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The Evans Scholarship goes to...



By: Peyton D'Andrea

Everyone knows how expensive college can be these days. Three boys from Manasquan High School were fortunate enough to receive a full tuition scholarship to a select few great schools. Declan Murphy, Luke Roy and Billy Cosgrove were chosen for The Evans Scholarship.

To qualify, caddies must have caddied, regularly and successfully for a minimum of two years and are expected to caddy at their sponsoring club the year they apply for the Scholarship.

Applicants must also have completed their junior year of high school with above a B average in college preparatory courses. Finally, applicants must have an outstanding character, integrity and leadership. The boys not only exemplified those characteristics, but they also excelled with very high GPAs.

"I am very honored and excited to be given this scholarship," said Declan Murphy.

Declan Murphy is attending Rutgers University next year with the other New Jersey Evans scholars. Everyone that was given the scholarship in New Jersey lives together at Rutgers. Declan has been caddying for three years and

will continue to caddy in the future.

"My favorite part about caddying is being able to learn and talk to different adults while also being outside and enjoying the outdoors. My favorite place to caddy is Manasquan River Gold Club. I love the people there and the beautiful course," said Declan.

Luke Roy will attend the University of Notre Dame next year. Luke plans to study business and hopefully join lots of social and service clubs to give back to his community. Luke has been caddying for 4 years now and plans to continue caddying in the future.

"I like caddying because I get to surround myself with all different types of people and improve both my social and networking skills. I love being able to work outside especially in the summer on nice days," he said.

Billy Cosgrove will be attending Rutgers University along with Declan. Billy will be majoring in Finance and hopes to live in New York City after college continuing his career path there.

"It felt like such a relief after going through the whole process of applying to be given this opportunity

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GROUP II STATE CHAMPS! Girls Basketball Pulls Off The Upset

By: Angelina George

The Manasquan Girls Basketball team effortlessly secured their 10th Group 2 State Championship on Saturday March 9th, 2024, at Rutgers University. The girls defeated Madison with an impressive score of 47-26.

After dealing with chaos from controversy over the Manasquan boys team not being able to play in the finals the girls graciously played for not only the girls team but the entire Manasquan Basketball program.

"As coaches, once we realized that the boys would not be playing in the state finals, we unfortunately had to say to the girls that we would be playing for more than ourselves now. We would be playing for the entire program, school, and town," explained head Coach

Kukoda.

Although the girls secured their State Championship somewhat effortlessly, the road to getting there was far from effortless.

The road to this championship has been brewing since the end of last season.

Star player Junior Olivia Shaughnessy said, "After not winning a state title last year I think we all spent the off season working extra hard."

That hard work sure did pay off this season, as they finished with an impressive record of 26-4 with their only in state losses being to Saint John Vianney, Saint Rose, and Red Bank Catholic (keep in mind these are all private schools); all these teams the girls also would go on to beat later in the season.

Going into the state tournament the girls were feeling confident in their ability to pull off the win. On



Above: The girls take a photo after winning the Group 2 State Championships.

March 1st in the Central Jersey Group 2 state championship the girls defeated New Providence 55-44. Going into the sectional championship Manasquan was ranked number 6, so to pull off the win was a major upset. Top scorers were Olivia Shaughnessy, Jordyn Hollawell, and Hope Masonious, along with impressive defense from Katie Collins.

Senior Katie Collins spoke on the girls joy regarding the win. "Ever since last year we've just been thinking about this. We feel really good. We're really happy. Obviously, as seniors, this is what we work for, and this is what we're playing for," Katie said.

The girls used this momentum from sectionals going into the Group 2 State semi-final championships where they would defeat Middle Township with a score of 52-24. This win

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Above: The girls celebrate their win over Madison.

Into the Woods: A Hit!

By: Rose Behler

On the weekend of March 15th, Manasquan High School's Drama Club performed a showing of Stephen Sondheim's *Into The Woods*. The cast's family and friends came from near and far to show their support. The play was undoubtedly a hit—some are even saying it is the best play they have seen at Manasquan!

Ms. Schille remarked that the production "truly surpassed every expectation [she] had--and [she] had *high* hopes." When she first received the material of the play, she "was overwhelmed because there are so many parts" and it is mostly singing, which is also fairly new to the cast. The material was also new to her, since it is such a long and complex show. Ms. Schille calls *Into the Woods* "a musicians musical" because it is not just for acting and you must have a talent for music to nail any of these roles. She said that many "students stepped out of their comfort zones" to play their roles.

Students performing these musicals roles is actually more impressive than it appears. Ms. Schille notes that when she first came to Manasquan, "the music education required a lot

Below: The cast posing during a dance



Above: Liv Maes and Joshua Jones play key roles in the show; Below: Cormac Lawrence preforming his role of the narrator

of building and we had to do a lot of work on it." She talks about how crazy it is that she taught these students singing and music when they were just fourteen and freshmen, and now they "have come so far and are singing songs that adults still struggle with." Ms. Schille is very proud of them and notes how

impressive
their
progress was to witness.

The show included many astounding aspects: the music, the choreography, the costumes, the set. The costumes received a lot of compliments, and to achieve the level of accuracy and detail that they had took a lot of work and time. Mrs. Yeager, formerly known as Ms. Badami, worked with Playtime Costumes in Freehold, and Ms. Schille worked with her to look for the perfect apparel. They went to a



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MHS Drama Club: A Look Behind The Scenes

By: Angelina George

When people think about a play they tend to envision the performers on the stage, but do people realize how much work goes on behind the scenes to make the magic happen.

As the Manasquan High School community gets ready to watch the annual spring play of *Into The Woods* on March 13th to the 16th the audience will see the actors and actresses shine on stage; but what we don't see is all the work that goes on behind the scenes to make the musical come together?

About 35 kids have all taken on various roles within the stage crew to put together the big show. Some big positions include stage manager, playbill master, lighting, sound, lobby, construction, set design, choreographer, etc.. Although most high school drama programs in the state have 5 stipend positions Manasquan only has 3. This means that many of the roles going on behind the scenes that are student run at Manasquan would be advised by a teacher at many other schools.

"It's incredibly impressive what the students do with so little guidance. Unfortunately, I just tell them what to do and they are able to figure everything else out" explained Assistant Director Ms. Galizio.

The weeks leading up to the show its all hands-on deck. The costume crew is making alterations, sorting, and organizing. While the construction crew puts together the pieces of the set that they have been building for months. Lighting and sound perfect every little technical detail. The student choreographers perfecting every movement done on stage. So many moving pieces to put together one amazing performance.



Above: An image of the construction crew building the pieces for the set of Into The Woods.

"I wish that everyone could see all the hard work that these kids put in to get with little appreciation in return. All the late nights they are here finalizing details so that the production is flawless" said Head Director Ms. Schilla.

The stage crew has grown exponentially over the past few years. Stage Manager Kane Chapman has taken charge and works profusely to manage all of the jobs that go on behind the scenes.

Senior Megan Spears who works on costumes has found the work behind the scenes to be very rewarding, "It's so magical watching all of these moving pieces come together."

