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JUNE

Stevenson High School won the 2011 Jefferson Award for Outstanding Service by a High School. The Jefferson Award, known as the "Nobel Prize for public service," honors community service and volunteerism efforts. The award was presented to the school's Students In Action leaders during the 39th annual Jefferson Awards Gala in Washington, D.C.

MAY

STEVENSON SETS A GUINNESS WORLD RECORD and was entered into the official Guinness Book of World Records "The largest Robot Dance was achieved by 525 participants at an event organized by Adlai E. Stevenson High School (USA) in Lincolnshire, Illinois, USA on 19 September 2010." This achievement, spearheaded by **Kayla Reinberz and the National Honor Society Spirit Fest Committee**, was accomplished at the 2010 Spirit Fest. Spirit Fest also raised over \$20,000 for Saving Tiny Hearts Society; a charity dedicated to funding research projects for pediatric congenital heart defects. What an amazing and successful event! Congratulations Kayla, Spirit Fest Committee members, and Stevenson High School.

Scholastic Bowl took fourth place in the national Scholastic Bowl Tournament. Kevin Malis was in the top 25 scorers in the nation: 15th overall. Team members are (seniors): Kevin Malis, Zach Blumenfeld, Jacob Rebnord, Mark Savin and (junior) David Jin.

One Stevenson **T.E.A.M.S.** team comprised of freshmen and sophomores placed First in the state in their division and Third in the nation overall in the annual T.E.A.M.S. competition sponsored by the Junior Engineering Technical Society. T.E.A.M.S. is a rigorous written pre-engineering exam given across the country during March. Working together in teams of eight, students solved a set of engineering challenges. Members of the winning team of Tina Ding, Justin Doong, Sai Nimmagadda, David Wang, David Whisler, Ellen Zhou and Rohan Dasika. Their coach was Judith Gemperline.

Science Olympiad finished 16th in the National Science Olympiad Tournament at the University of Wisconsin. One student team placed third in its division, while four others were fourth. Frank Wu and Edward Wu placed third in Wind Power. In this competition, teams built a blade assembly consisting of any kind of propeller, pinwheel or rotor attached to a compact disc; their creations were used to capture wind power. In addition, students in this division were tested on their knowledge of alternative energy. Jenny Yan was part of two fourth-place teams, pairing with Andrew Ji in Anatomy and Physiology, and with Dennis Huang in Microbe Mission. The Anatomy and Physiology competition focuses on selected body systems; this year's picks were the respiratory, muscular and endocrine systems. In Microbe Mission, meanwhile, teams answered questions, solved problems and analyzed data pertaining to microbes. The other two fourth-place winning groups competed in demonstration events that did not count toward team scores. Michael Hauptmann and Emily Luo were fourth in Robot Arm, in which they designed, built and tested a robotic arm similar

to industrial robots prior to the competition. The arm had to be capable of sorting objects. The trio of David Chen, David Whisler and Vivian Wan was fourth in Flying Bird, in which they constructed two rubber-powered mechanical flying birds, called ornithopters, propelled solely by flapping wings. Competitors sought to keep their ornithopters in the air longest.

Sixty-two members of the **National Honor Society** have earned "service star" awards for second semester by completing a minimum number of hours at NHS events. Ten students earned gold service stars for completing at least 30 service hours: **Cole Deloye, Amy Dondalski, Eric Eiler, Eilrayna Gelyana, Armita Hezarkhani, Grace Kapov, Connie Lu, Rick Presman, Kayla Reinherz and Jenny Yan.** Fifteen students received silver service stars for completing 20 service hours: **Renee Anderson, Sonia Doshi, Hayley Glatter, Robert Graff, Elisha Gutmann, Jessica Ma, Danielle Marks, Haruka Nakamura, WooJin Rho, Roshni Shah, Keigo Tanaka, Zachary Taub, Robert Thomashow, Jacob Yomtoob and Rosa Yoon.** Thirty-seven students earned bronze service stars for completing 10 service hours: **Adam Bornstein, Jorie Butler-Geyer, Melinda Choi, Sherlee Cohen, Amanda Derdiger, Lakshmi Duggirala, Langston Fitts, Olivia Foster-Gimbel, Nicole Gerdov, Amanda Gilbert, Sarah Handler, Dennis Huang, Ashley Kahn, Ellen Kaushansky, Matthew Kim, Lori Kim, Kim Klawans, Philip Klein-Rodick, Rachel Krakauer, Janet Lee, Anna Leng, Sarah Leopold, Gina Li, Kathy Li, Mitchell Liss, Sasha Mazur, Lindsey Mendelson, Vivianne Nguyen, Kensington Osmond, John Park, Andelyn Russell, Zachary Scheck, Anna Sherman, Jordan Silverman, Chloe Smith, Sachin Vasikaran and Sherry Zhong.** This year's commencement will be the first in which National Honor Society students will be wearing service stars on their NHS graduation stoles.

Ten students joined senior **Samantha Petti** in earning honors at the Illinois History Expo. All of the students earned Superior honors in their category, and one of them, freshman **Akanksha Sha**, qualified for the National History Day finals at the University of Maryland in June. She was honored for her research paper on the "Chicago 7." Stevenson's other Superior ratings were earned by: **Kelly Sergay** for "Oprah", **Euthemia Shanley** and **Ashley London** for "Chicago Style Food", **Jessica Brand, Mindy Shore, Jared Granoff, Ari Craven** and **Leslie Luna** for "Grease is the Word", and **Ben Tennenbaum** for "Stevenson-Kennedy Debate: A Rapport Card." The theme of this year's National History Day contest is "Debate and Diplomacy: Successes, Failures, Consequences."

Samantha Petti received an Illinois Education Association award for her exhibit, "Dewey or Don't We? Pedagogical Debates in Chicago and Beyond," which was part of the Illinois History Expo in Springfield. The senior also received \$100 with the award.

