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Lincoln High School's Gear Up Spring Break included travelling to various colleges and monuments, including the White House in Washington D.C. (See pages 4-6.)



(from left) Adam Kaufman, AP, Sandy Hattar, AP, Ian Sherman, Principal, Dr. Angela Arias, Gear-Up Coordinator, AP, Jannette Swanson, George Miles, AP



Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan, Archbishop of New York (center) greeted the parade marchers from the grandstand. He was the Grand Marshall of this year's Yonkers St. Patrick's Day Parade. Mayor Mike Spano and City Council President Liam J. McLaughlin (left) waved to the parade marchers. See page 3.



## Teacher of the Year

Michelle DeBonis-Matica (above), English Department Chairperson at Lincoln High School was recently named Yonkers Teacher of the Year for High Schools. The photo was supplied by Tina Matica.

Congratulations to Dr. Dean Saghafi-Ezaz (above, right) for winning the Yonkers Public Schools CTE Teacher of the Year. Ian Sherman (above, left), Lincoln High School Principal, presented the award.

**Prom: Wednesday, June 21st, 7pm, at the V.I.P. Club in New Rochelle**

**Graduation: Sunday, June 25th 10:30 am at the Westchester County Center**

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## Valentine's Day



Mrs. Carma Cacace and Mr. Julio Soler and their students were fundraising for the Academy of Learning (AOL). The funds were donated to the entire AOL program for the graduation breakfast, awards and trophies, and assisting students with funds to go to the prom.

## The Scroll School Newspaper Club



Members of The Scroll School Newspaper Club (above) include Emily Reyes (left), Mr. Sweeney (Moderator, center), and Alisha Jimenez (right).

## Unified Student Council

By Emily Reyes

The Unified Student Council, otherwise known as the Student Government, at Lincoln High School is a unique reflection of our school community. The purpose of the



(from left) Joseph Yaw, Christopher Nauman, Ms. Theresa Smith, John Mordan, Anthony Thomson, and Kesamel Simmons

## Senior Committee Valentine's Day Fundraiser

By Ms. Theresa Smith

On February 14th, the Senior Committee (above) was busy spreading the "Love Bug"! They had a table set up in the cafeteria during the lunch shifts when the students could purchase homemade chocolate roses, scented roses, balloons and raffles. The Committee even offered the option of having the treats delivered to individuals in classes during periods seven and eight. This is the second year that Mrs. Smith has offered the chocolate roses and the delivery of the valentines, and the it seems like the students really appreciate it! The Senior all of their money raised goes to reducing the cost of the prom. Congratulations to the Committee for working well together to benefit the entire Lincoln family!

Student Government is to ensure all of the voices of our students are heard and represent Lincoln High School. We discuss school issues including problems in our community that need to be addressed. We have participated in the Business Olympics, collected cans for food drives, and much more! Our goal is to partner with other high schools to make Yonkers a safer place. If you would like to learn more or join the Student Government, our meetings are held in room 141 with Mr. Wilson after school.

## St. Patrick's Day Parade



The Lincoln Marching Band led by Mr. Kuhn, the Music Director, at the St. Patrick's Day Parade 2017. Judge Richard Sweeney is to the right.

### Frosty for the St. Patrick's Day Parade

By Jacinda Hernaiz

The Lincoln High School marching band, once again participated in the St. Patrick's Day Parade. Even though most were not prepared for the very cold weather, the event was a success.

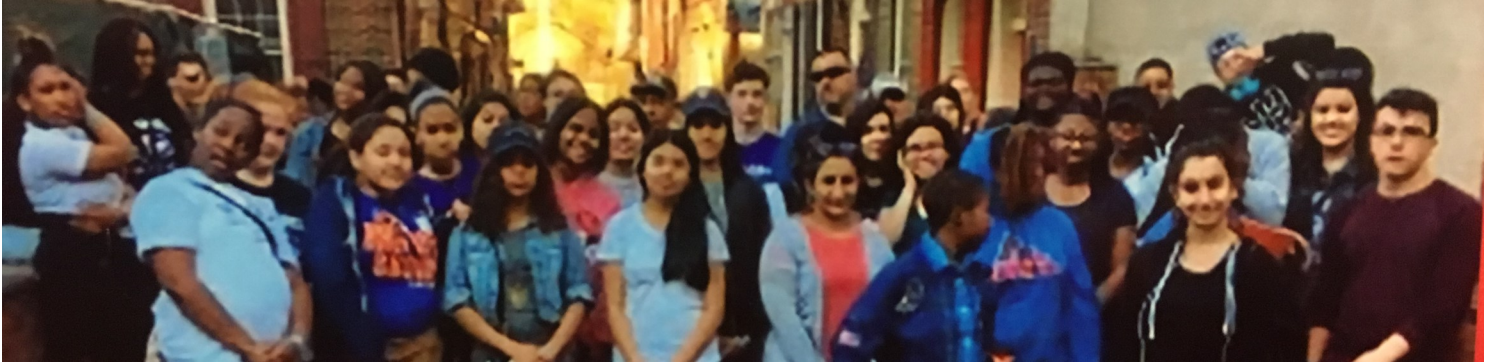
Mr. Kuhn is the school's Instrumental Music teacher and he asked me to play for this parade as well as all band events even though I am not enrolled in one of his classes. This is why he calls me "patriot." I love to join any band events. From concerts, to parades, to even practicing flute at home, I enjoy keeping music within me.

The parade was almost cancelled due to the upcoming snow. We still all showed up. Mr. Kuhn was nice enough to bring warm breakfasts and hot chocolate so we could stay warm. Some of the people in the crowd complimented us on the familiar music we played. As we returned, we sighed in relief to the warmly heated bus. Mr. Kuhn thanked us for showing up and playing in this type of weather.



Yonkers Federation of Teachers march in the parade. Marchers include (from left) Mr. William Sweeney (Lincoln), Judge Richard Sweeney, Mr. John Murray (Lincoln), and two regular marchers.

## **Gear Up Ninth Grade Spring Break Trip**



### **Spring Break Trip Was Great Experience**

By Cordei Gardner

The Spring Break trip was a great experience. The tour guides caught our attention, while we observed the captivating attractions. The colleges we viewed provided, on a grand scale, so much information about college. The best part of the trip honestly may have been the food, especially from the schools. A close second was the energy of the guides in Philadelphia and at Coppin State University. Last but not least, the pillows from the first hotel were the greatest!

