to reduce the loss of lives, and decrease recovery times," said Rolley.

Rolley considers microgrids a good option, where if one part of the grid goes down, the other parts continue to function.

Former EPA Regional Administrator under President Obama, Judith Enck, told Wired it is imperative that FEMA funds a new infrastructure in Puerto Rico, not rebuild the current faulty one. If the island's grid were improved, massive investments in wind, solar, geothermal and other clean energy sources would be required. Enck thinks solar could be a good option.

Enck said Puerto Rico's goal is to rebuild in



An apartment building missing a wall in San Juan, Puerto Rico due to Hurricane Maria. (cnn.com)

structure and energy distribution systems suffered great damages."

Due to the severe 150 mph winds, Puerto Rico lost its entire electricity supply, and millions are still without electricity. San Juan's mayor confirmed that Puerto Rico could be without power for six months. That is half a year with Puerto Rico's 3.4 million residents relying on generators, unable to use air con-

a different way so "the source is cleaner and the distribution is more reliable."

Darren Soto, a Florida Representative of Puerto Rican descent, said, "Concrete electric poles and sunken power lines could help Puerto Rico curb costs of recovering from future storms."

Delyris Aquino, a spokesperson for FEMA, said Puerto Rico and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers are working to clear the roads so they can gain access to areas isolated by the storm. Due to the island's importation of most foods, food and water are extremely scarce right now. A team from the Environmental Protection Agency arrived in Puerto Rico to ensure that hospitals have clean drinking water, according to FEMA.

If all of that were not enough for Puerto Rico to deal with, 70,000 residents have been ordered to evacuate due to the impending collapse of the Guajataca Dam. A collapse would result in even more flooding. The Verge reported that the U.S. ACE sent a team of experts to assess the damage and have been reducing the amount of water in the dam, which should keep it safe for the time being.

Climate Change: Key to monster storms

By Nora Hogan '19

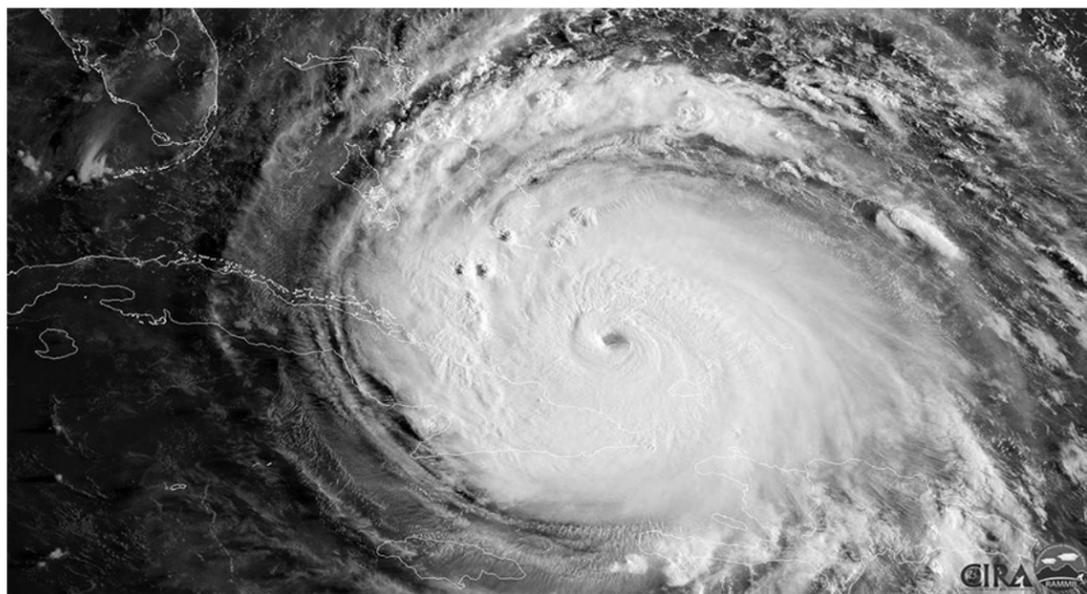
In the wake of the destruction left by Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, Maria and José, the role of climate change in natural disasters has come to the forefront of the public's mind. Did climate change really create these "monster" storms that resulted in the widespread flooding and carnage in Houston, Florida and the Caribbean Islands; or is this explanation simply another excuse generated by the "liberal media?"

