

Sussex Academy

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2018-2019

Destination Day

On May 1 Sussex Academy
Celebrated the Class of 2019
and their plans for the future.



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*The Sussex Academy
Executive Board meetings
are scheduled for 4:00pm
in the Sussex Academy
conference room. The
meetings are public and
Sussex Academy families
are encouraged to attend.*

- September 18, 2019
- October 16, 2019
- November 20, 2019
- January 22, 2020
- February 19, 2020
- March 18, 2020
- April 22, 2020
- May 20, 2020
- June 17, 2020

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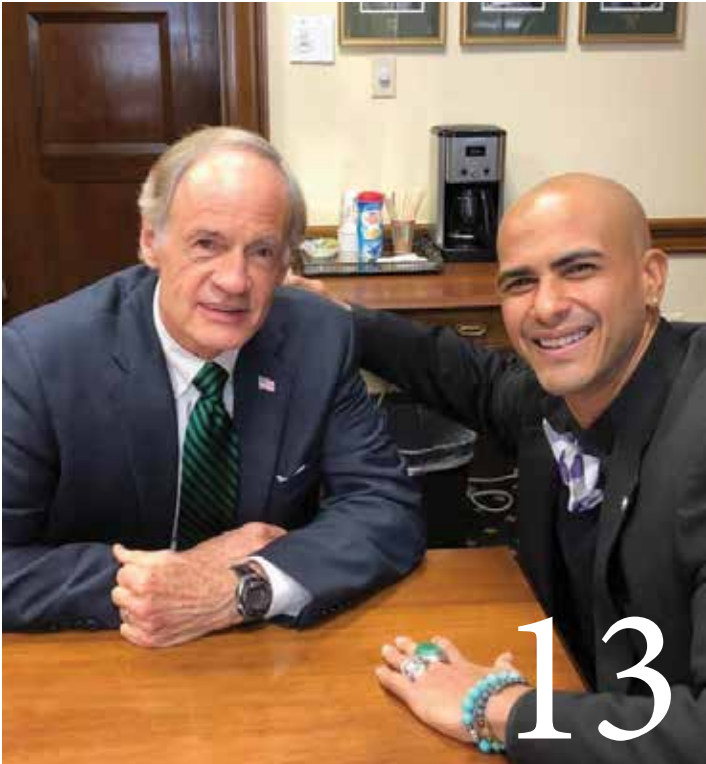
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I can't believe that my first year at Sussex Academy has come and gone so quickly! As I look back and reflect on all that has been accomplished in my first year, the first feeling that comes to mind is gratitude. I am so grateful to have been embraced by such an amazing school community. In the summer of 2018, I met with hundreds of students, parents, faculty/staff, Board and community members, and the enthusiasm each stakeholder group brought to the table was nothing short of inspiring.

Eric M. Anderson

In my first year, it has truly been a team effort achieving all the success in moving our school forward. From the packed stands, with standing room only, at the Homecoming soccer game to the creation of a five-year strategic plan, I dare to imagine what we will accomplish in the years ahead. As the door to the 2018-2019 school comes to a close, there are many exciting things knocking at the door to the 2019-2020 school year. Some exciting things to look forward to include, but are not limited to:

- a new school lunch vendor, Revolution Foods
- 1-to-1 implementation with chrome books in grades 6-12
- a newly created 6-12 student center with expanded services to address the needs of the whole child
- exchange partnerships with schools in Italy and Taiwan
- expansion of the World Language Department to include offering French and languages in the middle school
- and we get to kick off the 2019-2020 school year with our first ever Balloons Over Sussex, Hot Air Balloon Festival on September 14 & 15

Yes, there is a lot to look forward to, and a lot of hard work on the horizon. I want to thank everyone for making it not only easy, but also making me proud to call Sussex County my new home. I remain committed to having an open-door policy, where I hope all of you feel comfortable coming to me and keeping it real by being respectful, because I value a community built on strong and positive relationships.

I enthusiastically look forward to next school year, but until then have a relaxing and rejuvenating summer vacation!

Namaste,

Eric M. Anderson
Head of School

Around the Nest

Short summaries of student happenings around campus

Guest Speakers

Graphic Design

Mrs. Mews and her Foundations of Graphic Design Class welcomed guest speakers Lanie and Abby from Schell Brothers marketing department.



Health Science Careers

Mrs. Sherman's Health Science Careers class welcomed guest speaker, Nicole Ferber Sachs, who discussed becoming an LCSW and solutions for chronic pain through the miracle of mind/body medicine.

World War II

Mrs. Messina's IB History Classes welcomed guest speakers: World War II Veteran, Mr. Warner Schlaupitz, who talked about his Army experience in the Pacific from 1943-45. WWII Veteran, Mrs. Ellan Orkin, spoke about being a nurse in a tent hospital for major surgery in Normandy, France. Mrs. Ida Faucett offered a civilian's perspective of the rationing and other sacrifices made on the home front during WWII.