### **Amazing Spring Break Trip to See Universities and Monuments**

By Manar Abualteen

During the Spring Break vacation, I had the opportunity to go to colleges and monuments. To say that I enjoyed these is an understatement. We had ventured off into Maryland, Washington D.C., Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and a part of Virginia. We visited Lincoln College and that particularly interested me because of the way it felt. It was as if I belonged there, and they were really there to further our careers. It felt like a 'home away from home'. We also visited Georgetown University, Cheney University, Towson State University and Coppin State University.

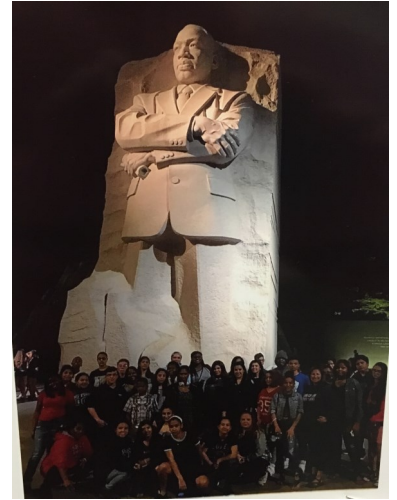
We visited monuments such as the Liberty Bell in Philadelphia. Also, we visited the Vietnam War Memorial and the White House in Washington D.C. Visiting these places made me realize that there is so much more out there than just Yonkers and Westchester. The Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial was my favorite. He has been an inspiration and a role model for me for years. To see a place dedicated to him with walls and with his quotes was so breathtaking. Martin and I have basically the same views on civil rights. So, to see him honored was truly amazing.

## **Gear Up Ninth Grade Spring Break Trip**

### **College Trip Review**

By Alex Garcia

The college trip during Spring Break was memorable for me for more than one reason. It was educational and it was fun. The schools each had their own unique settings, but my favorite was Towson State in Baltimore. It has a huge campus and they tried to make our experiences good ones. The buildings are also tall and the campus looks extremely organized with a nice view everywhere. It is tough to describe it, but I would say that it is a beautiful school.



### **Best Trip Ever!**

By Michelle Portillo

I had fun on the first three days of the Spring Break trip. The reason for this is because it was an educational college tour trip. During this trip, I had the opportunity to view different types of colleges. Some colleges were smaller than others and had less people around. My favorite colleges were Towson State, Georgetown University, and Lincoln College.

My favorite part of the trip was when we were allowed to walk around each city. We went to Washington D.C., Philadelphia, and Baltimore. My favorite place to walk around was Washington D.C. We saw the Lincoln Memorial and the White House. The hotels were fun because we had good breakfasts. Overall, the trip was an amazing experience and I made new friends. Best trip ever!

### **Sacred Quad Grass**

By Stepania Arroyave

The three day Spring Break trip left me thinking about what I wanted to do in life. It made me realize that as a minority I have to work one-hundred times harder. Also, I have to involve myself to get into college. I found it comforting that the colleges were diverse, and full of fun activities.

One part of the trip that was most interesting was the sacred quad grass at Cheyney University. When it was founded, the school was all black for slaves. But the KKK would lynch them on the quad grass. This caused the slaves to build an underground tunnel. The students can not step on the grass or they will not graduate. I found this grass interesting because it looked so intriguing. It made me want to run and play in it.

## **Gear Up Ninth Grade Spring Break Trip**

### **Breathtaking**

By Ashley Alvarez

During Spring Break, I went on a school trip with some other kids from my school. On the trip, we went to two states and the District of Columbia. We went to Pennsylvania, Maryland and Washington D.C. They were all beautiful. We went to many different places including memorials and colleges and universities.

My favorite part of the trip was going to Washington D.C. There we viewed many memorials like the Washington Monument, Martin Luther King Memorial, and the Vietnam Memorial. In person, these memorials were completely breathtaking. We also saw the three branches of the federal government including the White House where the President lives and works which represents the executive branch, the Capitol Building where Congress meets and represents the legislative branch of government, and the Supreme Court Building where the Supreme Court justices work and which represents the judicial branch.

### **Loved Everything About This Trip**

By Gemerlyn Garcia

First of all, I would like to say that this Spring Break trip to universities and monuments between Philadelphia and Washington D.C. was the best trip I have ever been on. Thank you for the opportunity. My favorite part of the trip was when we went to Philadelphia. I have been to Philadelphia before, but I love that city. The tour guides went through the city in a very thorough way. I liked how they showed us the White House in Washington D.C. and Benjamin Franklin's grave.

I love the history behind the City of Philadelphia. We saw the house of Betsy Ross. That house is now a museum. They gave us the history behind her house and her design of the flag. I liked our tour guide because he went through every corner of the city. I loved everything about this trip mostly because I made many new friends.

### **Amazing Washington D.C. Trip**

By Karina Savinon

Going on this trip to Washington D.C., Maryland, and Philadelphia was an amazing experience. I am really grateful that I was able to go and visit colleges and universities. We also went to the Lincoln Memorial in Washington D.C. We visited the Liberty Bell in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. We visited other memorials in Maryland.

My favorite part of the trip was the Lincoln Memorial because I really like Lincoln and being able to go to a memorial dedicated to him was awesome. I also liked seeing the White House. Most of all, I really enjoyed spending more time with my friends. We were hanging out but learning at the same time.

## Seniors



Principal's List: (from left) Mr. Barrientos, Grade 12 Guidance Counselor, Micheel Rodriguez, Isaias Rivas, Jr., Sydney Pichardo, Ivan Bryk, Haroun Alkaifi, Nicole Pacheco, Ms. Jannette Swanson, AP (Grade 12) Alexis Bates could not make the photo.



