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Team Achievement Celebration

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 6, 2007

6:00 ~ 8:30 p.m.

Jennifer Gina Park (2010)
Jonathan Park (2008)
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Samantha Sharp (2009)
Joseph Song (2008)
Samuel Speers (2010)

Jacob Steinhardt (2008)
Hyun Soo Suh (2008)
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Felix Zhang (2008)
Jeff Zhao (2007)

Bronze (\$60 & above)

Families of:

Andrew Baik (2010)
Amy Cheng (2007)
Bryan Chun (2008)
Stephen Drodge (2009)
Billy Fan (2008) and
Allan Fan (2008)
Timothy Hu (2009)
Allison Koenecke (2010)
Brian Landry (2009) *
George Li (2010)

Austin Lin (2005)
Eddie Lu (2009)
Molly Patterson (2009) *
Tanuja Potdar (2009)
Nina Ran (2007) and
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Platinum (\$500 & above)

Families of:

Ben Field (2006)
Yang He (2008) and
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Jesse Liu (2008)
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Families of:

Anonymous (2009)
Amith Ananthram (2010)
Peter Bojő (2007)
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Kevin Casto (2009)
Kendrick Castro (2007)
Jack Chen (2010)
Steven Chen (2008)
Tim Chen (2008) and
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Luke Cheng (2010)
Rebecca Chung (2008)
Stuart Coffee (2007)
Kelly Cotton (2007) and
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Joyce Fang (2008)
Jonathan Faubell (2008)
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Gold (\$250 & above)

Families of:

John Goodwin (2008)
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Teddy McNeill (2007)
Bharat Ponnaluri (2010)
Yan (Rose) Zu (2008)

Philip Graves (2008)
Brian Hamrick (2010) and
Karen Hamrick (2007)
Joel Heck (2010)
Soonwook Hong (2009)
Ryan Honig (2008)
Byron Hood (2008)
Mark Hou (2007)
Lynn Jepsen (2007)
Sunaina Kapoor (2009)
Chris Kilgore (2010)
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ACADEMIC TEAM

The It's Academic team enjoyed another successful year of quiz bowl competition. We competed in about fifteen tournaments in our highly competitive region. Though we had only one tournament victory this year, at the Governor's School Academic Competition in December, we had plenty of runner-up and top 4 finishes from both the A and B teams. The TV team lost to Landon in their semifinal match on It's Academic, which will air at 10 AM on NBC 4 on June 23rd.

At the NAQT High School National Championship tournament Memorial Day weekend, the A team finished 3rd in a field of 160 teams. The B team was among 8 teams finishing tied for 13th. We hope to perform similarly well at the upcoming PACE National Scholastics Championship taking place on June 9th-10th.

The team bids farewell to graduating seniors Evan Silberman, Michael Romais, and Robin Levy. We'd like to thank Ms. Donohue, Ms. Koepnick, and Dr. Jones for their support during 8th period and after school, and all the parents who have gone to tournaments this year, especially Ralph Silberman and Dimitri Romais.



BIOLOGY OLYMPIAD

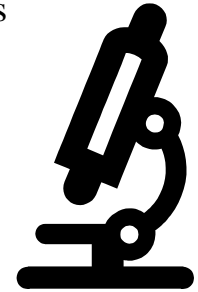
TJ Biology Olympiad had incredible success in the preliminary USABO Open Exam this year and was recognized with 34 semifinalists. The following students are to be congratulated for their outstanding performance on the Open Exam:

Jason Besecky, Tiffany Cai, Yun Ji Choi, Rebecca Chung, Francis Deng, Huanqi Deng, Esteban Margarita, Erin Glennon, Sudha Guttikonda, Joshua Hahm, Lily Hsiang, Min Jang, Arjun Khanna, Alexander Kim, Hee Kim, Sarah Kim, Stephen Lam, Oleg Lazarev, Sanghun Lee, George Leef, Shu Liu, Katherine McLaughlin, Wooyoung Moon, Monica Mowery, Katie Neitzke, Alexander Nguyen, Emma Pierson, Emily Prentice, Alexandra Ruth, Bruce Sun, Matt Synder, Steven Tan, Cassandra Xia, and Victor Zhu.



SCIENCE BOWL

Congratulations to the members of TJ's Science Bowl: seniors Logan Kearsley and Atul Kannan and juniors George Leef, Bruce Sun, and Jack Wang.



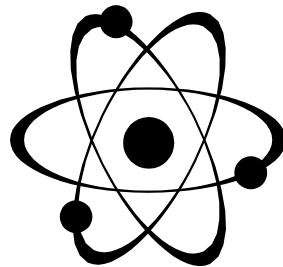
In February TJ won 8 matches and went undefeated to capture the Virginia Science Bowl championship. They won \$750 to be used for math and science programs at TJ. In April, they competed with 64 other regional champion teams in the National Science Bowl. TJ went 6 and 1, tying for first place in their division. Because of the tie-break rules, they did not advance to the finals - but did win the hands-on science "Spaghetti Bridge" challenge.