Skype Time with Award Winning Author

Award-winning Norwegian author Vidar Sundstol, who wrote the well-known 'Minnesota Trilogy' of crime novels, Skyped into the Honors Literature 11/12 classes. Sundstol discussed what inspires his work, what a normal day looks like for a full-time author, what an author thinks about the idea of 'author's purpose', and what it is like to have your work translated into many languages other than your own. Sundstol graciously fielded questions from students, talked about the author whose work inspired him in high school (Kafka!) and encouraged students to stay persistent when following their own dreams.

English

Nancy Sakaduski shared writing tips and how books go from conception to publication and distribution to the high school students. She also gave out books by local authors as prizes.



SGA

The Student Government Association did a great job with their events this year. In May, Student Government Association students were rewarded with a trip to Busch Gardens.



Sussex Academy Clubs

Each year Sussex Academy students create their clubs. In middle school, the student ambassadors create clubs to meet the interests of all middle school students. Middle school clubs meet once a month during school hours. High school students create clubs and all students have an opportunity to register for the club. High school clubs meet during activity period and have after school meetings and activities.



Mock Trial Club



Ski Club



Middle School Science Fair

8TH GRADE WINNERS

- 1st Place:** Tommy Carper
Screen Down to Sleep Sound
- 2nd Place:** Noa Aboutbol
Hydroponic Heights
- 3rd Place:** Kinsey Bellerose
Aeroponic Agriculture

7TH GRADE WINNERS

- 1st Place:** Molly Coughenour
Cleanse your Thirst
- 2nd Place:** Grace Kilroy
The Oil Spill Impact
- 3rd Place:** Katrina Vallorosi
Eggceptional Substitutes

6TH GRADE WINNERS:

- 1st Place:** Sawyer Brockstedt
Stop the Burn
- 2nd Place:** Emma Lovelette
Burn Baby Burn
- 3rd Place:** Melanie McKean
Handy Hand Warmers

DISCOVER

Sussex Academy is appreciative of the continued support from Discover Bank to provide the Discover Your Potential Program. This program helps Sussex Academy to provide extra support to our middle school students who face academic challenges in math. Thank you, Discover Bank.

Seahawk Showcase

Lead by students, Kyra Cutsail and Stephanie Brown, 30 National Honor Society members helped to produce the Seahawk Showcase. The night was filled with fun (and funny) performances from SA students and teachers. With event admission set at \$5 and a canned good, the National Honor Society was able to donate \$1232 to Grass Roots Rescue and 204 canned goods to the Delaware Tech Food Pantry.



Sussex Academy Theatre



SA Theatre wins Samuel French's Razzle Dazzle Competition

Sussex Academy Theatre is one of the winners of Samuel French's Razzle Dazzle Competition!!! The school is one of 10 schools selected nationwide to win the rights to perform Chicago: High School Edition before December 2020 at no cost (this show normally costs thousands of dollars to produce). Congratulations go to the students who put our school's submission video together: Sydney Adamcik, Ellyes Baghouli, Ben Carper, Kyra Cutsail, Alli Dayton, Sydney Elliott, Brooke Hudson, Emma Kuska, Savannah Nagy, Elli Oechsler, Keavy Rhodes, Mackenzie Schmidt, and Shelby VanSciver. Thank you to the teachers and other students who helped to contribute to the video and/or essay Mrs. Hete, Mrs. Davis (in the office), Ms. Lore, Mrs. Hutton, Mr. Halter, Mr. Smith, Mrs. Moore, Mrs. Messina, Mr. Peet, Mr. Crum, Ms. Costa, Kayla Dayton, Paige Guzman, Connor Hall, and Edward Yu.



Grease

The SA High School performance of GREASE boasted two sold out shows!! Over 1200 people attended the four performances and everyone LOVED it!

Alice in Wonderland

In May, audience members enjoyed the student production of Alice in Wonderland.



Middle School Theatre Performance: Lion King Jr.

The middle school students performed the Lion King Jr. to over 550 audience members in March.