There is so much work that we don't see that goes on when putting together a show. So grab a friend and go on over to the spring musical, watch the show with a greater understanding for the depth of work that goes on behind the scenes.



Above: The cast of Into the Woods rehearses on the stage with the set for the first time!

Sea.Hear.Now returns for its annual fesitval

By: Fernanda Morales

Sea.Hear.Now is an annual music, art, and ocean sustainability festival featuring professional surfing competitions. The festival is held at Asbury Park Beach and boardwalk in September.

The festival is a celebration of life, music, art, and surf culture, most of the proceeds go to ocean and environmental charities such as the Surfrider Foundation and Save the Bay. This year, the festival announced its line-up for September 2024. Two major mu-



Above: Pictured is the entrance to Sea. Hear. Now

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Into the Woods:

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three-story costume building and looked through racks and racks of shoes, hats, coats, dresses and spent three weekends shopping for four hours each curating costumes for the show. Ms. Schille describes their journey as "such a labor of love and it was really worth it."

Cormac Lawrence, a senior at Manasquan, played the Narrator in *Into the Woods*, which was his final production in Squan Drama. He said that the feeling is "very bitter-sweet, because it was [his] last show, and [he] is sad that [he'll] never be able to perform here again, but [he] is beyond excited for future productions." Diana Schipani, another senior here, played Cinderella. She feels that this musical portrayed all of the seniors moving on to different things, "since [they] are all going off on [their] own paths in real life as much as [they] are in the play, so its dear to [their] hearts." Cormac's brother, Colin, said that he is "very proud of [his] brother and all of the hard work

and dedication he puts in to his acting really paid off in this show." Mrs. Lawrence, their mom, said that this play was a good one to end his Manasquan acting career on, since it was such a challenge and a hit!

The play did go on for around three hours and took way over the normal time to prepare for. Joshua Jones, who played Jack, explains that *Into the Woods* "took a week or so to run the whole show, when normally takes it around two hours." The total rehearsal time was over five months. One can only imagine how much time and effort went into preparing for this play. Jess Slovak, a senior, helped to direct the choreography for the show when Mrs. Gallano left on maternity leave, and cleaned up and even created some dance numbers. The audience noticed how amazing the dancing was, and it wouldn't have been possible without Jess! Performing this play definitely presented challenges, with the material being so complex and lengthy, but the cast did an outstanding job of putting on a wonderful show.

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sicians, Noah Kahan and Bruce Springsteen will be performing as the headline performers. Noah Kahan is opening on Saturday, September 14 while Bruce Springsteen will be the opening performer on Sunday the 15th.

According to Variety, the festival celebrates music, surfing, and art with over 25 artists. There are three stages, a professional surf contest, and art installations throughout the weekend, which takes place at the city's North Beach and Bradley Park. The festival is directed by Tim Donnelly and Danny Clinch.

According to Consequence a news article, it all started when Donnelly and Clinch hosted a Hurricane Sandy benefit in Asbury Park, they invited a small group of bands to play, one of the first bands was My Morning Jack. Tim Donnelly was a music journalist who shortly became an event promoter, and Danny Clinch was a renowned rock photographer.

This year's surf contest will return with the "North Beach Sessions", according to Variety. The Pro surfer who catches the "Wave of the Day" will take home a prize. This year's surf lineup includes Balaram Stack, Cam Richards, Sam Hammer, Cassidy McClain, Rob Kelly, Pat Schmidt, Mike Gleason, Tom Ihnken, Jamie DeWitt, Logan Kamen, Cole Deveney, and Audrey Iglay.

Both festivals will headline Springsteen and Noah Kahan, and they are set to kick off their North American tours this month. Other confirmed artists to play are The Gaslight Anthem, Trey Anastasio Band, Norah Jones, The Black Crowes, The Revivalists, The Hives, 311, Gogol

Bordello, Kool & Gang, Action Bronson, Joy Oladokun, Grace Potter, Sierra Ferrell, and many more.

Sea.HearNow has been nominated by USA Today in their 10 Best Reader's Choice Awards for the best music festival, according to New Jersey 101.5. This is a big deal since there are only 20 music festivals that have been nominated, since Sea.Hear.Now is an annual festival, and it is now bringing much attraction to the Jersey shore.

According to the New York Post, tickets sold out before going out to the public. The Official Account of Sea.Hear.Now, they posted a public statement to the public, "Tickets will go fast, General on-sale to follow only if tickets remain."

As someone who lives by the shore, I feel that the festival is a great way to fundraise for a good cause while also having fun. Each year, there are new artists in the lineup, last year the lineup included: The Killers, Foo Fighters, Weezer, Mt. Joy, The Beach Boys, and many more. Although it is for good, many residents of the Jersey Shore felt that obtaining tickets was unfair this year.

Tickets sold out during presale, which many added that it was the best way to secure tickets. This year the Layaway plans were sold at a low rate, with the lowest being \$25. During the presale offer, many noticed that there were cite crashes, and were not able to obtain tickets. One user by the name of Seth Pontecorvo commented, "Why would you call it a presale if you're going to sell all the tickets in that hour." Another user by the name of Lindsay K. also



Above: Three surfers are pictured smiling



Above: Pictured above are groups having fun



Above: One of the three stages is pictures, performing is Sunflower Bean

added, "Still not sure why you call it a presale if you sell your whole inventory..."

Although the Festival is one the best Jersey Shore Beach concerts, many residents find it "crowding" as Kimberly A notes.

Sea.Hear.Now will take place again this year, marking its 5th annual festival.

Teens Art Festival Winners!

By: Kelly Mesa

Mackenzie Brennan and Royer Bautista received a Certificate of Achievement for their creative artwork during the Teen Arts Festival that took place on Thursday and Friday at Brookdale Community College. The teen art festival is held every year at Brookdale Community College, and it is about celebrating the art created by teenagers and high schools around the county. The Teens Art Festival has been going on for a very long time and it is organized by Mrs. Herman, Mrs. Pagano, and Mrs. Treyney. "We have participated over the years but have been participating

more recently just to celebrate the beautiful art everybody creates." Said Mrs. Herman. The festival took place last week on Thursday and Friday at Brookdale Community College. At the festival, there are different categories for different types of art, such as visual arts and performing arts, there is no theme for the festival, students can create their own art. The goal of the festival is to celebrate the work of art that is created by teenagers, and those who win go to a additional show. "It was fabulous to hear, there was also a professional critique and hearing what the work was about was wonderful." Said Mrs. Herman. Students are

Mackenzie Brennans childhood painting displayed at the Teens Art Festival



Royer Bautistas bag displayed at the Teens Art Festival

asked during the beginning of the school year if they are interested, and they create their artwork and submit it for review.

