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WELCOME

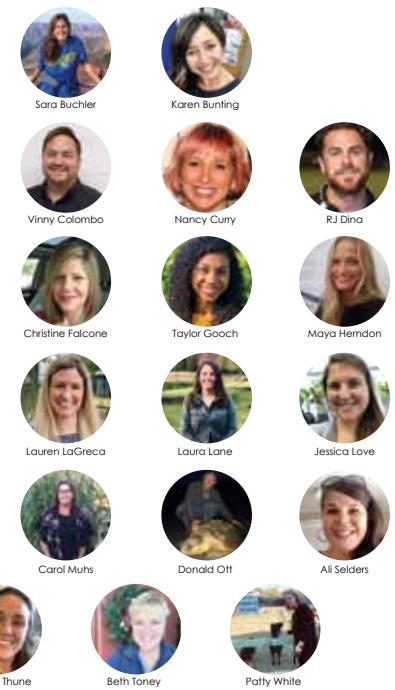
to the Holiday issue of the Sussex Academy Magazine.

This twice-yearly publication highlights news of Sussex Academy students, faculty, staff and alumni to share our story. It's a great story and we hope that you enjoy.

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Dear Sussex Academy
Families and Friends:

When I reflect on our current school year, one word keeps coming to mind and that word is **proud**.

Eric M. Anderson

In August we learned that our school buildings would not be able to open to full capacity.

We surveyed our faculty and staff for their intent on returning to the building for the 2020-2021 academic year and 100% were ready to return. Our deans worked with our faculty members and Information Technology (IT) team to devise plans to safely and efficiently accommodate our in-person and remote students.

We surveyed our families and 80% wanted their students to return to the buildings. After learning that the only way to accommodate the strict Covid guidelines for school re-openings, was to bring our students back in two cohorts and provide a remote opportunity, our families adapted and assisted in making it happen.

Our new Elementary School families, visited the Elementary School, for the first time, on September 10... just four days before our doors opened. I have to point out that we were able to conduct the Elementary School lottery, enroll students, hire staff, and open 100% virtually.

Our Deans have conducted surveys with our parents/guardians and with our students to determine what is and is not working. Upon receipt of the survey results, they again, worked with faculty members to make changes.

Our Athletic Director, Steve Bastianelli, has adapted daily from the no fall sports order to the fall sports starting order. He has done an excellent job in working with our coaches and athletes to keep everyone safe all while doing several last minute game scheduling.

Our school nurses, Mrs. Colin and Mrs. Elder have done a spectacular job of working with the Delaware Department of Health, our faculty/staff and students to prevent the spread of Covid in our buildings.

Our open application for the 2021-2022 school year opened on November 2 and will close on January 13. We have already received over 800 applications. That, to me, shows strong community support of Sussex Academy.

Together, we have been through many changes. Together we have implemented, revised and made those changes work. I am proud to be a part of a strong supportive school community. Thank you everyone!

May you have a safe and healthy holiday season,

Eric M. Anderson
Head of School



Sussex Academy Welcomes Students Back to the Building



July

In July the Delaware Department of Education released a plan for re-opening school buildings. The plan included three scenarios for the start of the school year:

- Opening full remote
- Opening hybrid with remote choice
- Opening with all students in the building

Not knowing which option the State of Delaware would allow for opening, the SA School Deans and teachers began meeting to create a plan for each scenario.

A survey was sent to all SA families requesting the following information:

- Would families choose the hybrid or remote scenario for their student(s)?
- If the choice was hybrid, would students ride bus and purchase or pack lunch?

The results of the survey indicated that 75% of SA families were ready to return to the school buildings and 25% preferred remote learning.

On July 21 Head of School, Eric M. Anderson, and School Deans held individual town hall meetings with SA families to provide information and answers to questions.



August

In August, the State announced that schools were to re-open following a hybrid/remote scenario and a second survey was sent to SA families requesting the same information. The answers to this survey indicated a commitment that 80% of SA students were to return to the building and 20% were to learn remotely.

To allow for safety protocols to be followed, SA students were placed into two cohorts. Cohort 1 was scheduled to be in the building on Monday and Tuesday and cohort 2 was scheduled for hybrid learning on Thursday and Friday. Hybrid learners received remote instruction on days that they were not in the building and remote learners received four days of online instruction. Wednesdays were used for teacher meetings and as a deep cleaning day for the custodial staff.

The start of school was delayed until September 14, 2020. SA faculty and staff returned to the building on August 24 for professional development, additional training for remote teaching and safety protocol meetings.



Around the Nest

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

In September, the Sussex Academy Elementary School opened to 240 new students (K-5) and 23 new faculty and staff members for the 2020-2021 school year.

While the Sussex Academy Elementary School offers a high caliber elementary education consistent with the distinguished 20-year history of Sussex Academy, concentration is placed in Science and Spanish.

ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE

Campus resources allow for a unique Environmental Science program. Located at the edge of the Redden State Forest, the SAES campus is an ecological treasure, with two ponds, trails with five family fitness stations, a garden, a greenhouse, a goat tribe, chickens, beehives, an outside classroom, and a classroom bee observation window. The campus location encourages faculty to incorporate a nature-centered, hands-on curriculum for students. All K-5 students enjoy Environmental Science class, with Nicole Coccilone, during the school year. This year in environmental science, the students have had ample opportunity to explore the trails and spent time learning about the species of animals, plants, and fungi that live in the forest and ponds. Special attention was given to the monarchs that were found growing on the milkweed plants and students were lucky enough to witness their life cycle as they molted and grew from tiny caterpillars, created their chrysalis' and emerged as gorgeous butterflies. As the year progresses, students will spend time studying the way the campus transforms through the seasons, learn about the hibernation patterns of native species, and continue to be amazed at all that is found on the grounds. Students will also be learning ways that they can take care of our environment to help our planet in the long-term, through recycling, conservation, and minimizing pollution here on earth.



UPPER ELEMENTARY SCIENCE

4th Grade Science – Structures of Life

4th-grade students have been gaining an understanding of internal and external animal and plant structures and exploring how their structures function toward helping the organism to survive, grow, and reproduce in their environment. After dissecting fruits and germinating seeds, students explored growing plants in water through hydroponic systems and created models of photosynthesis. After raising crayfish and Bess beetles in the classroom, students were able to witness animal behaviors first-hand and saw crayfish being territorial and Bess beetles maintaining their family units and living in a community. They learned that Bess beetles are important decomposers and that the adults co-parent and take turns feeding the younger beetles.



Peace, Love, Goats, and Chickens too.

Sussex Academy Elementary School property came complete with goats and chickens!

The goats joined the campus back in 2011 – the first two were pygmy goats, Lucy and Ethel, adopted from LaMancha Animal Rescue in Unionville, PA. They have since passed away from old age.

Cape Henlopen School donated Grace and Lilly in December 2015 and Clara joined in the spring of 2016 after being fostered by Laurie Smiler's (kindergarten teacher) son. Tiger Lily arrived from Virginia in August 2016 to join the goat tribe. All Nigerian Dwarf goats. Nigerian Dwarf goats were imported to the United States between the 1920s and 1960s. The SA girls are sweet, precocious animals who love to be brushed, scratched behind the ears, and play!

