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An unexpected visit from Channel 7 news surprises SJP senior

by Kate Stanislaski `18

MELROSE, MA — Recently visited by Channel 7 at our own SJP Learning Commons, Senior **Cali Lapenta `17** was surprised by her parents, classmates and teachers and presented with a special award. The award she received, known as the “Class Act” award, honors students or teachers who excel in their service to their communities.

Lapenta was recognized for her work with underprivileged children at her dance studio, Melrose Dance Academy, where she has been dancing for 16 years. A foundation Cali began during her junior year, the Dream to Dance Foundation has raised over 4,000 dollars for children who share her passion for dance but are unable to pay for dance classes themselves.



Cali's classmates, parents and teachers surprise her in the Learning Commons as she receives her Class Act award. (photo by S. Shuman)

She started the foundation by creating a GoFundMe for her charity as well as a Facebook, Instagram and Twitter account, even

including a logo she designed herself. Her charity quickly took off along with the help from her dance instructors, family, friends and even complete strangers.

“My passion really is dance. I’ve been doing it for so long, and there’s a lot of people who can’t afford it because dance is so expensive,” Lapenta told the WHDH reporter.

Lapenta explained that she felt that in giving back to her dance community in a way she once thought would just complete her service hours, actually became a great learning opportunity as well as something that now gives her great happiness.

She hopes to keep her foundation going through college for as long as possible, continuing to give kids a chance to do something that they might not be able to do without support from the Dream to Dance Foundation.

Her “Class Act” segment aired on the Channel 7 morning news on Friday, May 19. Fellow dancer, **Lily Fabrizio `18** and Ms. Gipson were also featured in the story. If you missed the early morning broadcast, you can watch it online on the WHDH website (whdh.com/news/class-act-st-josephs-prep-senior-creates-dream-to-dance-foundation/)

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STUDENT LIFE

Students share summer plans in student poll

by Nailah Khoory `18

SAINT JOSEPH PREP — This issue of *The TIE* focuses on you, the students and the interesting activities and hobbies that keep you busy outside of school.

In keeping with that theme, and as the year comes to an end, *The TIE* wanted to find out what exciting plans all of our students have for the summer.

A majority (52 percent) of those who responded to the poll have travel plans. One of those students hopes “to learn Greek while spending time in Greece.”

It is remarkable that 36 percent of students have taken on the responsibility of a summer job. SJP students understand the important impact and many benefits of having a job.

Only 8 percent plan to spend as much time on the beach as possible to achieve the best tan.

In response to the question “what do you hope to accomplish before the next school year,” many of our students mentioned

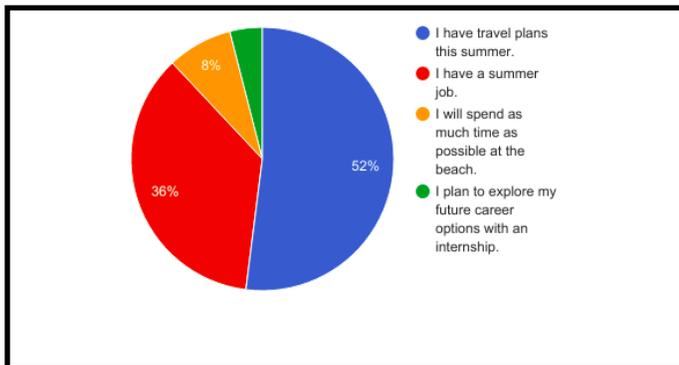
sports-related goals.

Some athletic accomplishments students are striving for include:

- getting a driving distance of 250 yards in golf,
- improving running time and tennis skills, and
- mastering dribbles.

Not on the graph, but still relevant, is reading and schoolwork. One person plans to read *Alexander Hamilton*, *Harry Potter*, and works by English historian, Simon Schama. Hopefully, everyone plans to finish their summer work on time and start the new school year strong.

The TIE staff wishes the SJP family a relaxing vacation. See you in the fall. And remember, it’s summer baby!



Summer Poll Results

52% - I have travel plans this summer.

36% - I have a summer job.

8% - I will spend as much time as possible at the beach.

4% - I plan to explore my future career options with an internship.

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Rowing on the Charles keeps SJP scholar busy

by Anthony Khoory `19

BRIGHTON, MA — Rising junior, **David ‘Santi’ Emello `19**, has been busy with all honors classes and plans on taking an AP class next year. But have you ever wondered what this scholar is up to outside of the classroom?

Get ready for it... Crew! That’s right, Emello has been rowing since seventh grade and has just started competing this fall for Community Rowing Inc. in Brighton.

Every day of the week except for Sunday, he spends two and a half hours rowing. At rowing competitions, called regattas, four Community Rowing’s boats participate in each race. Each boat is organized by skill level.

For Emello, rowing is a unique sport because “it’s the only sport that uses really intense physical activity to compete against other people.”

Typically the boats are lined up in a single line alongside 9 other columns of competing rowers from other teams. Emello races in “the second-most experienced boat for [his] team.” The flag drops and Santi’s adrenaline is rushing.