There were two students recognized and those were achievement awards. Mackenzie Brennan was a student who was recognized for her painting at the Teens Art Festival. Her theme for her painting was how to portray childhood nostalgia through memories. "I was inspired to paint an old childhood picture I drew when I was three, and I submitted it to the Teens Art Festival because I wanted to make sure my hard work and talent

were shown." Said Mackenzie Brennan. She was surprised when she won the Teens Art Festival, "There are so many talented artists in New Jersey, I did not think I would get an award, it was very honoring." Said Mackenzie Brennan. "It's nice to see because being an artist, you are always so hard on yourself and when you see your achievement and achieve something, its good to see." Mackenzie has always been an artist since she was little. Mackenzie said she picked up habits from her aunt and grandmother, and always drew as a child when she was bored. She said she has always been a creative kid and used to sew a lot when she was little. The process for her painting is different for every painting, she likes to look back at childhood pictures, or when she recalls a

A professional critique and students at the Teens Art Festival



memory or listens to a song, it inspires her to paint something. Mackenzie says that it comes and goes, and she will sketch it out and see if she likes it. "A mix of emotions, it's a love hate relationship, I love the outcome of my projects and paintings, but I hate the process of it." Said Mackenzie Brennan. Her painting took her less than two weeks to create. "I used acrylic paint and a regular canvas, I sat down in my dining room table where I drew the drawing when I was kid." Said Mackenzie.

Royer Bautista was also one of the students who received an award for his artwork at the Teens Art Festival. "What inspired me to create this work was when I saw what could be done with the threads and when I saw the images on the internet, and the wonderful hours that they can create." Said Royer Bautista. When Royer received his certificate, he said he was really happy because it is the first time, he has received a



Students at the Teens Art Festival

certificate from the school. He began to get involved with art when he was little and realized he liked making bags. Royer enjoys creating new designs for his artwork and to know what artists can create. Royer said, "Creating art makes me feel happy, I also test my creativity by creating the art." He used material such as cardboard loom which is based on warp and weft threads, it took him two weeks to create his bag. "The process was easy to create the bag, most of it was done with a loom, as the people of the past used to do, we can make it because I put it, plain weave, basket wave, and Egyptian knot." Said Royer Bautista

Congratulations to Mackenzie Brennan and Royer Bautista!

Academy of Finance Fashion Show!

By: Ellie O'Shea

The Academy of Finance has put together their annual fashion show. This is where kids in the Academy of Finance go around to all different local businesses and as if we can use their clothes in the fashion show. Most of these businesses have been supporting the fashion show for many years now.

A couple of kids get assigned to all different stores being either casual or formal. Some stores will pick out certain outfits for these kids or let them have free range in the store and let them pick whatever they want.

The fashion show is on Tuesday March 19th at the Manasquan High School gym. There will be a stage with a



girl and a boy announcer. Anthony Chermak, Luke Roy, and Madeline Johnson are announcing the formal. And Rylie Eldrige and Luke Dowd are announcing casual outfits. "I had so much fun MCing for my final year in the fashion show. It is so hard not to laugh because some of them are just so funny. The fashion show is so much fun and i'm so had it

was my last one" said Senior Rylie Eldridge.

There is a gift auction and raffle that goes along with the fashion show. These prizes come with a TV, a bike, air pods, JBL speaker. And there were a ton of baskets from local stores. These prizes are a big deal and a way for the Academy of Finance to get money from the audience in a good way.

In the beginning the fashion show started with formal outfits. Madeline Johnson and Anthony Chermak walked first so that they could announce the rest of the formal people walking. Each pair would like to go up and walk down the aisle while their bios were being read to the audience. "I'm super excited to participate in my last academy of finance show. I've done it all four years of high school and am excited to be announcing the names for my last one!"



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Senior Spotlight

Super Senior Hannah Snyder Shines

By: Angelina George

With her purple streak of hair, big bright smile, and sprawling freckles Hannah Snyder stands out from the crowd with her academic excellence and diligent work ethic.

Hannah, a senior at Manasquan High School is on track to becoming the class of 2024's Valedictorian but, she is so much more than just a super smart student. Hannah is an active member of the school and community, constantly working to improve the lives of those around her.

While taking a whopping six AP classes this year such as AP Spanish, AP Literature, AP US History, AP Macroeconomics, AP Physics C, and AP Environmental Science Hannah has also been able to maintain a life outside of academics.

Hannah has several



Above: Hannah Snyder smiling as always!

hobbies and passions such as figure skating, bowling, and music; along with being involved in the gardening, and environmental club here at MHS. She also works as a figure skating instructor and has been apart of marching band all four years and MHS. This past year Hannah tried something new and was part of the continental band for the Spring musical.

"I think it's super important for students to be well rounded and have different things that interest them. Having all sorts of outlets and different things that I enjoy has attributed to a large amount of my success," explained Hannah.

Although Hannah has excelled with her grades here at MHS, the GPA was never her sole fuel in school.

Mr. Glenn a former teacher and coach of Hannahs spoke on behalf of the attributes that make Hannah such an excellent student, "What's always made Hannah so prosperous is that for her it was never about the grade, rather actually learning. Her thirst for knowledge along with her hard work is what has brought her so far academically."

In the Fall Hannah will attend the world-renowned McGill University in Montreal Quebec. McGill possess a scarcely low acceptance rate of 16% for international students, making Hannahs acceptance a huge accomplishment! Despite being unsure as to what she would like to do for a career Hannah plans on majoring in

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MHS Science Department Collecting Plastic

By: Gavin Duque



Above: Collection for Stretchy Plastic; Below: Mr. Glenn makes a deposit in the center hall bin



late the most plastic, He said, "We get the students to get a giant white garbage bag and keep at their house until it's

full and then they can bring them in to weigh it and transport it. I'd say it takes about 2 weeks to fill the bags all the way for collection. Once a month myself and other staff members involved drive to a company in Eatontown called help-sy who transports it to the main collection.

Club members such as Francesca Tilken, Maggie Cambell, Lily Hacket, Sierra Dunne, and many more have contributed significantly to the collection of plastics. However, one does not have to be in any of these clubs to help Mr. Glenn and his students reach their goal. Anybody can donate plastic they keep at home such as grocery bags, bread bags, produce bags, bubble wrap, etc. You can stop by one of the labeled bins and drop the needed plastic in it.

In conclusion Mr. Glenn and his students have made an incredible effort to win this challenge. Everyday they are collecting more and more plastic, getting them closer to the goal of 1,000 lbs of stretchy plastic. With help from everyone in the school it is possible for them to reach their goal and win the prize.

Over the course of the school year, Mr. Glenn, the environmental club, and the science national honors society have been collecting all types of stretchy plastics to reach their goal of 1,000 pounds of recycled plastic! That's half a ton of plastic! The challenge is hosted by a company called Trex. Trex holds this challenge annually where schools and clubs nationwide must meet a minimum of 1,000 pounds of collected stretchy plastic.

The project was introduced to us last year and the Environmental club and everyone involved has accumulated over 700 pounds of plastic all together since starting last summer. The challenge also includes many other schools who are currently competing against us to collect the most 'stretchy plastic.' The contest involves a cash prize that Trex donates to the winning school. The students in the science national honors society and the environmental club meet frequently to go over the current progress and once or twice a month there is a community drop off. Local fishing clubs and other clubs here in Manasquan drop off and store it in the superintendent building.