Kevin Doherty, a sophomore in the **Business Professionals of America** club, won the Fundamental Accounting competition at the National Leadership Conference in Washington, D.C. last week. Doherty was one of five Stevenson BPA members to win awards. Jaren Zacher, a junior, was runner-up in Advanced Accounting, sophomore Lisa Boris took third in Fundamental Accounting, and senior Juhoon Hyun was third in Management/Marketing and also finished in the top 10 in Banking and Finance. Vickram Pradhan, a junior, also had a top 10 finish, in Extemporaneous Speech. Business Professionals of America team is advised by Nick Valenziano from the Applied Arts Division.

The **Science Club**, coached by Christina Palffy and Mary Ragusa of the Science Division, competed at the State Science Tournament held at the University of Illinois. With 1100 students competing, five SHS students earned Gold Awards, Hannah Schlacter, Jack Hirsch, Shivani Thakker, Neha Rao, and Andelyn Russell. Rohan Dasika received a Silver award. Additionally, Andelyn Russell won a Best in Category for the Botany Category.

Dominic Belmonte, junior, and **Eric Ramoutar**, senior, competed at the Tournament of Champions at University of Kentucky. The debate began with preliminary rounds totaling 12 hours of debate with an additional 5 hours for semi-finals. Qualifying for TOC requires breaking to a semi-final round in 2 approved tournaments such as the Harvard Debate, Glenbrook, or the in-state qualifier. The TOC chambers are 85 of the best debaters in the country. Ramoutar advanced to the semi-final round, but was not selected for the final 12 legislators. The debate team will continue to be active through the end as they help Paulson Varghese (SR), Abhi Sanka (JR), and Vickram Pradhan (JR) prepare for the National Forensics League's National Tournament that will be held in Dallas, TX in June. Nationals is the largest academic competition in the United States. The debate team has been coached this year by Erik Joerns, Bill Fritz, and Katie Taranda.

APRIL

Adlai E. Stevenson High School was named **Recipient For Outstanding Service** at the 2010-11 Jefferson Awards Students In Action Chicagoland and Northwest Indiana Regional Competition. Representatives from Stevenson will attend the Jefferson Awards national ceremonies in Washington, D.C. in June, and will compete for the national Outstanding Service by a High School Jefferson Award. Stevenson won the regional honor -- for the second straight year -- at the regional competition at the Illinois Institute of Technology in Chicago. More than 50 schools competed for regional honors, based upon their accomplishments in service and volunteerism and how they implemented the seven program goals of Students In Action. Stevenson's Jefferson Awards Students In Action student leaders Cole Deloye, Kayla Reinherz, Brady Richter, Lainie Fox, Greg Schultheis, Neha Rao, Danielle Marks, and Andelyn Russell presented an overview of the school's community service efforts. Stevenson also was one of two school districts (along with District 205 from the south suburbs) to receive a Gold Service Leadership Banner. The Students In Action program, an initiative of the Jefferson Awards for Public Service, was created with the goal of passing the tradition of service along to the nation's youth while also helping to double volunteerism in American high schools. The SIA strategy has been to create Jefferson Awards youth leadership teams in each school in order to celebrate exemplary volunteerism, inspire others to get involved and help raise additional resources to expand volunteer capacity in areas of need as identified in each community. Students In Action is currently operating in 13 regions: Charleston, Chicagoland and northwest Indiana, Delaware, central Florida, Indianapolis, Memphis, Minneapolis-St. Paul, New Jersey, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, the San Francisco Bay area, Savannah and Toledo. The Jefferson Awards for Public Service is a national 501(c) (3) non-profit organization, established in 1972 by Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis, U.S. Senator Robert Taft Jr., and Sam Beard, to create a Nobel Prize for public service. The mission of the Jefferson Awards is to recognize those who perform extraordinary service and by doing so, inspire others.

Stevenson Math Team finished third at the Illinois Council of Teachers of Mathematics Class 4AA State Finals at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. SHS scored 895 points, behind Naperville North (952) and the Illinois Math and Science Academy (949). This marked Stevenson's second consecutive third-place showing at the ICTM state finals, and its eighth in the last 12 years. The Frosh-Soph Relay team comprising sophomores Aaron Zalewski and Vishesh Verma, and freshmen Vivian Wan and Chris Rho, won first place. Verma and Wan also were on the rosters of two teams that were runners-up in their divisions: the Geometry squad featuring Verma and fellow sophomores Justin Doong, Brandon Axe, Aaron Zalewski, Matt Yang and Kevin Doherty; and the Algebra 1 team of Wan and classmates David Chen, Akanksha Shah, Cheryl Xiang, Raymon Cao and Mack Lee. Stevenson had third-place showings from the Pre-Calculus team of seniors Samantha Petti, Denise Che, Yiding Hao, Ray Cao, Alex You and Andrew Ji, and the Algebra 2 unit of juniors Karen Gao, Michael Hu, John Park, Anjali Pasupathy, Kevin Rho and Eugene Bulkin. The Junior-Senior Eight-Person team of Che, Gao, Hu, Park, seniors Moyi Cai, Connie Lu and Jenny Yan, and junior Courtney Chen, also placed third. Other top-10 group finishes included three eighth-place showings: the Freshman-Sophomore Eight-Person team of sophomores Brandon Axe, Aaron Zalewski, Mark Zhang and David Wang, and freshmen Cheryl Xiang, Raymon Cao, Eric Chang and David Chen; the second Freshman-Sophomore Relay team of sophomores Kevin Doherty and Matt Yang, and freshmen Raymon Cao and Mack Lee; and the Junior-Senior Relay squad of seniors Samantha Petti and Moyi Cai, and juniors Jon Kersky and Li Chen. The Calculator team of seniors Samantha Petti and Yiding Hao, junior Vincent Fiorentini, sophomore Justin Doong, and freshman Chris Rho finished ninth, as did the Orals duo of junior Eugene Bulkin and freshman Eric Chang. In the individual awards, Justin Doong finished third in Geometry. David Chen was eighth in Algebra 1, while Brandon Axe (Geometry) and Vivian Wan (Algebra 1) were ninth in their categories.