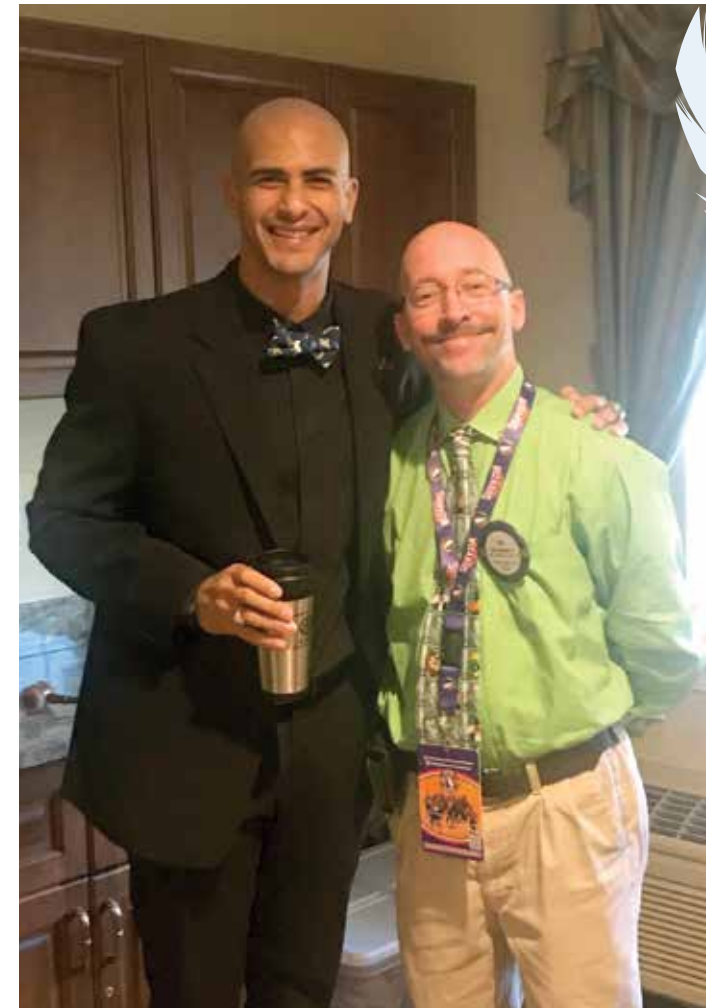
Head of School Senior Breakfast

New this year, Head of School, Mr. Anderson, hosted a breakfast for the Class of 2019.



8th Grade High School Information Breakfast

Annually in January, the school holds an 8th Grade High School Information Breakfast. The 8th graders have an opportunity to learn about the high school by talking and asking questions to the high school students. This year, 90% of the Sussex Academy 8th grade class enrolled for high school.



Rehoboth Rotary

Mr. Anderson visited the Rehoboth Rotary and provided them with information about Sussex Academy and charter schools.



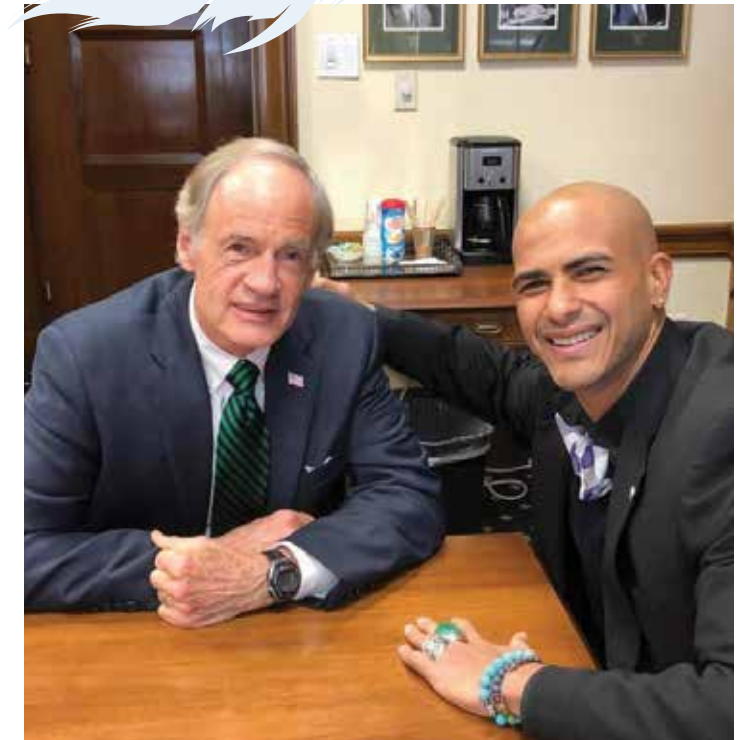
Sussex Academy: Best School in Sussex County

Sussex Academy was, once again, named the Best School in Sussex County by the readers of Coastal Style Magazine.

Minor Charter Modification Approval

In January, Sussex Academy received minor charter modification approval to increase enrollment by a total of 8.2%. The modification, approved by the Delaware Department of Education, took effect immediately.

Out and About with Mr. Anderson



Eric Anderson Attended School Choice Leaders of Color Conference

In March, Head of School, Eric M. Anderson, attended the School Choice Leaders of Color Conference hosted by the National Alliance for Public Charter Schools in Washington, DC. The two-day conference featured networking opportunities for charter school leaders advocating for increased charter school funding.