The answer to this question is not complicated. Scientists from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Agency (NOAA) have said that it is premature to blame human activity as a direct cause for these massive hurricanes. However, their research clearly states that human actions caused climate change, including rising sea levels and the increasing temperature of the ocean. These occurrences have resulted in the abundance of present-day hurricanes.

Scientists' models predict that effects of climate change will continue to breed bigger and badder storms in the future. This stormy future should not be news to anyone. Governmental agencies and scientists have been publishing research legitimizing and proving the existence of climate change for decades; yet the phenomenon has only recently emerged in the limelight.

According to research conducted by top climate scientists at the Environmental Protec-

tion Agency (EPA) and NASA, climate change amplifies the flooding and the destruction created by hurricanes. Harvey, Irma, Maria and José should not have left long-lasting impacts that last a generation. Despite this fact, these hurricanes caused record-breaking floods and left thousands of people homeless.



Hurricane Irma making landfall in southern Florida, courtesy of NOAA satellite GOES-16.

Barbuda, an island in the Caribbean, is currently uninhabitable. Irma's Category 5 Winds swept through the island, ruining almost all habitation and infrastructure. For the first time in over three hundred years, there is not a single person living on the island of Barbuda. Several other islands in the Caribbean, including Barbuda, turned brown as Irma whirled their former lush, green ecosystems into its

winds.

Climate change is slowly killing the environment, depleting the Earth's natural resources and worsening natural disasters, specifically hurricanes in this case. Hurricanes gather strength from proven effects of climate change: rising sea levels, warming seas and the increased temperature of

Water vapor fuels hurricanes; therefore, the increased amount of vapor in the Atlantic basin has transformed this area into a perfect breeding ground for super storms.

Rising sea levels magnify the effects of flooding, as seen especially in Texas after Hurricane Harvey. Sea levels have

periods of time. Slow-moving hurricanes inflict incredible damage on coastal communities and leave terrible memories that last several generations.

Due to the negligence of corporations, government and the everyday citizen, human-caused climate change has caused the complete leveling of undeserving communities, stripped many peoples' identity and dignity and resulted in the uncertain futures for victims of hurricanes.

These facts pose a question: Is it too late for the human race? The answer is no, humans still have a chance. However, action needs to be taken now. The everyday citizen can no longer wait for bureaucratic governments to get around to saving the world when some world leaders continue to deny the existence of climate change.

Environmental protection is everyone's job. Recycling, composting and buying local are all easy ways the "average Joe" can reduce his or her own carbon footprint. Reducing one's own carbon footprint is a positive step toward the reversal of the damages humans have inflicted on the Earth. It is as simple as throwing that plastic bottle in the recycling bin instead of the garbage can, or choosing to go to the farmers market instead of the supermarket. We citizens of the world must step up to save the human race before it is too late.

The iPhone X debuts: Is it worth the hype?

By Lily Howard '19

Apple is expected to amass \$150 billion in iPhone sales in 2017, making it the most profitable product in the world, according to The Economist. With the launch of the iPhone X, iPhone sales are projected to increase another \$40 billion by 2020.

Apple's CEO, Tim Cook, stated that the iPhone X is "the biggest leap forward since the original iPhone." The well-known aesthetic of the iPhone has been revamped. The screen now covers the entire front of the phone, and the camera has a dual-lens for higher quality pictures.

The iPhone X also offers the A11 Bionic chip, which, according to Digital Trends, increases the phone's speed by 25%. However, the feature receiving the most attention is the facial recognition software.

Users can unlock their iPhones with a software called Face ID in place of the home button. Through the use of a True Depth camera system, the software is able to recognize the owner's face by mathematically mapping out every aspect of it.