Brady Richter won the 2011 Mr. SHS contest. **Trevor Osmond** won Mr. Congeniality. The other boys from the senior class who participated were Greg Schultheis, Tyler Pecora, Evan Ross, Mudassir Hussaini, Seth Kopka and Alex Kislov.

Bass Fishers Chris Duffy and **Trever Steinbrink** finished second at the Illinois High School Association sectional bass fishing tournament at Chain O'Lakes. They earned a berth in the state finals May 6-7 at Carlyle Lake. Duffy had his team's only catch, but it was the largest of the sectional at 1.8 pounds. Seniors John Bash and Ben Elsesser also competed in the sectional.

Debate finished third at the Illinois Congressional Debate Association state tournament and had several students earn awards. More than 25 schools participated. The tournament was divided into two parts, an Invitational Tournament and a Championship Tournament. In the Championship Tournament, Dominic Belmonte received an award for Second Place Speaker. He also was named to the ICDA All-State Congressional Debate Team. The all-state team consists of the top 10 speakers in the ICDA who received the most nominations during the regular debate season. In the Invitational Tournament, seven students received awards: Erik Ramoutar (Best Presiding Officer and Critic's Choice); Noella James (Best Presiding Officer); Dan Klebanov (Critic's Choice); Gina Li (First Place Speaker); Sidney Bauer (First Place Speaker); Michelle Kelrikh (Second Place Speaker); and Michelle Layvant (Second Place Speaker).

Science Olympiad finished second at the State Competition held at the University of Illinois. This is the third straight year that Stevenson's Science Olympiad team has earned a bid to the national competition. Along the way, several good finishes including nine (9) sets of state champions assisted the team. Fifth Place: Dennis Huang & Anna Kong in Ecology, Jocelyn Lai & Eric Huang in Model This. Third Place: Anna Buckardt & Anna Kong in Towline Glider, Kevin Wood & Dennis Huang in Remote Sensing, Ray Cao & Ritvik Sarkar in Fossils, Ray Cao & Kevin Wood in Dynamic Planet. Second Place: Jenny Yan & Andrew Ji in Anatomy and Physiology, Mike Fatina, Kevin Wood and Frank Wu in Mission Possible, Anna Buckardt & Vivian Wan in Geocaching. First Place: Dennis Huang & Jenny Yan in Microbe Mission, Kevin Wood & Minray Yang in Ornithology, Frank Wu and Edward Wu in Wind Power, Ritvik Sarkar & Mike Fatina in Write It Do It, Mike F. & Mike H. in Robot Ramble, Frank Wu & Edward Wu in Sounds of Music, Mike Fatina & Mike Hauptmann in Tower Building, Emily Luo & Jocelyn Lai in Sumo Bots, David C. & David W. Electric Wright Stuff.

Chess Team members Adele Padgett and Cheryl Liu played in the Eighth Annual All Girls National Championships in Chicago. Padgett, a sophomore, finished second in the 16-and-younger division, while Liu, a junior, was eighth in the 18-and-under category. Padgett tied the 16-and-under champion from Maryland in points earned, but finished second based on the results of four tiebreakers. The tournament was sponsored by the Chicago-based Renaissance Knights Chess Foundation, along with the Kasparov Chess Foundation, the United States Chess Federation, and the University of Texas at Dallas. UT-Dallas awarded a full, four-year scholarship valued at \$105,000 to the winner of the 18-and-under division.

Model UN seniors Benjamin Tennenbaum and Matthew Felz won honorable mentions at Northwestern University's Model United Nations conference April 8-10.

TBA: Theatre Before Acting's Ariel Rosen (senior) and Naomi Rawitz (junior) have been chosen as semifinalists in the Los Angeles-based Blank Theatre Company's 19th annual Nationwide Young Playwrights Festival. Rosen was chosen for her play, "Snow Plow Guy," while Rawitz was selected for her work, "Grin and Bear It." This is the second straight year Rawitz has been a semifinalist. The winning playwrights will be announced in May, and their works will be produced and performed by professional directors and actors in June at the Stella Adler Theatre in Hollywood. Stevenson has a tradition of sending student playwrights to the festival. Last year, Marissa Bohrer and Danny Barry (both from the Class of 2010) had plays chosen. In 2002, three alumna had their plays performed: Jenna Ahrens (Class of 2002), Philippa Ainsley (Class of 2003) and Megan Hovany (Class of 2003).

MARCH

Three members of **FBLA** captured State Championships at the Illinois Future Business Leaders of America Conference held in Decatur, Illinois. Twenty-two Stevenson students placed in the top 10. Alec Blumenthal (Introduction to Business), Chandru Rasendran (Business Math) and Robbie Thomashow (Marketing) won their events, and qualified for the national FBLA conference in Orlando. Matt Brown also qualified for nationals with his second-place showing in Introduction to Business Communications. Stevenson's other award winners were: Third Place: Brandon Levinson and Ethan Siegel (Global Business). Fourth Place: Ellen Kaushansky, Sasha Kupersmidt and Alice Smelyansky (Business Ethics-A), Madhur Malhorta (Introduction to Tech Concepts), Tania Skyler (Hospitality Management) and Jaren Zacher (Business Law). Fifth Place: Nikitha Duggirala and Sruthi

Merneedi (Entrepreneurship), and Gerv Pandey and Akshay Ramachandran (Management Decision Making). Sixth Place: Mike Lencioni (Job Interview), and Alex Sheck and Zach Sheck (Business Presentation). Eighth Place: Alex Brard (Sports Management) and Dhruv Patel (Economics). 10th Place: Benny Jeong (Technology Concepts).