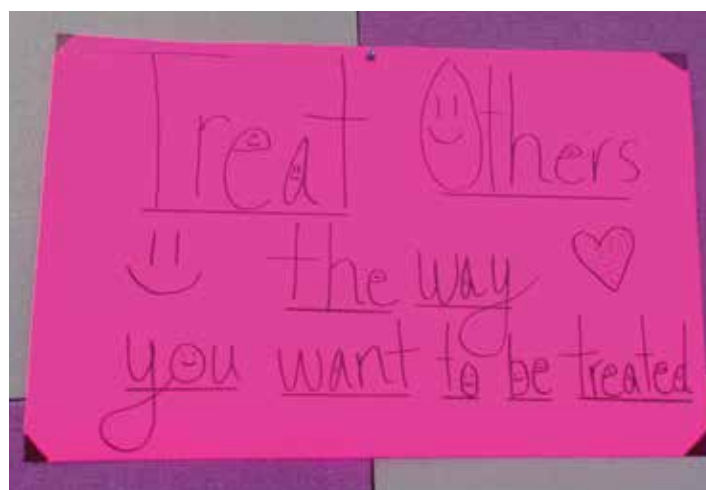
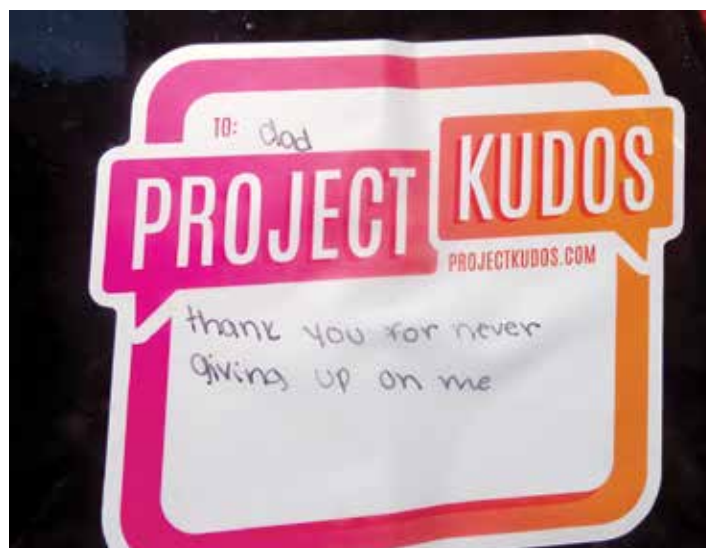
Mr. Anderson participated in a Capital Hill Action Day where had a face to face meeting with Senator Tom Carper and meetings with the offices of Senator Chris Coons and Representative Lisa Blunt Rochester. He, along with other school leaders of color from around the country, attended a roundtable session with speakers from the Bill and Melinda Gates and the Walton Foundations, two large charter school supporters. He also participated in a listening session with the Board of Directors of the National Alliance for Public Charter Schools, where he had the opportunity to hear from Jeb Bush, Jr., managing partner of Jeb Bush and Associates, Shirley Franklin, former Mayor of Atlanta Georgia and President of Clarke-Foundation and Associates, and former U.S. Senator, Mary Landrieu.



Kudos Bus

In October, the Kudos Bus, a Schell Brothers project, visited the school. Project Kudos is about offering praise or thanks to someone. Students had an opportunity to post kudos about their families, friends, teachers, etc. Sussex Academy students and teachers continued to give each other kudos throughout the school year.

Everyone at Sussex Academy gives Kudos to our custodial staff for all of their hard work in keeping our building and grounds in pristine condition.



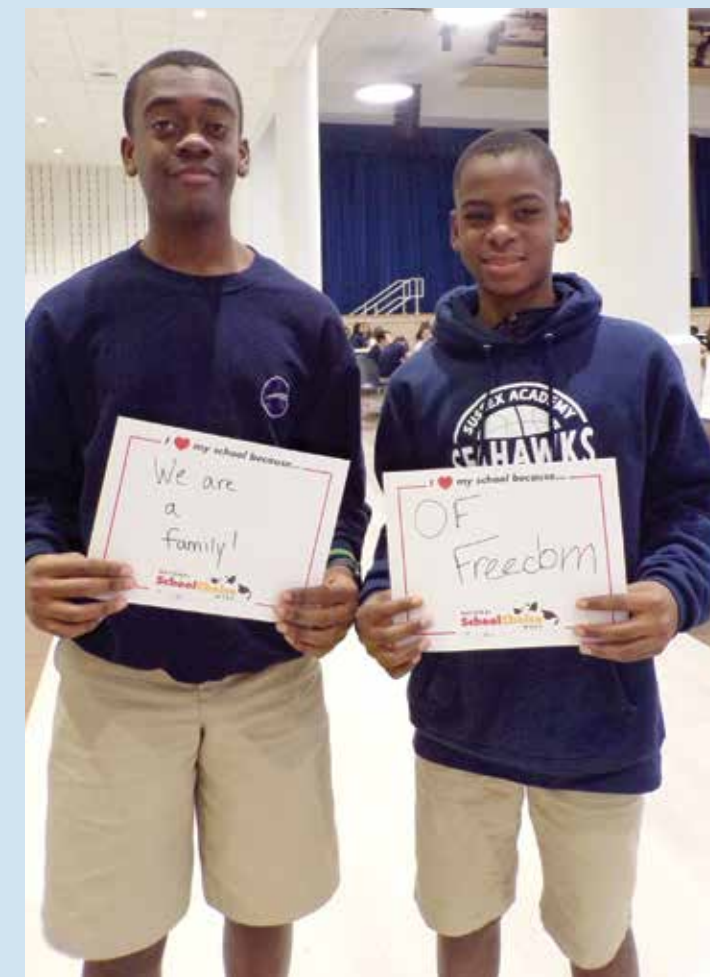
Start with Hello

This school year, Sussex Academy students participated in Start with Hello week. The Start with Hello program enables students to make a difference with their peers in a simple, fun and impactful way. The students continued promoting and showing support for their peers during the entire school year.



National School Choice Week

In January, Sussex Academy celebrated National School Choice Week!



Community Service



With all Sussex Academy students having a community service requirement, it is easy to spot them helping out around our community.



Trips Near and Far



Senior Trip

A first for Sussex Academy: The Class of 2019 took a Senior Trip to Walt Disney World! Fundraisers were held, money was raised, and the trip was held in February. The class participated in the Youth Education Series and Techniques of Teamwork Programs.

