

# THE SCROLL

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Riana Delgado was Queen of the Homecoming, and Cristian Rosa was King



Brandon Lopez (left on guitar) wrote and performed an original song at the Winter Concert.

## Cheer at Pep Rally



## Celebrate RHYS

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## Enjoy the Winter Concert



## Eat at Latino Luncheon

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LHS Variety Show Starts Up in April!

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Marilyn Tree Ceremony

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# The Scroll School Newspaper Club

## From The Moderator

By Mr. William Sweeney

The Scroll school newspaper has new editors including sophomores Aferdita Haxhaj, Christian Avendano, and Jacob Cabrera, and freshman Benedeth Uduba. Seniors Jennifer Laaz, Estiward Troncoso, and Gustavo Cruz, junior Nicole Rosa and sophomore Sidrah Saleem all wrote articles in this issue. Join us on Thursdays from 2:40-3:30.

This issue will be in color on the Lincoln HS website.



Members of The Scroll School Newspaper Club include: (back row, from left): Madeline, Marangelis, Jade, Mohamed, Elion, (middle row, from left): Christopher, Jaqueline, Josselyn, Eric, (front row): Jeremy, Alexandra



## LHS of Yonkers 'Variety Show' Debuts in April

By Mr. William Sweeney

The first annual production of the LHS Variety Show will make its spectacular debut in April, 2020. The theme will be the Lincoln High School motto, "We care, We learn, We lead." We will include comedy and drama skits, music, and interviews throughout the production. We aim to entertain and inspire, using all original material.

Senior Jesus Soriano (above, top, center) interviewed Nya at the annual Blood Drive ("We Care") in early February. Mr. Sweeney interviewed alumni Kiersten Carter '10 (above, center) to discuss her recent science publication in a professional journal ("We Lead"), and sophomore Jhan Rosario (above, left) who plays on the Yonkers Brave J.V. football team ("We Learn"). Sophomore Aferdita Haxhaj and Mr. Sweeney are writing separate drama skits. Senior Faith Robinson, seen above in the Tin Man costume at the Pep Rally with two of her ELA teachers, is working on writing and performing comedy. Alexa Pimentel (sophomore) is working on the show's greeting or introduction, while Mr. Minyard (ELA teacher, above left) is working on the show's farewell or conclusion.

If you are interested in writing or performing in the LHS Variety Show please contact Mr. Sweeney (room 318). You can always write yourself into the show! We're all writers, so let's write!

# Halloween



Halloween Photo BOO-th



Fiordaliza Cruz, Mr. Grant, and Jirbelis Cruz were fundraising on Halloween at a Photo BOO-th.

# Isaac Retires



Isaac Richardson, a safety officer at Lincoln High School for twenty years, retired in December. The ardent New York Football Giant fan will be missed by all. He is pictured above dancing on his last day of work at Lincoln during a holiday celebration. Isaac Richardson was a true leader to the students at LHS.

On Wednesday, September 25th, Lincoln High School held an Open House. Pictured to the right are Faith Robinson singing and Jimmy Velez playing piano. Mr. Kuhn, LHS music teacher, said, "Faith is a wonderful talent. Jimmy is passionate and determined. He devours music."

# Professional Development



Principal Sherman (right) presents the new Power School attendance and grading program to staff on the first week of school. Mr. Kaufman (left), 12th grade Administrator is co-teaching the class.

# Open House



# LHS Latin Culture Club participates in YPS Celebrating Latino Culture & Identity



## Celebrating Latino Culture

By Nicole Rosa

I was in attendance at the Language Acquisition Department 3rd Annual 'Celebrating Latino Culture & Identity!' It was "An Evening to Recognize the Rich Contributions and Vital Presence of Latinos in the City of Yonkers." On Thursday evening, October 17th, the program was held at the Yonkers Riverfront Library Auditorium. It was an incredible event where there were poems, speeches, and much folklore shared.

As a Hispanic in Yonkers, I am glad to know where I came from so I can continue to discover my roots. Each of the Latin countries has it's ups and downs. But what are we for if not to raise Hispanic pride?