Honor Roll: Yaw Agyarko, Jr., Yoseline Alonso, Angel Antigus, Jessica Audu, Muhammed Awan, Adnan Bishtawi, Kimberly Cruz, Enyel Di Renzo, Stephanie Dunne, Pedro Franco, Michael Gomez, Raqueimi Gonzalez, Maria Guzman, Jacinda Hernaiz, Adel Jacob, Kayla Johnson, Jennifer Kurian, Tania Lara, Tyrone Lucas, Jahrae Martinez, Justin Martinez, Nathan Mejia Luna, Nicole Mejia Marmol, Samuel Mesquita, Jaden Pavon, Jasmine Rodriguiz, Josmerlyn Mariel Santos Jimenez, Tatyana Smith, Tywana Thomas, Lizbeth Torres, Lesmy Velasquez, Dario Villaneuva, Jeselyn Yopez



High Honor Roll: Haround Alkaifi, Thompson Amponsah-Sintim, Olivia Barbieri, Ivan Bryk, Beth Burkhardt, Nethaly Cedano, Jerusalem Yacob Estifanos, Amanda Fazio, Paola Ferreira, Daniel Hall, Infinite Henry, Jamiles Jimenez, Nicole Pacheco, Destiny Perez, Sydney Pichardo, Stefania Quarcoo, Emily Reyes, Michael Rodriguiz, Rafael Sanchez, Jailene Segovia



2017 Top Twenty: 1. Paola Ferreira, 2. Alexis Bates, 3. Jennifer Madrid, 4. Nichole Pacheco, 5. Raqueimi Gonzalez, 6. Jamiles Jimenez, 7. Jerusalem Yacob Estifanos, 8. Yaw Agyarko, Jr., 9. Pedro Franco and Raul Joven, 11. Jeffrey Almonte, 12. Yoseline Alonso, 13. Jasmine Rodriguiz, 14. Maria Guzman, 15. Jahrae Martinez, 16. Panya Kamsom, 17. Sydney Pichardo, 18. Hidalverys De La Cruz, 19. Samuel Mesquita, 20. Beth Burkhardt

## Prom is Once in a Lifetime

By Tatiana Richardson

Prom dresses are very expensive lately. I have been browsing a little and if you want to get a great quality prom dress you must invest a lot of money. Good prom dresses range from two-hundred eighty dollars and up. Also, you should get your dress months before your prom. I also suggest that you buy a dress with a light color because the prom is in the summer time. I think that the light colors will be nice and will bring out details in peoples' outfits. The most expensive item is your shoes, even though the dress is most important. If you are going to look for a name brand shoe it is going to cost from four-hundred dollars and up, even though that is completely unreasonable. But prom is once in a lifetime.

## Senior Picture—Class of 2017



Staff assisting with cap and gown measurements—(from left) Angela Cera, Gwendolyn Lane, Noreen Pereira, Zoe Charitos

Paola Ferreira

Valedictorian 2017

## The Perfect Dress

By Angelina Gallazu

It was hard. There were many options. Thousands of colors, thousands of designs. But, I got it. The perfect dress. It is a long mermaid dress, and matches perfectly with my complexion and body. The color is beautiful, and the design is amazing. I swear that I tried on over fifty dresses. I had some bad moments and some confident ones.

## Lincoln Dry Cleaning Service

By Mr. James Allen

The Lincoln Dry Cleaning Service opened on December 16th. Partnering with Julian De La Cruz of Miracle Cleaners, the dry cleaning service provides teachers an opportunity to have their clothes dry cleaned and delivered to the school, saving them time and money. Under the leadership of Mr. James Allen and Mrs. Glenda Lacen, students from the Academy of Learning (AOL) program run the day-to-day operations of the business. The students take in the clothes, write out the dry cleaning tickets, and calculate and collect the bills. They also handle the delivery service once the dry cleaning is dropped off. The business has so far provided many opportunities for the students to gain real world experience that can be used in and outside the school setting. The Lincoln Dry Cleaning Service operates on Tuesdays and Fridays every week from 7:25 am to 7:45 am and during periods 6 and 8.



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# Seniors

## Senior Year

By Isaias Rivas

During this 2016-2017 school year, students in their last year start getting stressed about the prom and graduation. Besides, these are many additional stressors caused by the difficult decisions students have to make about which college they will attend. They are worrying about which college program will fit them or which program works for them. A piece of advice: If you have a passion, follow it, even if people tell you to do the opposite. At the end of the day you will be happy.

## How Seniors Feel About Leaving School

By Angie Acevedo

Some seniors are actually very thrilled about leaving school after graduation. Others will miss their four years at Lincoln High School. Personally, I am very excited to leave but I am also sad. Not because I am actually going to miss it here. But because I am sad that these four years went by so fast. Also, I am still not sure which college I want to attend. I really wanted to get into the College of Staten Island, and I did. I even received financial aid. A LOT. But my only struggle is transportation.

## Free CUNY/SUNY Tuition

By Ivan Bryce

The program to provide free tuition for students at New York State's public CUNY and SUNY schools passed the state legislature last month. This program will change the lives of students at public universities across the state. Governor Andrew Cuomo made this a priority. To qualify, students must attend a school full time and be on track to graduate within two or four years and have an annual household income of less than \$100,000. After graduation, scholarship recipients must live and work in New York for as many years as they received a tuition award. If they break the commitment, the tuition grant become a loan that must be repaid.

## Prom—The Perfect Suit

By Yoel Concha

Want a perfect suit? First thing is try to measure your chest and waist. Then, try picking a suit that is unique. If you want to stand out from the others, you will have to pick a suit that is not the boring classic colors like black and blue. A light pink color is the best solution. All eyes on you as you walk with your crisp, light pink suit.

## Black Culture Club



### Spoken Word Assembly

By Mr. William G. Sweeney

In honor of Black History Month, our Black Culture Club arranged to have several guest speakers speak to various classes. On Friday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, Tom Ray spoke to several classes in the auditorium. Also, the honors Choir performed. The Lancer Dance Group performed. Several student poets recited their best poems. Finally, the winners named, along with those receiving honorable mention.

Tom Ray, the guest speaker, has written two books of poetry. His first, published in 2012, is “The Thoughts of Ray from my heart to yours!” He started writing his second book in 2013. His second book, published in 2016, is “P.A.I.N Progress after this Nemesis.” This second book is an autobiography in poetry.

Tom Ray performed his poems from memory. First, he performed the poem, “Appreciation” from his first book. Then, he performed “Times is Hard” and “Speaking from the Heart” from his second book. Finally, he performed, “Chaos” which is brand new and written just for the students here.

Tom Ray explained, “I became a curator. I put show pieces together in 2009 through 2013 called, “Soul Box.” It was open-mike forums held at the Nepperhan Community Center. I went on to perform to express myself at various places in New York City. Success is not measured by somebody else’s success. But, I recommend you graduate from high school and further your education...”

The following students danced with the Lancer Dance Group: Winter Bryant, Jahrae Martinez, Tiavion Johnson, Emily Rodriquez, and Marlei McGalta. Also, four student recited their best poems.

