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## WINTER BALL

By Glory Htoo

This year's Winter Ball was hosted at Delta Hotels by Marriott Utica on Saturday December 21st. The ballroom was a winter wonderland with the room being filled with many beautiful decorations that some teachers and students had put up. Students arrived in many beautiful and dashing outfits that made the ball even more lively. The Winter Ball also had entertainment such as a DJ playing many songs to dance to, the buffet that was filled with a lot of the students' favorite foods, and the photo booth that students could take many photos in to keep memories of the wonderful night they had.

## A Note to Security

By Geri Teal

THANK  
YOU

From something small (like a play fight), to huge (like brawls and fist-fights), security and school staff work hard to keep us students safe as we learn and grow. Though we may not always like what they make us do or not do, we should appreciate and thank those who risk their own safety every day so that we may have a safe place to learn. So thank you, security and other school staff for all that you do!



# More From Winter Ball





# Poetry Contest

Proctor Newspaper Club held its second writing contest of the 2022-2023 school year. The focus this time was poetry. All students (grades 9-12) were invited to submit an original poem for newspaper staff to read. All submissions were excellent pieces of poetry, but newspaper students narrowed down the selection to the top 3 poems listed below. The top winners all won a Dunkin Donuts gift card. Thank you to all students who participated!



## **First Place**

### **Untitled**

**by Shi'Ny Loadholt**

**I often reside inside my head.  
Leaving the moment for only a moment.  
Yearning for the impossible.  
Reaching for the inconceivable.  
For i must achieve what is most impossible.  
To prove that i can achieve what is inachievable.**



# Poetry Contest (Continued)

## Second Place

### Stages to Success by Joshana Barber

Successfulness starts  
with you, by the  
goals you choose to do.

Successfulness comes with character too,  
by the quality you build in you.

The first quality you need  
is the sight to see  
the better in things.

‘Cause how can  
you achieve anything  
great, if all you see  
is a problem or a mistake?

The second quality you need  
is hard work indeed,  
which are the stairs to a dream.

Hard work is key  
‘cause it brings out  
the character you  
want to be seen.

And the character  
you want to be seen  
is through the hard work you bring.

The third quality you need  
is persistence, to  
keep seein’ a dream  
that you’re slowly obtaining.

“Cause without persistence,  
you are left  
with a dying dream.

And with a dying dream  
you’re stuck  
with a life of  
knowing

You could’ve been better,  
with the stages of success  
to the life of your dreams.

## Third Place

### Life by Brooklynn Spratt

Life is but a stopping place,  
a pause in what’s to be.  
a resting place along the road  
to sweet eternity

We all have different journeys,  
different paths along the way.  
We all are meant to learn new things.

Our destination is a place  
far greater than we know.  
For some, the journey is quicker.  
For some, the journey is slow.  
We all move at different paces.

And when the journey finally ends,  
we’ll claim a great reward  
and find an everlasting peace.



# Raider Bots News

By Geri Teal

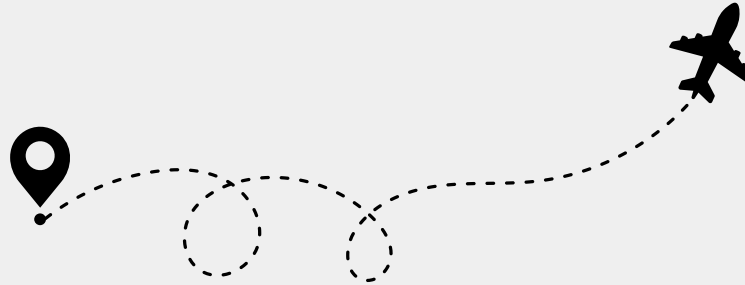
Congratulations to Proctor's very own Raider Bots! They came in 9th place in this year's FIRST Tech Challenge (FTC). Despite the obstacles and challenges they met on the way, students displayed determination and flexibility at the competition. They represented Proctor proudly and pridefully. Best wishes to the Raider Bots and keep going, Raiders!





# Now Arriving at Proctor Airport

by Mahalia Starling



“Welcome to Proctor Airport, please stand in an orderly line and proceed with caution to the metal and bag detectors!!!”, the man dressed in khakis and a sweater vest exclaims as I begin to form a line behind my friend. Ten minutes in, it’s already 8:00 a.m., and the line has stretched from the auditorium to the driveway in the front of the school. Students are still coming in, their faces in awe as they make their way to the very long, distant end of the line. That soon, unsurprisingly, becomes the front as more students come and the line progresses. As the line begins to move, I turn to my friend and ask jokingly, “Where’s your ticket to?” She chuckles, rolls her eyes, and sarcastically says, “Africa, to see the elephants”. I giggle and say “Rome, for the history.” She smiles and by that time, the short-lived conversation ends. We are now at the detectors, the security guards working hard to maintain a semblance of order amidst the chaos of trying to get students into school quickly and safely. While putting my bag in the machine, I watch it roll behind a curtain like a drape and for a moment it feels like I won't ever see it again. But then, of course, I am able to retrieve it, and I finally make it to the end of this process that is our new routine. The lovely security guard at the end greets me with a smile and a “good morning, have a good day”. I smile back and say, “You, too”, making my way to the wondrous flight to “Rome”, or AP History.