Science Olympiad Varsity and Junior Varsity Teams won first place in their divisions at the College of Lake County Regional. The varsity qualified for the state finals, which will be held April 15-16 at the University of Illinois. (There are no JV state finals.) Stevenson will be making its seventh consecutive state finals appearance in its eighth year of existence. Last year, Stevenson finished second in the state. Every team member earned a medal in at least one event, and the school won 21 first-place honors between Varsity and JV. The varsity award-winners were: First Place - Mike Fatina and Mike Hauptmann (Robot Ramble); Edward Wu and Ritvik Sarkar (Mousetrap Vehicle); Mike Fatina, Frank Wu and Kevin Wood (Mission Possible); Minray Yang and Edward Wu (Helicopter); Ritvik Sarkar and Mike Fatina (Write It, Do It); Edward Wu and Frank Wu (Wind Power); Kevin Wood and Minray Yang (Ornithology); Jenny Yan and Mie Kim (Forensics); and Jenny Yan and Andrew Ji (Anatomy and Physiology). Second Place - Frank Wu and Edward Wu (Sounds of Music); Ray Cao and Andrew Ji (Technical Problem Solving); Ray Cao and Andrew Ji (Optics); Dennis Huang and Jenny Yan (Microbe Mission); Jocelyn Lai, Jenny Yan and John Park (Experimental Design); and Andrew Ji and Mike Kim (Astronomy). Third Place - Kevin Wood and Dennis Huang (Remote Sensing), and Ray Cao and Ritvik Sarkar (Fossils). Fourth Place - Mike Hauptmann and Jocelyn Lai (Tower Building). Fifth Place - Dennis Huang and Anna Kong (Ecology), and Minray Yang, Andrew Ji and Mike Kim (Protein Modeling). Sixth Place - Jenny Yan and Dennis Huang (Disease Detectives). The Junior Varsity place-winners included: First Place - David Whisler and Justin Doong (Tower Building); Courtney Chen and Emily Luo (Write It, Do It); Courtney Chen and Nadia Khan (Technical Problem Solving); Courtney Chen, Ray Liu and Li Chen (Protein Modeling); Anna Buckardt and Eric Huang (Ornithology); Elliot Ha and Andrew Lui (Fossils); David Whisler and Justin Doong (Forensics); David Chen, Eric Huang and Vivian Wan (Experimental Design); Se Young Jin and Vivian Wan (Ecology); Anna Buckardt and Elliot Ha (Dynamic Planet); Li Chen and Akila Khan (Disease Detectives); and Nadia Khan and Katie Li (Astronomy). Second Place - Emily Luo and Li Chen (Sounds of Music); Anna Buckardt and Courtney Chen (Mousetrap Vehicle); Katie Li and Elliot Ha (Wind Power); Kent Gang and Li Chen (Microbe Mission); and Kent Gang and Akila Khan (Anatomy and Physiology). Third Place - David Whisler, Justin Dong and Sai Nimmagadda (Mission Possible); Kent Gang and Katie Li (Helicopter); and Ray Liu and David Whisler (Chemistry Lab).

A team of Stevenson freshmen and sophomores posted the highest score among its peers in the regional TEAMS Competition at the Illinois Institute of Technology campus in Chicago. **TEAMS** is a rigorous written pre-engineering exam given across the country during March. Working together in teams of eight, students solve a set of engineering challenges. The team of Tina Ding, Justin Doong, Sai Nimmagadda, David Wang, David Whisler, Ellen Zhou and Rohan Dasika placed first in the 14-team ninth- and 10th-grade division, and a second frosh-soph squad of Eric Chang, Nisa Chucawat, Joyce Chung, Tony Massat, Chris Rho, Vivian Wan and Matt Zhang placed third. Two other teams competed at the varsity level, finishing 16th and 20th among 30 teams in its division.

Two members of the SHS **Chess Team** -- seniors Kent Cen and Josh Dubin, and sophomore Adele Padgett -- have been selected to the 2010-11 Illinois Chess Association Warren Junior Chess Scholars. They were among 43 Illinois students ranging in age from 7-18 chosen because they are among the top-ranked chess players for their age in the country. Cen were ranked No. 45 and Dubin is No. 57 in the United States Chess Federation boys' age 16 category at the end of February. Padgett was No. 58 in the girls' under-16 category as of last August. The trio helped Stevenson finish fifth at the Illinois High School Association state finals last month. Dubin won Board 2, Cen was third on Board 1, and Padgett placed sixth on Board 4.

Scholastic Bowl finished third at the Illinois High School Association Class AA state finals on Friday. Stevenson lost its opening match to the eventual state champion, the Illinois Math and Science Academy, then won its final three matches.

Eight students competed at the Illinois Junior Academy of Science Region 6 Fair at Christian Liberty Academy in Arlington Heights, and six earned berths in the IJAS State **Science Fair**. The state science fair will be held at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in May. Stevenson's state science fair qualifiers are Neha Rao, Shavani Thakker, Hannah Schlacter, Andelyn Russell, Jack Hirsch and Rohan Dasika. Russell earned "Best in Category" for her botany project, and Schlacter received the Regional Ricoh Sustainable Development Award. The Ricoh Sustainable Development Award is presented to the student whose research has "demonstrated the principles and technical innovations that offer the greatest potential for sustainable development." Shahzadhi Nyakhar and Vishesh Verma also competed at the regional science fair.