Special Thanks to our Coach, Sharon Webb, for all her help in preparing us for this very competitive event.

PHYSICS TEAM

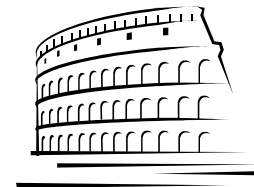
This year, physics team's members committed many of their 8th periods and some of their Tuesday afternoons to preparing for the United States Physics Olympiad exams. 10 TJ students qualified as one of the top 200 scorers on the first round of the exam, tying Phillips Exeter in New Hampshire for the highest qualifying school in the nation. These 10 students are: Tianhui Cai, Aaron Dufour, Sarah Marzen, Ramesh Srigriraju, Jacob Steinhardt, Michael Tao, Arvind Thiagarjan, Jack Wang, Peiyu Wang, and Evan Warner. Sarah Marzen, Jacob Steinhardt, and Arvind Thiagarajan all qualified for the 24-member US Physics Team, and Sarah and Arvind have just returned from a week devoted to competing for one of the 5 International slots.

Special thanks go to our sponsor, Dr. Dell, for making our success possible.



CERTAMEN

The Latin Certamen (Latin Academic game) teams completed another fantastic year. The Latin 3 team won their fifth 1st victory at the Classical Cottage tournament. Core members Chris Kilgore, Amith Ananthram, and Keith Horita fought a difficult battle in the final round against the St. Stephens & St. Agnes School. The accomplished Latin 2 team of Soonwook Hong, Maya Wei, Anne Marie Creighton, and Vivaek Shivakuma also won 1st place in a very close final round against the Flint Hill School and Courtland HS. Congratulations to our Latin academic teams.



The TJ certamen teams wish maximas gratias agere to our teacher and sponsor, Ms. Conklin. For years she has offered her advice, support, and enthusiasm; put hundreds of hours into preparing multiple teams for all their competitions; and used her vast experience to make TJ's Latin program one of the best in the state. Ave magistra optima!

CHEMISTRY OLYMPIAD

This year there were over fifty students who participated in Chemistry Olympiad training and competition events. The following four students from TJ have excelled through recent competitions and have been selected as our Chemistry Olympiad Final Four Semi-Finalists: Leo Ahnn, Meng-Yang Chen, Nadir Ijaz, and Sherwin Yu. The Chemistry Olympiad rules only allow two students to be nominated by respective schools for competition at the National Level. Leo Ahnn and Meng-Yang Chen were further selected through more in-school exams as our two nominees to take the National Exam at American University.

And thanks again to Team Coach Brian Kennedy for all his hard work and another great year!



ODDYSEY OF THE MIND

Once again, TJ had a successful year in Odyssey of the mind. Several teams competed at Regional level, where TJ won in almost every problem category they competed in. There was one team consisting of Sunaina Kapoor (10), Arjun Khanna (11), Christianna Hay (10), Dustin Moore (11), Nicole Yu (9), Kushal Seetharam (9) and Ankit Kapoor (8, TJ class of 2011, currently at Kilmer Middle School) that competed in two problems at the same time and won in both problems. They won at state level in both problems as well and placed 7th place at the OM world level in one of the problems. TJ teams also placed 11th and 16th in other problems.



A special thanks to Jinny Gudmundsen for her tireless contributions to Thomas Jefferson Odyssey of the Mind. She has been organizing TJ Spontaneous Invitational for at least last seven – eight years. She has coached for several years and her team has attained high marks for spontaneous several times at all level of competitions. TJ OM will not be where it is today, without her contributions. Her youngest son, Peter Gudmundsen is graduating this year, and hence, she will not be as involved in the OM Club anymore. The OM Community expresses their deepest appreciation to her efforts and applaud her dedication.

Teams would also like to recognize numerous contributions of Ankur Desai, President of OM Club in providing mentoring and role model of true odyssey spirit of teamwork.

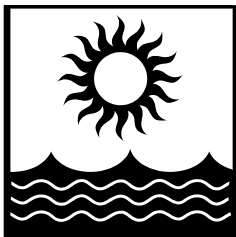
Teams like to thank their parents, coaches, judge volunteers, parent coordinator(s), and AB club for their support. Teams would like to recognize and thank all graduating senior officers of TJ OM club, for their diligence and support to raise funds for TJ teams over the last four years. We wish them much success in their future endeavors.

OCEAN BOWL

The Ocean Bowl Team is enjoying another year of astounding accomplishment. Led by Captain Seth Waddell, TJ's A Team (Avi Baehr, Aimee Zhang, Helen Zhang, and Alex Kim) seized an undefeated First Place finish at the regional Chesapeake Bay Bowl, defeating teams from Virginia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, and Washington, D.C. This victory qualified A Team to compete in the 2007 National Finals held in Stony Brook, NY, where they advanced to double eliminations!