The system works by illuminat-

ing the user's face and then scanning it with an infrared camera, which forms an image using infrared radiation. This camera ensures the system's functionality, accounting for changes in lighting, hair, makeup and accessories. Apple claims that the Face ID will be more reliable and secure than the fingerprint.

But this "improvement" raises the question: How private is a user's Face ID to a threat that already has access to the phone? Pre-existing facial technology is able to identify people from a distance and employ this data for multiple, possibly devious, purposes. According to The Economist, a Russian called "FindFace" is able to

compare pictures of strangers to users of a certain social media app with a 70% success rate.

Due to the current inaccessibility of the iPhone X, nothing can be concluded on Face ID's security just yet. However, this concern

ing and dual-lens cameras may be innovations for Apple, they are certainly not technological breakthroughs. For instance, facial recognition technology has been around since the 1990s, and Samsung has implemented both wireless charging and the dual-lens cameras in its products for years. Business Insider states that the launch of the iPhone X has initiated a gradual decline of smartphone innovation.

Contrary to its critics, Apple claims that the iPhone X is "the future of the smartphone."

With their newest product priced at \$999, Apple must have sound reason for the considerable increase in cost. One reason

for the price increase is the upgrade in the phone's materials. The new phone includes stainless steel instead of aluminum, durable glass for the back of the phone, and a 5.8-inch screen that stretches from corner to corner. The iPhone X also boasts other improved hardware, along with a higher resolution.

The ultimate conclusion of worth is up to the consumer. If one considers all technological improvements, or the iPhone brand itself, to be justifications, the buy is worth it. However, for those who do not fall into these categories, the unoriginal upgrades and high cost should be major indicators not to buy the iPhone X.

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Tim Cook, Apple CEO, showing off the new iPhone X, photo courtesy of ABC Los Angeles.



Seniors Killion and Ward forge path as women in the martial arts

By Alexa Silvestri '18

When thinking of karate, one may think of the classic 1986 movie, "The Karate Kid." Well, two Mount students are the karate kids of today: seniors Jade Killion and Natalie Ward.

Jade Killion started karate at age five at Pro Martial Arts, a martial arts school in Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania.

"I wanted to be able to protect myself," Killion said. In 2014, Killion achieved her first degree black belt.

Killion is not the only member in her family to learn karate. Her brother, Aidan, is a first degree black belt. Her mother, Leslie, is a second degree black belt, currently going for her third degree black belt.

Killion's favorite part about karate is perfecting a form. "Perfecting a form requires a lot of time, focus and dedication. The memorization is easy. It is getting the rhythm down and making each move powerful that is the challenge. Having great technique is something I have worked hard for so when the challenge of putting it into a new form proves successful, I cannot help but feel a

sense of pride. You put your heart and soul into it, and when it goes perfectly, you feel as if you're on top of the world."

When asked about the difference between men and women's

karate, Killion responded, "The treatment of boy/girl students when I started was very different, especially as I got higher up, because I was the only girl in my classes. I ran into a lot of trouble with a specific instructor who

didn't really like how good I was. It was extremely frustrating." Killion is not the only girl who is breaking boards, learning routines and training hard every day. Natalie Ward began karate

stand on the sidelines and try to mimic everything he did as soon as I learned to walk. It was only fitting that my parents put me into classes." Ward's older brother, Sean, was a junior black belt at 11

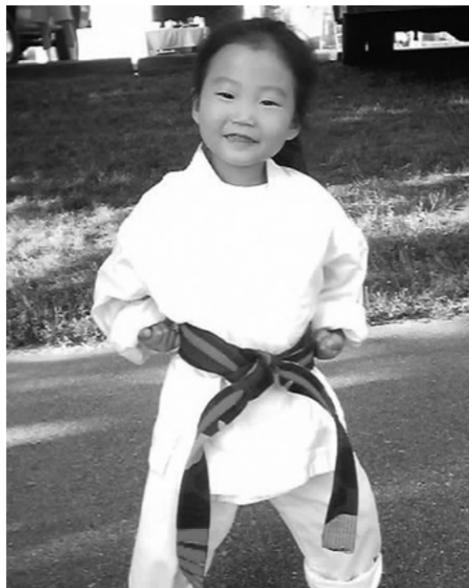
students. I love being able to see them progress over time because I know that I am impacting their lives."