The chickens joined the school in 2016 starting with three hens (Ginger, Ranger, and Henrietta) and a rooster (George Washington). New chicks were raised on campus in a classroom (in a tent) in the spring of 2019. The eight hens that the school currently have

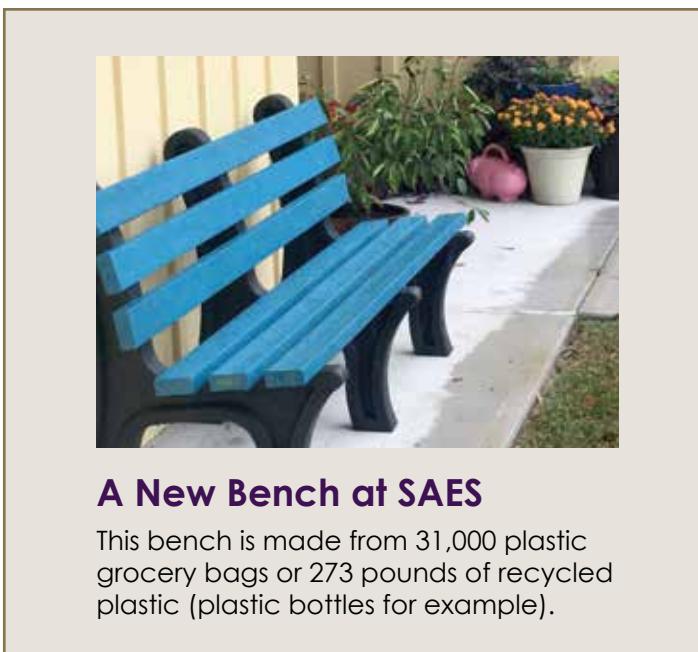
SA Students Love the Goats

SA Seniors, Emma and Landon visit the elementary campus after school to help care for the goats and chickens



A New Bench at SAES

This bench is made from 31,000 plastic grocery bags or 273 pounds of recycled plastic (plastic bottles for example).



5th Grade – Ecosystems

Students started the year by setting up terrariums for crickets and isopods and then made an aquarium to provide a habitat for fish, snails, and aquatic plants including duckweed and elodea. After connecting the two habitats together, which they made by repurposing soda bottles, they created an eco-column that allowed for further exploration and observation into how the two habitats, and the organisms living within them, function as part of an interconnected ecosystem. The students will wrap up their ecosystem unit by exploring the impacts of fertilizer, road salt, and acid rain on an environment and will further explore the Chesapeake Bay and Delaware

Bay ecosystems analyzing environmental problems from various perspectives with the understanding that they will learn about some of the trade-offs necessary to reach mutually acceptable solutions to environmental problems. Throughout the Ecosystem unit, students will have gained a deeper understanding of how the movement of matter among plants, animals, decomposes and the environment once came from the sun.



Ecosystems





Spanish Programs

SAES students are learning Spanish in conjunction with the Language Arts curriculum.

Mrs. Karen Bunting (Kindergarten and first grades) and Ms. Jenny Martinez-Ulloa (second and third grades) work inside the language arts classrooms throughout the week and for the entire school year.

Spanish is offered beginning in kindergarten, as research shows that language acquisition occurs most effectively at a young age. In addition to the basics, like weather, calendar, greetings, and numbers, students are introduced to Spanish phonics and the alphabet to provide a foundation in reading and writing. In Kindergarten through 3rd grade, songs, body movement, and repetition through stories and other literature-based activities are used in teaching. Beginning in 4th and 5th grade, target language instruction is more focused on conversation, grammar, and writing. As students progress through their academic career at SA, language content becomes more complex and eventually prepares them for the highly lauded International Baccalaureate program.

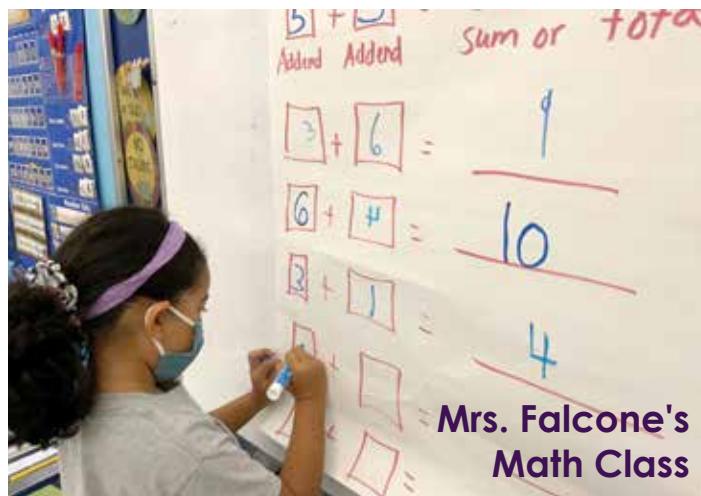
The ReadyGEN® Biliteracy Pathway provides a complete set of learning resources to help students develop literacy skills in both English and Spanish. It respects the unique features of Spanish by providing engaging, authentic text and literacy instruction that reflects the internal structures of Spanish phonology, grammar, syntax, and discourse patterns. When students analyze similarities and differences in two languages, their language and literacy skills can exceed those of monolingual children. Students read authentic Spanish texts connected to the unit themes addressed in ReadyGEN. Making connections across

languages supports English learners, Spanish learners, and heritage-language learners in dual-language classrooms. Both Mrs. Bunting and Ms. Martinez-Ulloa enjoy singing, dancing, craft projects, and more to engage the students and create a fun yet challenging learning environment.

The Spanish program in the upper elementary classes is taught by Mrs. Stefine Jarrell (who also teaches social studies). The instruction is heavily influenced by Blaine Ray's TPRS (Total Physical Response) and IXL's Spanish curriculum, however, class materials are drawn from a wide variety of sources. An interactive, creative approach is used that focuses on the four skills of target language acquisition (reading, writing, listening, and speaking). Students are introduced to basic vocabulary and phrases and accumulate more vocabulary, grammar, as well as oral and written skills as they progress through the program. Students who already know Spanish are challenged to perfect their grammar, formalize speech for public speaking, and work on contemporary and classic works of Spanish literature as appropriate. We also examine the cultures of various Spanish-speaking countries throughout the world as a complement to our social studies program.

First Grade Literacy Centers

Students love working independently and socially distanced with partners at the literacy centers. Students practice sight words with a partner playing the game "read it, write it, roll it!"