Nicole Rosa wore a yellow sweatshirt to show her Hispanic pride.



# Latino-American Luncheon



Dainely Veras (left) and Samantha Grossi (right) greet attendees to the Latino-American Luncheon.



(Left side, front): Jose Rodriguez, Estiward Troncoso, Derrick Sanabria. (Right side, from front: Mrs. Dolgetta, Ms. Swanson, A.P., Mr. Ishola.



(From front): Luis Rodriguez, Derrick Sanabria, Abel Cabral, Estiward Troncoso, Jose Rodriguez, Ms. Santana, Ms. Charitos, Mr. Barrientos, Mr. O'Neil, Ms. Vitulli, Dr. Arias.

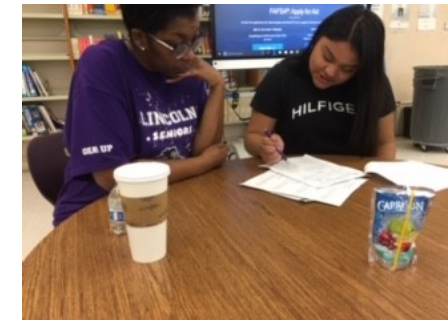
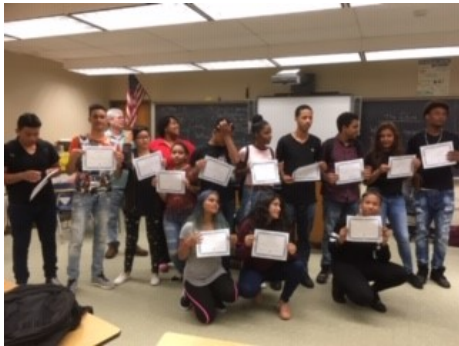
# Gear Up

*Gear Up* is Federal grant-funded program that promotes enhanced student opportunities and support services to enter college and succeed. The Gear Up Team has been working with the current twelfth grade class as they progressed through their four years at Lincoln High School. Staff includes Mr. Kaufman, AP, Dr. Angela Arias, Ms. Difucci, Ms. Osinlye and Mrs. Pereira.

Below are three Gear Up bulletin boards developed through this school year.



Ms. Osinlye (l) and Dr. Arias





## Preparing for College

By Jennifer Laaz

On January 28th, the College of New Haven hosted a student acceptance dinner at the Westchester Marriot in Tarrytown, NY. This evening opened my eyes to what I want and what I do not want from my college experience. I had visited the campus and felt I wanted to go away to school. But once the night was over, I knew that going away to school was not for me. I was embarrassed to share with Mr. Colli that I was no longer interested in this college. I felt bad that he wasted his time coming to this event for me. As I was figuring out what to say, Mr. Colli looked at me and said, "Ok, so this school is out!" He knew right away that I was no longer interested. I apologized to him and he said there was nothing to be sorry about. Mr. Colli said something that night that stuck with me. He said that sometimes in life you find out who you are by finding out who you are not. This was one of those times.

I am lucky to have had a mentor for the last two years to guide me through this confusing and sometimes scary process. The college journey has changed so many times for me, and Mr. Colli has always been supportive for all my crazy changes. He always makes me create a list of the pros and cons of my choices, and together we figure out what will work. He never pushes me toward a choice. Mr. Colli has even met with my parents on numerous occasions dealing with the college process and other issues as well.