Ward participates in competitions across the country with her karate school. So far, she has competed in Michigan; Missouri; Florida; Georgia; Washington, D.C.; Rhode Island; New Jersey; Delaware; Maryland; Virginia and, of course, Pennsylvania.

Although the two have never competed against each other, Killion's mother, Leslie, has previously been a judge in Ward's competitions.

Ward described her past experience of competing with boys: "Although I mainly compete against girls (normally how divisions are split), it can be equally as challenging to compete against guys and girls. Guys are physically stronger and can show that, but girls typically have more flexibility."

Ward is determined to continue the arts throughout college, but to a lesser degree. However, Killion is undecided if she will continue karate past high school.



Seniors Jade Killion and Natalie Ward began training in Karate at an early age.

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a week before her fourth birthday. She is currently a third degree black belt in Tae Kwon Do.

When asked why she started karate, Ward responded, "My older brother was training in Tae Kwon Do, and I would always

years old. Ward is a student and teacher at the DeStolfo's Premier Martial Arts in Conshohocken, Pennsylvania.

"My favorite part is being able to coach and teach other

U.S. Open highlights friendship

By Mary Skobieranda '18

Arthur Ashe Stadium located in Flushing Meadows, NY, witnessed an unusual finish to the 2017 U.S. Open on September 9. This unlikely matchup featured unseeded Sloane Stephens against No. 15 seed Madison Keys. Stephens defeated Keys 6-3, 6-0 in the women's singles final by countering Keys' power

have more in common than a strong friendship and experience in the 2017 Open women's final. Both players entered the tournament after recent recoveries from surgery. In January 2016, Stephens began feeling pain in her left foot, and after an MRI, found a stress fracture. She spent 12 weeks off her feet and 11 months away from the sport, but found comfort in her friend Madison

Keys watched Stephens defeat Venus Williams in the Open Semi-Finals from her gym television, while preparing for her

own semifinal match, tearing up with happiness and pride for her friend. "I was just so happy for her," she told Sports Illustrated.

Only seconds after earning her first Grand Slam title two days later, Stephens was quick to reciprocate this kindness by comforting Keys across the net, later inviting her to the victory party to celebrate a remarkable milestone as two friends, not rivals.



Sloane Stephens and Madison Keys embrace after the final U.S. Open match.

with incredible defense in the most momentous match of Stephens' life. Not only did September's unpredictable 2017 U.S. Open's women's final feature two unlikely candidates, but its viewers witnessed a distinctive match characterized by Stephens and Keys's unusual, yet endearing, relationship on and off the tennis court. The landmark match ended with a heartwarming, 19-second hug between two close friends.

Stephens, 24, and Keys, 22,

Keys. Keys was also forced off the courts after her left-wrist surgery.

"When Sloane was down and out, Madison was messaging her, calling her and FaceTiming her: 'What are you doing?' And Sloane would do the same," said Stephens's mom, Sybil Smith to Sports Illustrated. "I feel good that in this very solitary sport, my daughter has someone to rely on."

The friendship between Stephens and Keys continues when they step on the court. In prepa-

ration for the U.S. Open, the two practiced together on the Friday before the tournament began. Stephens's coach, Kamau Murray, described this practice session to Sports Illustrated as "informal, [with] not many cameras, so we're all talking crap. It was fun."

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"Battle of the Sexes" premieres

By Áine Playdon '19

"Battle of the Sexes," a biographical film detailing a 1973 tennis match between tennis elites Billie Jean King and Bobby Riggs, was released this September to a receptive audience. With a Rotten Tomatoes rating of 7.2/10 stars, "Battle of the Sexes" grossed \$3.4 million its first weekend, bringing the movie to finish 6th at the box office.

Featuring Emma Stone and Steve Carell as Billie Jean King and Bobby Riggs, "Battle of the Sexes" is based on a monumental tennis match that captivated the world.