Wallops Island

The 7th graders visited Wallops Island.



Washington Zoo

The 6th graders visited the Washington Zoo.

Terrapin Adventures

The 9th grade class participated in team building exercises on their field trip to Terrapin Adventures



Dominican Republic Service Trip

Thirteen Sussex Academy High School students attended the Service Learning in the Dominican Republic Trip during Spring Break 2019. The group traveled with "Education First Tours". This is the second trip of this kind and the fourth EF Tours trip since the inception of the high school. The eight-day itinerary was focused on volunteer work at an Villa Pajón EcoLodge located in the central mountain region of La Vega, Dominican Republic. Service projects were focused on helping build sustainable infrastructure for the community to continue to grow as an EcoTourism destination. Students worked on improving two hiking trails, building and installing 15 bird houses for the endemic 'Golden Swallow', and helped improve school grounds for a local schoolhouse. The group was hosted and lead by José (Papito) Delio Guzmán III and his foundation by the same name. His family history and passion for conservation and education are remarkable and were integral in the student's unforgettable experience. The students were exemplary in their willingness to work, test out their Spanish as well as appreciate nuances of a place very different than home!



Señor Smith is currently planning the next Service Learning Trip in 2021!



To Infinity and Beyond

During the month of February, Everest students went "To Infinity and Beyond!" during their first team expedition. The entire team of students and teachers were immersed in an investigation of space. From the study of the anchor text "Chasing Space" by Leland Melvin, classroom activities focusing on the Earth's rotation and revolution, a field trip to Wallop's Island, and numerous guest speakers, students gained invaluable knowledge about the world surrounding our Earth. In addition to these activities, throughout the month, the team also raised money and gathered donations of new hats and gloves to benefit a local shelter. The team wrapped up their study with a showcase where parents and the public were invited to see examples of projects and presentations completed by the students.



Moving with the Tide

Sussex Academy 9th graders participated in Moving with the Tide, a program that brings together students, professional dancers, scientists, and visual artist to explore the impacts of Sea Level Rise and Storm Intensification on communities in the coastal and inland Sussex County. The community partners for this program included the University of Delaware, Delaware Institute of the Arts in Education, and Sea Grant Delaware. Senator Carper was visiting Sussex Academy during one of the scheduled lessons.



Code Purple, Donations

SA Middle School Helping Those in Need

Sussex Academy Middle School donated \$230 to Love, Inc. of Mid Delmarva's program, Code Purple. Middle school students had the chance to donate \$2 to participate in a dress down day on a Friday in January. Also, as a part of their "To Infinity and Beyond" expedition, Team Everest collected new hats, gloves and scarves to benefit Code Purple. The check and collected items were presented to the program's director, Susan Kent, during the Everest team's showcase.



Virtual Reality

High school students in Introduction to Biology explored the artificial intelligence of virtual reality.



World Down Syndrome Day

Seventh grade students participated in Rock Your Socks Day in support of World Down Syndrome Day.

Pinwheels for Prevention

Sussex Academy middle school students participated in "Pinwheels for Prevention" in support of preventing child abuse.



SA Faculty

Microsoft Training

In April, Maria Edgerton, Jennifer Leonard, Colin Marine and Mike Marotta attended a Microsoft training that was organized by the Delaware Charter School Network.



International Baccalaureate Review Plans

Debbie Fees and Jennifer Leonard visited the IB Americas headquarters in Bethesda, MD to meet with the SA representative and plan for the SA 5-year review scheduled for next year.

Educators Continuing their Education

Mrs. Messina and Mrs. Moore attended IB training in New Orleans while Mrs. Fees, Mrs. Leonard and Mr. Elmer learned more about IB in Virginia.

Mr. Anderson, Mrs. Couch and Ms. Hugues attended the Marzano Institute for professional development classes and workshops.



Administrative Professionals' Day

In April we celebrated those that support us everyday: Andi Davis, Anne Rando, Andrea Rogers and Robin Stanton

Recognition and Awards

Junior Student Recognized for Essay

(Georgetown, DE) The Fleet Reserve Association recognized Sussex Academy junior, Jordyn Millman, for her essay, "What Freedom Means to Me". As one of the selected winners of the Americanism Essay Contest, Millman received a letter of recognition, a certificate and a gift card.

The Fleet Reserve Association is a non-profit U.S. military and veterans organization that represents the interests of enlisted Navy, Coast Guard, and Marine veterans and active duty personnel in the United States. Each year the organization sponsors an Americanism Essay Contest that is open to all students in grades 7 to 12.

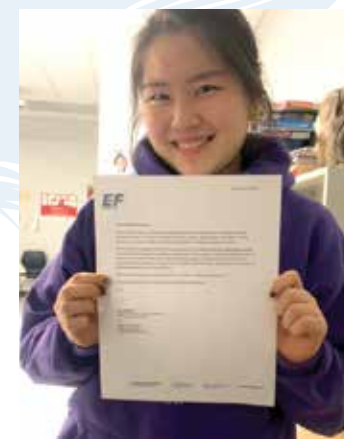


Sussex Academy Student Honored at the Secretary of Education Scholars Banquet

Sussex Academy senior, Cailey Murphy, was one of 87 students honored at the annual Secretary of Education Scholars banquet in April at the Dover Downs Hotel.