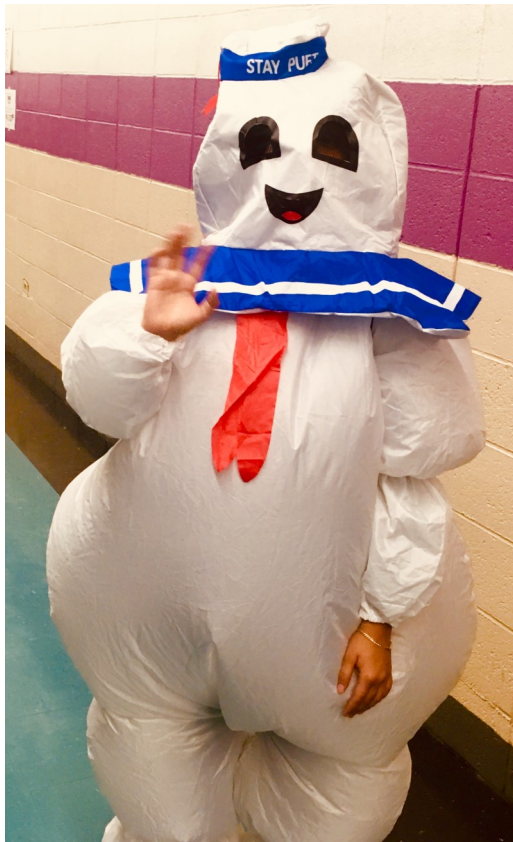
## Yes, We Can!

By Estiward Troncoso

I can't believe it. Today I am months away from graduating from Lincoln High School and have received several accolades for different accomplishments in my studies. It's unbelievable to me because I have been here in the United States for less than two years. I'm proud of my academic advances. I had thought that learning English was going to be my greatest obstacle. It turns out that I am making satisfactory progress in that area. Learning English has become a great challenge for me because I intend to become fully proficient as soon as possible. I was fortunate to be invited to participate in the Yonkers City Essay Competition, and the Human Rights Commission commended me for being a member of the Rho Kappa Social Studies Honor Society. I wrote an essay about human rights and the violation of human rights. Regarding our City of Yonkers, we have great diversity and we learn to accept, tolerate, and develop friendships. I was fortunate to earn an Honorary Mention for my essay. This was a great accomplishment for me, and I am happy with that honor. I received multiple certificates for that, and this has motivated me to continue competing in different areas.

I am enjoying my senior year, and am planning to attend college. Some colleges have already accepted me. I will study Accounting which is my passion. I know I'll make good progress and then help my community. The United States has given me this great opportunity, and I am seizing it. I encourage my classmates to study and follow their dreams. Yes, we can!

# Spirit Week

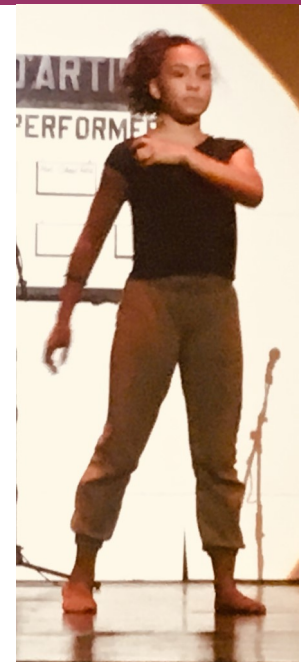


Character Day (above)



Pajama Day (above, from left): Kalise, Ysvely, Nayelin, Yamisha, Amy and Jayshka.

# Café d' Artist



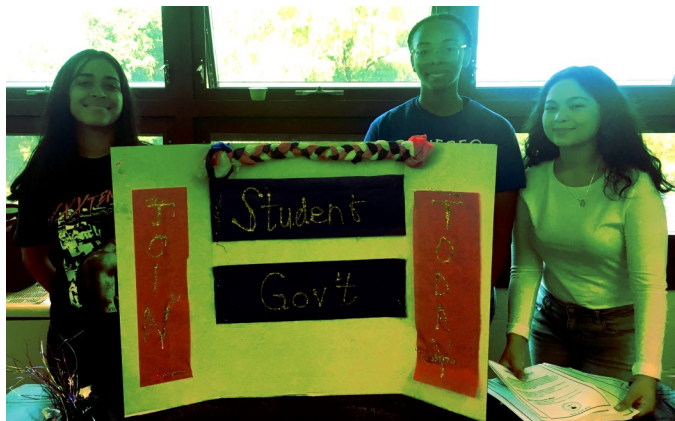
Anisa Rullan (above) is a winner as a dancer at the Café d' Artist.

# Celebrating Ms. Ellis as Temp English Chairperson





# Club Day



(From left) Lizbeth Encarnacion, Courtney Lewis, and Sandy Blanco host the **Student Government Club**. Ms. Rodney is the Moderator of the club.



