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Winter Pep Rally

By Najra Kudra

Thomas R. Proctor High School held its winter pep rally on February 11, 2022. The pep rally was held in the main gymnasium for 11th and 12 grade students, and 9th and 10th grade teachers were able to live-stream the pep rally from their classrooms. Student athletes and students in pep band from grades 9-12 were in attendance. Even with the covid restrictions still in place, students and teachers were still able to participate in the winter pep rally and show their school spirit!

More from the Winter Pep Rally



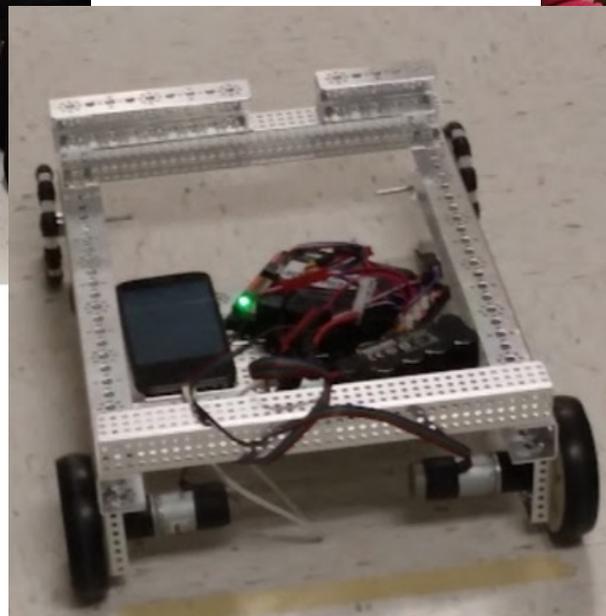
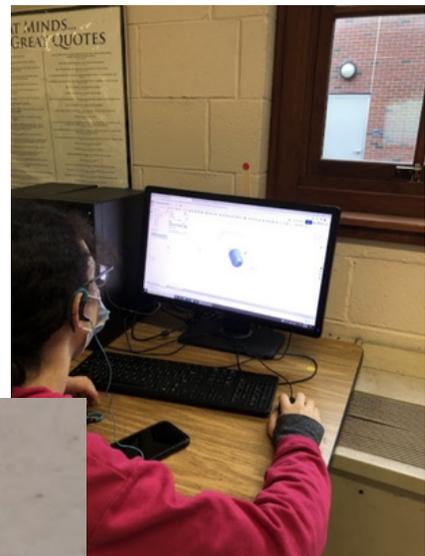


Raider Bots

By Geri Teal

Go Raider Bots! On January 28th and 29th the Raider Bots participated in FTC Freight Frenzy challenge and came in 23rd place out of hundreds of other teams. We were awarded the Judges Choice Award, which is an award for the team who does not fit into other categories but shows effort and potential.

The team is looking for new members. If you wish to join our Raider Bots family and Claptrap (our robot), or see what we're all about, please join us in room M198B!



Senior Spotlight: Aubrey Campbell

By Najra Kudra



How does it feel being selected for Student Spotlight?

"Being picked for Senior Spotlight is such a privilege. I've always wanted to be interviewed for this just from reading so many interesting interviews over the years."

What made you sign up for the Proctor Swim Team?

"My decision to join the swim team the winter of my freshman year was influenced mainly by my love for track and field and cross-country. A large percentage of the cross-country team also participated in swim. I was drawn to the sport partially because the sports I had already participated in revolved around doing actions as quickly as possible."

Is there a specific reason you signed up for Proctor Drama Club?

"There isn't any specific reason why I joined Proctor's Drama Club, but it is because of a multitude of factors. My love for theatre and acting dates back to when I was in 6th grade. I had a growing interest in filmmaking from my years of being a huge movie buff. Over time, my dream shifted from filmmaking to acting, especially when I made a side hobby of impersonating character such as Elmo, the Joker, and Shaggy from Scooby Doo. Soon after, I joined an acting class at Utica Dance and eventually Donovan Middle School. After participating in several events and musicals while also getting acquainted with the local theatre community, I knew I found my passion, but more importantly, my home. Deciding to join Proctor's Drama Club was my plan since I joined Donovan's Drama Club and it truly was a series of fortunate events."

