Senator Square: American Citizen Essay Contest winners announced



The American Citizen Essay winners are in, and they all have one thing in common: cash prizes. This year, the Carson City School District Board of Trustees selected the topic, "An early motto of the United States was *e pluribus unum*, which means 'out of many, one,' so how do we embrace diversity and inclusiveness to come together as one country?" Three winners were selected for each academic level—elementary, middle,



and high school—and winners prizes: 1st place is \$80, 2nd Essays were judged based on writing, and originality of exciting too as the students and attend the School Board be publicly recognized for their awards. Elementary school Roman Carlo Gonzales, 5th School; 2nd place Nickolas Twain Elementary School; and at Mark Twain Elementary winners are: 1st place Joseph



will receive the following cash place is \$30, and 3rd place is \$15. adherence to the topic, quality of thought. It gets even more their parents have been invited to meeting Nov. 26 where they will accomplishment and receive their level winners are: 1st place grade at Seeliger Elementary Cotsonis, 5th grade at Mark 3rd place Emma Gragg, 5th grade School. Middle school level Seddon, 8th grade at Bethlehem

Lutheran School; 2nd place Samantha Steyn, 8th grade at Bethlehem Lutheran School; and 3rd place Treyton Maskaly, 8th grade at Bethlehem Lutheran School. High school level winners are 1st place Ava Covington, 12th grade at Carson High School; 2nd place Deepti Arun, 9th grade at Carson High School; and 3rd place Stefany Rugama, 9th grade at Carson High School. The meeting begins at 7:00 p.m. in the Sierra Room at the Community Center, and all are welcome to attend and celebrate the success of these students.

STAFF LIBRARY COFFEE LOUNGE KICK-OFF

The Social and Emotional Learning Committee has decided to reach out to the administrators, teachers, and staff of CHS in order to begin hosting a monthly staff breakfast in the CHS Library's lounge. The SEL Committee is providing some delicious food, coffee, and good old company to start off Friday mornings. Kelly Edmundon, the Lead Safe School Professional at Carson High, said, "One of the goals of the CHS SEL Committee is to help others build and sustain healthy relationships because students learn much more from us as staff than just the curriculum we provide in the classroom; they observe how we treat each other as staff, how we treat students, and then they formulate ideas of relationships." "The idea to host monthly 'We Are Senators' library lounge gatherings came out of a desire to show our appreciation for staff, because who does not love a good breakfast?, while also fostering healthy staff relationships that will surely impact our students in positive ways" Edmundson added.









CARSON CITY BUSINESSES SUPPORT SAFE GRAD

Throughout November and December, local businesses and events will be supporting Safe Grad by generously donating portions of their sales to the class of 2020's end of year celebration. Firehouse Benefit Night is Dec. 16. All day long, dine in or drive thru, Firehouse will donate part its proceeds to Safe Grad. Safe Grad itself is set for June 8 and 9 and really in need of volunteers. Without the wonderful and needed support of parents and community, this event would not be possible. This year's volunteer signup program is found by going to signup.com/go/acPsyOg. It is easy too. Click the link, review the options listed, choose the spot(s) preferred, and sign up. Prefer the old way? Please contact the Safe Grad volunteer coordinator at 741-3918 or email chsgbvolunteer@gmail.com.



THROWBACK THURSDAY MOTIVATES STUDENTS TO ATTEND COLLEGE

November is almost over, and the CHS staff had fun wearing their college t-shirts and sweatshirts on Thursdays. Teacher J.P. Albert, who planned this, wanted staff to wear t-shirts and college sweatshirts of the college in which they graduated, or any college for that matter, as a way to encourage students to look ahead to the future and think about exploring universities. Albert said of it, "What better way than starting the conversation or planting a seed?"

ANNUAL PTA REFLECTIONS CONTEST HAPPENING NOW

Students who enjoy dance choreography, film production, literature, music composition, photography, visual arts, and even the special arts for students with disabilities are being asked to participate in unleashing their inner artist in this year's PTA Reflections contest with \$5,000 available in prize money. This year's theme, "Look Within," calls for unique artistic interpretations. Students may enter in the appropriate division for their grade. Primary is preschool through second grade; Intermediate is grades 3-5; middle school is Grades 6-8; high school is grades 9-12; special artist is students with disabilities. Students may pick up submission

guidelines and an entry form in the CHS Library, and submissions must be entered at the CHS Library by Dec. 4. Visit the Reflections virtual art gallery to learn more about prizes and scholarships at PTA.org/Reflections. Questions, see CHS teacher Wendy Tims at chsgbvolunteer@gmail.com or 283-1759.