Michelle Marin (above) hosts the **Social Studies Honor Society** booth during Club Day.



(From left) Amber Rodriguez, Fernanda Benavides, Luis Rodriguez, Janette Pliget, and Iteliza Abreu host the **Latin Club**.



(Above, from left) Jadia McKenzie, Jaliyan McNair, Hevynn Reid host the **Black Culture Club** (below).



Ms. Osinloye (left) moderates the **Bookworms Book Club**

Mrs. Marysol Figueroa (right) hosts the **Gateway** after-school program.



# Visual Art Display & Winter Concert 2019



Senior Choir



Andrea Byrne sings



Mr. Porter waves to the audience. He is the Chairman of the Arts Academy.



Mr. Zion leads the Choir.



Principal Sherman welcomes the audience.



Jadin Marrero sings.

# Visual Art Display & Winter Concert 2019



## Gustavo Plays Mozart

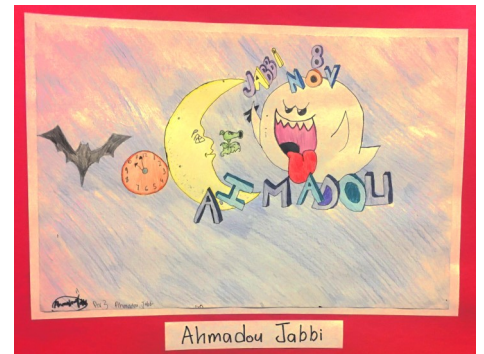
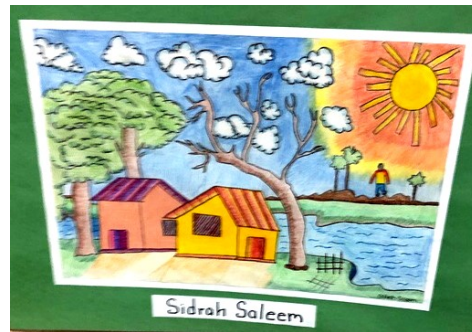
By Gustavo Cruz

At the Winter Concert, I played piano, a piece called The Faile Sonata from Mozart. My participation was outstanding. However, at first I felt nervous. But after the first ten seconds, I started to have fun and joy. The piece was for a moment confusing. I kept playing, and at the transition of the music what motivated me to play was my mom and her close friend were observing me. After I finished, I heard the applause which made me feel quite happy because they liked what I played.

Gustavo Cruz plays classical piano (above), Mr. Zion addresses the audience (right), Jimmy Velez plays classical piano (below, right), Jadin Marrero (below) sings with band, Mr. Kuhn addresss the audience (below), and Andrea Byrne sings (lower, right).



# Visual Art Display & Winter Concert 2019



## Village Life

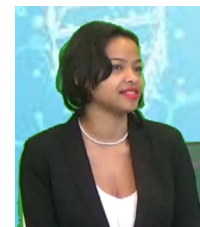
By Sidrah Saleem

I created a work of art for Art class (see above, center). It was directly influenced by village life. It features beautiful scenes of nature, including fresh air and a quiet life. All of the features in the picture come to our minds when we think of the village. Village life is the most natural life of human beings. The village is a panorama of the charming scenes of nature. The village life is full of divine beauty. Village life is simple and plain. Villagers are content with the necessities of life. Villagers are mostly field workers. They are not wealthy, but have enough for their minimum requirements of life. They think highly because they think in the terms of God and religion.

In my art, I predominantly utilize organic shapes. The sun begins to rise gradually, spilling golden rays of light over the lake. A gently breeze drifts through the frail tree. The clouds performing spectacularly play in the dazzling morning sky. Down below, the sleeping village, tucked away inside the green valley, awakens to the sound of running water. A little boy stands next to a lake for greeting a new morning.

I created a work of art for Art class, and it is directly influenced by village life. I have never done anything like this before. Before this drawing, I did some sketching, and portraits. I enjoyed doing the art work. I probably will do it again.

Dr. Saghafi (right) sits in his classroom with two students at lunchtime.