Throughout our schools' halls there are white bins that have a picture of what plastic is accepted. Mr. Glenn came up with a creative way to accumu-

Manasquan Students Place Top 10 in FBLA Competition in Atlantic City

By: Payton Siano

The future business leader academy took on a competition on March 13 in Atlantic City. Ms. Hoeler and Ms. Koenig are both the advisers for this academy. Students Eleanor Crawford, Luke Roy, Jake Kovach and Madeline Johnson all won in different categories.

On March 13th in Atlantic City at the FBLA competition partners Luke Roy and Eleanor Crawford placed top 10 finalist for entrepreneurship. Madeline Johnson placed top 10 finalist for Help Desk. These teams worked very hard and were able to win.

During the competition they had to present a business plan for a business model to 2 judges. They were given a prompt and had 20 mins to prep and 7 mins to present.

Once they placed in the top 10 for the first presentation, they were given a slightly harder business prompt to present. The prompts asked them how they would advertise our business, who their target market would be, and other business factors.

There were also many different categories for the competition. Luke and Eleanor were partners for entrepreneurship. Jake's category was also entrepreneurship. Madeline's category was helping desk



Left: Madeline and Luke at an FBLA competition



The car wash fundraiser held by the FBLA

where she was able to take top 10 finalists.

Madeline has been competing for the future business leaders most of her high school Career.

Luke Roy has also been part of this. Madeline has been traveling for competition in the past and she is always taking home a win.

Mrs. Hoeler and Mrs. Koenig are also big contributors to this program. They run the FBLA. The program is a very great thing for future job opportunities, college, and it is also a great experience to have if you are interested in working in business or owning a company.

When asked about how they felt about winning the competition Eleanor had to say "We were excited to go on stage and get our medal" Jake also said he was very excited to win the competition. One of Jake's favorite quotes was "FBLA is like family to me."

Prom Dresses through the Years

By: *Fernanda Morales & Gabby Boquel*

Have you ever wondered where prom all began? Prom is short for the word “promenade,” which came from the idea of debutante balls of high ranking society. Proms have evolved from semi-formal end of the year dances to becoming an industry of over the top banquets .

Prom dresses have also changed over time. Students attending prom in the 1940s would experiment with patterns and luxurious fabrics like velvet, a popular fabric. During World War II, prom dresses started to become simpler. And by the late 50s, having a ball-gown skirt with a silhouette started to get popular, and by the



Above: Students attending prom in 1942, which varied from empire-waist styles to drop-waist dresses



Above: A couple posing for prom in the '50s, featuring a ball-gown skirt that went out at the waist.



Above: Two girls wearing white prom dresses in 1977. Taffeta, silk, and velvet prom-dress styles fell slightly out of fashion and lace became popular



Above: A vintage family photo; Dresses in the 1960s featured slightly slimmer skirts and raised waistlines.

70s, students would wear dresses with long sleeves.

During the 80s, many students started to take inputs and fashion ideas from famous fashion awards.

Throughout the years, prom styles have changed, going from laces, to bows, from different types of fabrics like velvet and cotton. Each year proved that the puffier the dress the better it was.

This year’s latest prom styles are dress with the following; glamorous embellished silhouettes, strapless dresses with tulle fabric and embellished tiered skirts, fully decorated sheath

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Above: Identical twins Colleen Stanczuk and Maureen Waterworth wearing prom dresses in 1984. Necklines and skirt side lengths were getting popular.

Hannah Snyder

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Bio-Chem at McGill.

“I chose McGill because it’s such an amazing school academically, and Montreal is a really cool city that I just immediately fell in love with the school” remarked Hannah.

While looking back on her time at MHS Hannah feels fondly and is left with lots of gratitude towards all of her teach-

ers, classmates, friends, etc. who have helped her to accomplish so many amazing achievements thus far.

One piece of advice Hannah would like to give to her fellow students at MHS that are looking for not only academic but overall success was “Let school be fun, don’t put too much pressure on yourself, and develop good time management skills.”

The future is bright for Hannah, with her kind heart, brilliant mind, discipline, and great work ethic there is going to be nothing stopping her from succeeding at McGill!

Prom Dresses through the Years

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dresses, floral fabrics, high-low and short dress.

This year students plan on wearing an array of colors, as Sasha Manno told us “This year I plan on wearing a pink dress.”

Matt Schneider added “I’ll be wearing a grey suit with a navy tie.”

Some students are yet unable to decided what they will be wearing, according to Julie Cavanaugh, “I still don’t have my dress ready yet”.

Juniors get out there and get your Junior Prom Bids, its not too late to have fun and a memorable night with your friends!

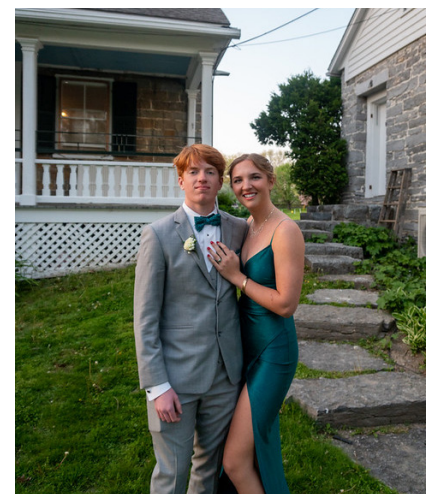
As Mrs. Podos added “We are hoping for the entire Junior Class to attend and to have a great time.”



Above: Two girls wearing prom dresses in 1998. Prom dresses in the 1990s took fashion choices from awards shows



Above: Three girls wearing prom dresses in 2002. Bright colors were popular at the time



Above: A couple pose for their 2023 prom

SQUAN A THON 2022

BOOGIE FOR A CURE #FTK

By Sophia Evans

On Friday March 22, another successful Squanathon took place! With around 150 students volunteering to stay up all night for the 12 hour dance-a-thon, \$67,636.80 was raised. This includes donations from businesses around our towns like Fins, Jimmy's, Lenny's, Squan Tavern, Playa Bowls and many more!

Kudos to all of the dancers who took time to raise their minimum of \$200 and then participate. Another kudos to the committee members who have been working hard on this project from the beginning of the school year. Only special people were picked to be placed at this high level, and they put their full effort into making it great. The last kudos goes to Mrs. Basaman and Mrs. Griffith (Maestra) who each year organize this event and have the sweetest souls for contributing to this cause.

One of the biggest activities was the bouncy houses! This is an opportunity for everyone to



Above: Committee members with the money raised signs.
Below: Dancers listening to Jim Refrone



enhance their energy at the beginning of the night and set the vibe off to a good start. Later in the night there was a hypnotist, Karl Wirtz, which added a twist to the night. He performed all cool tricks on students that left the crowd speechless. Two bands played as well: "So Shot" and "Soup".

The first guest speaker was ours truly, Mrs. Eldridge! Her nephew unfortunately passed away from pediatric cancer and this night is very special for her and her whole family. Then Jim Refrone spoke, who has been to Squanathon multiple times. He told his story on his son who suffers from Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy and he has a fundraiser called "A Jar of Hope". Both their stories showed everybody participating the reason why they do this.

Maddie Ireland has done Squanathon since her freshman year and this year she was elected onto the committee! This is her favorite time of the year and after all of the hard work her and her fellow members put into this, she could not wait to see the final product. She explains about the event, "I suggest that everyone tries to raise money and participate next year because it is such a wonderful experience that everybody should be apart of. FTK!"