Mr. Anderson Reads to Mrs. Jarrell's Class



Nature Hike



**1st
Grade**



Gym Class

Sussex Academy in the Community



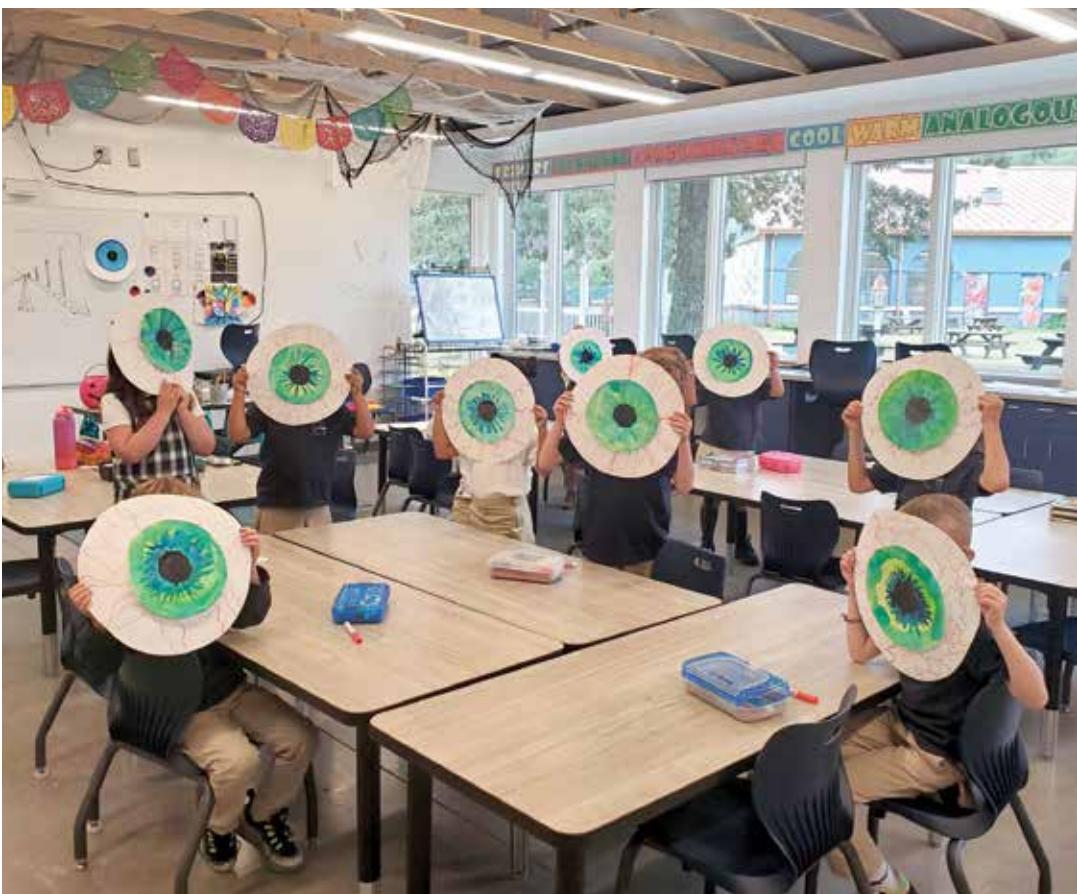
Mask Making and Donating

SA student Caitlin Goodhue, grade 4, took the initiative to make and donate masks at the beginning of the Covid-19 shutdown. During the course of the pandemic, she, with the guidance of her grandmother, donated over 400 masks. The recipients of the masks included ER and ICU nurses at Beebe Hospital, Milton Police Department, Millville EMT's, teachers at Milton Elementary and Long Neck Elementary, and even fellow students at Sussex Academy. The material used to make the masks was purchased with the help of her family.



Funds Raised for the Georgetown Public Library

In October, the Sussex Academy Elementary School faculty decorated their doors for Halloween with an SAES Halloween is all Booked theme. Students donated change to vote for their favorite door décor. Over \$375.00 was raised for the Georgetown Public Library.



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Around the Nest FACULTY AND STAFF



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Alyson Silva

Sussex Academy Welcomes New Special Education Coordinator and Autism Specialist

Silva is a native New Yorker whose philosophy is that "You Must Reach A Student Before You Can Teach A Student". This simple statement drives her everyday dedication in teaching, servicing, and advocating for students with disabilities. She believes in building a strong collaborative bond between families, educators, administration, and community to improve the overall student success and experience.

A former special education teacher, coordinator, autism specialist, and trainer for the Indian River School District, she holds a Masters in Special Education from Wilmington University, Autism Certification from Wilmington University, Bachelor's degree in Behavioral Science with a concentration in Psychology, and an Associate Degree from SUNY Orange in Applied Science with a concentration in Early Childhood Education. Silva promoted professional development for staff, students, and families to spread awareness and acceptance with autism and special education disabilities.

She is a mother of two amazing children, Josh 16 who is a junior at Sussex Tech and Gabriella 12 who will join her this year at Sussex Academy. She believes that every child be afforded the opportunity to learn, grow, and achieve success in a safe learning environment with educators that value student's individual needs while fostering and scaffolding upon the foundation needed to reach their personal educational goals. She is excited about the 2020-2021 school year and supporting Sussex Academy's administration, staff, students, families, and community in strengthening positive collaborative partnerships in our charter.



Debbie Fees

SA Will Miss You, Mrs. Fees

In November, Debbie Fees, High School Academic Counselor, announced that she would be leaving Sussex Academy to pursue a career in college counseling at Delaware Technical Community College.

While a part of the Sussex Academy team over 13 years, Debbie has spent the last 8 of those years as the high school academic counselor. She was also responsible for scheduling for the high school students and career and college preparatory lessons for grades 10-12.

Sussex Academy wishes Debbie luck in her new career. She will be greatly missed.

*ALL THE
best*

SUSSEX ACADEMY

Congratulations



Head of School, **Eric M. Anderson** voted best School Administrator in Sussex County.

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Best School Administrator
Sussex Academy is proud of Eric M. Anderson, Head of School. In July it was announced that he was voted Best School Administrator in Sussex County for 2020 by the readers of *Coastal Style Magazine*.



"I am so thankful for the recognition in such a challenging year."

Eric M. Anderson



Sussex Academy History Quilt
Thank you to Dr. Patricia S. Oliphant and Mr. Allen Stafford for the donation of a Sussex Academy History Quilt. The quilt is displayed in the gym lobby at the secondary campus.

THE IDENTIFICATION PLAQUE:

Launched in 2000, Sussex Academy of Arts & Sciences students and staff began the grand expedition toward defining what a new charter middle school could become. In 2013 we plotted an expanded course to include a high school while shortening our name to Sussex Academy. During our 20-year history, students, faculty, staff, parents, and Executive Board and Foundation Board members engaged in work that was challenging, adventurous, and meaningful. We look back on this amazing expedition with joy and thanksgiving. We look forward knowing that Sussex Academy continues its journey where a culture of respect and high expectations anchor all crew members. May you enjoy this history quilt as you continue to Explore - Experience - Excel. With warmest regards,

Patricia S. Oliphant and Allen Stafford
September 2020

Shout Out to the SA Custodial Staff

Thank you to the SA Custodial Staff for keeping our buildings clean and sanitized.
We appreciate you! (not pictured Mike Seldomridge)



SA Welcomes New Teachers



Sara Buchler



Karen Bunting



Nicole Coccilone



Vinny Colombo



Nancy Curry



RJ Dina



Meghan Emery



Christine Falcone



Taylor Gooch



Maya Herndon



Stefine K. Jarrell



Lauren LaGreca



Laura Lane



Jessica Love



Jenny Martinez-Ulloa



Carol Muhs



Donald Ott



Ali Selders



Madison Thune



Beth Toney



Patty White



Sara Buchler – First Grade

Sara graduated from the University of Delaware with a Bachelor's in Elementary Ed and a Masters in Exceptional Children and Youth. She loves to read, play and coach soccer, and go to the beach to catch some waves when the water's nice! She also loves to travel, especially with her family. Sara grew up in Southern Delaware, and is committed to seeing our children from such a close-knit community grow and do amazing things. She is enjoying her first year of teaching at Sussex Academy!



Karen Bunting – Kindergarten and First Grade Spanish

Ms. Bunting graduated from the University of Delaware with a B.A. in political science and Spanish and has a M.Ed. in multicultural education from Eastern University. She is also certified in teaching English as a Second Language. She taught English in Guadalajara, Mexico for a year before applying with the Philadelphia Teaching Fellows and getting a job at a bilingual school in Kensington, Philadelphia. She taught 5th and 6th grade there for six years before moving to Delaware to teach Spanish. Ms. Bunting taught at Millsboro Middle School for six years, and then was the instructional interventionist at Selbyville Middle School for one year before moving to Sussex Academy. In her spare time she is usually chasing after her 3 and 5-year-old boys! When she has the time she enjoys reading, cooking, boating and the beach.



Nicole Coccilone – Elementary School Environmental Science and 8th Grade Exploratory

Ms. Coccilone has been teaching for fifteen years; from preschool all the way up to middle school! She grew up in Southern California, and attended California State University, Fullerton. Outside of school, she enjoys crocheting and being crafty, fishing, spending time on Assateague, reading, watching hockey, and being with her family. Ms. Coccilone is very excited to be new addition to the Sussex Academy Family!



Vinny Colombo – Honors Chemistry, College Placement Chemistry and Honors Integrated Science

Mr. Colombo, originally from Wilmington, Delaware, has been teaching for 10 years. He attended the Virginia Military Institute where he majored in Biology. He served his country for six years and is a Veteran of the United States Marine Corps. Since becoming a teacher, Mr. Colombo obtained two Graduate Degrees, a Master of Science in Criminal Justice Administration and a Master of Education. An active and consistent participant in professional development, Mr. Colombo is an alumnus of the NOAA Teacher at sea program where he spent the summer of 2016 working hands-on with scientists aboard an Alaskan fishing vessel. Additionally, he attended the Safari Club International's American Wilderness Leadership School for educators.

Nancy Curry – Music and Performing Arts at the Elementary School

Ms. Curry has been teaching music and performing arts for nearly 20 years. She taught summer camps, preschools, after school programs, and family music classes before landing at The Jefferson School in 2018 as the Performing Arts teacher. She has a BA in Theater from Indiana University of Pennsylvania, and has been a musician for most of her life. Outside of school, she can be found performing at libraries and preschools as Miss Nancy, and at local venues with her band, Ginger. She is also involved with Clear Space Theatre both on and off stage as an actor and costumer. Ms. Curry believes in the importance of the arts education and is excited to share her passion and creativity with the Sussex Academy community.