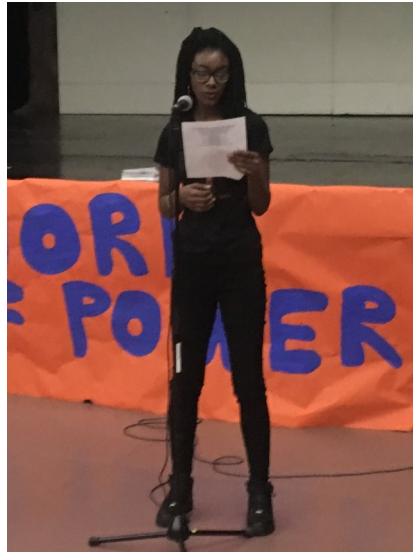
The Poetry Contest included seventy-eight contestants. Sydney Pichardo, a senior, earned first place for the poem “Equality.” J’Shawna Edwards, a junior, won second place for her poem, “B.H.M.” Third place was a tie between Tywana Thomas, a senior, who recited “Blurred Transparency,” and Chris Camacho, a sophomore, for his “Equity Rap.” Honorable Mention went to Jacqueline Faulk for “Equality,” Edward Vargas for “The Division,” Jennifer Mendoza for “I Won’t Be Home Tonight,” Feliciano Mianda for “Equality,” Yanin Ledesma for “American Mosaic,” Sarah Altam for “Escape,” and Cecille Ogando for “Together.”

### Black Culture Club

### Spoken Word Assembly 2/3/17



Diamond Chambliss (above)



J'Shawna Edwards (above) won second place in 2017 Poetry Contest.



Sidney Pichardo (above) was winner of the Poetry Contest.

2017 Black History Month Poetry Winners and Honorable Mentions (right)



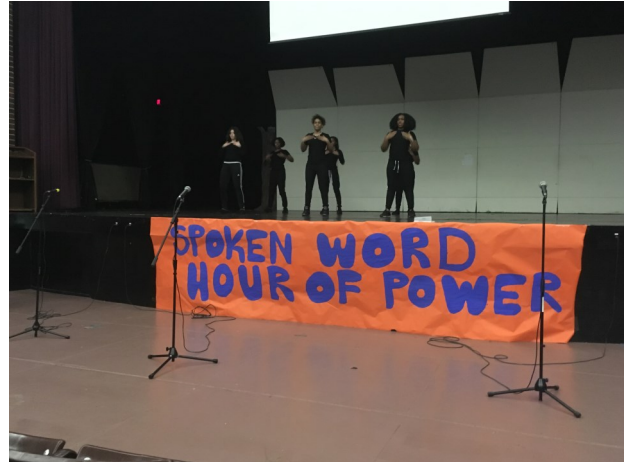
(From left) Chris Comacho (3rd Place), Jennifer Mendoza (honorable mention), Tywana Thomas (3rd), J'Shawna Edwards (2nd), Sidney Pichardo (1st), Yanin Ledesma (honorable mention), Feliciano Miranda (honorable mention), Ms. Lyttle, and Ms. Ellis.



## Black Culture Club



Karen Ashley (above, left) , cousin of our Ms. Lyttle (above, right), spoke to the seniors about her journey for success.



Lincoln Dancers

## X-Factors For Success

By Mr. William G. Sweeney

Karen Ashley (above) spoke at Lincoln High School during Black History Month. Karen is vice president and works in marketing in the financial services in Manhattan. In particular, she worked for twenty years at Thomson Reuters. She explained that everyone’s journey is different. She spoke about the ‘X-Factors’ for success. She is originally from Jamaica.

Ms. Ashley explained that the ‘X-Factors’ for success include being deliberate about your work ethic. She strongly suggested that students maximize mentorship especially including bosses. She proposed that students ‘color outside the lines.’ This means push yourself. Karen implored that students to be courageous and take risks. She said, “Students should focus on their performance. That gets you to the next level. Avoid absolutes such as ‘I’m not...’ Never say never. Never burn bridges.” Finally she said, “Build a fan base.”

Karen Ashley’s final words to the students were for students to “live fully, love deeply, and give generously.”

## Black Culture Club Carnivale Dance

By Tara Dixon

On March 3rd, the Black Culture Club held its first dance with the theme “CARNIVALE”. Everyone came out exquisitely dressed in all black and wore colorful masks depicting the theme. The students took it to the dance floor as the DJ provided us with live entertainment with different genres of music. There were snacks, pizza, juice, water as well as a bake sale display where students purchased tasty cupcakes and pastries. The gym was decorated with colorful curtains, balloons and large masks. There was a photo booth where everyone took pictures. Even though it was freezing outside, Lincoln High School came out on a roll to have a blast. Even the chaperones were moving to the beat! What will the theme be next year? Let’s wait and see!

## Black Culture Club

## Caribbean Soul Food Luncheon



Barbara Acheampong and Beth Burkhardt sang at the Luncheon.



(from left) Britney Sanchez, Tywana Thomas, Tandra Dixon, Kameya Drummond and Steven Opuku served food at the Luncheon.

## Black Culture Club's Luncheon 2017

By Britney Sanchez

What a great way to start Winter Break by having a wonderful Caribbean soul food luncheon sponsored by the Black Culture Club! We had a wide variety of great food and wonderful talent. We had soul food catered from Sugar Plums Restaurant in New Rochelle, Caribbean food from Venice's Kitchen in Mount Vernon, African food inspired by Ghana from Ms. Kwasi and also Mr. Tchangou provided food from Cameroon. The menu included fried chicken, curry goat, jerk pork, brown stewed chicken, baked macaroni and cheese, candied yams, collard greens, rice and peas, sweet potato pie, coconut cake, pineapple iced tea and much, much more!

We had our own LHS Honors Choir sing with astonishing soloist Abiesel Rivera. The Honors Choir sang one of the most uplifting songs with their rendition of "Lift Every Voice and Sing", the African American National Anthem. We also had the LHS Dancers who did four performances: A Step, Hip Hop, Praise Dance, and African Modern Dance to African Drumming.

Administrators, teachers, safety officers, and office staff joined with the members of the Black Culture Club, LHS Dance Team, and the Honors Choir showing fellowship and celebrating Black History Month together. It was a wonderful event.