# Art Contest

By Faith Loughlin



Congratulations to the winners of the 2023 scholastic art competition!

Great work to:

Alexandria Campion - “Deep Thoughts”

Honorable mention- Photography

Maximin Giordani - “ m.A.A.d City”, “ 3000” & “MAG3RD”

Gold key- Digital art

2 Silver Keys- Digital art

Matthew Golden - “Ineffable”

Honorable mention- Photography

Neveah Heburn - “ Awake Past Midnight” & “Selene Embodiment of the Moon”

Silver key- Digital art

Honorable mention- Digital art

Angelina Le - “Hunger”

Gold key- Digital art

Kyut Paw - “The Meaning” & “Far Away Gone”

Silver key- Drawing and illustration

Honorable mention- Drawing and illustration

# Art Contest (Continued)

By Faith Loughlin



Ineffable- Matthew Golden



Hunger - Angelina LE



Deep Thoughts- Alexandria Campion



Far Away Gone - Kyut Paw



# Art Contest

By Faith Loughlin



m.A.A.d. City - Maximon Giordani



Awake Past Midnight-Navaeh Heburn



3000- Maximon Giordani



Selene Embodiment of the Moon- Navaeh Heburn



MAG3RD- Maximon Giordani



The Meaning- Kyut Paw



# Teacher Spotlight: Mrs. Dawes

By Maddi Smith



**What advice do you have for senior students going off into the world?**

Fail big, and learn from it.

**What would your dream job be if you weren't a teacher?**

To be independently wealthy and to find work crafting and volunteering. I'd also like to be a lawyer and learn Japanese.

**What is your favorite part about being a teacher?**

Working with students!

**Who is your hero or heroine, if you have one?**

My mom. She is the strongest woman I know.

**Do you like it here at Proctor?**

Yes, yes I do.

**Do you feel as though you've made a difference on your students and peers?**

Yes. I hope to provide an impact on everyone.

**What is your favorite color?**

Brown!



with Maddi Smith

### **The Teacher**

The teacher begins promptly soon, at 8 O'Clock,  
When the sticks turn up on their side,  
And they stick together while the classroom quietly encircles,  
It grasps the door, quickly, slowly turning it down,  
Now! The lesson simply must begin.

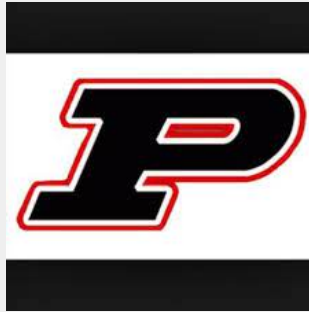
First, a blanket, covers the windows  
Without vision, How could you ever see?  
The air dampens, the knowledge flows  
You bite your teeth, how nervous, how exciting, always the best part, when the lesson begins,  
Grammar, rudimentary, you must learn the basics,  
And, quite simply, the necessities, she says,  
To learn my way is to live and to function

The air stiffens  
Math and science and history speed by  
So lovely under every name, liberal arts, STEM, digital media design  
The table grows smaller along with the rest of the room  
And the teacher feeds you information along the rest of your days  
School is tiring, so you think  
A counselor provides insight through the screen  
"You can't fly high without breaking a few eggs,  
But a dollar short at both ends is something to avoid"  
So continues the studies on everyday average  
And trees blossom one day, and everybody cheers  
It's over! Wow, fast  
But the feeling doesn't subside  
More schooling makes itself known  
A plentiful blessing every time

So four more years pass  
And they come and go quick,  
So many places, so many faces, it's fascinating  
And the professor looks down, and prescribes as thus  
And another four years bite the dust

And at the end of it all,  
The regular veil lifts, no more blanketed view is there,  
And you realize, an entire life is now behind you

# Proctor Clubs



Art Club M473  
Best Buddies C134  
Business Stock Investment Club M456  
Chess Club B114  
Colgate Seminar D336  
Drama Club B112/Auditorium  
Environmental Club B110  
Fashion Club M476  
Future Business Leaders of America M343  
International Club M367  
Key Club C329  
Local History Club D144  
Mathletics B115  
Mock Trial C237  
Model UN D241  
Money Smart M185  
National Honor Society B310  
Newspaper Club A303  
Photography Club M473  
Robotics M196/M016  
Speech and Debate M464  
Student Council A206  
Yearbook Club M348



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