In tennis, the term "battle of the sexes" is used for exhibition matches between men and women. Most famously, it refers to the game between King and Riggs, a match that changed tennis, certainly women's tennis, forever.

tennis players are inferior to male tennis players and that he, at the age of 55, could still defeat any woman.

Riggs first played Margaret Court, who was at the time the



King laughs during her match with Riggs.

No. 1 female tennis player in the world. Unfortunately, Riggs defeated Court in two matches, which launched him into the limelight. Riding the high of his win, Riggs taunted all female players, and Billie Jean King took up the call, leading to the their historic match.

King won the match in three sets, claiming a triumph for women. Although she fell behind in the first set, King realized the importance of the match and what it would mean for female athletes if she prevailed; in her words, she realized she "had to win."

An activist for equal rights to this day, Billie Jean King and her incredible victory for women are immortalized on the silver screen this fall in theaters everywhere.



Emma Stone plays Billie Jean King this September.

The matches played came after Bobby Riggs' claims that female

Volleyball digs deep, looking to peak in District play

By Molly Duffy '19

Volleyball heads into post season play with an impressive 18-5 record. Led by co-captains, seniors Cassidy Abdalla and Corinne Filograna, and new head coach, Amy Bergin, the Magic is playing with chemistry and confidence.

Bergin coached women's volleyball at Haverford College, a division three school, for nine years before bringing her expertise to the Mount.

"Amy brings new ideas and techniques to the game and is absolutely enthusiastic about the girls and the sport," said history teacher and assistant coach Ms. Mary Kate Steinmetz.

The team came out strong in the opening match against the Gwynedd Mercy Academy Monarchs on September 5, beating their rival in four sets.



(Back row) Seniors Ailene Woznicki, Cassidy Abdalla, Mallory Baus and (front row) Peggy Gorman, Elena Filograna and Corinne Filograna are determined to win this season.

On September 14, Corinne Filograna reached a milestone in her career by getting her 1,000th dig when the Magic played Villa Joseph Marie. She currently leads

the team with 267 digs this season.

The heartbreaking 3-1 loss to league leader Merion Mercy on Thursday, Oct. 12 was a tough

match on a night celebrating the team's six seniors: Cassidy Abdalla, Mallory Baus, Corinne and Elena Filograna, Peggy Gorman and Ailene Woznicki.

In league play, the Magic is ranked 3rd behind Merion Mercy and Villa Maria with a record of 8-4, after losing to Villa Maria on Monday, Oct. 16.

After the 3-1 loss to Villa Maria, Coach Bergin said, "Every match with this team, these athletes show growth. Tonight was no exception. No, we didn't win the match. However, without prompting from the coaches, they strategized and showed just how high their volleyball IQ truly is...They haven't peaked yet. And when they do, they will be unstoppable."

The Magic played a double-header against Nazareth on Wednesday, Oct. 18, at home as The Campanile went to press.

Speaking of season play, Woznicki said, "What we don't have in skills and talent, we make up for with intelligence. That's what sets us apart."



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Soccer entered the season, racking up an exciting win over their greatest rival Gwynedd Mercy Academy in the first game of the season on Tuesday, Sept. 5.

The team came back in the second half to win 3-1, with sophomore Madison Hornig scoring two goals. Junior Allie Prue scored a key, third goal for the team to secure the win.

Disappointing losses to Villa Joe and Gwynedd with scores of 4-0 in both games lowered morale temporarily.

Adding to the devastation of these losses were injuries to senior co-captains Liana Alcaro (ACL) and Maddie Feeney (knee) and Hornig (ankle). Alcaro was lost for the season, while Feeney and Hornig eventually returned, although not at 100%. While these players were out, the team relied on upperclassmen and new varsity players to step up and fill

Soccer kicks off competitive season

leadership positions on the field.

Senior, co-captain Grace Di-Giovanni said, "Unfortunately, we have been burdened with injuries to many key players, but we have found strength to replace the injured team members and have never lost sight of our goals as a team."

As the injured players returned, they were coming back to a team primed with hard work and determination.

Everything began to fall into place when the team had a big comeback against rival, Saint Basil's Academy whom they beat in double overtime on Tuesday, Oct. 3.