What was your favorite role, and why?

“ My favorite role is a tie between the role I played during my freshman year in Oklahoma! (Jud Fry), and the role I just finished playing for my senior year in Les Miserables (Jean Valjean). Both of the roles required immense acting and singing skills but Jud Fry taught me how to immerse myself in a character’s actions, mannerisms, and motivations. Playing such a dark character was so much fun, as ironic as it sounds, and it opened me up to expressing complex emotions I haven’t yet practiced. Jean Valjean required me to display varying emotions as well simply because of the singing sequences. Jean Valjean has also been a dream role of mine for quite awhile and playing him has allowed me to express the emotions of a thief forgiven.”

Will you pursue swimming and acting after high school?

“As much as I love swim, cross-country, and track, I will not be participating in the sports in college. Majoring in theatre has been my goal for awhile and I want to put as much focus into acting as possible while also staying caught up in other academic classes. Participating in college sports would simply take up too much time if I came to perform on stage. That being said, I will continue to run and swim on my own to stay in shape.”



Teacher Spotlight: Mrs. Mullen

By Mahalia Starling



When did you realize teaching was your passion?

I taught at Donovan middle school, where I met some wonderful and inspiring teachers. However, it was the students who showed me that challenges can be conquered with strength and integrity. Many of those students are now teachers!

If you hadn't become a teacher, what would you think you'd be?

I love my family and wouldn't mind being a stay at home mom. However, children do grow up, so staying home will probably be very lonely.

What have you learned from teaching in a pandemic?

I saw the pandemic as an opportunity to re-set and learn new methods of instruction. I was able to "clean up" my curriculum and develop much more interactive ways of teaching

What's your advice to the younger generation?

Be curious, have hope, love, and always care for others. However, don't forget to treat yourself with kindness first

If you could sit down with any famous person, who would it be?

A famous writer perhaps. I like Charles Dickens, especially his book [A Tale of Two Cities](#). It reminds me of the current time we live in. "It was /is the best of times, it is/was the worst of times"

Poetry Corner

Unsatisfactory

by Anonymous Corridors staff member



My way or the highway
might seem cynical and vain,
yet this hopelessness that weighs
heavily upon my frail shoulders

I keep saying to myself
"I am enough!"
though what I say
what I do
what I wear
is never enough

For me or for you?
Can't tell.
All I know is...
that enough is never enough

Call of spring beacons upon us

by Anonymous Corridors staff member

The taste of spring hanged low on the very tip of my silver glazed
tongue
making me a firm believer in the things
that I've lost sight of

While angels carelessly whisper gentle music
in my ears
songs that carried lyrics of memories that were
mellow, sweet

Somehow made the king frost's bitterness
seem...not so everlasting
and made wounds that had indented then scarred
seem...worthy of healing...



Proctor Drama Club Presents:

Les Misérables

By Corridors Staff





Proctor Drama Club presented its spring musical on March 10th, 11th, and 13th in the Proctor High School auditorium. Directed by Lacey Stevens (English teacher at Proctor High School), the students put on an excellent performance of *Les Misérables* (School Edition). The students on stage and behind the stage in stage crew worked very hard to make this show a success. For several students, this is their last performance at Proctor High School before they graduate in June. The following seniors put on a stunning last performance: Aubrey Campbell (Jean Valjean), Anthony Testa (Javert), Jayla Zayas (Fantine), Ethan Witt (Boss and Marius), Mira Barnard (Cosette grown up), Evan Witt (sailor), Holly Ruggiero (Madame Thernadier), John Nguyen (Convict 1, sailor, and Combeferre), Natalie Brewer (Convict 2), Feuilly, and Joly), Jack Mullen (Farmer and Brujon), Tajanae Miller (Bishop and Lovely Lady), Zach Gioppo (Constable 1 and Claquesous), Jayden Wilson (Lovely Lady and Montparnasse), Olivia Green (Lovely Lady and onlooker), Olivia Green (Sick Woman), Angelina Pentasuglia (Lovely Lady), and Kamaya Carter (Lovely Lady and Babet).