Governor John Carney, Secretary of Education, Dr. Susan Bunting and other state political and education leaders celebrated the scholars. The number of scholars from each school is based on enrollment, and principals select the students based on both their academic records and community service.

Sussex Academy Student Attended the Education First Student Ambassador Summit



Sussex Academy student, Mone Shiotsuki, one of the Education First High School Exchange Year Student Ambassadors in Delaware, was selected to attend the Education First Student Ambassador Summit. The Summit was held in March in Boston, Massachusetts. Shiotsuki was one of 16 Student Ambassadors worldwide selected to attend this event.

Coca Cola Scholarship Finalist

Sussex Academy senior, Ariana Cabrera, was named a Regional Finalist for the 2019 class of the CocaCola Scholars Program. Cabrera was among 1,896 Semifinalists who were selected from over 95,000 initial applicants.



Odyssey of the Mind

Sussex Academy had three teams participate in the Odyssey of the Mind competition that was held in Dover in March. All three of the teams advance to the State competition.

Odyssey of the Mind is a creative problem-solving program where team members work together to solve a predefined long-term problem and then present their solution.

High School Awards Banquet

High school students were celebrated on May 29 with an awards banquet. Students received academic awards and seniors received over \$24,000 in local scholarships.



Scholastic Award Winners

Last year Sussex Academy had 28 students earned 31 awards in the Scholastic Awards. This year, 46 Sussex Academy students secured 52 awards! This years winners included:

Noa Aboutboul	Thomas Meszaros
John Adamcik	Anthony Morales
Alex Boswell	Eve Mundok,
Chloe Brimer	Madison Naples
Jade Carter	Samantha Oliver
Max Childers	Gigi Orsini
Joel Collins	Alyssa Oscar
Kallie Dangerfield	Abby Pamplona
Hannah Darkow	Victoria Parsons
Mikayla Dayton	Julia Rial
Brooke Farrell	Marley Rohe
Olivia Farro	Macy Sapna
Payton Folliard	Scottie Schulze
Dayanara Gonzalez	Anshu Sarday
Timothy Hitchcock	Riya Sunborn
Juliana Holland-Seda	Jacqueline Thomas
Terri Kirschner	Brady Thompson
Francesca La Ragione	Keena Webb,
Natalie Lampron	Jackson Whitcomb
Kadian Lawver, Sauls	Anna White
Adele Leebel	Alexander Wiggins
Lily Manlove	Zach Yenovkian
Areej Maqsood	Kathy Zhang



SA Receives Exceeds Expectations Award

The Delaware Department of Education released the results of the Delaware School Success Framework (DSSF) in November. The DSSF is a statewide system for measuring how schools perform in key areas. Sussex Academy received an Exceeds Expectations award for their performance. Dr. Susan Bunting, Delaware Secretary of Education, hand delivered the award banner.



Delaware Charter School Network IDEA Awards

Sussex Academy was awarded an Excellence in Academics Award at the DCSN IDEA Awards banquet and Eric Anderson was honored with the Impact Too Award.



SA Receives Project Lead The Way Recognition

In March, Sussex Academy was recognized as a Project Lead The Way (PLTW) Distinguished School for providing broad access to transformative learning opportunities for students through PLTW Engineering. SA is just one of just 64 high schools across the U.S. to receive this honor. The PLTW Distinguished School recognition honors schools committed to increasing student access, engagement, and achievement in their PLTW programs.

SA is 4th in the State

In May, US News and World report released it national high school rankings and Sussex Academy was ranked as 4th in the State. Our students, faculty and staff celebrated with a visit from Senator Carper.



DIAA Conference

Athletic Director, Steve Bastianelli, attended the DIAA Leadership Conference with Bridget Cosgrove and Cole White.



Sussex County Science Fair

Sussex Academy had three 7th grade students and nine 8th grade students compete at the Sussex County Science Fair. Successfully completing a research experiment for this competition is an accomplishment all of its own, but many students also won multiple awards, across several categories.



Elaine Maggioli (7th grade science teacher), Martin Cosgrove (Seaford), Dr. Dennis Bartow (Delaware Center for the Inland Bays).

Special Award Winners

(Awards Given by Donors):

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN:

Lily Manlove – 8th Grade

Project Title: Pedal Power

CENTER FOR THE INLAND BAYS:

Martin Cosgrove – 7th Grade

The effect of moon phases on bacteria levels in the Nanticoke river

DELAWARE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES:

Kathy Zhang – 8th Grade

Dripping dessert sand and watching soybeans expand

UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE –

COLLEGE OF EARTH, OCEAN AND ENVIRONMENT:

Martin Cosgrove

The effect of moon phases on bacteria levels in the Nanticoke river

Oliver Sachs – 8th Grade

What is the most environmentally friendly way to clean up an oil spill?