Some of their past competitions Emello and his teammates have participated in were the Saratoga Invitational in New York and the Regionals in Worcester.

Emello can boast that his team “has always made at least the top two since he joined.” After the race, the team derigs the boats before heading home.

For Emello, however, crew is not all about winning. He feels a responsibility to always improve and “get more fit to stay in shape and make the boat go fast for the team. His sense of dedication has evidently built up his character and made him more mature and responsible.

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Thank you Mr. Emello, for sharing your passion with SJP; keep up the good work.

SJP soccer players compete in local league

by Gigi Guarino `19

WEST ROXBURY, MA — Soccer is not only a sport, but a way of self-expression for **Jack O’Dea `19** and **Richie Fleming `18**. These boys, who play on SJP’s varsity soccer team, also compete in the Hammer Futbol Club. The club practices at Millennium Park in West Roxbury and the teams travel for games and college showcases all around the Northeast.



O’Dea and Fleming both have their fathers to thank for getting them into the game of soccer. They both encouraged the boys to love the game from early childhood, which has had a positive effect on their passion for soccer to this day.

O’Dea chose to join the Hammer Futbol Club because he wanted to be around a group of people aspiring to achieve similar goals who would push him to work harder. In comparison, Fleming was recommended by one of his coaches to play for Hammer, and the club has had a lot to offer him.

In the future, Fleming sees himself playing for his college due to his skill set and mentality to play at an advanced level. Playing soccer is fueled by his competitive mindset. Because of his hard work, he anticipates being offered a scholarship to UMass Lowell for the class of ‘22.

He believes that determination for what you love is key because “no matter who you are, you can be the difference in a situation where change is needed.”

As for O’Dea, his dreams of playing soccer throughout his life started early in his career. He notes how he has always wanted to play in front of a crowd and even make it onto a Premier League team in England.

His determination originated in small but significant moments like when he would walk home kicking a tennis ball to continuously practice. Soccer is something he could not live without. A favorite saying of his is, “No matter what you do, give it 100% and never ever stop.”

SJP fans look forward to watching these two talented athletes playing on Smith Field next fall.

TIE ARTS

Lyndsey Grier, SuperStar

by Kelli Aquino '18

Lights. Camera. Action! In all her years of acting, Lyndsey Grier has never heard these words spoken seriously by anyone.

Something that she has experienced repeatedly is the companionship and camaraderie of performing on the stage. "I have met so many great people in all of the plays and musicals I have been a part of. Actually, I met my closest friend Molly during a play in sixth grade," Grier said.



Photo from L. Grier.

Grier has been acting for "well, it seems like forever." Her mom put her in pageants, dance competitions, and small acting jobs from the age of two "just because she wanted to see me in a tutu" Grier explains. Her dad had a different vision of his daughter. She was "born to be a star."

This summer, she plans to rejoin the St. Joseph Summer Theater program in Needham, MA. The student-run program is for young adults aged 13 to 21.

Grier explains that acting is not just about memorizing lines or working long hours. It also "allows me to learn in depth about a certain character and perform as someone else on stage for an hour. My ultimate goal as actor, is to change the audience's thoughts and influence people through my role."

Grier is an active participant in the SJP arts community. She has performed in Phoenix Players productions. She is the only upperclassmen in the A Cappella Club, and you can always be sure to hear her voice, not only in the choir at Mass, but also singing along to her favorite musical *Hamilton* in the hallways.

This summer, if you are interested in seeing Lyndsey Grier live, she performs with her dance studio each Friday evening in front of Wagamamas in Faneuil Hall. She will also be performing in the St. Joseph Summer Theater production of *The Addams Family* in August.

TIE SJP Online

Junior recognized in SJP news story for becoming Eagle Scout



Photo from SJP website.

NEWTON, MA — Schuyler Grygiel '18 who first joined the Boy Scouts in the 5th grade, recently achieved the rank of Eagle Scout. An active participant in his Newton-based Scout troop for seven years, Grygiel has earned dozens of merit badges, including a Golf badge and an Engineering badge. Over the years, he has also enjoyed outdoor activities like whitewater rafting and camping with his troop.

Earning the distinction of Eagle Scout is an extensive process requiring significant commitment, which includes attending meetings, earning merit badges, and completing service requirements. For his year-long Eagle Community Service Project, Grygiel worked with the Carroll Center for the Blind's Technology Center to create a database of online image descriptions. He led a team of volunteers in creating descriptions for one thousand images using twenty-five or fewer words.

The motto of the Boys Scouts of America is, "Prepared. For Life." Schuyler's experience with the Boy Scouts has equipped him with leadership skills that will serve him well now and throughout his future.

Read the complete story of Schuyler's commendable achievement on the SJP website. (www.saintjosephprep.org/cf_news/view.cfm?newsid=496)

The TIE staff wishes the Class of 2017 well as the graduates set off on new adventures beyond the classrooms and hallways of their alma mater, Saint Joseph Prep!