## Interview With Kiersten Carter, Lincoln Alumni '10

By: Mr. William Sweeney

S: Tell us, what influence has Dr. Saghafi had on you publishing this paper?

C: In high school, he was really a driving force for me. I had a difficult home life and here was a second home. He invited students to eat lunch in his classroom, and I used to spend my lunch periods in his classroom. (Also, I won a district award for my science research project that I developed with his help.)

S: Yes, he has influenced so many people for so many years. I give him credit and I give you credit. Tell the students what you have done with publishing your paper in a peer reviewed professional journal.

C: My work is in breast cancer, and we work in a form of communication. That is difficult because when cancer cells metastasize, it can cause death. Breast cancer is not the tumor itself, but it is more chemo resistant and they are not manageable. They can touch one another and fight the immune system. The tumor cell hijacks the machinery that should protect us. It can proliferate and go on to become another tumor.

S: Your work is very important. Cancer is very serious, and breast cancer is just ... devastating. You are doing work to help people overcome that situation, and that says a lot about you. Dr. Saghafi also said that you are also publishing a second chapter along with this topic. What is that about?

C: It is classifying, and about a new found communication system. People want to quantify it differently. So, we are trying to make a foundation of what it is and what it isn't with the different types of communications a cell can make. We are looking to show a landmark of what these structures are as opposed to other types.

S: Did you work on this chapter along with the published paper for your doctoral dissertation?

C: This is a part of it. Yes.

S: Where does this paper and the chapter stand in the field of cancer research?

C: If we can stop the communication of projections from occurring, we can slow down the ability of the cancer cell from metastasizing.

S: Will you continue to write articles for journal publications?

C: Yes, for my doctorate.

S: Will you continue your career in cancer research?

C: It really doesn't matter. I love science. So, whatever type of science I'm happy to do it.

S: The Lincoln High School motto is "We care, we learn, we lead." You clearly belong in all three categories. But few students ever publish research papers in research journals. For this accomplishment you are a leader. Can you share a few words with current high school students, particularly those at Lincoln High School in Yonkers, New York?

C: Just pursue whatever you want to. Don't let anybody tell you you can't do it. There have been plenty of times when I was told I can't do it. I surpassed the expectations of those individuals.

Rhys is a student who was in the Academy of Learning. He passed away on October 7, 2019. These are reflections of Rhys written by his friends.

## Forever Rhys



Dear Rhys,

It's been a long time since you and I have been friends. We are proof of the fact that all good things don't always end through highs and lows. I'm here for you forever is what I want you to know. XOXO. I have known you for six years since we were in 7th and 8th.

Love,

Your bestie,

Jessica



Dear Rhys,

One thing I know about you is you came into the lunch room and slammed the table. Your lunch box was orange, white and blue, and your favorite character was Charlie Brown. Your face was red every time you laughed. Also, your favorite sports were golf and hockey.

Sincerely,

Lillian



Dear Rhys,

I love you because you made me laugh so hard. You were always kind to me. You were a great friend to me. Some day, I will go to Heaven with you. Sometimes I talk French to you. I am so sorry that you (have left us.) You have been my favorite friend. You were so funny. I made you happy. I love you in my heart. I love you.

Love,

Caileen

Red Rose, my Love. Keep my prayers in your heart.



Dear Rhys,

(I remember) when we walked to the elevator. Also, you always made jokes and laughter.

Love,

Vianca

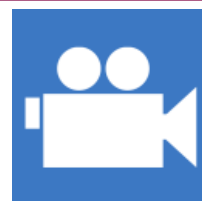


Dear Rhys,

I remember last year when we made a video with Caileen.