Stevenson's **Student Council** was named Student Council of the Year by the Northeast District of Illinois (NED) Association of Student Councils. The district comprises about 150 schools in northeastern Illinois outside of Chicago. The SHS Student Council officers for 2010-11 are Greg Schultheis, president; Allie Meshulam and Laine Fox, vice presidents; Ashley Krolopp, treasurer; Abhi Sanka, secretary; and Danielle Marks, School Board representative. Their sponsors are Aaron Wellington, Dave Eddy and Debbie Durham. To be considered for the honor, student councils had to be active members of NED beyond being members of the group, and had to show examples of important contributions made to their school. Lyn Scolaro of Prospect High School nominated the SHS Student Council based on the following 2010-11 resume: sponsored Homecoming and Winterfest and various activities during each week such as decorating competitions, dance and court elections, and dress-up days, sponsored annual Spring Fling in May, Faculty babysitting days in the winter and spring, "Glass Slipper" dress drive, Keshet bowling event for students with disabilities, "March Madness" fundraiser pitting teachers against each other to raise money for relief efforts in Japan, Participation in Spirit Fest, Give-A-Thon and Career Fair, Service projects such as "adopt a highway," providing birthday cards to faculty and staff, sending invitations to faculty for Jefferson and Prominent Patriot Awards ceremonies; and car washes to benefit Keshet, Running all school elections, Providing a one-day exchange with a local junior high school student council to promote leadership, Hosting appreciation events for Sodexo School Services staff, and for faculty.

Stevenson's **Varsity Scholastic Bowl** Team, the defending State Champions, won the Illinois High School Association Class AA North Chicago Sectional and will again advance to the 2011 State Finals. The team roster includes Zach Blumenfeld, Kevin Malis, Mark Savin, Jacob Rebnord, Eugene Bulkin, Joe Schlude, David Jin, Jonathan Kersky, Collin Shapiro, Ben

Siegel and Michael Hu. This will be Stevenson's fourth consecutive appearance in the IHSA state finals, and its eighth in the last 11 years.

The fifth annual **Project Dance** raised more than \$45,000 for the Riverside Foundation and the Stevenson Foundation's Kids In Need (KIN) Fund. More than 900 students participated in the event.

Color Guard won its fourth consecutive Division I Short Flag State Championship at the Team Dance Illinois finals in Peoria. The Color Guard also took home second-place honors in the Division I Tall Flag competition. The Color Guard roster includes captain Olivia Niepsuj, Victoria Landau, Michika Maeda, Sammie Magid, Grace Park and Rachel Seon. Sarah Schrader is the head coach and Marne Gehrig is the assistant coach.

Varsity Scholastic Bowl team won the Class AA Masonic Bowl state tournament at Riverton High School (located near Springfield) against the other Class AA regional champions. The team roster includes Zach Blumenfeld, Kevin Malis, Eugene Bulkin, Mark Savin, Jacob Rebnord, Jonathon Kersky, Collin Shapiro, Joe Schlude and Matt Felz. Stevenson received \$1,900 for its student activities fund for winning Masonic Bowl state (\$1,500) and regional (\$400) titles.

Three Stevenson Debate Team members will be on their way to the National Forensics League (NFL) Tournament this summer. **Paulson Varghese, Abhi Sanka, and Vickram Pradhan** will be competing in Student Congress at Nationals in Dallas, Texas. The strength of the Stevenson team was seen when it was announced that three of the five qualifiers were from Stevenson. Awards for Best Presiding Officer were also presented to Vickram Pradhan and Yanfei Gao.

FEBRUARY

Business Professionals of America, coached by Applied Arts teacher Nick Valenziano, competed in the Illinois BPA Competition and returned with two individual state champions, Congratulations to **Kevin Doherty** winning the Fundamental Accounting event and **William Chu** winning the Payroll Accounting event.

Stevenson **Math Team** finished Second at the Illinois Council of Teachers of Mathematics Class 4AA Regional Contest at North Park University. Stevenson's regional score was the fifth highest among the 72 schools in Class 4AA. Individual awards include: **First Place (Team)** - The Algebra I team of freshmen Raymon Cao, David Chen, Daniel Kofman, Akanksha Shah and Cheryl Xiang - The Geometry team of sophomores Brandon Axe, Adele Padgett, Vishesh Verma, Matt Yang, Aaron Zalewski and Mark Zhang - The Freshman-Sophomore Eight-Person unit of Raymon Cao, Eric Chang, David Chen, Cheryl Xiang, Brandon Axe, David Wang, Aaron Zalewski and Mark Zhang - The Calculator team of Chris Rho, Justin Doong, Vincent Fiorentini, Yiding Hao and Samantha Petti. **First Place (Individual)** - Eugene Bulkin, Algebra 2. **Second Place (Team)** - The Algebra 2 team of juniors Eugene Bulkin, Li Chen, Michael Hu, John Park, Anjali Pasupathy and Kevin Rho - The Pre-Calculus team of seniors Ray Cao, Denise Che, Andrew Ji, Samantha Petti, Jenny Yan and Alex You - The Freshman-Sophomore Two-Person tandem of Akanksha Shah and Brandon Axe. **Second Place (Individual)** - Raymon Cao, Algebra 1, Brandon Axe, Geometry, Denise Che, Pre-Calculus. **Third Place (Team)** - The Junior-Senior Eight-

Person team of Courtney Chen, Karen Gao, Michael Hu, John Park, Moyi Cai, Denise Che, Connie Lu and Alex You. **Third Place (Individual)** - Vivian Wan and Akanksha Shah (tie), Algebra 1 - Aaron Zalewski, Geometry - Alex You, Pre-Calculus. **Fourth Place (Team)** - The Junior-Senior Two-Person team of Denise Che and Eugene Bulkin - The Oral Presentation team of Eugene Bulkin (presenter) and Eric Chang (assistant). Stevenson's math team coaches are Chris Thibaudeau, Joe Bettina, Kathie Rauch-Morse, Paul Kim, Darshan Jain, Brad Habel, Dan Larrabee and Lindsay Stearns.

The **Varsity Scholastic Bowl** won its third consecutive North Suburban Conference championship. The freshman-sophomore team also had the top record in the conference this season.