Jackson Whitcomb – 8th Grade

Degrading the problem of plastic pollution

Delaware Valley Regional Science Fair in Philadelphia Winners – 6th and 7th Grades Only:

Genevieve Hagan – 2nd Place Overall

BIOLOGICAL, ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL SCIENCES CATEGORY – 8TH GRADE ONLY:

Kathy Zhang – Honorable Mention

Adelle Leebel – Honorable Mention

Jackson Whitcomb – 3rd Place

Oliver Sachs – 2nd Place

PHYSICAL SCIENCES CATEGORY (PHYSICS, CHEMISTRY, ENGINEERING, AND MATHEMATICS) – 8TH GRADE ONLY:

Riley Osborne – 2nd Place

Abby Pamplona – 2nd Place

Lily Manlove – 1st Place

Kathy Zhang – Overall Best in Show

Delaware Valley Science Fair Winners:

Adelle Leebel – Joyce & Jerry Stein ALS Fighting Lou Gehrig's Disease Award

Lily Manlove – 3rd Place

Society of Women Engineers Award

Seniors

Prom

Sussex Academy juniors, seniors and chaperones had a great time at 2019 Prom in April. It was held at Baywood Greens.



Graduating Twins

Three sets of twin friends.



Class of 2019 College Acceptances

The 2019 senior class collectively received over \$6.5m in scholarships!





End of Year Celebrations



Our 8th graders attended the annual etiquette dance and luncheon and were celebrated on June 7 at the 8th Grade Moving Up Ceremony.

Students in 6th and 7th grade traveled to Rehoboth Beach for their annual end of year Funland trip.



Our PTO held a Succulent Soiree fundraiser that was enjoyed by both students and parents.



High school students enjoyed music, pizza and ice cream as they received their yearbooks.



The middle school students listened to music from Hope for Success and Speed Limit 18 and enjoyed ice cream to celebrate the end of their state testing.

Winter SportsAthletics



High School Girls Swimming

The girls team had a final record of 8-3 winning their 3rd straight Henlopen South Division title. The team placed 4th in the Henlopen Conference Championships and Coach Tom Martiner was named the Henlopen Conference Women's Coach of the Year. 8th grader Sanne Elling earned 1st team all conference honors after winning silver and bronze medals at the conference championships. Lindsey Guida, Elle McKay, Tess Mariner, and Samantha Oliver were named to the 2nd team, and Emily Trout as an honorable mention. The women's 400-yard Freestyle relay team claimed the ladies top state championship finish as they swam to 12th. Lindsey Guida, Elle McKay, Sanne Elling, and Tess Mariner made up that relay team. Tess Mariner added a 15th place finish in the 100 Backstroke. Also placing 15th was the Medley relay team of Tess Mariner, Elle McKay, Cailey Murphy, and Samantha Oliver. 8th grader Sanne added a 16th place finish in the 50 freestyle.



High School Boys Swimming

The boys team completed the season with a 7-4 record. They placed 2nd in the Henlopen South division and 5th in the Henlopen Conference Championship tournament. Trey Mitchell was named 1st team all conference after a silver medal performance in the 100 Breaststroke. Tyler Burger, Cole White, and Dylan Steinwedel were named honorable mention all conference. Trey Mitchell became the highest state place winner from Sussex Academy in any sport as he claimed 8th place in the 100 Breaststroke at the State Championships. He also claimed a 12th place finish in the Individual Medley. Trey was named Honorable All State, also a 1st for a Sussex Academy swimmer.



High School Boys Basketball

The varsity team's final record was 1-19. The JV team finished 0-18 but should be commended for battling fiercely each time they stepped on the court.



High School Indoor Track

Coach Jay Diaz is to be commended for forming the 1st ever Indoor track team at Sussex Academy. The team competed in weekly meets at Snow Hill followed by the Henlopen Conference Championships and the Delaware State Championships.



High School Girls Basketball

Our varsity girls team compiled a 5-15.



High School Girls Basketball

The JV team is 2-7.



Middle School Girls Basketball

The team finished 0-11. Coach David Carey began the season as the coach but had to step down due to health reasons before Christmas. Josh Bowe, one of our middle school teachers took over the team at that point. The team showed constant improvement despite these changes.



Middle School Boys Basketball

The team earned a 4-8 record, which is the best mark for this team in the last 10 years.

Spring Sports



Golf

The golf team claimed a 13-1 record for the season, won their 2nd Henlopen conference south division title, placed 2nd in the Henlopen Conference Individual golf tournament, and qualified for the State Championship for the 1st time, and are ranked 4th overall in the state. The team's low score this season was 157, 14 strokes lower than last year (last year our best score was 14 strokes lower than the previous year). Freshman Hannah Lydic continues to dominate winning medalist honors in all but 2 meets and placing 2nd in the conference championships. She then defeated the CR golfer who bested her the next day at the conference championship match. The team placed 7th in the State Championships, which is the highest State finish for a Sussex Academy in our young history. 3 team members placed in the top 58 in the state.



Girls Tennis

The girls tennis team earned a 10-4 record after winning just 2 matches last year. Tess Burke had an 11-2 record in doubles while Cassidy Schell was 10-2 at 3rd singles. The team will join the Henlopen Conference next spring.