RJ Dina – Physical Education for the Elementary and High Schools

Mr. Dina attended Wesley College and Northeastern University and he has been a teacher for two years. Mr. Dina is also the head soccer coach for SA boys and girls.



Meghan Emery – High School Math

Originally from Collegeville, Pennsylvania, Ms. Emery received her Bachelor's of Science in Education in Mathematics from Millersville University. Her hobbies include reading a good book on the beach, baking, dance, crafting for my classroom, and bike riding. Emery had her own radio show for 4 years called Float Your Boat and she has performed at Disney World and Hershey Park. She is a first year teacher and is excited to be a part of the amazing SA family.



Christine Falcone – First Grade

Ms. Falcone has Bachelor of Arts Degree in Psychology from LeMoyne College in Syracuse NY and a Master's Degree and Certificate of Advanced Study in School Psychology from Alfred University in Alfred, NY. She was a Nationally Certified School Psychologist for 12 years and has worked in NC, VA, and DE. She specialized in Preschool Diagnostics and Autism. She has her teaching certificate for Early Childhood Birth to Grade 2. She has been teaching preschool or a combination of first and second grade for approximately the last ten years. She loves to travel with her family, go scuba diving, work on stained glass projects and watch her son's sporting events. Ms. Falcone is very excited to be teaching at the Sussex Academy Elementary School and is truly enjoying her students so far this year.



Taylor Gooch – High School Health, Anatomy and Biology

This is Ms. Gooch's first year teaching. She received her Bachelor's in Kinesiology from Temple University. Ms. Gooch is not new to SA, she has worked as a para educator and is our head coach for the girls lacrosse team.



Maya Herndon – Second Grade

Ms. Herndon taught third grade for three years in Baltimore County, before she recently moved to Rehoboth beach DE. She graduated from Towson University with a Bachelor's in elementary education.



Stefine K. Jarrell – Spanish and Social Studies in the Elementary School

As a high school student in Xenia, Ohio, Sra. Jarrell spent her junior year in Argentina as Rotary exchange student. She earned a bachelor's in Spanish with a minor in Religious Studies at The College of Wooster, studying one semester in Ecuador, and she pursued Elementary I Montessori training through Montessori Opportunities after graduating from college. She holds a Master of Science degree in Higher Education from Kaplan University, a Teaching English as a Second Language certificate from Global Leadership College, and Wilson I certification for teaching struggling and dyslexic readers. Besides being a private tutor, she has taught Spanish at Wooster City elementary schools, Montessori Schools of Wooster, and Wee Care. Upon her arrival in the state of Delaware, she began teaching Spanish to children pre-K through 8th grade at The Jefferson School until it closed in 2020. She joined the adjunct faculty of Delaware Technical & Community College in 2008, where she teaches beginning Spanish and ESL. She is currently pursuing a second master's degree in teaching. Sra. Stefine is a published author of a play and several fantasy and science-fiction short stories. She enjoys reading, Doctor Who, her two cats and two dogs, and is the proud parent of a Sussex Tech Raven.



Lauren LaGreca – Second Grade

Ms. LaGreca has a Bachelor's from SUNY Stony Brook, a Masters in Education from Saint Peters University, and a Masters in Elementary Reading and Literacy from Walden University. This is her 14th year in teaching. She relocated to Lewes, DE from New Jersey two years ago and enjoys spending time with her husband, her 8 month-old daughter and their two dogs.



Lara Lane – Kindergarten

Ms. Lane has been teaching for 19 years and has taught first, third and fourth grades. For the past six years she has been a Reading Specialist at Georgetown Elementary. She graduated with a B.S in Elementary Education from Salisbury University and a M. Ed in Instruction from University of Delaware. She is happy to be back in the classroom. In her spare time, she enjoys traveling, boating and going to the beach with her husband and three children.



Jessica Love – 6th Grade Reading

This is Ms. Love's sixteenth year of teaching. She taught composition and public speaking to undergraduates for two years when she was a grad student in Wisconsin and then preschool for two years while she worked on a second Master's. She then taught middle school English for one year and high school American Literature for ten years, before coming to Sussex Academy.

She attended the University of Delaware for a Bachelor's in English, University of Wisconsin-Madison for a Master's in Communication Arts and Film Analysis, and Wilmington University for her Master's in Secondary Teaching.

Ms. Love relocated to Sussex County from Wilmington one year ago. She loves being so close to the ocean, the beautiful commute, and the bald eagles that fly around Lewes. She absolutely loves art of all kind, especially literature, and she hopes more than anything else that students this year are able to better express their own unique thoughts about and experiences with the world around us, just as we look at how writers and other artists do the same.



Jenny Martinez-Ulloa – Elementary School Spanish

Jenny is from El Salvador. Martinez-Ulloa is in her final year at Wilmington University for a B.A in elementary school. She was the Spanish teacher for the Jefferson school for four years. She has also worked at Delaware Technical Community College Development Center as an assistant teacher in the infant room and pre-school.



Carol Muhs – Third Grade Language Arts and Social Studies

During her 36 years as an educator, Ms. Muhs assumed a variety of different roles. For 27 years, She worked at a private school created to address the unmet needs of struggling learners and children with language-based learning differences. Her positions there included classroom teacher, instructional supervisor, program coordinator and department head. She also established and managed a successful specialized tutoring business located in West Chester, Pennsylvania. In this capacity, she worked with students with varying learning needs and academic challenges. In addition to her work with students, Ms. Muhs presented teacher training and parent education programs, serving as a guide and consultant for parents.

She earned her Bachelor of Science from Millersville University of Pennsylvania. Her background also includes extensive training and expertise in multi-sensory language-based instruction, reading comprehension, writing and study skills. She has experience working with students who have Dyslexia, attentional difficulties and executive functioning challenges. She participated in graduate studies in the field of Learning Disabilities and received certification in Orton-Gillingham instruction at Teachers College, Columbia University. In addition, she is trained and experienced in teaching the Wilson Reading System. She especially loves spending time with her family, and her four children and their extended families. In her free time, she enjoys swimming, biking, running, camping, kayaking and relaxing on the beach.



Donald Ott – 4th & 5th grade Science

Mr. Ott has his B.S. in Park Resources & Leisure Services (Marshall University) and an M.S. in Elementary Education (Wilmington University) & M.S. in Environmental Education (Lesley University). His passion for teaching comes from his love of sharing the outdoors and environmental education with his students. When not teaching in the summer, Mr. Ott can be found researching loggerhead sea turtles off the coast of Savannah, GA, hiking the high peaks of the Adirondacks or daydreaming about a future hike up Mt. Kilimanjaro.



Ali Selders – 4th and 5th grade math

Ms. Selders grew up in West Chester, PA and has BFA in painting from Temple University where she studied abroad in Rome, Italy. She earned a Master's of Elementary Education from Wilmington University and has worked for the Cape district for many years, as well as the Boulder County School District in Colorado. She is a proud mom of two boys and a poodle with her awesome husband Bryan. Her family enjoys traveling, camping and boating and, as a family, have camped in nearly 25 states! When she is not teaching, she can be found painting, gardening, watching baseball and relaxing on the water.



Madison Thune – 7th Grade Writing

Ms. Thune graduated from the University of Delaware with a bachelor's in Elementary Education and a concentration in Middle School English. Her hobbies include cooking, going to the beach, reading a good book, playing guitar, and singing! She even recorded an album with her college a cappella group, The Deltones! She is ecstatic to be working with the stellar students and staff at Sussex Academy!



Beth Toney – 6th Grade Math

This is Ms. Toney's 35th year teaching. She has a Bachelor's of Education from West Chester University in Pennsylvania. Born and raised in Baltimore, Maryland, she relocated to Delaware in 2018. She and her wife, Rene, have two daughters, Lindsey and Taylor. Her interests and joys include portrait photography, health coaching, golf, cooking and her three dogs. She is happy to be teaching at Sussex Academy and is looking forward to an extraordinary year.