Academy of Finance

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said Senior Anthony Chermak.

When all of the formal walkers were done, there was a small intermission between the next group of walkers. This was when some of the bigger gifts were being auctioned. Mr. Driscoll and Mrs. Hoeler were a big help to the fashion show and passed out all of the prizes.

After the intermission, the casual walkers were up. The announcers for casual were Ry-lie Eldridge and Luke Dowd. Some stores that were casual were waterlily, Wanderlust and Bare wires.

Evans Scholarship

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ty," he said.

Billy has been caddying for five years now. He enjoys being outside and working with his friends who also love caddying. He has caddied 350 times and hopes to reach 500 in the next few years. Billy also caddies at Manasquan River Golf club.

"Caddying has taught me about the meaning of hard work, and to be successful you need to work as hard as possible each day," Billy said.

Declan and Billy have been caddying together and caddy at the Manasquan River Golf Club, while Luke caddies at Spring Lake which is another amazing

Something very unique within every pair was the dance they did on stage. From dips to high fives everyone's dance was different. This made the fashion show unique and let the kids put a little fun into it. "I was so happy with how the fashion show went. All the models did great, and we are so grateful for all the stores that donated clothes and all the local shops who donated to our gift auction. We had a very large turnout this year and it all couldn't have been done with Mr. Driscoll and Mrs. Hoeler," said Senior Madeline Johnson.

The show went smoothly with no malfunctions or mishaps between the microphones or people not showing up. Everyone there did their job perfectly.

course.

Dr. Thomas Dandrea, a member at The Manasquan Gold Club, has many times had the pleasure of Declan and Billy as his caddy.

"Billy and Declan are both great communicators and excellent caddies. I find myself enjoying golf that much more when they are caddying for me. To be able to connect with different adults with different careers and lifestyles is a great way to build a strong foundation for success in the future. Personally, I felt fortunate to be able to share life experiences with these boys," he said.

Good luck to these boys in the next four years of their life. Hopefully continuing their caddying jobs in the near future.

Girls Basketball

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was the same night in which the boys team were cheated out of their chance at a championship.

"These girls had just punched their ticket to the State finals and they are sitting in the locker room on their phones watching the boys game. Despite the boys game not working out how any of us had hoped for, I think it says a lot about the bond amongst the Manasquan Basketball Program," remarked Coach Kukoda.

The girls wrapped up their season with the

ultimate prize, a State title! The girls hard work had all paid off for this title that they were able to bring home for their program, school, and town.

"Playing for something bigger than ourselves gave us a lot of motivation and made it that much more special," said Shaughnessy.

Looking into next year the girls are excited to use this momentum as fuel to work even harder and bring underclassmen to that next level. Manasquan Girls Basketball will end their season as one of the top teams in the state, and arguably the best public school program in the state.

Manasquan Magic: Junior Prom

By Rose Behler and Payton Siano



Friday, April 19th was a big night for Juniors at Manasquan High School—it was the junior prom! The class of 25' celebrated the night at Spring Lake Heights's Shore Club,

previously known as Doolan's. However the fun didn't start at the venue, the pre-prom

experience was just as exciting! Junior Olivia Popovitch hosted around 70 students as well

as their parents at her house prior to the prom, where students left on their self-arranged trolleys and headed to The Shore Club.

This year's outfits definitely stole the show, with teachers, students and parents commenting on how "dapper" the boys looked and how nicely they cleaned up, as well as the girl's breathtaking dresses and attention to detail. Everyone truly looked amazing, and they definitely felt that way inside too! People were



not afraid to show off their skills on the dance floor, even though DJ Dave was considerably controversial in his song choices.

Junior James Cadott said that he "really liked the music," and his favorite song was "carnival because it made everyone dance." His friend, Shep Cooper disagreed and said that the music "definitely



could have been better." He says "he wished they played Bad Romance by Lady Gaga."

Despite the mixed views on music, people still enjoyed dancing with their dates and friends. Dana Radel said she had a lot of fun with her date, Ozzy Canarick, and "loved when the DJ played Gasolina."

Mrs. Podos, the junior class co-advisor and chaperone said that she "wanted him to play Lizzo," and even though he didn't, "he still kept the party going."



For the most part, no one was in their seats and all of the girls had their shoes off so they could

get on the dance floor!

To decide which tables would get to go up and eat first, the host asked certain members from each table to get up and answer questions, and if your tables representative got the question right then your table would get to eat. The games consisted of trivia questions like how many planets are there, and guessing songs. According to students, however, the much anticipated food did not live up to the high standards. Shep Cooper said he really liked the fries, and Elin Olenyik said the ice cream was the best part—but other than that people were not that impressed...

but you can't have it all!!

The 2024 Prom court was made up of five boys and five girls: Isaac Whitley, Charlie Hunt, Luke Rudo, Braeden DeAngelis and Cameron Leib,



and Tess O'Reilly, Julia Carson, Coal Del Salto, Heidi Bonilla, and Joey Presbrey. Cameron won king and Joey won queen, and they got to dance together to Perfect by Ed Sheerin. Joey said that her favorite part of the night was "dancing with Cam and my friends, but Dylan (Dylan Vowteras, her boyfriend) was a little upset that I got dance with Cam instead of him, but we still had a great night!"

Everyone left around 10 P.M., and Mrs. Podos said that the people on the trolleys starting leaving and "started this mass exodus of everyone else following." Those three hours were full of fun, (not so good) food, and friends, making the 2024 Junior prom incredibly successful and definitely a night to remember.





IN THE NEWS!

MHS students tackle today's issues

Does Microsoft AI Software Provide Dark and Violent Images to Users?

By: Gavin Duque



Artificial Intelligence has been around for quite a long time. Ever since its first use in 1956, it has become significantly more advanced and aware. Every year AI is increasingly getting more popular and easily accessible to the world. Almost anyone with access to the internet could use AI for pretty much anything. From getting it to write essays and solve math problems, to generating crazy

and random images, AI essentially has no limit.

In the past couple of weeks, Microsoft has been getting slammed for allowing their AI devices to generate violent and vulgar images to kids using it. It can depict fatal car crashes and utterly brutal scenes that nobody should be seeing. According to ARS technical (a news outlet) saying, "while Copilot Designer is currently marketed as safe for kids, it's randomly generating an "inappropriate, objectified image of a woman in some of the pictures it creates." And it can also be used to generate "harmful content in a variety of other categories, including but not limited to political bias, underage drinking and drug use, misuse of corporate trademarks and copyrights, conspiracy theories, and religion to name a few."

All it takes to produce these images is to type in just a few words that relate to the subject the user wants. According to another article by the CNBC, "The system also still easily infringes on copyrights, such as creating images of Disney characters, including Elsa from "Frozen, holding the Palestinian flag in front of wrecked buildings purportedly in the Gaza Strip, or wearing the military uniform of the Israeli Defense Forces and holding a

Book Banning: How Far is Too Far?