## Caribbean Soul Food Luncheon A Success

By Steven Opuku

The Caribbean Soul Food Luncheon was very successful. The students served the staff an authentic lunch with a variety of foods provided by the Black Culture Club. Everything we made was carefully prepared. The way we were instructed to serve went well. I had fun serving others, and eating our food was satisfying as well. The Black Culture Club did a fantastic job organizing and going through everything we planned and set up.

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## Black Culture Club

### Black Culture Club Activities for Black History Month

By Stefania Quarcoo

The Black Culture Club has had a successful Black History Month filled with many events bringing together the Lincoln Lancer Family and opening our eyes to the many opportunities out there. Ms. Marcia Lyttle started the club with the idea to bring students of different descent together and 'elevate expectations.' Ms. Lyttle was helped with the club by Ms. Danielle Ellis, Mrs. Linda Hartwell, Mrs. Sylvia Kwasi-Wuli and many other teachers in the building. We also made it our priority to make Black History Month at Lincoln High School more meaningful from now through all years to come. Students came together in agreement with Ms. Lyttle and did everything to the best of their abilities to make this club a success. We kicked off the month by going to the Ridge Hill movie theatre to watch 'Hidden Figures.' The students enjoyed themselves while learning about the life of three great African American women including Katherine Johnson, Dorothy Vaughan, and Mary Jackson. They worked with NASA in times when women, specifically of color, were looked down upon.

We had many guest speakers come to Lincoln and give students insights on the great things they are doing in our communities. Among our speakers were engineer Papa Asante, registered nurse Charlene Clarke, Marketing Vice President Karen Ashley, Hedge Fund Manager Khalil Manigualte, OB/GYN Dr. Dominique Delma, Advertising Executive Kent Wilson, and published poet Tommy Ray.

The Black Culture Club hosted Lincoln High School's Second Annual Poetry Contest. This allowed all the students to be able to express themselves using poetic skills which some did not even know they possessed. There were so many great entries. We solicited the help of our wonderful English teachers to help us with the selection process. We had seventy-five entries. It was difficult to narrow down so many great poems. Sydney Pichardo, a senior, won first place for her poem entitled, "Equality". J'Shawna Edwards, a junior, won second place with her poem, "B.H.M." Third place was a tie between Tywana Thomas, a senior, with her poem "Blurred Lines" and Chris Camacho, a sophomore and a newcomer to Lincoln High School, with a rap, "Equality." All participants were rewarded for participating; they were announced at 'Spoken Word, Hour of Power', our first big assembly. This was just the beginning of what was in store for the month. Students spent lunch periods and every free chance they had to contribute to the assembly, set for the next day.

Another great event was our Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) Forum. Representatives from a few HBCU's, Greek sororities, and fraternities came and shared their experiences. Many of them did not start their college experience in an HBCU. They taught students the difference between an HBCU and a Predominantly White Institution (PWI), in which both institutions have great success. We had representatives from Lincoln University, University of Maryland Eastern Shore, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, and Bent Watson from Kappa Psi Fraternity.

The Carnivale-themed Luncheon was another success. Teachers and staff came together as the Lincoln Lancer family enjoyed a nice day filled with many performances from the students including the Lincoln Lancer Steppers, the Praise Dance Team, the Honors Choir, and other individual students. Students served delicious soul food contributed by many of the staff. It was a fun day and a great way to enter the winter break.

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## Black Culture Club

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The Carnivale-themed Dance was a dress-to-impress in all black spectacular. The original dance had been postponed due to a snow storm. It was rescheduled for March 3rd. The students had a great time with all of their peers, and danced the evening away.

What better way to crown off a great month than with a grand finale assembly! The African Diaspora Assembly was filled with so much that the African heritage has to offer. The assembly was an obvious success. We had a taste of everything from the month incorporated into this wonderful event. Classes were invited to come and enjoy the show. The show opened with a fashion segment, "Straight Out of Africa." Lincoln students who are from different countries in Africa walked out in stylish pieces to bright and vibrant clothing patterns to show off their wonderful roots. Guest speakers came to motivate the crowd to strive for greatness. Beautiful cultural Spanish dancers performed and really showed off their great moves! The drum line came through and really put some beat in our hearts with a great performance that had everyone moving to the rhythm. The Lincoln High School Dance Team really put some "pep in their step" and showed everyone what they are all about. Throughout the show entitled "Lincoln High School's Well Rounded Students" came out with looks that represent a student-athlete, an interviewing student, and a formal outing look.

The Black Culture Club took the liberty of having a Heart Awareness Day to recognize many who have been lost due to heart attacks. Ribbons and bracelets were given to students in support of the fundraiser.

The Tricky Tray Raffle raised funds for the Cecilia Myers Scholarship. With wonderful prizes donated from our generous staff members and patrons of Lincoln High School, the Scholarship helped as many high school seniors as possible to get an extra step towards paying for college.

## Hidden Figures

By Christopher Camacho

Hidden Figures is a film we viewed at the Ridge Hill Theatre, and it tells the story of three African-American mathematicians; Katherine G. Johnson, Dorothy Vaughan and Mary Jackson. During the Cold War, this trio worked at NASA's Langley Research Centre in Hampton, Virginia as the US raced against the USSR to put a man in space. The intellectuals played a vital role in the launch of the late astronaut John Glenn into orbit as well as in orchestrating his safe return.

My experience was marvelous because it taught me the basics of many things as well as my learning a lot from the film. I would like to thank Ms. Lyttle for such an amazing experience. When I first met Johnson, Vaughan and Jackson in the film, they are employed as "computers" at Langley. Computers worked on intense math calculations to support the work of the male engineers and scientists at the agency at the time. During the 1960's, the organization was working on Project Mercury—the first human spaceflight program of the US with the goal of putting a man into earth's orbit and have him return safely to Earth.

I want to thank the people who made the trip possible because it was an experience I won't forget.

## Black Culture Club



(from left) Mr. Porter, Mrs. Myers, Mr. Kuhn, and Mr. Zion.

### Black Culture Club's Tricky Tray Raffle

By Infinite Henry

Throughout Black History Month, the Black Culture Club (BCC) ran a Tricky Tray Raffle to raise money for the Second Annual Cecilia Myers Scholarship. The Scholarship goes to graduating Lincoln High School Seniors who achieved an 85% GPA and have been good citizens both at Lincoln and in the community.