Debate WINS National Congress Cup! The Stevenson Debate Team returned victorious from the 17th annual Harvard National Congress (HNC). Six Stevenson students advanced to the semi-final round: Dominic Belmonte, Eric Ramoutar, Abhi Sanka, Anna Leng, Michelle Kelrikh, and Vickram Pradhan. Over 100 schools from across the country were represented by 370 students in 16 congressional chambers during the preliminary rounds. Stevenson was honored by the fact that each of the six semi-final chambers had a Stevenson student competing. Stevenson won by a large margin over its closest competitors. The school was also represented by: Elisha Gutmann, Valerie Gutmann, Galina Lipkin, Daniel Klebanov, Sydney Bauer, Rick Presman, Michelle Layvant, Tyler Thut, and Paulson Varghese. While no students advanced to the final round, the depth and strength of the team earned them the highest award- the Harvard Cup. One additional interesting note- Freshman debater Valerie Gutmann was selected during the opening ceremony as one of the escorts to the president (HNC executive director) of the national congress.

Scholastic Bowl team won the Illinois Masonic Academic Bowl Class AA Fenwick Sectional. SHS will compete for the Masonic Bowl state championship at Riverton High School near Springfield on March 5. Last year, Stevenson was runner-up in the Masonic Bowl state finals. Good Luck Scholastic Bowl.

For the second consecutive year, **Scholastic Bowl team member Kevin Malis** has been chosen as a member of Team Illinois, an all-star academic team that will compete for a national championship at the HSPAQ tournament in June at the University of Maryland. Malis, a senior, was chosen at tryouts held at the University of Illinois.

Congratulations to the **Stevenson Chess Team** finishing 6th in State! This is the 8th year in a row that Stevenson has placed in the top 6 at the IHSA State Chess Team Tournament. Team members who won individual medals include:
Board 2 Josh Dubin - 1st place (undefeated), Board 1 Kent Cen - 3rd, Board 3 Matt Yang 4th place, Board 4 Adele Padgett 6th place, Board 5 Cheryl Liu 6th place

The **Debate Team** brought back matching awards from ICDA 5 Invitational / Tournament of Champions, winning 3rd place in both competitions at Wheeling High School. ICDA 5/TOC is the last large tournament of the year and it was very exciting tournament as many of the novice debaters earned their first trip to the awards podium. Critic's Choice awards were earned by Elisha Gutmann, Sydney Bauer, Gina Li, and Dominic Belmonte. Critic's Choice is the debater with the highest point totals in their chamber. 1st place speaker awards were given to Shivani Thakker, Nikita Luthra, Sahil Jain, and Rick Presman. A 2nd place speaker award

was presented to Vivian Wang. Best Presiding Officer awards were presented to Amy Orlov, Chris Nowacki, Tina Moazzezi, Dominic Belmonte, and Daniel Klebanov. Stevenson also came back with 1st place award for Best Legislation for Bill 301 - A Bill to Opt Out the Opt In - requiring parents to register their children if they don't want them to be organ donors. The bill was co-written by Abhi Sanka and Sydney Bauer.

Two members of the **Speech and Drama Team** qualified for the Illinois High School Association Sectional with their performances at the Hoffman Estates Regional. Claire Berman took second place in prose reading, while Claire Theobald placed fourth in original comedy. Other team members who placed, but will not advance to sectionals, included: Radhe Patel (fifth place, original oratory; sixth place, radio speaking); Rachel Landsman (sixth place, oratorical declamation); Berman (sixth place, impromptu speaking); and Marni Levin and Amanda Ehrmann (finalists, dramatic duet acting).

Almost half of Stevenson's **National Honor Society** students earned awards for their dedication to NHS-sponsored events during first semester. The awards — which are star-shaped pins that students will wear on their NHS graduation stoles during commencement — are part of a new recognition program. The new "service star" award system gives a gold star to students who complete 30 hours of service for NHS events, a silver star for 20 hours, and a bronze star for 10 hours. During first semester, 193 of the 406 students in Stevenson's NHS chapter earned service stars. Of the 193, 107 earned bronze stars, 34 earned silver stars, and 52 earned gold stars. You can see the complete list of first semester NHS service star winners at [this link](#).

JANUARY

Model United Nations Team attended the 2011 Harvard Model United Nations Conference in Boston. Not only did the team have a great time but also came back with numerous awards. Hyunji Lim and Sonia Doshi: Outstanding Delegation in the UN Human Rights Council, Yiding Hao: Honorable Mention in Economic and Financial Committee, Berk Ozmeral and Alex Lee: Honorable Mention in the UN Council on Trade and Development.

Science Olympiad was victorious in many areas of the Crystal Lake Central Invitational. The team finished third and many students performed well. Among those assisting in Stevenson's performance were: Fourth Place - Katie Li and Minray Yang in Astronomy, Jenny Yang and Denise Huang in Disease Detectives, Kevin Wood and Ray Cao in Dynamic Planet, Ray Cao and Ritvik Sarkar in Fossils, Frank Wu and Edward Wu in Sounds of Music. In Third Place - Dennis Huang and Kevin Wood in Ecology, Minray Yang, Ray Liu and Li Chen in Protein Modeling, Jocelyn Lai and Ray Cao in Technical Problem Solving, Michael Hauptmann and Jocelyn Lai in Tower Building, Michael Fatina and Michael Hauptmann in Sumo Bots. In Second Place - Frank Wu and Edward Wu in Wind Power, Michael Fatina and Ritvik Sarkar in Write It Do It. First Place finishers were - Dennis Huang and Jenny Yang in Microbe Mission and Michael Fatina and Michael Hauptmann in Robot Ramble.

Chess Team won the North Suburban Chess League playoffs securing them a place in the Illinois High School Association State Tournament in Peoria February 11-12. Stevenson finished second in the state last year.