Notably, this year saw B Team's most phenomenal performance yet: Catherine Kim, Diane Palko, Oleg Lazarev, Bryan Chung, and Joey Jachowski followed right on A Team's heels to a hard-won Second Place award at the regional tournament!

Our team success wouldn't have been possible without Mrs. Wu's guidance. All of our thanks and gratitude go out to her, and we hope she and her team enjoy more successes in the upcoming years. Thank you so very much!



Kudos to the rest of the team as well, especially the seniors, Seth Waddell and Avi Baehr.

CHESS TEAM

The chess team plays competitively, traveling to state and national tournaments across the country, as well to league matches locally. Students enjoy playing chess during lunch throughout the school year, as well as during 8th Period on Friday, B Block.

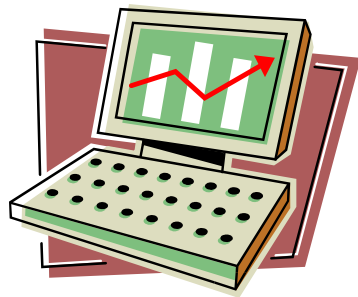
The TJ Chess Team wrapped up a busy year of chess in great style winning 3rd place at the prestigious United States Chess Federation's National Scholastic K-12 Tournament in Kansas City in April 2007. In March, we won the 2007 state title at the Virginia Chess League for the 9th consecutive year. In December, we won the 2006 Pan American Chess Championship - high school division. The TJ Chess kicked off the year by winning the Metro Area Chess League (MACL) registration tournament in October.



Team members want to thank their faculty sponsor, Michael Steuben, and Parent Coaches, Linda and Rick Loffredo, for all their support. We know how much time and effort you put into making the year such a success for all.

COMPUTER TEAM

This year, SCT had 9 students in the USA Computing Olympiad Gold Division, the highest division, which has only 53 high school students in total from the United States. It also had 14 students in the Silver Division, the second-highest division. It sent two students, Haitao Mao and Jacob Steinhardt, to the USACO Training Camp, which trains the top 16 students for the International Olympiad in Informatics



and then sends the top 4 to Croatia to compete. They won 2nd place at the UMD High School Programming Contest and 1st place at the VCU High School Programming Contest. They were invited to the ACSL All-

star contest in May. They also had the 9th place team in the secondary school division of the Internet Problem Solving Contest, an international computer science contest. They sent 4 semifinalists to the Top-coder High School Tournament, with Tom Morgan winning 5th place overall, Jacob Steinhardt 8th place overall, and Haitao Mao 10th place overall. The team of Tom, Jacob, and Jonathan Wang won 4th place at that contest, which was also international.

Thanks once again to Senior Coach Shane Torbert & Freshmen Coach Steve Rose for another great year!

MODEL UNITED NATIONS

TJ Model UN has again enjoyed an incredibly successful year of competition. TJMUN won every local conference in which it participated including those at George Mason, Robinson, Hylton, Chantilly, and Garfield high schools. TJ also won the regional Mid Atlantic Simulation of the United Nations at George Mason University. The club convincingly won the University of Virginia's VAMUN conference with an impressive showing and performed well at the University of Pennsylvania's Ivy League MUN Conference.



With another chapter in TJMUN history coming to a close, many thanks go to Secretary-General Michael Romais, Undersecretary-General Will Clark, and the rest of the officer corps for all their dedicated work in running the club and organizing the TechMUN conference. Also, boundless thanks to Ms. Jennifer Bain, dedicated sponsor, for all her hard work, help, and support this year.

Good luck and best wishes to all our graduating seniors: Temor Amin-Arsala, Jen Callahan, Charlie Cameron, Kendrick Castro, Brian Cheng, Will Clark, Michael Cohen, Arjun Dayal, Thomas Fu, Jason Garrett-Glaser, Pratima Gopalakrishnan, Ashwin Goyal, Emily Hillenbrand, Robert Kalb, Andrew Kim, George Krivorotov, Robin Levy, Andrew Li, Kevin Liu, Nitin Malik, Dan Metzler, Shayan Moosa, Sharif Nezar, Duy Nguyen, Phillip Nguyen, Aanchal Raj, Swi Raparla, Pietro Rea, Michael Romais, Joel Shor, Kevin Sing, Byron Smith, Linda Sul, Lauren Wester, and Baiyin Zhou.

MATH TEAM

Four Jefferson teams participated in the Harvard-MIT Mathematics Tournament at MIT. The A team managed third place overall, and won first place in the Guts competition and third in the Team round. A team members Haitao Mao and Jacob Steinhardt won top 10 in the overall individual contest; Jacob Steinhardt won first place in Combinatorics.