Mrs. Silverman and Ms. Adamsky, their helpers Emily Dunk and Melanie Quiroz, along with other club members, would have a booth set up at the teacher sign-in area, during lunch periods and any BCC event that was being held. The Raffles were sold one for a dollar or six for five dollars. The fabulous prizes were donated by our generous faculty and staff at Lincoln High School as well as by some local businesses. A wide variety of prizes were raffled off. Some of the raffled prizes included Amazon gift cards, prom tickets, a yearbook, a cap and gown, a class ring, and many more things for us to enjoy. The more tickets sold, the more money that would be raised to give away for the scholarship.

Members not only raised money but had fun encouraging everyone to participate. Raffle winners were announced the first week of March. The winners included students as well as the faculty and community members. Emily Dunk, a sophomore at Lincoln won the prom ticket and is super excited to save it for her own senior prom. The winner of a Shake Shack gift card, Mr. Franciosa, a resource teacher, said, "I was so excited to win this gift card and support a great cause." A Marshall's gift card was won by Miah James who said, "I can't wait to go shopping."

### Second Annual Cecilia Myers Scholarship Award

By Infinite Henry

The Black Culture Club Scholarship Committee is pleased to present the lucky recipients of the Second Annual Cecilia Myers Scholarship. These extraordinary Lincoln High School seniors have to be of African descent, and have good academic and social standing. The deadline was January 25, 2017. Although lots of great statements were submitted, only a few candidates could be selected. It was a tough choice.

For the class of 2017, the scholarship was awarded to Stefania Quarcoo, Infinite Henry, Oshane Tucker and Joseph Agyarko. They were announced during the African Diaspora Assembly in honor of all their hard work in and out of school. These four students are examples of Lincoln's "well-rounded student", students who are not only in great academic standing but also socially with their peers. They are able to demonstrate leadership.

All four student winners have committed to four year schools for the Fall. Infinite, Stefania and Oshane will be attending SUNY Buffalo, and Joseph will be going to CUNY City College. The entire Lincoln family would like to wish them luck on their future endeavors.



# My Brother's Keeper

## MBK Luncheon

By Mikel Spencer

All participants in the My Brother's Keeper (MBK) Luncheon including staff and students enjoyed themselves and had an interesting time. The students who served everyone enjoyed themselves because their efforts put smiles on everyone's faces. Some teachers said that they were grateful because no one ever showed the teachers so much respect or showed them appreciation for what they do. While I was serving teachers in the MBK Luncheon it made me very happy because so many teachers came to support MBK. Everyone enjoyed the food we made. Everyone tried new things that we made, and they loved the food. I enjoyed making the teachers happy, and I am sure my companions think the same.



(From left) Elissa Cooper , Mikel Spencer, Michael Bohene, and Juan Miqui



**Mr. Robert Bannister speaks at the My Brother's Keeper Luncheon. He deserves tremendous credit for running the Lincoln High School 'My Brother's Keepers' program. Thank you, Mr. Bannister!**



Mentoring with My Brother's Keeper at the Lincoln High School Gymnasium. Students are being mentored by active community members (above and right). Jaiell Taylor (a junior, right) is speaking with a mentor.



## My Brother's Keeper



Current New York (football) Giant defensive tackle Jason Bromley spoke to the students of Yonkers about his difficulties achieving his dream.



Doug Hogue (above), a former NFL player with the Detroit Lions and Carolina Panthers and former Roosevelt High School football player, spoke to Yonkers students about planning for their future success.

## 3 NFL Players



New York State Assembly Representative Shelly Meyers spoke encouragingly to the students of Yonkers.



Derrell Smith, a former Houston Texan and Tampa Bay Buccaneer, was captain of the Syracuse University football team where he met Doug Hogue and Jason Bromley.



**My Brother's Keeper Job Fair** (left) was very popular.

# My Brother's Keeper

## 3 NFL Players

By Mr. William Sweeney

Three special guests visited Lincoln High School on Saturday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, to celebrate Yonkers. They were there to raise funds for the rehabilitation of parks where kids spend their free time in the city. Doug Hogue was the one NFL player from Yonkers, and his organization arranged the occasion with our own Mr. Robert Bannister and the My Brother's Keeper program at Lincoln. The other two NFL players are Jason Bromley (#96), the starting defensive tackle of the New York Giants, and Derrell Smith. London Reyes, Doug's first basketball coach from sixteen years ago was the ebullient Master of Ceremony for the occasion. Music was supplied by DJ Nitro. The girls of the Triple A All-Stars sparked the afternoon with their excellent singing and dancing. Pete Spano from Yonkers and the Dream Court Project spoke about the fundraiser to rebuild courts around the city. This project was started in 2010 and has spread to 33 programs across the United States.

The three NFL players had been teammates on the Syracuse University football team (Division I). Derrell Smith had been voted by his teammates to be Captain. Each spoke on this day to the youth of the city about their path to the NFL and life beyond professional sports.

Derrell Smith spoke of personal branding. He said that he played briefly in the NFL. But, he has earned three undergraduate and graduate degrees. He learned about personal branding by studying advertising in college. Personal branding encompasses everything about you. Derrell said that his personal brand is that everything I chose to do was one-hundred percent. Do the right thing. Know right from wrong. Surround yourself with good people. Then, everything is possible. Also, sports taught him accountability to others, and leadership. He said, "Never use the excuse that your community negatively impacted you. That is your strength. Your personal brand is your promise to people. Work on your personal brand. Don't tarnish it. And don't put all your eggs in one basket."

Jason Bromley was raised in South Jamaica, Queens, NY. He was motivated by being overlooked in high school. He went on to play every game for four years at Syracuse University. He was All-ACC and All American. He stated, "Hard work and dedication are pre-requisites for success. I have been fighting through adversity, and used perseverance. Stay positive and away from the wrong direction. The worst thing is not coming from poverty, but going back to poverty."

New York State Assembly Person Shelly Meyer came to the stage to say some encouraging words for the work of Doug Hogue and his efforts and the need on this day.