Patty White – Para Educator at the Elementary School

Most of Ms. White's career was dedicated to teaching kindergarten (8 years in public schools in Southern Maryland and 20 years at The Jefferson School). She taught preschool for 2 years at a Coast Guard child development center where she was also the assistant director for a year. Ms. White received her Bachelor's in Early Childhood Education and Elementary Education from West Virginia Wesleyan College and completed her graduate work at George Washington University where she received a Masters in Education.



Laurie Smailier



Jerica Morris



Karen Willey



Mindy Hete



Maureen McLaughlin



Lauren Hvorecny



Heather Moore



Stephanie Hartsoe

Elementary School

Laurie Smailier

Team Leader for Kindergarten & Grade 1

Smailier joins the Sussex Academy team with over 14 years of teaching experiences and teaches kindergarten at the elementary school. A graduate of West Chester University in West Chester, Pennsylvania, she began her career in Sales and Marketing, and eventually made the transition to teaching. Most recently, Smailier taught Junior Kindergarten at The Jefferson School, and she is currently pursuing her Master of Arts degree in Teaching.

Jerica Morris.

Team Leader for Grades 2 and 3

New to the Sussex Academy team, Morris is a Sussex County native entering her 11th year in education and teaches 3rd grade at the elementary school. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in management from the University of Delaware as well as an M.Ed from Wilmington University in Elementary Education and an M.Ed in Instructional Technology. She is certified in both elementary and special education. Before joining Sussex Academy, Morris worked in the Indian River School District as a 4th and 5th grade teacher. She served as a grade level ELA lead teacher and peer mentor, as well as various other committee roles. Morris will teach 3rd grade.

Karen Willey

Team Leader for Grades 4 and 5

Willey, a Sussex County native, with 23 years of teaching experience, and teaches ELA for grades 4 and 5. Willey joined the Sussex Academy team in 2004 as the reading teacher for grades 7 and 8. She holds a Bachelor's Degree in Sports Medicine from Salisbury University, an M. Ed from Wilmington University and her National Board Certification in English Language Arts. She is currently a member of Dr. Bunting's Teacher Advisory Council, has participated in the Delaware Reading/Writing Project, and has served on the item writing committees and benchmark groups for the various state testing programs for several years.

Middle School

Mindy Hete

Team Leader for Grade 6 (Team Griffin)

An educator for 21 years, Hete has taught at Sussex Academy for the past twelve years in the middle school and most recently at the high school. She earned her B.A. in English and an M.A. in Secondary Education both from West Virginia University. After teaching ninth grade English for the past five years, Hete has returned to her passion of teaching writing in the middle school and is thrilled to be leading the Griffin Team this year.

Maureen McLaughlin

Team Leader for Grade 7 (Team Phoenix)

McLaughlin has been teaching at Sussex Academy since the school opened in 2000. McLaughlin holds a Bachelor's in History and Education from Vanderbilt University and a Master's in Education from Wilmington University. She has worked on all three middle school teams teaching Social Studies to grades 6, 7, and 8. McLaughlin has served as Social Studies Department Chair, Teacher Representative to the School Board as well as various committees.

Lauren Hvorecny

Team Leader for Grade 8 (Team Fusion)

Hvorecny has been teaching at Sussex Academy for eight years. For several of those years, she was the Science Department chair and for the last three years, she has been 8th grade team leader. Ms. Hvorecny holds a Bachelor of Science, with a concentration in Marine Biology, from Millersville University. Her master's level thesis focused on the learning behavior of octopus and cuttlefish. Ms. Hvorecny has authored two research papers based on this cephalopod research and is published in the Journal of Animal Cognition. After spending the beginning of her career in marine education and research in Wallops Island, VA, Ms. Hvorecny moved to Delaware and earned her Master's Degree in Secondary Teaching from Wilmington University. In her ninth year, Ms. Hvorecny hopes to successfully meet the challenges of teaching during a pandemic and master remote teaching.

High School

Heather Moore

Team Leader for High School

Moore has been teaching at Sussex Academy since 2013. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Biochemistry from the University of Delaware. Prior to her teaching career, she worked as a chemist at AstraZeneca. She started teaching in 2002 as a chemistry teacher at Sussex Central High School. Moore teaches IB and Honors Chemistry.

Stephanie Hartsoe

Team Leader for High School Electives

Hartsoe has been teaching at Sussex Academy since 2012. She holds a Bachelor's Degree in Physical Education K-12 from Wesley College. She is currently the physical education teacher for middle school and high school and has been a Sussex Academy swim team coach for 5 years.

Team Leaders

A team leader, with the support of the school Dean, is responsible for specific professional development and establishing and maintaining clear and consistent expectations. Team leaders assist in the research and implementation of best practices in curriculum and instruction and work collaboratively with his or her counterparts to execute the day to day operations of their department.

Sussex Academy is a public charter, tuition free school serving grades K-12. The school has an elementary and secondary campus, both centrally located in Georgetown. For additional information email info@sussexacademy.org

Around the Nest **STUDENTS**

Restorative Equity and Inclusion at Sussex Academy

In continuing to build a culture of care and strengthening the SA community, faculty and staff members are participating in Restorative Equity and Inclusion training for the 2020-2021 school year. To allow for open dialog, the faculty and staff are broken into smaller groups. Each group meets monthly with Julia Byrem from Next World Collective. Byrem studied restorative justice with Ahimsa Collective and with Kay Pranis at the Summer Peacebuilding Institute at Eastern Mennonite University.



Celebrating Years of SA Dedication

In August,
Sussex Academy
Administrators
recognized the
following faculty
and staff members
for their years
of service.

5 YEARS
Erin Bobby
Jennifer Couch
Tim Elmer
Alton Gibbs
Iliana Gonzalez
Tim Halter
Jennifer Leonard
Sara Messina
Judy Schlegel