By Sophia Evans

Suzette Baker, the former Texas librarian, is suing Llano County for firing her after she refused the removal of certain books from the library's shelves. The books that were asked to be banned had topics about racism and the experiences of LGBTQ+ people in them.

Baker is not alone in this fight though, two other librarians fired for similar reasons are also fighting back. The three of them have filed workplace discrimination claims with the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

One of Baker's main arguments is the violation of her First and 14th Amendment rights, along with those of the library's patrons. ABC News says that Baker alleges in her lawsuit that she was fired for "insubordination," "creating a disturbance," "violation of policy," "failure to follow instructions," and "allowing personal opinions to interfere with job duties and procedures" after refusing to remove the books.

Some examples of the books that officials were seeking to remove were: "How to be an Anti-Racist," "They Called Themself the KKK: The Birth of an American Terrorist Group," and "Being Jazz: My Life As A Transgender Teen".

Books were originally removed from the library in April 2022 and Llano County residents sued county officials and the library for this. Over a year later in March 2023, seventeen of the books were replaced because they were protected by the First Amendment.

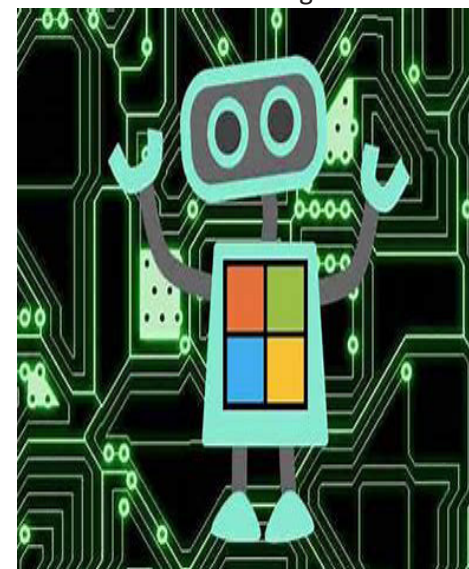


Above: Suzette Baker, the librarian facing harassment with book banning

Microsoft AI

machine gun." These images are detrimental and offensive to those affected by these real-world current events. Following many reports from people having bad experiences using the device, Microsoft has tried to block and prevent these types of things. According to the CNBC, "When entering terms such as "pro-choice," "four twenty" or "pro-life," Copilot (the AI software) now displays a message saying those prompts are blocked. It warns that repeated policy violations could lead to a user being suspended" Microsoft told CNBC regarding copilots ban, "We are continuously monitoring, making adjustments and putting additional controls in place to further strengthen our safety filters and mitigate misuse of the system," Those who try to input such a prompt now may be told that doing so violates Copilot's ethical principles as well as Microsoft's policies. "Please do not ask me to do anything that may harm or offend others," Copilot reportedly says in response. However, CNBC found that it was still possible to generate violent imagery through prompts such as "car accident," while users can still convince the AI to create images of Disney characters and other copyrighted works.

The world as we knew it was forever changed the moment AI-generated images became a reality. Microsoft, in its infinite wisdom, had unleashed a powerful tool that could create visuals at a rate faster than any human artist could ever hope to match. But with this unprecedented power came a darker side; an unsettling ability to warp the innocent minds of those who dared to use the device. It seemed that every image, no matter how mundane, was shown as violent and dark. I think it's awful that this kind of technology is available to kids who shouldn't under any circumstance be exposed to the true darkness and evils of humanity. I'm also a little worried about how far AI can go. Since it has advanced so significantly within only a year, what will it be able to do in ten years? Will it eventually become something we can no longer harness and control? Whatever the case may be, I think the use of AI should be limited and we should stop advancing it all together until it's too late. I feel the way I do it because it could become something we can't control. Since its possibilities are endless, it'll eventually become beyond our comprehension to what it can really do if it ever does get to that point. However there still are some good sides to AI, such as addressing a number of global challenges, help crack down on illegal activities, and helping to tackle overfishing in our ocean and many more.



Book Banning



Some of the book restrictions came from a list created in 2021 by Texas State Representative Matt Krause to the Texas Education Agency and several school district superintendents with over 800 books included on it.

Baker has made several statements saying that these books should not be removed because they include certain topics that are necessary for people to see about, the world around them. "One of the lessons I grew up with was you don't judge anybody unless you walk a mile in their shoes," said Baker. "How do you walk a mile in their shoes, especially when it's in a small county? ... You can pick up a book at a public library, and you can walk in somebody else's shoes, and you can learn something outside of your little bubble of community. And that's what those books are so important for."

These book bans are not uncommon trends in the United States though with roughly 1,269 demands made to censor library books and resources. According to the American Library Association, this is the highest number of attempted book bans since it began collecting data over 20 years ago. Books containing subjects on LGBTQ+ or people of color are the ones that have had the most banned attempts placed on them.

Recently I have seen much more controversy with the book bans in the country. It has been a hot topic in a couple of my English classes as well, since we have read and engaged in discussions about certain books that have been banned. So far, I have read, "Of Mice and Men," "To Kill a Mockingbird," and "The Glass Castle" in high school. In my opinion, these books are only seeking to raise awareness on certain topics and not manipulate the minds of teenagers.

I do believe a child should not be reading about things that they are too young to understand but banning a book and practically criticizing the author for writing it is excessive. It is also excessive to fire a librarian for it. From what I have read, the librarian was just trying to do what was right for her community. I agree with the statement she made about how these allegations are against her 1st and 14th Amendment rights.

The banning of books should be something that the person in charge of an organization should decide upon. If they are against it, there should not be a reinforcement because they have that choice in this country.

The Inside Scoop on the Recent Eclipse

By: Peyton D’Andrea

A solar eclipse occurs when the moon completely covers the sun, leaving only the sun’s outer atmosphere visible. Total solar eclipses are rare. On Monday, April 8, 2024, total solar eclipse will be visible from a 115-mile-wide bank that stretches from the western coast of Mexico, through the US and up to Canadas easternmost province of Labrador- what’s known as the “path of totality.”

One of the prime viewing locations was Texas, where communities like Austin, San Antonio, and Houston experienced moments of complete darkness as the moon passed between the Earth and the sun. In these areas, the eclipse reached totality.

In Austin, the Texas Museum of Science and Technology

organized a special viewing event, attracting families, students, and astronomers. Visitors were provided with solar viewing glasses and telescopes equipped with solar filters to safely observe the eclipse. Excitement filled the air as the moon slowly obscured the sun, creating a stunning celestial display.

Further north, observers witnessed a partial solar eclipse, where the moon only partially covered the suns disk. The eclipse not only interested astronomers, but it also sparked the interest of young learners and different communities. Schools across



Rylie Eldridge wearing her eclipse glasses

the region organized educational activities and encouraged students to witness this natural phenomenon.

After a Delta flight from Dallas-Fort Worth to Detroit during the eclipse, passengers shared their enthusiasm about the unusual journey.

The airline’s resident meteorologist, Warren Weston, was on the flight and said that while there were concerns about a thunderstorm in Dallas this afternoon, the experienced pilots delivered a remarkable experience.

“You can tell it got very dark. I looked out of the window, and I could see the shadow out on the ground. You could see it on the horizon kind of diminishing as you went further out,” he said.