Love,

Emely



# Forever Rhys

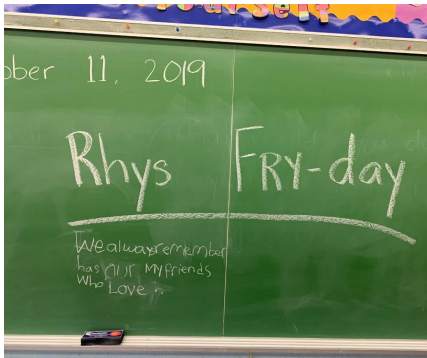


Dear Rhys,

Rhys, Oh Rhys, it's been some time since you have been gone. I miss you dearly but trust me, I will not dwell over your loss. You made me smile when I would walk into the room. You were a ray of sunshine when my days were rainy. The way you laughed would make everyone's day. I remember the way you were so quick to help me when I was lost. Your voice could fill up a whole room. You were always asking me if I was okay when you noticed I was mad. I just want you to know I love you so much, and the little memories we had will never be gone. You will be missed, but never forgotten.

Love,

Destiny Dupervol



# Academy of Finance



## Interview With Jhan Rosario, Lincoln Sophomore

By: Mr. William Sweeney

**S:** Jhan, this was a fantastic game. I'm impressed by your team. Besides LHS, what other schools are affiliated with the Yonkers Brave?

**R:** There is also Riverside, Saunders, and Palisades Prep.

**S:** How is it working out?

**R:** We have good people everywhere. We're combining like brothers.

**S:** That's impressive. But, a lot of people don't know about those different schools and how they are working together. How did you feel you played today?

**R:** I could always do better. Everyone could do better. Everyone improves. It was a tough loss. We are learning. We'll do better next time.

**S:** I noticed you were playing defensive back and you had some good instincts with following the ball and defending the plays. Unfortunately, the final score was 26-14 in their favor. It was a close game against an Ossining team that is always tough. Good job, Jhan. We love football and want to encourage students from Lincoln High School to play for the Yonkers Brave team. Congratulations. Keep it going!



# Marilyn's Tree Ceremony



The Lincoln High School family met during the Fall to remember student Marilyn Cotto Montanez by planting a tree in her honor next to the building's entrance. Her family members, students, teachers, and administrators spoke comforting words of Marilyn's great impact on all she touched. Pictured to the right holding Marilyn's picture is her younger sister. Pictured to the left holding Marilyn's picture is Principal Sherman. Dr. Saghafi looks on in the top picture, and Mr. Kaufman, the 12th grade administrator, looks on below. Marilyn was part of the current 12th grade graduating class. She is missed by all here at Lincoln. Below is a re-print of Mr. Kaufman's heartfelt words from The Scroll issue from last May.

## In Memoriam

By Mr. Kaufman, AP

On April 25th (2019), the Lincoln High School Community suffered a tragic loss. Eleventh grader Marilyn Cotto Montanez was taken from us in a senseless act of violence that left us all searching for understanding. Marilyn was a happy, conscientious student who dreamed of going to college and building a life for herself. She always had a smile on her face, and was able to brighten any room, simply by walking into it. Whether she was a close, dear friend or just someone you knew of, the entire school felt the effect of her passing. Each of us will mourn and learn to adapt in our own way. The next year will be, at times, bittersweet as the class of 2020 experiences their senior year with joy and anticipation, and just a hint of emptiness. We will go on, but we will not forget. Marilyn, you will be missed. #MarilynsWorld.



# Pep Rally 2019



Riana Delgado was Queen of the Homecoming, and Cristian Rosa was King.

## King and Queen



Lissa Kola is the Homecoming Princess and Justice Garcia is the Homecoming Prince. Congratulations!

## Prince and Princess



Karen Moran is the Homecoming Duchess and Carlos Bonilla is the Homecoming Duke.

## Duke and Dutchess



Faith Robinson sings to the crowd.



Mr. O'Neil was the Master of Ceremonies at the 2019 Pep Rally. Thank you, Sir. You did a fine job!

Andrea Byrne sings to her peers.



# Yearbook Club



# Girls Soccer



# Volleyball



Paola Cruz dribbles the ball. Mr. Colli attended the girls' soccer game.

Tiffany Cruz '18 and mom watch sister Paola play.

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## Sports



**Girls Soccer**



**Boys Soccer**



**Volleyball**



Above are the Lincoln High School members of the Yonkers Brave Varsity and J.V. football teams. See page 16 for interview with sophomore John Rosario.



**Football**