10 YEARS
Lisa Swingle

15 YEARS
Karen Willey

20 YEARS
Maureen McLaughlin
Sharon Mews
Janet Owens
Franny Silcott

congratulations

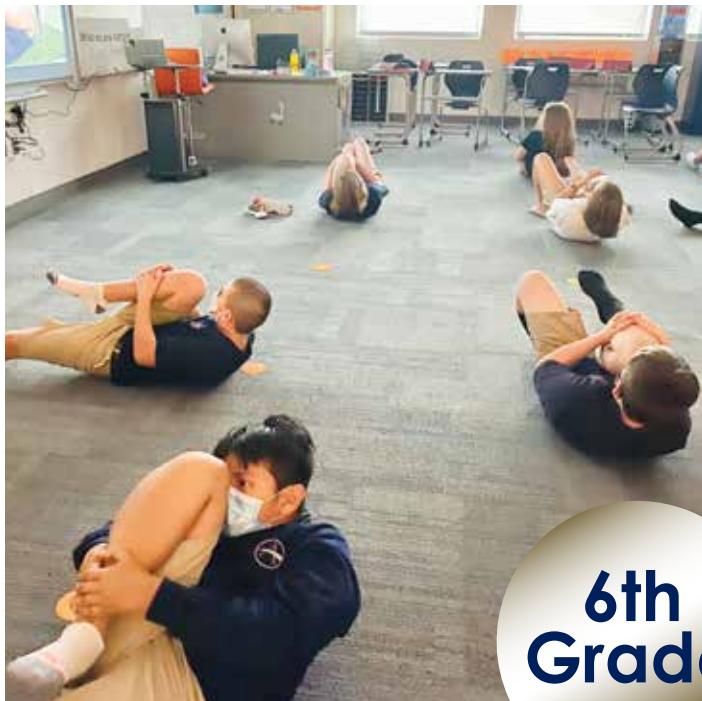


6th Grade Brain Break

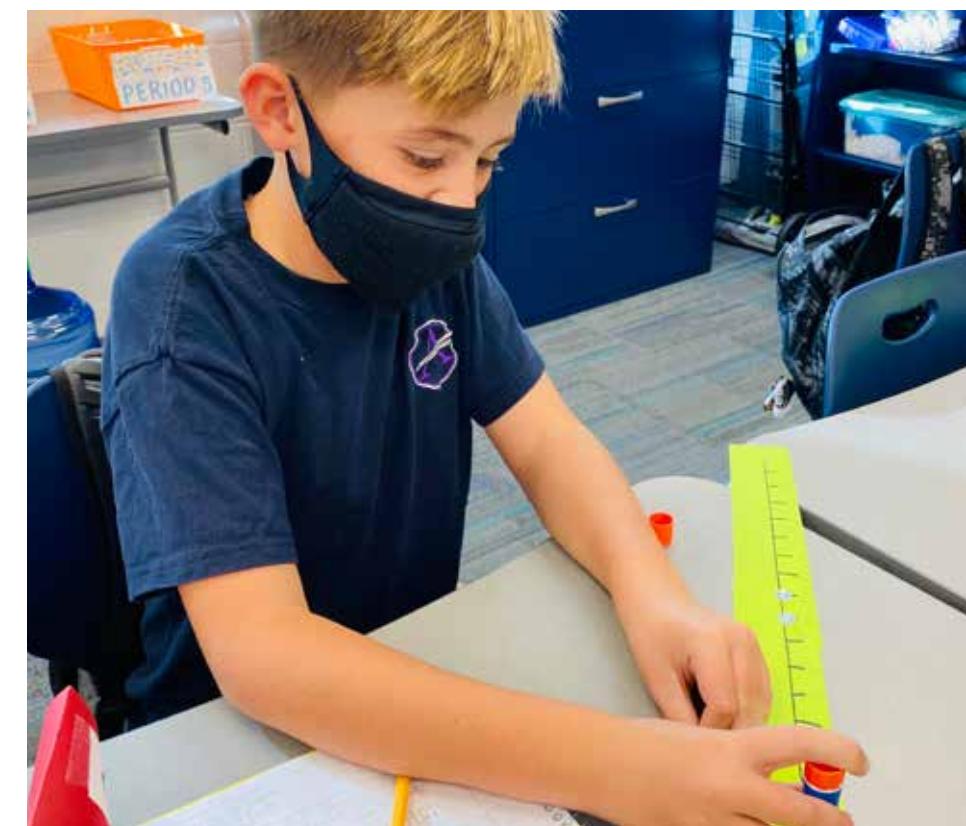
Sixth grade students taking a social distanced mindfulness brain break.

6th Grade Math

6th grade students working with negative numbers.



**6th
Grade**



Remote Lab Partners in 7th Grade Science

The 7th grade hybrid students with their remote lab partners using yeast to study the characteristics of life.



10th Grade Biology

Students participating in a culminating activity for "Biology Basics", which includes lessons on the Nature of Science, Experimental Design, Basic Chemistry, Water, and Macromolecules. Students worked cooperatively in class and at home via Zoom with both in-person and virtual labs to solve a "who-done-it" mystery.



9th Grade Integrated Science

Students investigating the physical properties of non-Newtonian fluids during the properties of matter investigation. The material they made is commonly called ooblek, which is a liquid under normal conditions, but becomes a solid under pressure (squeezing in your hand or compressing). Once pressure is released it becomes a liquid again. Such investigations show students the science behind how pressure and temperature directly relate to the phases of matter.

Meet Seymour, The Duke of Sussex

Seymour, a chinchilla, joined the SA team in November. Seymour resides in Mr. Anderson's office and spends his time visiting classrooms. Welcome Seymour!





COMMUNITY

Sussex Academy in the Community



Supporting the Food Bank of Delaware

Callie Short (grade 9) and her brother, Brenner (grade 7) hosted two field hockey camps in their back yard during the summer months. They posted flyers in their neighborhood and collected a fee. The \$500 raised was donated to the Food Bank of Delaware. Callie chose this recipient based on her awareness of the help that people needed during the Covid-19 pandemic.



Making A Difference!

Wanting additional service hours for his college applications, senior **Alex Andahazy** started volunteering at the Food Bank of Delaware. Upon seeing the large number of people who needed assistance, Andahazy wanted to help. He posted collection flyers in his neighborhood and placed a collection bin in front of his home. He delivered his 627 pounds of collected food to the Food Bank of Delaware in early October.

GSA Club

New this year, the Gender & Sexuality Alliance (GSA) is a student-run organization that celebrates unity and connects the LGBTQ+ and straight youth communities. The goals of the GSA Club are to build community, organize around issues that impact our school and greater community, and promote being open and respectful and foster a safe environment for all participants.



Dental Hygiene Product Donation

Over the summer, senior **Else Leebel**, an International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Candidate, completed her CAS Project. Interested in becoming a dentist, Else made a plan to collect dental supplies and distribute to Sussex County residents in need of assistance. Else was supervised by her sponsor, Dr. Katherine Townsend of Maplewood Dental Associates. Else's original plan was to collect supplies, create bags to include the supplies and dental hygiene information pamphlet and distribute through the Food Bank of Delaware. After hearing about her project, she was contacted by Beebe Healthcare with a request for partnership. Upon the completion of her project, Else donated 200 bags through the Food Bank of Delaware and 50 bags through Beebe Healthcare.

The Creativity, activity, service (CAS) is one of three essential elements that every student must complete as part of the International Baccalaureate Diploma Program. The CAS Project challenges students to show initiative, demonstrate perseverance, and develop skills such as collaboration, problem solving and decision making.

New Science Lab

The high school science lab renovation was completed in October.

Sussex Academy requires all 9th grade students to take Integrated Science and Environmental Essentials. In grade 10th students choose a Pathway. The 2 Pathways offered at Sussex Academy are STEM and Humanities. Currently 40% the 10-12 grade students are enrolled in the STEM Pathway. The majority of the high school students take 2 science classes per year, with some even tripling their science courses for college resumes.

The school did not have the proper laboratory space or equipment to meet the student's growing demands for highly accelerated science courses. Renovating and providing proper equipment for existing science classrooms has allowed for science teachers to share one common lab space and provide the students with proper laboratory based experiences.

The science lab renovation was partially funded by the Sussex Academy Foundation.



Student Leaders

Congratulations to our elected officers.

Student Government Officers

President	Lily Yenovkian '21
Vice President	Edward Yu '21
Secretary	Gianna Voges '22
Treasurer	Katrina Vallorosi '24

Class Officers Grade 12

President	Emily Moody
Vice President	Samantha Sordi
Secretary	Emily Trout
Treasurer	Parker Cole
Historian	Gabi McCormick
Public Relations Liaison	Sydney Mundok

Class Officers Grade 11

President	Kemper Cole
Vice President	MiKayla Dayton
Secretary	Arpan Patel
Treasurer	Ty Hudson
Historian	Arushi Sharda
Public Relations Liaison	Shelby Hickman

Class Officers Grade 10

President	Brady Thompson
Vice President	Adelle Leebel
Secretary	Aleezah Ehtasham
Treasurer	Abby Pamplona
Historian	Gianna Orsini
Public Relations Liaison	Lilian Manlove

Class Officers Grade 9

President	Luca Miller
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Secretary	Lily Bowe
Treasurer	Janessa Sutton
Historian	Riley Murphy
Public Relations Liaison	Ellie Davis

Mu Alpha Theta Officers

President	Parker Cole
Vice President	Kat McCormick
Secretary	Brooke Hudson
Treasurer	Bill Stanton

Student Leadership

HOBY – Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership



Megan Raines



Alyssa Oscar

HOBY, Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership, has a mission to inspire and develop the global community of youth and volunteers to a life dedicated to leadership, service and innovation.

Each year HOBY invites all charter, public and private schools to select a sophomore to attend the Leadership Seminar. The seminars, held each spring, include participants from all 50 states and more than 20 countries. Students are chosen based on a history of demonstrated leadership and potential for continued growth.