The game was evenly matched, but Basil's finished the first half

up 2-1.

The Mount came out in the second half with a passion and desire to win, tying up the score



The soccer seniors pose after their win over Saint Basil Academy in their Soccer without Borders game.

3-3. After fifteen minutes of intense play, the game headed into a scoreless first overtime.

With about three minutes left in the second overtime, the

Mount scored the winning goal off of a cross from Hornig that slipped through the Basil's goalie's hands onto the foot of junior Ryan Good who placed it into the back of the net.

"It was such a rush and a feeling I will never forget," said Good. "It felt awesome to win against such a big competitor, and especially to score the winning goal in double overtime, but I was more proud of my team for never giving up and fighting all the way until the end."

The team stormed the field in celebration after working extremely hard to capture the much deserved win.



Another key win for the team was a 5-0 blowout over Merion Mercy Academy at Mount on Tuesday, Oct. 10.

"Beating Merion by such a large margin the second time we played them, shows how far we've come as a team this season," said Prue. The Magic squeaked out a 3-2 win against Merion on Saturday, Sept. 16.

Now with a record of 8 wins, 7 losses, and 1 tie, the Magic heads into the end of the season with a district standing of 6th place, only hoping to move forward in the ranks.

Feeney spoke on behalf of the team's goals for the rest of the season, saying, "We are hoping to avenge some of our early losses. With teams like Villa Maria and Nazareth, we know they are beatable and hope to win against them. For playoffs, we hope to go further than we did last year, which was the second round of districts."

Cross Country goes the extra mile, finishing season strong

By Meghan Zwicker '19

Cross Country is finishing a strong season with the team placing in the top quarter at invites.

The team headed to AACA league champs on October 17, as The Campanile went to press, where they hope to post strong times.

"The girls are running strong in a pack and looking really strong for league champs," said Coach Kitty McClernand.

The season opened with a tough loss to Villa Maria on Wednesday, Sept. 13, but rebounded quickly. The team redeemed themselves at the George School Invitational on Saturday, Sept. 16, with Varsity finishing sixth out of twenty-one schools and the JV coming in fifth out of thirteen schools. Lauren Ehnou, Jen DeGroat, and Megan Ciasullo placed 23rd, 24th and 25th consecutively during the



Seniors Elizabeth Sullivan, Jen DeGroat, Maeve McCormick, Jade Killion, Mady Taylor and Mollie Mullen on their Senior Day.

Varsity race. Sophomore Hannah Bujnoski finished in 23rd and freshman Cate Van Stone placed 25th in the JV race.

Senior co-captains Jen DeGroat, Jade Killion and Mollie

Mullen said the season only got stronger in late September and throughout October, with Mount besting key competitors.

"It's really special to be a part of such a motivated team," said

Killion.

Mount beat Nazareth Academy on Wednesday, Sept. 20, despite running in Lorimer Park, arguably the toughest course the team has faced this season.

On Saturday, Sept. 23, the Varsity team placed 4th overall and 2nd in AAA division. "Megan Ciasullo, Jen DeGroat and Lauren Ehnou all medaled. Annie Lemeilin won the JV race. The JV team finished 2nd overall," said Coach McClernand.

Tuesday, Sept. 26, the team ran against Villa Joe on their senior day. The girls pushed themselves the last half mile and won by one point.

The team beat both Gwynedd and Merion Mercy on Wednesday, October 4.

On Tuesday, Oct. 10, the team beat St. Basil's and Sacred Heart, with Lauren Ehnou coming in second and Megan Ciasullo placing third.

As the team headed to champs, Killion said, "Champs is going to be exciting to see all the hard work pay off."