IN COMMEMORATION OF THE 100^{TH} ANNIVERSARY OF THE 19^{TH} AMENDMENT

Nevada Women's Suffrage Celebration Committee is excited to announce the "How Did Women's Suffrage Change American Society" Essay and Art Contest. Application and guidelines are found at nv19thamendmentcentennial.com. The NWSCC Contests are open to Nevada students, grades K-12, and the NWSCC Essay Contest is open to Nevada students, grades 6-12. The deadline is Dec. 9. 1st Place winners at each grade level will receive \$100, and 2nd Place winners \$50. Questions: Contact Molly Walt at 684-0296 or email: m.walt@admin.nv.gov.

UNR NEVADA BOUND STUDENTS TO VISIT CAMPUS

The CHS Guidance Department will be taking eligible students, those who meet UNR freshman admission requirements, on a visit to the UNR campus Dec. 4. in order to directly introduce them to both university life and the opportunities available in terms of majors, minors, and career opportunities. For information about these field trips, please contact CHS counselor Nicki Hendee at nhendee@carson.k12.nv.us.

COLLEGE APPLICATIONS, SCHOLARSHIPS, AND REPRESENTATIVES

College Connections is available every day at lunch in room 257 to help students apply for college and scholarships. Also, Senator Scholarship Scoop is online at carsonhigh.com: Click Academics, Counseling Department, and The Scoop on the left. The CHS Guidance Office is also there to help students. Call the Guidance Office at 283-1915, or email counselor Amanda Chambers at achambers@carson.k12.nv.us. Additionally, a UNR representative is coming Dec. 3 at 1:15 p.m. to the Tech Center Conference Room. Sign up in the Guidance Office and get a pass to attend.

COAT DRIVE FOR STUDENTS IN TRANSITION

It is getting cold outside, and new coats and hoodies are needed to support the McKinney-Vento Students in Transition Program. Those wanting to help may deliver coats to 618 West Musser Street and 256 East Winnie Lane in Carson City. For more information about the coat and hoodie drive, please call 283-1526 or 283-1537.

WANT TO GO TO SPAIN OR PERU THIS SUMMER

Interested in going to Spain this summer to study, visit beautiful sites, live with a host family, and learn conversational Spanish, or, interested in going to Peru next summer to explore the world, try weird new foods, or see an actual wonder of the world? Contact CHS teacher Cadence Reed at 283-1663 or creed@carson.k12.nv.us for Spain, or call Ben Spence for Machu Picchu, Kuzco, and Lake Titicaca at 283- or bspence@carson.k12.nv.us. Parents may also participate.

UPCOMING ATHLETIC EVENTS AT CHS AND BEYOND

Winter sports are here, and everyone in Carson City is always invited to come on out and support the CHS athletic teams and programs. Upcoming scrimmage games begin Nov. 23 with girls

junior varsity and varsity basketball playing South Tahoe High School at South Tahoe at 9:20 a.m. whereas the boys junior varsity and varsity basketball teams will scrimmage Whittell High School at Whittell at 10:50 a.m.

NJROTC STUDENTS COMPETE IN CYBERPATRIOT ROUND II

The following students participated in CyberPatriot Round II Nov. 15 from 10:55 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The students participating: Argust, Brenna, Avina, Marcos, Cooley, Ryan, Duckworth, Brianna, Eckery, Graeme, Farnworth, Cash, Guinn, Garrett, Kennison, Logan, Mclwee, Nevan Murray, Amber, Navarro, Kyle, Navarro, Travis, Pierrott, Diana, Rogers, Connor, Stankus, Adomas, Tackett, Mackenzie, Werlinger, Isaiah, and Rodriguez-Contreras, Cristian.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

The CHS Student of the Week is Amara Tedford. Amara received her nomination from CHS Spanish teacher Marissa Morrow who said, "Amara is a wonderful student; she is always prepared, on time to class, ready to work, knows the subject all the time, works well with others, and has a great disposition. Congratulations to Amara Tedford, a young lady who positively affects the lives of others.

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT



This week's Senior in the Spotlight is Emma McCoy. Emma maintains a 4.3 GPA and is currently taking both AP and Honors courses. She will be receiving the Advanced and Honors Diplomas as well as the College and Career Ready Endorsements on her diploma. Aside from being an excellent student academically, Emma has been a member of Health Occupations Students of America and National Honors Society for three years. Athletics have been an important part of her life; she has played basketball for CHS all four years of high school, the last two of which have been on the varsity team. She also volunteers at Carson Middle School helping coach their basketball teams and assisting teachers and staff. Her volunteer work has also included various activities through HOSA, NHS, and Christmas shopping for the less fortunate in the community.

In addition to her extracurricular activities and volunteer work, Emma has worked part time at Yogurt Beach. Lastly, Emma is taking a CNA course at Western Nevada College this semester. Her experiences through CHS' HOSA program, and the opportunity to take a CNA course, have helped her realize her plan to become a nurse. She has applied to UNR, University of Portland, and University of Oregon. Emma is compassionate, hard-working, and kind. Those who know her have no doubt that wherever she goes to school, she will positively impact the lives of others and achieve success. Congratulations to Senior in the Spotlight Emma McCoy.

Phil Brady is an English teacher at CHS.