Doug Hogue went first to P.S. 17. Then, he went to Mark Twain Middle School where he met Mr. Robert Bannister. Mr. Bannister was a security guard at the school and often talked with Doug who was having some trouble by fighting a lot. Doug was gaining recognition as an athlete and understood and followed the idea of 'Just say no to drugs.' He grew up on Cliff Street and used to walk his dog around the neighborhood there. Doug continued by taking the microphone and walking off the stage and up front by the students. He asked, "What's the work you put in while nobody is watching? When many others my age were out having fun, I was working hard in the weight room, with discipline, motivation, and perseverance. We all have the answers. It took a conversation with my father. I was in twelfth grade and still considered a tenth grader. My father said, "You know who is watching you? Your little brother (Dustin) is watching you." That made me think. How many pro athletes came out of Yonkers? Six in the past forty years. My little brother, Dustin, and I are two of those six. Derrell (Smith) taught me how to be a leader. Now I can stand in front of you and be real. This show is to mold you to do better things. A rule of thumb is if you hang out with good people, you will be good people. I came from the same streets as you. I was once twelve years old. I was drafted by the Detroit Lions and traded to the Carolina Panthers. I received my college degree and Dustin received his college degree. Who is next? Who is going to do the sacrifice? Look in the mirror and set the challenge for yourself. Who is going to be the next pro to pop out of here? Who is the next to be pro? Who will be the next to be on stage? The day that I was drafted was the happiest day of my life. I want that to be for you. You can do things like I did that no one can ever take away from you.

## My Brother's Keeper

### “Mentoring”

“Mentoring” is a short movie about mentoring. It is based on the life of Guy Whimper as written in his chapter “Becoming a Champion” published in **The C.A.L.L.** which is a collection of stories from black men for high school-aged students. The stories in **The C.A.L.L.** are similar, since they explain how the authors began with troubled high school years and went on to straighten out their lives with the help of mentors.

### Photography for “Mentoring”

By Tianna Torres

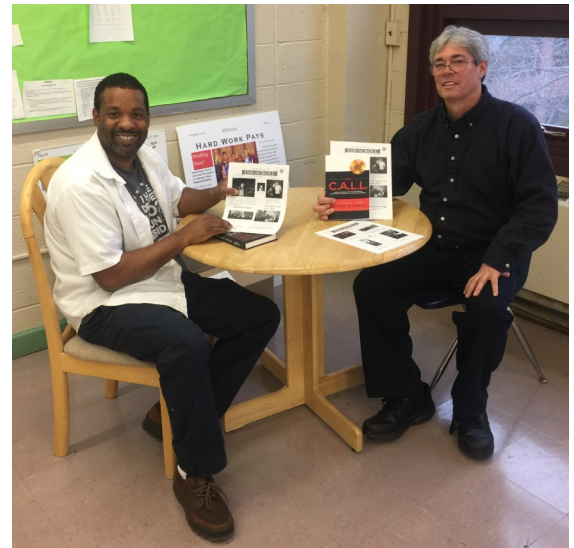
Photography is a beautiful thing. It is like art. The camera work is very fascinating. I asked Mr. Sweeney if I could be the camera girl when I saw they were filming scene two on the day before the Spring Break. As I was filming that day, it reminded me how much I enjoy photography. I learned the various motions that the camcorder needed to follow the actors. The motions involved panning and tilting, and different combinations.

### Producing “Mentoring”

By Mr. William G. Sweeney

Filming began during the second week in April and lasted through the third week of May. Currently, we have thirty unedited scenes. My four twelfth grade senior classes have been working on this short movie as their senior project. I would like to show the finished video at the senior barbeque between the prom and graduation. We used two green screens and professional lighting in my classroom. As we proceeded, we discovered which students were most interested in performing the acting, photography and screenwriting parts.

Scene 10 has proven to be the most difficult to produce properly. The students had to teach each other one aspect of running a food coop. The original story of Guy Whimper was that he had been involved in a food coop that failed because the mentor was shockingly ‘called away’. This event caused his food coop to fail. I altered the script from his experience to one in which the food coop workers mentored each other on five topics necessary to overcome the tragic loss of one mentor. The five mentoring topics include employee counseling, food coop business plan, affordable housing business plan, security of coop including food security, and horticulture. This short movie is very popular.



Mr. Wilson (left, Social Studies teacher) and Mr. Sweeney (right, English teacher) conference regarding the production of a short movie based on a story in **The C.A.L.L.**

### Acting in “Mentoring”

By Christopher McCallister

Mr. Sweeney has been working with his four twelfth grade classes on creating a short movie out of Guy Whimper’s story, “Becoming A Champion.” Recently, we acted in scene 2 from the movie called “Mentoring.” The scene featured two guys who were outside and gambling with dice against a wall. I played one of the characters. Unexpectedly, a guy approaches saying he had just come home from jail. He needed some marijuana. The two guys playing dice confront the guy and rob him of two hundred dollars. Doing this scene was fun. Also, at times, I learned new things.





# Stars of “Mentoring”



By Mr. William G. Sweeney

Draft one of “Mentoring”, a short movie of approximately thirty minutes, is done. The acting was done primarily by seniors in four of my senior classes. We have forty actors involved in thirty scenes. The filming was a lot of fun and hard work. I will be editing it during the next few weeks, and hope to show an edited version to the seniors before they graduate. I will show them an unedited version before classes end. Hopefully we can put it on Youtube in the summer.

The script has been worked over by myself and my students to the extent that it is approaching professional level and should be published. During the acting phase, students often adjusted the script to suit their experiences.

Mark Phillip is in most scenes and is a main character. Winter Bryant is also a main character. Orane Brown is a third main character who features great compassion and emerges at the climax and conclusion scenes. Tatiana Richardson is a fourth main character and brings great energy and humor particularly at the beginning of the movie. The casting of characters went well.

The settings are all based in the City of Yonkers during the present time. Specifically, the Mentoring Food Coop, a convenience store, and a jail are all fictional places.

The conflict of the story is ‘Can the food coop be maintained in times of tragedy such as when a mentor is ‘called away’?’

You will have to view the movie or read the script to find out the climax and conclusion.

## Italian Class Guest Speaker



## Update on Dustin Hogue '11

By Mr. William Sweeney

Dustin Hogue is currently playing professional basketball in Italy. Last year, he played professionally in Greece. "Dustin is in a better league now with better exposure," said Mr. London Reyes, Dustin's travel basketball coach from his middle school years. "Dustin will be coming back in a few months. He is looking to break into NBA next year."

## Museum of Arts and Design

### Columbus Circle, New York City

By Wilbert Bermejo-Flores



A group of eleventh and twelfth graders enjoyed The Museum of Arts and Design in New York City with Ms. Kass, our art teacher, on Thursday, February 2nd. This event was very interesting, and fun trip to attend. Inside the Museum, beautiful architecture was everywhere. Inside, by the elevators, was a digital flat screen TV that showed images that are part of the exhibit.