Three members of Stevenson's **Speech and Drama Team** earned awards at the Libertyville tournament. Claire Berman finished third in Prose Reading, Amanda Friedlander was third in Impromptu Speaking, and Radhe Patel was a finalist in Radio Speaking.

The 2009-10 edition of the **WIT** received a Superior ranking in the 2010 National Council of Teachers of English program to recognize excellence in student literary magazines. Stevenson was one of only four Illinois schools to receive a Superior rank. The editors of the 2009-10 WIT were current seniors Ariel Rosen and Danielle Levsky, and 2010 graduate Alex Mantzoros.

The SHS **Table Tennis** team beat Loyola Academy, 13-2. Key contributors included (with scores): Jeremy Bush (11-2, 11-2, 11-4), Scott Irving (16-14, 11-6, 11-8), Joshua Jackson (11-7, 11-8, 11-1), Andrew Kamarov (11-6, 11-6, 11-2), Jacob Needel (12-10, 11-7, 11-6) and David Sager (21-10, 11-9, 9-11, 11-6).

The **Varsity Scholastic Bowl** team split into three teams last weekend to compete at two tournaments, and came away with several awards. One team, featuring Kevin Malis (the tournament's top scorer), Mark Savin, Jacob Rebnord, Michael Hu and Ben Sigal, finished second at the Loyola Ultima Tournament. The other two teams competed at the Fremd varsity tournament. The team of Zach Blumenfeld (top morning toss-up scorer), Collin Shapiro, Matt Felz and Eugene Bulkin advanced to the afternoon rounds after going 5-0 for the morning, but was knocked out in the quarterfinals. The team of Jonathan Kersky (second-place morning toss-up scorer) and Joe Schlude advanced to the afternoon bracketed play with a 3-2 record.

The Junior Varsity Scholastic Bowl won first place at the Fremd JV Tournament. The team went undefeated in 10 rounds of competition match. Niranjan Jayanth (fifth place in morning toss-ups and team captain) was named team MVP. Eric Chang placed sixth in morning toss-ups. Matt Yang, Jeeho Lee, Sam Levin and Jason Asher also stood out at the meet.

Six members of the Speech and Drama Team won awards at the Ferry Forensics Festival at Lake Forest High School. Amanda Ehrmann won first place in humorous interpretation, and placed second in original prose and poetry. Claire Berman finished second in impromptu speaking and prose reading, and was third in poetry reading. Claire Theobald also had a second-place showing in prose reading, and placed third in original comedy. Radhe Patel finished third in original oratory, and Marni Levin and Amanda Friedlander teamed for a third-place award in dramatic duet acting.

Debate Team placed 2nd overall at the ICDA IV Congressional Debate Tournament held at Deerfield High School. Critics Choice was awarded to: Eric Romoutar, Michelle Kelrikh, Abhi Sanka, Daniel Klebanov, Dominic Belmonte, and Paulson Varghese. First Place Speaker was awarded to: Vickram Pradhan and Rick Presman. Second Place Speaker was awarded to: Lindsey Mendelson. Best Presiding Officer was awarded to: Anna Leng, Vickram Pradhan, Noella James, Dominic Belmonte, Paulson Varghese.

Speech Team's Clair Berman, Junior, took 2nd place in Impromptu Speaking at the Rolling Meadows Varsity Invitational.

Junior Varsity Scholastic Bowl won the Auburn High School JV tournament in Rockford, Illinois. Stevenson was undefeated during the daylong tournament. Sophomore Niranjana Jayanth was named to the all-tournament team. Other members of Stevenson's JV roster included Jason Asher, Ryan Malis, Eric Chang, Jee Ho Lee, Eric Savin and Justin Millman.

Junior Claire Berman of **Speech and Drama** finished second among nearly 70 contestants in the Impromptu Speaking category at the Buffalo Grove High School Tournament. Radhe Patel, a senior, earned second place in the next-to-final round of Radio Speaking, and seventh in the next-to-final round of Original Oratory.

DECEMBER

Speech and Drama had a strong showing at the Streamwood Winter Jamboree. The following students placed in their events - Amanda Friedlander and Marni Levin--5th place, next in final round, dramatic duet acting, Rebecca Ehrmann--finalist, next in final round, impromptu speaking, Claire Berman--1st place, next in final round, impromptu speaking; 2nd place, prose reading, Rachel Landsman--4th place, next in final round, oratorical declamation, Claire Theobald--4th place, next in final round, original comedy and Radhe Patel--finalist, next in final round, radio speaking.

Varsity Scholastic Bowl finished second at the NewTrier Advantage Tournament. Senior Kevin Malis was named to the all-tournament team. He has made every all-tournament team this season.

5 members of the **SHS Flute Choir** (Sarah Glait, Reilly Kohn, Renee Anderson, Janet Lee, and Caitlyn Marsh) were pictured on the cover of The Buffalo Grove Countryside newspaper (Pioneer Press) December 23. The picture was taken at the December concert. Sarah Glait was also featured in an article on pg. 3.

Color Guard won first place in the Short Flag division at the Team Dance Illinois regional contest at Schaumburg High School, earning a berth in the TDI State Championship in March. The SHS Color Guard is undefeated in Short Flag competition since the 2008 TDI State Championship. The 2010-2011 Color Guard includes captain Olivia Niepsuj, Victoria Landau, Michika Maeda, Sammie Magid, Grace Park and Rachel Seon. The Color Guard is coached by Sarah Schrader and Marne Gehring.