Golf captures AACA and District titles

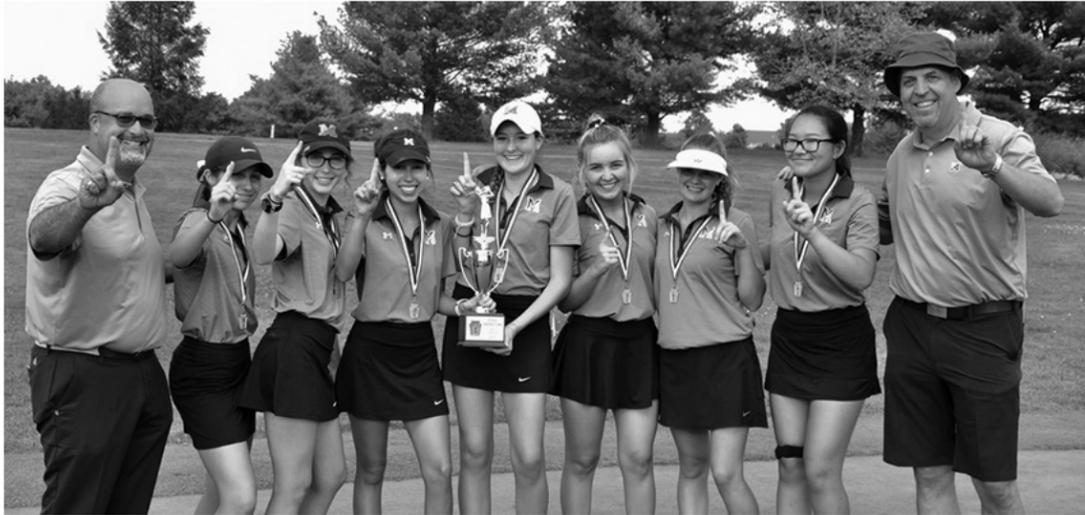
By The Campanile

The Mount golf team extended its reign over the Catholic Academies League, winning its 15th consecutive AACA championship on October 4. The team also finished its season undefeated in league matches.

After losing two key seniors to graduation, the team looked to new and returning players to contribute to the team, and fresh talent proved to be the key to securing this season's title. Seniors Olivia Brogan, Ciara Morrissey, Grace Quinones and Maya Trujillo took on bigger roles this season, along with juniors Brianna Mahon and Lia Priolo. Sophomore Olivia Wirsching and freshman Clare Gimpel continued to impress on the course.

Gimpel dominated the high school golf scene. She quickly became a consistent low scorer in matches.

"Clare is such a great girl to play with. She really pushes me to do better without being competitive. We have a lot of fun out there, and I am so excited to see what the rest of the season and



Coach Jules Quinones; sophomore Olivia Wirsching; junior Brianna Mahon; seniors Maya Trujillo, Olivia Brogan and Grace Quinones; freshman Clare Gimpel; junior Lia Priolo; and Coach John Mischler pose with the team's trophy after winning Districts.

the next will bring for not only herself but the whole team!" said Mahon.

The season began with a tri-match, where the team played with Villa Maria and Nazareth at Spring Mill. Mount won against Villa Maria with a final score of 179-204, where four scores counted. Wirsching brought in the low score of the day by posting a 43. The team was able to break the

200-stroke mark in a regular match where five scores counted against Nazareth at John Byrne Golf Course.

Brogan had her first hole-in-one during a home match against Gwynedd. Quinones commented on the hole-in-one saying, "It was the craziest thing, I was so happy to be there to see it!"

The golf team broke into two, five player teams to compete in

the Spring Ford Golf Classic at Linfield National Golf Club. Team 1 from the Mount won the tournament and team 2 held their own in the 90 player field. Wirsching won the low sophomore and Gimpel claimed the low freshman.

"I am proud of all the work these girls have put in over these last couple months. I am excited for the rest of the season and

hope to bring home the gold from States at the end of October. I truly believe it is within our reach," said Trujillo.

Clinching the league title is just the beginning of Mount golf's postseason run. Seven of the eight varsity players advanced to the individual round of the PIAA district tournament, which was held on October 9 at Gilbertsville Golf Course.

In addition to the team winning the district by nine strokes, Gimpel and Wirsching advanced as individuals to day two. After winning a sudden death playoff, Gimpel advanced to individual regionals on Monday, Oct. 16, but did not advance to states individually.

