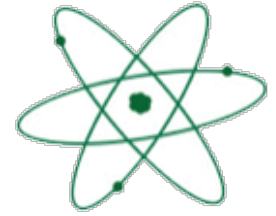


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Museum of Science Field Trip in January

Headmaster's Message

March 21, 2016

Dear USA Families:

It was nice to see many of you last week at Open House. If you did not get the chance to come and discuss your child's progress with his or her teachers, but would like to, you are always welcome to do so. To set up an appointment, please contact our Coordinator of Engagement & Student Affairs, Ms. Le, at 617-858-0468 or via email at ale@urbansci.net.

As we enter the spring season, we embark on a particularly busy time of year. Our seniors are receiving college acceptances and working to finalize their post-secondary plans (For those seniors who have yet applied to college and/or for financial aid, please see Ms. Rosie in room 401). Students in Advanced Placement (AP) classes (mostly juniors and seniors) are gearing up to take their AP exams in May. Our juniors will be taking the SATs in May or June. Meanwhile, our sophomores will be taking the ELA MCAS next week and the math MCAS in May. Our freshmen will be taking the science MCAS in

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Families -

We need everyone's help. Please take the School Climate Survey! This is how our school is ranked.

www.bostonpublicschools.org/climatesurvey

June. As always, our dedicated staff will be there for your children to guide and support them through this busy time period with the goal of helping each student – regardless of their current standing – have a strong finish to the school year.

Finally, in light of some recent incidents that occurred a couple of weeks ago - despite them being very much out of the ordinary - it prompted us to revisit our safety protocols to ensure that we are doing everything we can to ensure the well-being of our school community. See page 5 for an overview of our “Enhanced Safety Protocols.” Please don’t hesitate to contact me by phone at 617-635-8930 or by email at JCook@urbansci.net with any questions.

Sincerely,



Jeffrey S. Cook
Headmaster

PS. I hope to see you at our 10th Annual International Night event on Thursday, April 14th. Please see page 6 for more information.

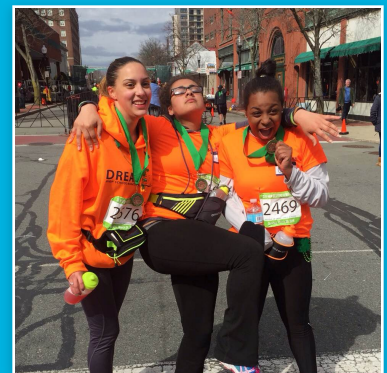


The USA Dreamfar Team have been training to run 26.2 miles since October. This year we have 4 students and 3 teachers training. **Ishmael Julio Perez** (12th grade) and **Ms. MacCormack** will run the **Boston Marathon on Monday, April 18th**. The rest of the team will run the **Cox Providence Rhode Race Marathon on Sunday, May 1st** in Providence Rhode Island. The members are **Cartin Gomes** (9th grade), **Eveliz Soto** (12th grade), **Fianelyz Fuentes** (11th grade), **Ms. Burgos**, **Ms. Hunt**, and **Mr. Hoogendyk**. The USA team trains for 30 weeks to prepare for race day. This is the 5th year USA has had a team of runners. Ishmael is training for his 4th marathon.



Please consider donating to Ishmael’s marathon page at: <http://bit.ly/22A4o89>

DREAMFAR *1/2 Marathon*



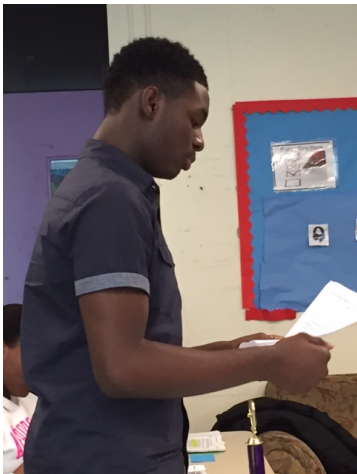
WESTIE RAIDERS DEBATE TEAM



On March 18 -19, the Westie Raiders debate team finished the Boston Debate League 2015-16 season with power and punctuation. We had nine students competing over the course of Friday and Saturday. Every student put in fantastic efforts, but the achievements of the students below were especially notable:

- **Mustafa Jimoh** (USA, 9th grade), **Iain Greeley** (USA, 9th grade), **Karina Aispurl** (WRA, 9th grade), and **Phaica Estiverne** (WRA, 9th grade) were all in the top 15 speakers in the novice, English division.

- **Brian Estevez** (USA, 9th grade) was a top 15 speaker in the JV, English division.



The novice teams of **Phaica Estiverne & Karina Aispurl**, **Iain Greeley & Stephen Diaz**, and **Mustafa Jimoh** all made it to playoff rounds. Mustafa singlehandedly dispatched his quarterfinal and semifinal foes from TechBoston and New Mission/BCLA before bowing out in the novice final to a tough team from Boston International.

The season has been one of the best on record as far as sustained team success is concerned. Teams progressed, from novice to JV levels, throughout the year. Of the six monthly tournaments held, we advanced to the playoffs five times. We have had four different novice finalists and two different novice champions. At least a dozen students placed in the top 15 of speakers in their respective divisions. We have a core group of young, intelligent, and hard-working students that should only improve in the future.

Any students interested in joining can participate in the Boston Debate League's summer camp(s) this August. Camps will be held at a local university campus over the course of two weeks in August and carry only a nominal, refundable fee. It's a great, enrichment opportunity for students provided by a fantastic organization! Please contact Mr. Mueller at emueller@urbansci.net.