This year, Megan Raines, was selected to attend the Leadership Seminar and junior, Alyssa Oscar, was chosen as the alternate.



Coca-Cola Scholars Program

Senior, **Debora Dionicio-Garcia** was named a Semifinalist for the 2020-2021 Coca-Cola Scholars Program. There were only 1, 609 students chosen among 99,403 applicants because of their outstanding leadership, academic achievements, and dedication to their community. Debora will move to phase two of the competition that includes an essay, recommendation and transcripts. 250 Regional Finalists will be selected by the end of January to participate in online interviews. In March, 150 Scholars will be named to receive a \$20,000 college scholarship and participate in the Coca-Cola Scholars Leadership Development Institute. Best of Luck to Debora!

LEADERSHIP

High School National Honor Society Induction

It was a beautiful night in October for the outdoor National Honor Society Induction.



Student Recognition



Alexander Andahazy



Samantha Sordi



Emily Moody

Commended Students in the 2021 National Merit Scholarship Program

SA seniors **Alexander Andahazy** and **Samantha Sordi** were named Commended Students in the 2021 National Merit Scholarship Program.

About 34,000 Commended Students throughout the nation were recognized for their exceptional academic promise. Although they will not continue in the 2021 competition for National Merit Scholarship awards, Commended Students placed among the top 50,000 scorers of more than 1.5 million students who entered the 2021 competition by taking the 2019 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT).

"Those being named Commended Students have demonstrated outstanding potential for academic success," commented a spokesperson for the NMSC. "These students represent a valuable national resource; recognizing their accomplishments, as well as the key role their schools play in their academic development, is vital to the advancement of educational excellence in our nation. We hope that this recognition will help broaden their educational opportunities and encourage them as they continue their pursuit of academic success."

College Board Recognition

Congratulations to **Samantha Sordi** and **Emily Moody**! They were recognized as College Board National Rural and Small Town Program Winners based on their PSAT/NMSQT performance. The program is based on the location of the high school. Areas considered rural and small towns are based on the location data from the National Center for Education Statistics.

Samantha is interested pre-med and is considering neuroscience and biochemistry majors at a small liberal arts college.

Emily is interested in marketing and graphic design and is considering Arcadia University, Carnegie Mellon University and Savannah College of Art and Design.

Essay Competition Winner

Riley Moriarity, 6th grader, won first place in the Veterans of Foreign Wars 2020-2021 Patriot's of Pen Essay Competition through the Rehoboth Beach VFW Post 7447.

Riley will receive a Certificate of Achievement and a \$150 award. In addition, her essay will be forwarded to VFW District #4 of Delaware for continuation in the competition.

The subject of Riley's essay was *What is Patriotism to Me?*

PREPARING FOR COLLEGE

COLLEGE VISITS

Sussex Academy students had the opportunity to participate in Zoom meetings with several college admission representatives. Some of the colleges included:

Brandeis University
Cabrini University
Delaware State University
Eastern University
Elizabethtown College
Emmanuel College
Emerson College
George Washington University
Goldey-Beacom College
Immaculata College
James Madison University
Johnson and Wales University

Kutztown University of Pennsylvania
Lynn University
McDaniel College
Meredith College
Moravian College
Mt. Aloysius College
Ohio University
Rollins School of Nursing
Salisbury University
Sheppard College
Texas A & M University
Towson University

University of Connecticut
University of Delaware
University of Maryland,
Eastern Shore
University of Maryland,
Baltimore County
University of Michigan
University of Tampa
University of Tennessee
Ursinus College
Virginia Commonwealth University
Widener University

A sneak peek at some of the colleges
SA Seniors will be attending next year:



College Applications

October was College Application Month. Students had the opportunity to schedule in person or Zoom meetings in groups or one-on-one with academic counselor, Debbie Fees. She helped students evaluate and develop their list of colleges, complete college applications, and develop and edit college essays. With many college deadlines in January, this is an ongoing process.

Paying for College

Sussex Academy hosted an informative Zoom meeting for high school families with Nicholas Hoeschel, Hoeschel Financial Solutions. Hoeschel, a certified financial planner, presented information on how to complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid).

During October, Sussex Academy families also had access to virtual senior parent workshops hosted by Mrs. Fees, as well as financial aid and scholarship workshops hosted by Stand by Me, a non-profit organization that has a college funding mission.

Spirit Week and Homecoming

During the weeks of November 9 and 16, high school students and faculty participated in spirit week by dressing in a different theme each day. Spirit week concluded with Homecoming Friday sporting events on November 20.



The Field Hockey team defeated Laurel 7-0.

Soccer Team, defeated Delmar 8-0.



FALL SPORTS

Soccer • Cross Country • Field Hockey • Volleyball

Field Hockey

In only the 5th year of having a high school field hockey team the lady Seahawks qualified for their 1st state championship tournament as the #9 seed. New coach Maxine Fluharty had a definite and immediate impact on this escalating program that ended with a 6-6-1 record. The team had a school record: five ladies named to the 1st team all conference. This included seniors Addy Leonhardt and Erin Carey and juniors Madison Leeper, Bella Guckes, and goalie Lily McAroy. 2nd team honors went to another junior Emma Lehman and freshman Rachel Carey while senior Maggie Mitchell was named honorable mention.

The JV team battled to an undefeated season finishing with an 8-0-2 record. This included wins over Delmar and Cape Henlopen by 2-0 scores and 4-1 over Indian River.



National Letter of Intent Signing

Congratulations to **Erin Carey!** She signed a National Letter of Intent to play Field Hockey at Limestone University. She will be joining a roster that includes players from 4 countries and 13 states.



Cross Country

The cross country teams opened the season with a new area to workout and compete as the Sandhill Fields Park opened in May. Coach Jay Diaz welcomed a new assistant, former Seahawk Kathryn Van Pelt.

The men's team finished with a 5-2 record, a 5th place finish in the Sussex County Championships, 10th in the Henlopen Conference Championships, and 13th in the Division II State Championships. Two newcomers to the cross country team, junior Sunny Sunnergren and freshman Brett Parker, established themselves as the top 2 runners on the team. Returners Ethan Rakes, Alex Boswell, Jackson Basile, Thomas Meszaros, and Ethan Hickman rounded out the varsity squad. Sunny Sunnergren earned Honorable Mention All Conference recognition.

The women's team continued to raise the bar completing a 7-0 dual meet season winning their 1st ever Henlopen Conference South Division Championship. They wrapped the year with an 8th place finish in the Delaware State Division II Championships. They also put up impressive showings at the Sussex County Championships and the Henlopen Conference Championships earning 3rd and 6th place team finishers respectively. Senior Emily Trout capped off an outstanding career with top team finishes in the State tournament, 24th, Conference 6th, and County 3rd. Veteran Sadie Tunnell held the #2 spot while Freshman Ady Basile's surge and Alissa Swann's injury pushed the 1st year runner to the #3 slot while Kasi Showers and 8th grader Peyton Stanislav were consistent 4 and 5 finishers for our team. Emily Hutt and Sage Tunnell rounded out the top 7 runners. Emily Trout was named to the 1st team All Conference.

Soccer

New soccer coaches RJ Dina, John Berry, and Collin Brady continued the excellence of this program moving to an even higher level than ever before. The team rolled to an 8-3-1 regular season record and earned the #4 seed in the State Championship Tournament. A dramatic 3-2 overtime win thrust the Seahawks into the state semi finals. This top 4 finish in the state is the highest ever achieved by a Sussex Academy team. The team is led by junior Michael Daniello who was named 1st team all conference and 1st team all state and designated a Top 11 player as the #7 ranked player in the state. Senior Ryan Burke and junior Zane Miller were also 1st team all conference and 2nd team all state. Senior captain Cole White was also 1st team all conference and served as the vocal leader of the team. Addison Browne, Lex Johnson, and Evan Jarrell earned 2nd team honors while Allen Hopler was an honorable mention selection.

The JV team finished a 4-4-2 record.