Two TJ teams participated in the Duke Competition. Team A garnered 5th place overall. Haitao Mao, Team A member, won the overall individual award by dispatching his opposition with little effort during the tie-breaker round.

Two teams competed in the first annual Princeton competition. Team A won 1st place in the proof round and scored 2nd overall. Daniel Li won 4th in the Algebra test; Junior Haitao Mao and Jimmy Clark won 3rd and 4th respectively on the Geometry test; Brian Hamrick won 4th in the Number Theory exam; Frederick Mako won 3rd on the Calculus test; and Jacob Steinhardt won 5th in advanced topics.

And, as always, a million thanks to our Coach, Pat Gabriel. It is impossible to put into words how much we appreciate your passion, time, enthusiasm, patience, encouragement, and time.



DEBATE TEAM

TJ's Debate Team just completed a most successful season. The team excelled at the Metrofinals. In LD, Viola Li, Nate Cottingham, and Christine O'Donnell placed 8th, 4th, and 6th respectively at the Junior Varsity level. At the Varsity level, Teddy McNeill was the Metrofinals champion and won the first speaker title. Lily Hsiang and Steven Chen placed 4th and 5th respectively. Teddy, Lily, and Steven all qualify for the NCFL Grand Nationals. In Policy, the team of Bryan Chun and Dan Holohan placed 5th at the Varsity level. They both also qualify for NCFL Grand Nationals. The team as a whole also won both sweepstakes awards, placing 1st in LD and 3rd in Policy.

All team members recognize that they would not have had the chance to compete and succeed if it were not for our coach, sponsor, and friend, English teacher Sherwood Williams. Mr. Williams is always there for us. Thank you, Mr. Williams, for your dedication, for your sense of humor, and for another wonderful year.



FUTURE PROBLEM SOLVERS

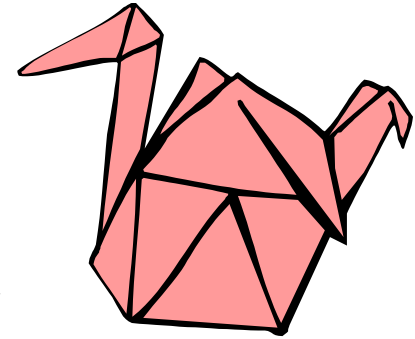
TJ's Future Problem Solving teams had a fantastic season this year. Our (only) Intermediate Division team qualified for the State Bowl, as well as six teams and two individuals from the Senior Division. At the State Bowl, individuals Logan Gates and Andrew Baik placed first and third, respectively. Our intermediate team Grace Merkin, George Li, Lisa Nam, and Chloe Orphanides received Honorable Mention. For the senior teams, Oleg Lazarev, Jesse Liu, Cassandra Xia, and Rose Zu placed second; Maneeshika Madduri, So-Jung Youn, Pooja Vinayak, and Arianna Geneson placed third; and Lily Hsiang, Lisa Pang, Huan Song, and Ellen Huang received Honorable Mention. In the supplemental presentation of action plan (skit) competition, our Senior Division teams placed 2nd and Maneeshika Madduri, So-Jung Youn, Pooja Vinayak, and Arianna Geneson received Honorable Mention. Logan Gates, Oleg Lazarev, Jesse Liu, Cassandra Xia, and Rose Zu participated in the International Conference held at Fort Collins, Colorado. Logan won 4th place as an individual and the team won 9th place.

We bid farewell to our seniors Sarah Marzen, who was also our Historian this year, Claudia Solis-Roman, Justin Johnson, Ryan Sullivan, and Caleb Miaw. We must also say goodbye to freshman Chloe Orphanides, who will be moving to Cyprus at the end of this school year. As always, we would like to thank the priceless support of our sponsor, Mr. Lampazzi, who ensures our success through his inexhaustible patience, encouragement, and time.



JAPAN BOWL

Our team has been participating in this national quiz bowl since it started 15 years ago at George Mason University. This year, we have sent four teams (level 2, 3-two teams, and 4). Among over 40 schools around the nation, the level 4 team proceeded to the final round and placed 2nd this year. As a part of incentives, the first three teams are invited to a 10-day trip to Japan. As a part of the trip we will be holding the televised Japan Bowl demonstration in Tokyo. Other teams also performed well at the tournament and hopefully many of them will participate in the event again next year and show their remarkable performance.



[Level 2] Cynthia Schwab, Sang Lee, Tim Hu
[Level 3] Eunju Park, Andrew Baik, Ji Eun Kim, Cassandra Xia, Jessica Lee, Samantha Keyser
[Level 4] Casto Unson, Cindy Hui, Elise Ko

Congratulations to TJ's Japan Bowl Team and thank you to Koji Otanifor another great year!