The Coaches: Mr. Mueller (USA), Mr. Humbert (WRA), Ms. Grady (WRA), Mr. Chan (USA), and Margaret (volunteer extraordinaire).



Enhanced Safety Protocols

In light of some recent incidents that occurred a couple of weeks ago - despite them being very much out of the ordinary - it prompted us to revisit our safety protocols to ensure that we are doing everything we can to ensure the well-being of our school community

Below is a list of steps/enhanced safety protocols.

1. Effective March 4th, students will not be able to enter the building until 6:50 as all doors will remain locked shut until that time. This is to ensure that there is adequate staff present to monitor students.
2. While staff from West Roxbury Academy (WRA) monitors the front door from 7:20 to 10:20 daily with USA staff providing front door coverage from 10:20 to 1:40, the front door will have additional staff during peak hours (between 7:20 and 8:30 and 10:20 to 11:00).
3. While visitors to the building will continue to have to sign in either at USA's or WRA's main office, get a visitor badge, and wait to be greeted by a staff member; all visitors to the complex will also have to sign in upon entering through the front doors and sign out upon leaving as an extra measure to ensure that they are identified and accounted for.
4. There will be more full metal detector screenings beginning at 6:50AM. (Note that any student arrive after 7:20 must go through the metal detector – this policy has been in place and will continue; albeit with additional staff as described above.)
5. Finally, Mr. Weekes, headmaster of WRA, and I have put in a request to the district for additional building security personnel.

Please contact us if you have any questions and/or comments.

The **AP US Government and Politics** class successfully completed another year at Harvard Model Congress (HMC). HMC presents a unique opportunity for high school students to engage with American government through role-play and simulation in order to develop a better understanding of civic involvement and government function.



COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES!

The following students have received college acceptances!

Ahmed H., *Nichols College*

Anllinelis D., *Lasell College & Curry College*

Anna R., *Interactive College of Technology, Quincy College, & MassBay*

Anthony M., *Salem State, Lasell, Bridgewater, UMass Boston, Mount Ida, Suffolk, & Fisher College*

Aranis M., *Stonehill College, Suffolk University, Mount Ida, & Fisher College*

Ashley C., *Emmanuel, Lasell College, Suffolk University, & Fisher College*

Candance G., *Stonehill College, Fisher College, Univ. of Maine, Univ. of New Hampshire*

Chabellie C., *Mount Ida & Fisher College*

Chanell C., *Middlesex, Mount Ida, Newbury College, Fisher College, & Bay State College*

Deidra E., *Fisher College*

Delpiero B., *UMass Dartmouth & Fisher College*

Eveliz S., *Fisher College*

Gabriel V., *Bentley University, Suffolk University, & UMass Boston*

Gabriela Sofia B., *Fisher College*

Glorelis S., *Jacksonville University, Mount Ida, & Newbury College*

Hibak H., *Denison University*

Izaiah M., *Fisher College*

Jayme R., *Framingham State & Salem State*

Jean D., *Fisher College*

Joselyn C., *Curry College, Emmanuel, & Bunker Hill*

Kenneth J., *Wentworth Institute of Technology, Suffolk, UMass Boston, & UMass Dartmouth*

Kimberly C., *Framingham State University & Stonehill College*

Leshawn C., *Framingham State University & Suffolk University*

Lizsandra R., *Emmanuel College, Suffolk University, & Mount Ida*

Melanie F., *Mount Ida & Fisher College*

Minoska B., *Framingham State University, Salem State, Lasell, & Curry College*

Nyjaya D., *Fisher College*

OluwaFisola L., *New England College, Rhode Island College, Western New England Univ., Curry, & Fisher*

Omar S., *Quincy College & Fisher College*

Princess O., *Quincy College & Fisher College*

Royal J., *Curry College, Becker College, Anna Maria College, Wheelock, & Newbury College*

Tara S., *Fisher College*

Tyrik T., *Massachusetts Bay Community College*

Zechaira B., *Fisher College*



Upcoming Events

- **Thursday, April 7th**
6:00 - 8:00 pm
School Site Council Meeting
Location: Eastern Bank JP
687 Centre Street
- **Thursday, April 14th**
5:30 pm - 8:00 pm
International Night
Location: USA Auditorium
- **Friday, April 15th**
Last Day of Term 3
- **April 18 - 22**
Spring Break
- **Thursday, May 5th**
6:00 - 8:00 pm
School Site Council Meeting
Location: Eastern Bank JP
687 Centre Street
- **Friday, May 20th**
8:50 - 9:50 am
Holiday Concert
Join us to celebrate the achievements of our band and chorus students.
Location: USA Auditorium
- **Friday, May 27th**
7:00 - 11:30 pm
Senior Prom
Location: Venezia in Dorchester
- **Thursday, June 2nd**
6:00 - 8:00 pm
School Site Council Meeting
Location: TBA
- **Thursday, June 9th**
4:30 pm
Graduation
- **Thursday, June 27th**
Last Day of School
*pending snow

For more up-to-date information, please visit www.urbansci.com or check our Facebook page.



Urban Science Academy Presents

INTERNATIONAL NIGHT

April 14th

5:30PM- 8PM

Where: Auditorium

Entry: Free for All!

Food: \$5

Performances and Raffle featuring prizes such as:

Red Sox Tickets, Chiptole Gift Cards, Rockclimbing and many more!

If you would like to make a donation to the event (food item or other), or would like to volunteer at the event, please contact Ms. Le at (617) 858-0468 or at aLe@urbansci.net.

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