Boys Tennis

The men's tennis team finished 9-4 after winning only 4 matches last year. Michael Anghel was again undefeated at 1st singles dual meets with his only losses in 2 years coming at the state tournament. The team will join the Henlopen Conference next season.



High School Softball

Our Seahawk softball team moved to the varsity level and recorded a 9-7 mark including quality wins over MOT Charter and St. Elizabeth's. The team will enter the Henlopen South Conference next spring.



High School Baseball

The baseball recorded a winning record in only their 2nd varsity season finishing 9-7. The team will join the Henlopen South next spring.



High School Junior Varsity Baseball



High School Girls Varsity Soccer

The team continues to show that the Seahawks will be a soccer power putting together a 12-3 record and qualifying for the state tournament for the second year and earning the #6 seed. Six team members were named to the All conference teams.



High School Girls Junior Varsity Soccer



High School Girls Lacrosse

The girls Lacrosse team earned a 10-5 record and again just missed getting a state tournament bid. Team members earned 6 all conference selections including 3 to the 1st team showing the respect the team is gaining in the conference. Unfortunately two 1 goal losses cost the team a trip to the states despite a dominate win over the #12 seed Smyrna a little over a week before the tournament began.



High School Girls Junior Varsity Lacrosse

The JV team earned a 9-4-1 record. Coach Jenny Smith was named the Henlopen Conference 'Coach of the Year'.



High School Boys Lacrosse

Our men's lacrosse team won their last 4 games to finish with an 8-7 record. Senior Riley McCoy will be missed but the rest of the team returns including 3 all conference selections as well as a number of rapidly improving freshman and sophomores.



Middle School Girls Soccer

The team finished with a 2-8-1 record ending their season with a 1-1 tie with Millsboro.



Middle School Girls Lacrosse

The MS girls lacrosse team defeated Smyrna in their final game to finish with a 7-2 record after an initial season which included no wins. The team scored 105 goals and gave up just 48.



Middle School Boys Lacrosse

The MS boys lacrosse team defeated Smyrna 9-4 and finished with a 9-1-1 record after winning only 2 games (by a total of 3 goals) last year. The team scored 119 goals and surrendered 48. This squad of 34 has worked hard and improved at an impressive rate.



Middle School Softball

The team finished with a 6-4 record. The team had big wins over Beacon, Mariner, and Fifer.



Middle School Baseball

The team earned a 6-3-1 record closing the season with three 10 run wins.

Middle School Spring Sports



School Culture Committee

In an effort to improve our school lunch program and provide healthy, tasty and affordable lunches, our School Culture Committee held test kitchens and tastings throughout the year. Students, faculty, staff and parents had an opportunity to participate and share their thoughts. The committee ultimately decided to contract with Revolution Foods for the 2019-2020 school year.



Celebrating our Alumni

Members of the graduating classes of 2017 and 2018 returned in January to attend an alumni party. The event was held at Mulligan's Pointe and was attended by over 50 of our alumni. We are looking forward to hosting this event each year.



SA Alumni Visit

In January, Sussex Academy Class of 2018 IB Diploma students returned to SA to receive their IB Diplomas.

Alumni Update

2017 – Cohen Davis is a sophomore at Rensselaer Technical Institute and keeps a busy schedule with his Computer and Systems Engineering curriculum. He is a member of the RPI's chapter of the National Society of Leadership and Success. This summer he will begin classes for his junior year and the following spring (and possibly summer) he will be off campus working an internship or extended co-op in his field.



2017 – Alexandra Roblero is a sophomore at Mount St. Mary's University. Her intended major is Political Science with a double minor in International Relations and Spanish. She serves as the Vice President of the Spanish Honors Society, has made Dean's List honors for three semesters, is involved in Women's Club Soccer and is a member of the Student Organization for Latinos. In August, she will be starting the Pre-Law program, a program that Mount St. Mary's University has with the Catholic University of America's Law School.

2018 – Toni DeBastiani is currently attending Saint Vincent College in Latrobe, PA. She is studying math and engineering and plans to start a cooking club at the school.





The Sussex Academy Foundation, a group of volunteers that raise money for Sussex Academy, continued its fundraising efforts in the 2018-2019 school year.

Annual Appeal 2018-2019

You Did It!!!! Thank you to EVERYONE who so generously donated to our 2018-2019 annual appeal. Not only did you meet the \$60,000 goal, but you exceeded it by \$4,549. Now for the even better news? We had a very generous and anonymous supporter donate the full cost of our computers. This will allow us to use the \$64,549 to purchase text books for 2019-2020. We truly appreciate your support of our school.

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Fall Fling

Over \$5,500 was raised from the Fall Fling, a country themed event held in November. An additional \$8,300 was raised from the SA Crush event held at the Starboard, Dewey Beach, in February.



If you would like to make a donation to Sussex Academy:

Checks can be mailed to:
Sussex Academy Foundation
P.O. Box 693
Lewes, DE 19958

Make an online donation at:
sussexacademyfoundation.com

Upcoming Sussex Academy Foundation fundraising events:

Balloons Over Sussex
A hot air balloon festival. The event will be held on September 14 and 15, 2019 at the Delaware Coastal Business Park/ Airport.

Treasures in Trunks
The garage sale will be held in the school parking lot on October 12, 2019.

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