Stage Crew did a fantastic job as well with the realistic-looking sets and lighting. We have a few seniors from Stage Crew who did behind-the-scenes work for Proctor Drama for the last time. Those seniors are: Marlo DeAngelo (Stage Manager), Vincent Testa (spotlights), Dezyrae Feliciano (stage crew), Media Land (stage crew), and Amy Vo (stage crew). Great job to all members of Proctor Drama Club and best wishes to the seniors!



Artistic Accomplishments

By Sarkanyaw Chit

Many of us here in Proctor are fantastic, talented people who have learned and practiced to succeed with the things we've loved. Some may like different forms of art such as fashion, cosmetology, and more. As easy as it looks, it is definitely worth the work and dedication.

All sorts of passions and spirits roam around the school. Some may be passionate about sports, forms of art, martial arts, gaming, coding, etc. We have learned from mentors and people who are truly inspirational and someone we could look up to. We've learned through hard work and dedication. Here I interviewed Tha Dah Mwee Kyet and Paw Htoo to show some artistic accomplishments from Proctor.

What made you want to pursue this creative path?

Tha: I have always been interested in the creative field since I was little mainly due to my mentality. Growing up in a world like ours, it's hard to not pursue the creative path because you're always surrounded by diversity. May it be people, art, animals, food; there is always something new to discover. Being able to view the world like this gave me the opportunity to pursue the creativity that I have always been surrounded with.

Paw: My passion for creative art is really what made me pursue this path. I really like how people express their thoughts through art, and how a single picture could make you feel multiple emotions depending on how you would view it.

Would you say this is a passion or an interest?

Tha: This is definitely a passion because when I create art it helps me to expand my skills and creativity. Through this process, I am able to develop new ideas that will contribute to future projects that will be made. This expansion of creativity helps me have a more open mind.

Paw: I would say this is a passion and an interest because although I have really strong feelings for art, I still have a lot to learn about different styles, such as the art fashion harajuku (which is the mix of a dark, gothic aesthetic and Lolita fashion, which is a very cute and innocent style).



What are some of your accomplishments?

Tha: One of my biggest accomplishments has been establishing my small business, Ttlacemeup, where I do custom artwork on shoes. This not only helped me with my creative aspects but also helped me create connections with others. Creating these connections helped me get into the Young Entrepreneurs Academy Investor panel where I was one out of seven finalists. I didn't place but it was a great experience to be able to interact with investors. I know this is just the beginning and will do more with my skills.

Paw: Some of my accomplishments are being able to model at a paper fashion show, that was held at Munson Williams Museum, and being able to help out at Midtown Utica Community Center with their vaccination clinics.

How did you learn and grow to accomplish these goals?

Tha: I had set a goal in mind, and with the goal came along the mind set that I had to achieve it by tomorrow. Realistically, I knew that I would not achieve it by tomorrow, but thinking that it was something that had to be achieved by tomorrow helped me work harder and be determined to complete the task. Being where I am with my achievements was not easy, but I did have help from others such as my brother, mentors, and teachers who have been nothing but supportive. Exploring my art helped me turn it into a business which then helped me surround myself with great minds. The environment I began to diffuse into was shaping my path towards success.

Paw: From these accomplishments I learned how to have more confidence in myself because when you're walking down the runway all eyes are on you. You have two choices, walk down confidently or cower and turn the other way. The people I worked with gave me lots of encouragement and advice, which I took to heart. It gave me a big confidence boost and also helped me with my social skills. When working with new people it's easy to constrict yourself to only people you're familiar with, sometimes it's better to get out there and express yourself. I didn't get to spend much time with the models but we were all able to communicate with each other, and overall had a great time.



PROCTOR CLUBS



by Sarkanyaw Chit and Najra Kudra

ENVIRONMENTAL CLUB -

First Tuesday of each month in room B110

YEARBOOK CLUB - Wednesdays in M013

MODEL UN - Mondays in D241

MATHLETICS - Wednesdays in B115
(competitions on Saturdays)

Art Club- Tuesdays in M473

Fashion Club- Mondays in M476

Photography Club- Thursdays in M473

LOCAL HISTORY CLUB - One Tuesday per month
on Google Meets.

Robotics- Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays in
M198b

STUDENT COUNCIL - See Mrs. Ranieri-Lawless in
A206

KEY CLUB - Google Classroom Code zk46igu

BEST BUDDIES - Third Wednesday of each month in
Room C134

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