Safety reminders were

brought up throughout the event. Experts emphasized the importance of using proper eye protection when looking directly at the sun. Solar viewing glasses and certified solar filters were recommended to prevent eye damage from the intense sunlight.

After thousands of people stared at the solar eclipse, gathering at different parks, backyards and parking lots, anxiety about eye health went sky high.

People started searching why their eyes hurt on social media wondering if the experience had affected their eyes. People started to think there eyes would hurt, but these are not the symptoms you should look for. Blurry vision, headache and blind spot in one or both eyes and increased light sensitivity are all symptoms.

One patient wanted treatment in Browning’s Greenwood eye clinic, but it was more likely anxiety than anything else, he said. “It creates more anxiety,” said Browning. “If their glasses slip, they think they’re going to lose their vision. It takes some time to discern



Community joined together to watch the eclipse

the burn mark.”

What struck me the most about the solar eclipse was the sense of unity it brought. For those little moments when the moon almost completely obscured the sun, everyone around me was so excited and thrilled just like I was. It was a reminder of how small we are in the grand scheme of the universe, yet also how connected we all are. It was interesting how many people traveled

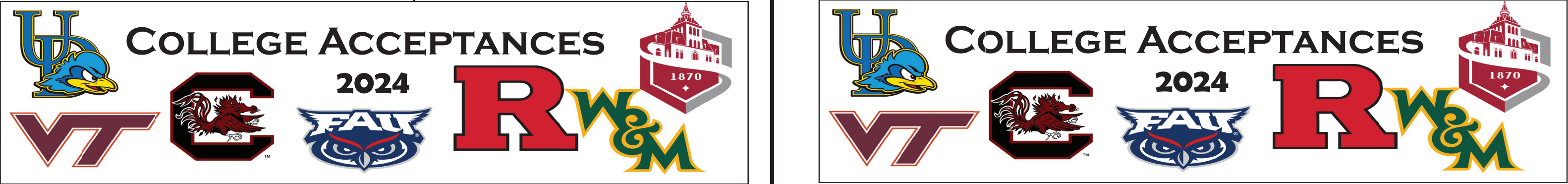
to different places just to get a better look at it. I was thankful enough to have glasses at my house and watched outside. I saw all my neighbors outside and I loved everyone’s excitement over it. I also thought it was very interesting how cold it got outside. I didn’t realize how much colder it gets when the sun is covered like that. I wasn’t too amazed by how dark it got out. I thought that it was going to be very dark, but it felt very ominous and eerie instead. Most of all I appreciated the natural beauty of an event like this. The way the sky changes, the colors that appear, and the overall atmosphere. Lastly, the solar eclipses give a unique opportunity for photographers to capture stunning pictures. I saw some breathtaking photographs.



Photo taken from the view through the eclipse glasses



Map of of the total solar eclipse and where it is seen from



Welcome to this year’s special edition of College Acceptances! While some seniors are still awaiting regular decision announcements on April 1, and others do not plan to go to college next year, many MHS seniors have already earned acceptance to outstanding colleges and universities across the nation. Our list is based on student feedback. Some seniors did not respond to our request for acceptances. We’ll update the list in April with more acceptances, and again in June with each senior’s college choice.

CASSIDY ACCORDINO

James Madison University
Florida Atlantic University
University of Tampa
Elon University
College of Charleston
Seton Hall University

SAMANTHA ARBEIT

University of New Hampshire
Monmouth University
University of South Florida
Florida Gulf Coast University
University of Rhode Island
Virginia Tech
University of Tampa
University of Delaware

ROBERT BADENHAUSEN

Kean University

KIERA BERLIN

College of Charleston
Purdue University
Rutgers University
University of Colorado Boulder
University of Michigan
Virgina Tech
University of Miami
Bucknell University
Lehigh University

STEPHEN BIRD

Rutgers University
University of Maryland
Penn State University

HOLDEN BECKER

University of Rhode Island

BRIELLE BOCCHINO

University of Tampa
University of North Florida
Florida Gulf Coast University
Florida Atlantic University
Louisiana State University

CATHERINE BONNER

Providence College
University of Rhode Island
Marist College
Sacred Heart University
Quinnipiac University
Catholic University of America
University of Connecticut
Loyola University Maryland

TIMOTHY BOUCHER

Providence College
University of Colorado Boulder
University of Denver
University of New Hampshire
UNC- Wilmington
University of Wilmington

NICK BOUNASSI

High Point University

MACKENZIE BRENNAN

Community College of
Baltimore County

ASH BROPHY

American University
Loyola University
University of Maryland

JAMES BURNS

University of Colorado Boulder
University of New Hampshire
Loyola Marymount University

GRACE BUCKLEY

Seton hall
Rutgers University
University of Vermont
Penn State
Quinnipiac university
Sacred Heart university
Marywood university
West Virginia university
Wagner university
UMass Amherst
High Point University
James Madison University
Monmouth University

SYDNEY CACCAMISE

University of Alabama
University of North Carolina at
Charlotte
University of Delaware
James Madison University
Old Dominion University
East Carolina University

TESS CALZARETTA

Northeastern University
University of Delaware

TEDDY CAMPI

University of Miami

KYLE CAPODANNO

Bryan University

JOSEPH CARABETTA

Drew University
Arcadia University

NICK CARABETTA

Drew University

BRAD CHAPMAN

Brookdale Community College

KANE CHAPMAN

Monmouth University
Rowan University
Montclair University
West Chester University
University of Kutztown
Villanova University
The College of New Jersey

QUINN CHAPMAN

Kutztown University
Monmouth University
The College of New Jersey
Villanova University
Rowan University
West Chester University

ANTHONY CHERMARK

University of Tampa
University of South Carolina
University of Tennessee
University of Georgia
Florida State University
Auburn University
Clemson University
Alabama University

BIANCA CHIARELLA

Rutgers University

BILLY COSGROVE

Mount Saint Mary’s
Seton Hall University
Rutgers University
College of Charleston

KATIE COLLINS

University of Pennsylvania

PEYTON D’ANDREA

College of Charleston
James Madison University
University of Delaware
University of Rhode Island
Louisiana State University
Florida Atlantic University
Fairfield University

LIZ DeLEON

Penn State University
West Chester University
Rowan University
Stockton university
University of Pittsburgh
Fairleigh Dickinson University

PETER DEBENEDETTO

University of Delaware
McDaniel College
Virginia Tech
High Point University
James Madison University
Florida Atlantic University

KAITLIN DELLEGRIPPO

Quinnipiac University
Coastal Carolina University
Sacred Heart University
High Point University
Baylor University
Monmouth University
Saint Joseph’s University

DANTE DENTINO

University of the Pacific

CHARLOTTE DERY

University of Vermont
Savannah College of Art
Montclair State

BRIAN DETTLINGER

Rowan University
The College of New Jersey
Penn State

AMANDA DINGLER

Michigan State University
Arizona State University
University of Arkansas
University of Utah
Purdue University
University of Kentucky