Volleyball

The volleyball team coached by Hailee Gooch, Renee Deleo, and Mandy Szymanski battled through a very tough schedule, that included multiple top south division teams and the top north division teams, finishing with a 5-7 record. Seniors Grace Bucklin, Madi Burke, Tess Burke, Emily Moody, and Cassidy Schell have been an integral part of the team since their 8th and 9th grade years and will be sorely missed. School records were set by Emily Moody for assists, Madi Burke for blocks, and Grace Bucklin for digs. All Conference honors went to Emily Moody, 1st team, Madi Burke and Adrienne Boladas, 2nd team, and Grace Bucklin, honorable mention. The JV team recorded a 5-6 record.



MIDDLE SCHOOL

Field Hockey

21 athletes greeted Coaches Lauren Hvorecny and Kathy Kay to form the middle school field hockey team. The team finished 1-0-1 and continued the winning streak started last year. After tying Milford the team stormed back to defeat them 3-0.

Cross Country

The middle school cross country teams, coached by David Naples and Paige Haley, made the most of an abbreviated season. The boys team was 2-1 and the girls were 3-0. They opened the season with a tough loss to Milford but bounced back the next week to defeat them. The team is to be commended for helping the high school team during meets on the new Sandhill Fields course.

Volleyball

The middle school volleyball team recorded a 2-0 season with both wins over Milford. Coach Jon English welcomed 20. High school junior Emily Hudson served as an assistant coach for the 2nd year.

Soccer (not pictured)

Coach John Baybutt led the middle school boy's soccer team to a 1-1 record. The team lost to Milford in their 1st game but 3 days later defeated them in a 4-2 come from behind win.



SA ALUMNI

Sussex Academy Alumni – Where Are They Now?



2017 Dallas (DiGuglielmo) Jackson and Nick Jackson.

Dallas is approaching one year in an RN position. She is a nurse for the General Surgery unit at Riverside Regional Medical Center. Nick is an occupational health medic for Medcor. They recently celebrated their one-year wedding anniversary! Currently residing in Newport News, VA, they have tentative plans to relocate to Texas next summer.

2017 Quela Reyes is making the best of the Covid restrictions. She is working remotely for the UCF College of Graduate Studies as a graphic designer (a position that she has held for 10 months). She is currently taking some exciting legal and design classes at UCF and has also found time to work with some freelance design clients and create designs for several different projects.

2017 Devin Brown works in child care at Little Einstein's Pre-School and School Age building in Georgetown, DE. She is one of the lead teachers for Kindergarten and First grade!



2020 Sidrah Ahmer is a University of Delaware student double majoring in Neuroscience and Criminal Justice. Currently all of her classes are online. She sometimes takes classes outdoors to stay refreshed. She has joined four clubs/organizations at UD. Most of the clubs are related to Pre-Med as her current goal is to attend medical school after college. Photo is of Sidrah on the Junction and Breakwater Trail supporting the SA Trailtoberfest!



2020 Bridget Cosgrove is a Midshipman in her plebe year at the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, MD. She reported for Plebe Summer on July 2 for 6 weeks of training prior to the start of the academic year – during which she was awarded ribbons for qualifying as a Marksman in both pistol and rifle. She is in 4th Company, a member of the Navy Women's Club Lacrosse team, plays on her company's intramural kickball team (current 7 and 1 record), and a volunteer with the Midshipman Action Group which provides public service to the Annapolis community.

SA FOUNDATION

The Sussex Academy Foundation is a volunteer group of parents, grandparents, and community members who work to raise money for Sussex Academy capital projects. Throughout the school year, the Foundation hosts the annual appeal and fundraising events.

Feather Our Nest 2020-2021 Annual Appeal

This year the Sussex Academy Foundation continues to raise funds for wish list items. The wish list is created by the Sussex Academy faculty and staff and includes items needed to help with providing education and classroom updates.

Thank You

to the following Sussex Academy supporters. Your generous donations have allowed for the purchase of numerous educational items needed to enhance classrooms.

Jill Andahazy
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Trailtoberfest 2020

Bike, Hike or Run!

This year's capital fundraiser, started on October 18 and will conclude on January 4. This virtual event encourages participants to go outside and bike, hike or run one of six scenic Sussex County trails. This event was made possible by:

Presenting Sponsor:

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Celebrating 20 Years of Sussex Academy

Originally scheduled for May 2020 and moved to July 2020, the Sussex Academy 20th Anniversary Gala will be held on **May 8, 2021**.

The event will be held at Fort Miles, Cape Henlopen State Park from 6pm to 11pm and feature live music from KleptoRadio, catering from La Vida Hospitality, open bar, and a 20 year Sussex Academy timeline.

Tickets are \$125 per person or \$200 per couple and can be purchased online at sussexacademyfoundation.com or by mailing a check to the school.

Those interested in sponsorship opportunities are asked to email gina.derrickson@saas.k12.de.us

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

Checks can be mailed to:
Sussex Academy Foundation
P.O. Box 693
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Make an online donation at:
sussexacademyfoundation.com

Feather Our Nest

WISH LIST 2020-2021

Please consider making a donation by sending a check to the school or donating online at sussexacademyfoundation.com. Donations can be made to purchase a specific item or to put toward the purchase of an item. Thank you for your support.

ART

Pottery Wheel, Kiln, and Supplies	9,000
Yarn (Weaving Classes)	400
Paintbrushes and Print Making Supplies	1,000

ATHLETICS

High Jump Pad Cover	900
Shot Put/Discus Barrier Net	460

CLASSROOM AND CURRICULUM

Professional Development (per teacher)	\$1,000
Adopt a Classroom (each room)	300
Sponsor the Middle School Science Fair	300
Smart Boards (4)	2,500 ea
Apple USB External Disk Drive (2)	80 ea
Laminator and Supplies	3,600
Prestige Pro Starter with SureCut Dies and Storage Rack	1,200
Classroom Easel	325
Projector with White Board (6)	2,200 ea

EQUIPMENT AND FURNITURE

Point of Sale Equipment for Lunch Program	\$ 5,000
Library Bookshelves (Library Quiet Room)	4,000
Library Bookshelves (Library Main Room)	3,000
Leveled Library	650

MUSIC

Choral Risers (6)	\$ 1,600 ea
Ukulele Classroom Set	1,050
Ukulele Rack	649
Rechargeable Clip-On Tuners	160
C Major Scale Deskbells	374
Chromatic Deskbell Expansions	705
MaKey MaKey	700
Headphones	180
Music-Go-Rounds Curriculum Set	595
Music K-8 Magazine (1 year)	175
Music Stands (2 packs)	170 ea



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PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Resistance Tubing Circuit Pack	\$ 1,100
JumpSkillz Mountain Pack	479
Jaypro Folding Steel Soccer Goals (4)	389 ea
Youth Size Basketballs (20)	15 ea

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING & MATH

Explore Learning Software License	\$ 660
Soil Sieves (8)	33 ea
Native Plants (for Outdoor Learning Garden) (65)	15 ea
Electronic Laboratory School Scale (6)	34 ea
Maxi-Matic Single Electric Flat Heating Plate Burner (18)	3 ea
Educational Insights GeoSafari Talking Globes (5)	130 ea
Spring Scale	20

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Senior Class Trip to Walt Disney World Sponsor Funds to cover the trip for 5 students	\$ 1,100 ea
High School Science Class Field Trip to James Farm	750
High School Science Class Water Quality Field Trip	350
High School Science Class Field Trip to Marine Plastics	350

Donations are needed to help each grade raise funds for their Prom and Senior Gift. When making a donation for the class, please make sure to include the Class year.

Class of 2021 | Class of 2022

Class of 2023 | Class of 2024

STUDENT SERVICES

Instructional Support Materials	\$ 5,000
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THEATRE

Multipurpose Stage & AV Equipment	\$ 25,000
Stage Curtain	9,000
Drama Notebook Subscription	90
Drama Teacher Academy Subscription	444
Production Rights	1,000
Costumes	1,500
Licensing Fees (MS)	800
Production Cost (MS)	500
Licensing Fees (HS)	5,000
Costume Budget (HS)	2,000
Production Cost (HS)	3,000



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