"There were 55 girls playing, representing the Eastern half of PA, of which Clare was one of only 5 freshmen to make it to regionals," said Coach Mischler. "On a wet course with a lot of wind...I was very proud to watch Clare hang in there."

As for the team, States will be held during the week of October 23, and the girls have their eyes on the gold.

Tennis secures the 3-peat

By The Campanile

Mount tennis dominated the AACA league this year, claiming a third consecutive undefeated season.

The team consistently proved their strength on the courts this season, with a record of 14-0. Not only did they win the league with a perfect record, the Magic recently won their third consecutive AACA championship.

"Coming into the season as two-time defending AACA champions definitely gave us confidence, and the possibility of a three-peat was a constant motivator in every match," said senior, co-captain Mary Skobieranda.

The talent of returning singles players, juniors Stow Weiss and Elizabeth Christine and senior Sahar Ali contributed heavily to Mount's winning season with impressive personal records.

"This year was a very important year for us to keep our undefeated streak going. We love

our seniors and thought it was extremely important to give them another winning season," said Weiss.

Though the loss of six beloved and crucial members of last year's line-up threatened the Magic's lengthy winning streak, they "had many JV players who were eager to take up a varsity position this year," said senior, co-captain Bridget Malott.

The team closed out their successful regular season by defeating Sacred Heart 5-0 on their senior night on Friday, Sept. 29, after beating Nazareth, Villa Joseph Marie and Merion Mercy. The team battled rival Gwynedd Mercy twice, and came out victorious both times. Also on the scoreboard, the Mount defeated Villa Maria, Souderton and Saint Basil's.

The team's season came to a close after Mount lost 1-4 in the first round of team Districts against 3rd seed Downingtown East High School.

Much of the team's success can be credited to their skill, but a vital member of the team, Coach Joy Grafenstine, cannot be overlooked. Coach Grafenstine joined the tennis program three years ago during the 2015-2016 school year.

"Coach G drives us to be our best on and off the courts. She has led our team to be AACA league champions three years in a row, and the team hasn't lost a single match since she began with us in 2015," said senior Becca Koestler.

Coach G was joined this year by Coach Jane Charlton, who also greatly contributed to Mount's successful season.

When asked about the success of this season, Coach Grafenstine said, "It's all them. It's not me. Great season. Going to miss the five seniors. They did an amazing job this year."



Seniors Sahar Ali, Mary Skobieranda, Becca Koestler, Bridget Malott and Emma Mirabelli pose with the team's AACA championship trophies on their Senior Day.

Field Hockey dominates



Seniors Bridget Boyle, Mary Kate Stefanowicz, Grace Wallis, Emma Ferrero, Nora Denton, Ashley Moore and Jacquelyn Nyzio celebrate their senior day with a win.

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best games."

Field hockey is working their best to live up to and surpass last year's expectations through this year's team motto "Lim17less."

A crucial part to this season so far was defeating long time rival Gwynedd Mercy both times. The Magic won 2-1 at home in the first game on September 5, then proceeded to come out as a powerhouse on turf, winning 7-2 over the Monarchs on September 26.

"Our 7-2 win over Gwynedd gave our team a lot of confidence in our playing. The team is working really hard to continue our successful season," said senior, co-captain Ashley Moore.

Another vital win this season came with the defeat of close competitor Merion Mercy, 3-1. The victory earned the Magic second place in the league and in the district just behind Villa Maria.

When asked how the team performed, Assistant Varsity Coach Mrs. Mary Beth Stefanowicz said, "I think it was one of their

Senior, co-captain Grace Wallis added, "I think the Merion game is always intense, so it was a real confidence boost that we beat them 3-1."

The team has had a solid season so far with an impressive record of 13-2-1.

The team's lone tie was against consistently tough competitor, Notre Dame. This was one of the toughest games the Mount faced this season.

Not only has the team been successful on the field, but they have also become a very close group of girls.

Senior Jax Nyzio said, "Playing with my teammates who are also my friends has been a blessing. Through each painful practice or tough game, they are always there to make me laugh."

The field hockey team is finishing up the remainder of the regular season this week and will be moving onto Districts next week. As second place seed in the district, the team is expected to do big things.