The exhibit had many creative early works dating from the 1940's to the present. For example, the "Covered Jar" from 1953 is a glazed stoneware from The Buck Collection provided by the University of California. The information provided next to the jar stated the jar "is very pretty which has strong wax-resistance making it look completely old. It had been a very complex design. It kind of shows a picture of an animal." Also, the "Standing Jar" from 1956 is a stoneware from the Los Angeles County Museum of Art that was gifted by the Howard and Gwen Laurie Smits Foundation in honor of the museum's 25th Anniversary. It looked like a different jar that is a little cracked but it was thrown and rebuilt." Next, was the "Rocking Pot" from 1956 which is a stoneware and colemanite wash from the Smithsonian American Art Museum, and gifted by the James Renwick Alliance. It was from various donors and museum purchases of 1983. It was slab that is assembled because it had a round shape with polka-dots along with sharp thorns sticking out of it. The next art work is the "Vase" from 1954 which is a glazed stoneware from the collection of the Klein family. This is a wax-resistant decoration which is a type of vase that is shaped like a balloon upside-down. "The USA 41" from 1960 is a glazed stoneware and an epoxy paint which is from the Corcoran Collection, and is a gift of Wayne Parrish in 2015. This is thrown and slab constructed. After that, the "Anada" from 1968 is a glazed stoneware and a black iron slip from San Francisco Museum of Art. This is a gift of Edgar Stinton which is assembled, and gouged, which means it was scrapped and hollowed.

## Cheerleaders

### Lady Lancers Cheer

By Winter Bryant

Throughout the 2016-2017 school year, Lincoln has developed a cheerleading team. We prefer to be referred to as the 'Lady Lancers.' This team was made up of sixteen girls. Jahrae Martinez, Tatianna Richardson and I were captains. Being a team captain is a challenging job. First, we have to create all the cheers. This takes a lot of thinking and coordination to pull together. After coming up with them, we had to teach it to the rest of the team. This can be difficult because some girls do not learn as quickly as others. Then, we have to make sure that our team is in unison at all times. To accomplish this, we practice for many days.



The Lady Lancers cheerleading team



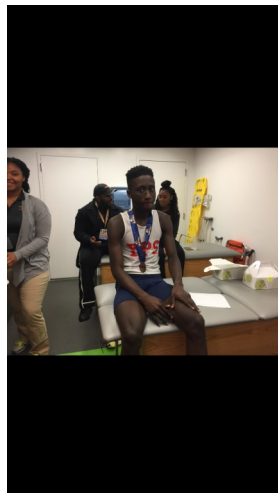
### Dancers (above)

The dancers performed at the Student-Teacher Basketball Game.

### Track



Joseph ran 8th place in the New York State 600 meter race.



# Boys Basketball



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## Girls Basketball



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## Lady Lancer Softball



Ariana Sansone (above) pitched.



Elisse Cooper (above) batted.



Stadajah Johnson (above) played third base. She earned All League for the season.



Kiara Disla (above) played second base. She earned All League for the season.



Tanya Rodriguez (above) batted. She earned All League for the season.

## Opening Day Double-Header Wins Against Rival Gorton

By Mr. William G. Sweeney

April tenth was the girls first softball game of the season. In fact, it was the first game of a double-header at home on the first beautiful, sunny, seventy-degree day of the year and against cross-town rival Gorton High School. The home team won the first game with a surprising walk-off double for a score of 23 to 22. Lincoln also won the second game 18-3. Ariana Sansone, a junior, pitched both complete games for Lincoln. Clutch hitting was evident with captain and senior shortstop Abril Ogando and junior center fielder Tanya Rodriguez in the first game. In the first game, the Lady Lancers were down by six runs in the bottom of the fifth inning. Abril fueled the comeback win with a double and a triple for four RBI's in that inning, and a game-ending walk-off double and RBI by Tanya Rodriguez. Tanya made a gem of a defensive play in the fourth inning stifling a hot Gorton offense. She made a star-like running catch and quick throw to first for a double play at the start of the inning.

After game one, three notable players shared a few words. Tanya Rodriguez said, "I'm happy that I brought my team back. We played the game as we should by coming back. Great vibes!" Ariana Sansone, also a junior, pitched two complete games. "I pitched just one game last year. (Coach) Rich said (that) I'm the main pitcher. I could do better, but I get nervous sometimes. I get nervous and frustrated. Then, my game goes down. But once I find my zone, everything is all right." Finally Abril Ogando said, "I tried to help myself and help my team. It's all team work. We were down by six runs in the last inning. When I hit, we scored one. Then, we all got on base. We all realized we had to win. Bases were full when I returned to bat. My next shot was a triple that scored three to tie the score."

## Lancer Baseball



Coach Zach Warren, Coach Tammie Warren, Donny Caraballo, Justin Vargas, Chris Lopez, Gerald Martinez, Newton Acosta, Chris Maldonado, Jason Kane, Steven Sanchez, Jonathan Rodriguez, Ray Patrone, Omar Espino, Humberto Taveraz, Adonnis Herrera, Luis Genuo, Xavier Warren, Juan Nunez.

### Update: Baseball Alumni Luis Castillo

By Mr. William G. Sweeney

Former Lincoln Lancer baseball captain and League Championship MVP in 2015 Luis Castillo attended the April 10th game between Lincoln and Gorton at Fleming Field. Luis is now attending the College of Mount Saint Vincent in Riverdale. He is majoring in Sociology and taking core classes. He is also playing baseball and starting at shortstop as a freshman. The team plays in the Skyline Conference. He started playing baseball in the Fall, attended winter workouts, and now plays in the main season. He is batting .270 with 14 hits and 14 RBI's.



Luis Castillo (above)

# THE SCROLL



Brian Baez (above) showed a great outside shot during this past basketball season.

## *Sports*



Myasia Tuthill shot the ball from the outside .  
The photo above was supplied by the Yearbook Committee.

## Boys Basketball

## Girls Basketball



Captain Abril Ogando played shortstop against Gorton High School at Lincoln High School on Monday, March 10th. She earned All Section/Conference 1, League MVP, and All League for the season.



Captain Raymond Patrone played shortstop against Gorton High School at Fleming Field on Monday, March 10th.

## Softball

## Baseball