LUKE DOWD

Roger Williams University

DYLAN ELDRIDGE

Virginia Tech
University of Delaware
Florida Atlantic University

RYLIE ELDRIDGE

Michigan State
West Virginia
East Carolina

ABIGAIL ELLERY

The College of New Jersey
Monmouth University
Montclair State University
Rowan University
Rutgers University

MIRABELLE ELLIOT

University of Vermont
New Haven University
Florida Southern College
Seton Hall
Monmouth University

KAYLANIE FAGAN

Stockton University

MICHAELA FAY

Brookdale University

JOCELYN FAJARDO

Arcadia University
DeSales University
Hood College
Moravian University
Quinnipiac University
Southern Connecticut State
The College of New Jersey
Towson University
University of Connecticut
University of Massachusetts
West Chester University
Widener University

CAITLIN FALKOWSKI

Michigan State
Penn State
Virgina Tech
Clemson University
Florida State
University of Miami
University of Maryland
University of Georgia
University of South Florida
Rutgers University
University of South Carolina

HANNAH FALLON

College of Charleston
University of North Carolina
Wilmington
University of Rhode Island
Bryant University
Johnson and Wales

JULIANNA FARINACCI

University of Delaware

AMBER FARRINGTON

Innovative Academy

ADDY FLAUM

University of Maryland
University of Tennessee
Pittsburgh University
Rutgers University
University of South Carolina
University of North Carolina
Wilmington
University of Rhode Island

RYAN FRAUENHEIM

Babson College

ZACH FREIDMAN

Bucknell University
Virginia Tech
Marist College
Penn State Harrisburg
College of Charleston
Fairfield University
University of Delaware

FRANK FURFARO

University of Alabama

DOUG GANSSE

Manhattan College
University of Vermont

MASON GARDNER

Virgina Tech
Penn State
Fairfield University
Stockton University
Wentworth Institute of
Technology
Florida Atlantic University
James Madison University

PATRICK GEBHADRT

Brookdale College



JAMES GILMORE Franklin and Marshall Ursinus College Widener University Wilkes University	AUSTIN GRIFFIN Susquehanna University	CASEY HOLMES Belmont Abbey College Charleston Southern Univ. Clemson University Coastal Carolina University Converse University East Carolina University Elmira College Jacksonville University Maine Maritime Academy New Jersey City University Northern Michigan University Oklahoma City University Rutgers University St. Andrews University (NC) Stockton University UNC-Greensboro University of South Carolina Columbia University of Tampa Winthrop University Mount Olive Iowa University High Point University	MADELINE JOHNSON Wesleyan University
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ASHLEY LOPEZ Rutgers Stockton Rowan Westchester University of Pittsburgh	ANDREW MARTUCCI Seton Hall Coastal Carolina Rutgers U at Camden University of Maine	MORGAN MECHLER University of Miami	RYAN MULVANEY University of Miami University of Georgia University of Tennessee University of South Carolina Providence College Indiana University College of Charleston University of Florida
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	WILLOW McGOVERN: Georgian Court	TREY MORGAN University of South Carolina Washington University Stevens Institute of Tech.	
		XAVIER MORGAN Brookdale college	



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Squan Boys Basketball Defeated By Brutal Outcome of Championship Game

By: Angelian George

Three seconds left, freshman Rey Weinseimer shoots a long three pointer, it bounces off the rim and junior Griffin Linstra springs up to get the rebound. He grabs and quickly releases a shot. The ball goes in with 0.6 seconds left. The Warriors celebrate!



Griffin Linstra shoots the buzzer beater

Manasquan has pulled off the upset of the season. The crowd swarms the court, the boys cry tears of joy, it's a most exciting moment for MHS Basketball...except the buzzer beating basket didn't count.

On March 5th in the NJSIAA Group 2 semifinals, Manasquan experienced this catastrophe. The boys were up 35-20, but Camden had a huge comeback. With 5 seconds left Camden shot a free throw that put them in the lead, 46-45. Squan gained control of the ball after the free throw, rushed up court, and Weinseimer shot, with Linstra capturing the rebound. Originally the buzzer beater was waved good, but one of the three refs came to the other two to convene that the shot was not good. Two of the refs came to the conclusion that

the basket did not count. In a matter of minutes the Manasquan boys basketball team went from the greatest high to the lowest low.

Later that night video footage of the game surfaced that revealed just how bad this call was. The game footage quickly spread across social media.

According to Shore Sports Network Manasquan Head Coach Andrew Bilodeau said, "They reversed the call, the referee in the C position in the middle signaled 'basket's good,' they huddled up and then 15 kids got screwed in front of 1,000 people... Those three guys

huddled up and they screwed these kids in front of 1,000 people and that video will be on the internet for everyone to see."

Later that night Manasquan submitted an appeal to the NSJIAA and it was denied. NSJIAA sent out a public apology, admitting that the refs were in the wrong but due to NJSIAA rules calls cannot be argued or changed.

On Friday night the Superior Court Appellate Division denied an application for Emergent Relief. This was Manasquan's last effort at reversing the outcome of



Senior Ryan Frauenheim hugs Griffin Linstra after finding out the buzzer beater did not count.



Junior Jack O'rielly defending against the Camden players.

the game before the Group 2 finals on Saturday.

According to the Asbury Park Press the ruling said "While the consequences of a particular call may be unfortunate for a team, the NJSIAA's regulations recognize the reality that permitting such calls to be challenged on the basis of error would result in ongoing litigation, appeals, and scheduling issues, since no game could be considered final if its outcome is disputed in court as a result of an alleged error by officials."

Arts of Newark, the other team that would play in the Group 2 finals said that they would be more than happy to hold off playing the game to give everyone time to figure out who should be playing. Despite this Ocean County Superior Court Judge Michael Troncone denied the request of the Manasquan

Board of Education for the game to be delayed.

According to the Asbury Park Press Manasquan School District sent out a statement: "Tonight, we received word that the Appellate Division denied our appeal. While we had hoped for a different outcome, we now turn our full attention to supporting our Girls Basketball Team in tomorrow's championship game. We remain deeply disappointed by the conduct of the NJSIAA throughout this process and regret the damage they have done to the lessons of sportsmanship we try to teach students every day."

On Saturday the Squan girls basketball team would go on to win their first Group 2 state championship since 2022. Meanwhile, Camden played in the boys Group 2 state championship and won

the state championship 69-50 against Newark Arts school.

Unfortunately this experience was a tough life lesson for the boys to learn that sometimes the right thing is not what happens.

This story was super important to me because I attend Manasquan High School and I support the basketball team immensely. I was watching the game online live when it all happened and was appalled. I also felt super passionately about this story because I am a big sports fan and believe in the integrity that sports should possess. I think that NJSIAA is setting a horrible example of integrity, sportsmanship, and doing the right thing. It's quite ironic that the adults in this situation are setting a bad example while the children are setting a great example of sportsmanship.

Watching this whole thing truly was horrifying. In my opinion those refs clearly had a swayed opinion, and prevented Manasquan from winning.

In a weird way it is cool how famous this has made the school. While at a national track meet in Boston this past weekend a dozen different people ask me if the 'Squan' on my shirt was the same 'Squan' as the basketball team. Although it's a heart breaking situation where the system failed the boys, they will come back next year even better!



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