Math Team swept all five events at the North Suburban Math League contest held at Niles West. SHS won the senior, junior, sophomore, and freshman oral categories, and several students posted perfect scores. In the seniors division, the group of Moyi Cai, Denise Che, Connie Lu, Jenny Yan and Alex You won first place. Che, Yan and You answered all five questions correctly. The junior contingent of Derek Chang, Karen Gao, Michael Hu, Anjali Pasupathy and Kevin Rho won its division, with Pasupathy writing a perfect paper. All five sophomores whose scores counted toward the school's score were five-for-five on their questions and won their division: Brandon Axe, Justin Doong, Tianlu Wang, Aaron Zalewski and Mark Zhang. In the freshmen competition, Stevenson prevailed behind David Chen, Justin Millman, Akanksha Shah, Vivian Wan and Christopher Yao. Shah, Wan and Yao were

perfect. Eugene Bulkin won the orals competition. Eight team members who were non-scoring alternates at the meet also had perfect papers. They were senior Samantha Petti; sophomores Kevin Doherty, Adele Padgett, Matthew Yang and Christine Zhao; and freshmen Sanika Bhargaw, Chris Rho and Cheryl Xiang.

Speech and Drama had a strong showing at the Glenbard North/East Comfy Classic. Members awarded include: Claire Berman - 5th place impromptu speaking and 4th place prose reading, Radhe Patel - 4th place original oratory and 6th place radio speaking, Claire Theobald - 3rd place original comedy.

Varsity Scholastic Bowl was the top-scoring high school from Illinois, and ranked No. 12 among 627 teams around the world, at the Knowledge Master Open. This is the second straight year that Stevenson's varsity led all Illinois schools in the event, which is a computer-based academic competition in which teams of students answer 200 questions in 15 subject areas. The varsity team roster included: Zach Blumenfeld, Mike Bruk, Matt Felz, David Jin, Jonathan Kersky, Kevin Malis, Mike Powers, Jake Rebnord, Mark Savin, Joe Schlude, Collin Shapiro, Ben Sigal and Max Weiss.

Speech and Drama competed in the Bradley University George Armstrong Heart of Illinois tournament. Rachel Landsman won 1st place in Novice Oratorical Declamation and Radhe Patel was a finalist in Varsity Radio Speaking.

NOVEMBER

Model United Nations Team brought home many awards from the Brown University Simulation of the United Nations. Awards winners include: Best Delegate - Allison Perlin as Minister of Defense in a Futuristic Japanese Cabinet, Outstanding Delegate - Andelyn Russell as the Minister of Urban Development and Shri S. Jaipal Reddy in the Indian Cabinet, Outstanding Delegate - Aaron Luo representing Israel in the Economic and Financial Committee, Honorable Mention - Jackie Edelson as the U.S. Secretary of State and John Foster Dulles during the Suez Canal Crisis, Verbal Commendation: Hyunji Lim as the Palestinian Spokeswoman: Dr. Hanan Ashrawi during the Oslo Peace Process.

TBA (Theatre Before Action) had 2 plays win in the drama category for the Whitewater Writing Program. Both plays were produced at Stevenson during the One-Acts. First Place winner was Rebecca Ehrmann for *Painting A Promise*. Second Place winner was Ariel Rosen for *Snow Plow Guy*.

Debate won the 3rd Place Trophy for Large Schools at ICDA 2 tournament in Highland Park. Individual awards were presented to:
Critics Choice- Mike Bruk, Eric Ramoutar, Paulson Varghese, 1st Place Speaker- Rick Presman, Sydney Bauer, Vickram Pradhan, 2nd Place Speaker - Abhi Sanka, Alyssa Pechter, Dominic Belmonte, Lindsey Mendelson, Best Presiding Officer- Paulson Varghese, Rick Presman, Sydney Bauer.

The **SHS Math Team** finished second at the North Suburban Math League Competition and stands in fifth place among 55 schools after two rounds of competition. Six students wrote perfect papers during the competition: senior Denise Che, juniors Kevin Rho, John S. Park and Michael Hu, sophomore Brandon Axe, and freshman David Chen. Each answered all five questions they received correctly.

OCTOBER

Scholastic Bowl Varsity A team won the SCOP (Scholastic Community Outreach Program) Novice tournament held at Lisle High School with a 9-0 record. The varsity B team went 6-2. The A team members were David Jin, Jake Rebnord, Eugene Bulkin and Joe Schlude. The B team members were Josh Heiger, Ben Sigal, Mike Bruk and Mike Powers.

Two members of the **Speech and Drama** team placed in their events at the Huntley invitational. Rachel Landsman placed 1st in Varsity Oratorical Declamation and Ama Ehrmann placed 3rd in Novice Humorous Interpretation.

Scholastic Bowl Varsity A-level team won an 18-team "early bird" competition at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Stevenson's A team had an 11-0 record and was the only undefeated squad at the event. Stevenson's B team finished in 14th place with a 3-7 record. The roster for the A team featured Kevin Malis, Zach Blumenfeld, Jacob Rebnord and Mark Savin. Malis led all individuals in scoring at the tournament, and also won the "Power Prize" for most toss-up questions answered. Blumenfeld was 22nd. The B team included Matt Felz, Collin Shapiro, Ben Sigal and Anarghya Mitra. Felz finished 25th overall, while Shapiro was 34th.

Debate Team took Second place at the Illinois Congressional Debate Association Invitational Tournament held at Stevenson High School. Sophomore Michelle Kelrikh was awarded first-place "Best Quality Speaker" award. The award winner is determined by the highest average speech score among all tournament contestants. Critics Choice (highest point total per chamber) medals were awarded to: Kelrikh, Abhi Sanka, Dominic Belmonte and Eric Ramoutar. First Place Speaker medals were awarded to Alyssa Pechter and Daniel Klebanov. Second Place Speaker medals were awarded to Sydney Bauer and Rick Presman. Best Presiding Officer gavels were awarded to Klebanov, Bauer, Belmonte, Presman, Galena Lipkin and Vickram Pradhan. The ICDA Invitational was the first official tournament of the 2010-11 school year, and featured 460 students from 24 schools.

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