

RHA Spotlight

ROBERT HALMI SR. FILM & TELEVISION ACADEMY

CELEBRATION OF LIFE: MR. JOSEPH COTTER

Joseph Cotter was one of the region’s most successful and prolific real estate developers. A true pioneer, Mr. Cotter transformed the former Otis Elevator industrial complex in Yonkers into i.Park Hudson, a thriving workplace that now includes the new Great Point Studios TV and film production complex. He collaborated with partners at Great Point Studios to launch a multi-million dollar development, significantly changing the landscape of film and television production in Westchester and New York State. This venture features over 16 soundstages and the Robert Halmi Sr. Academy of Film and Television, a public high school for grades 6 through 12.



On October 25, Mr. Cotter passed away suddenly at the age of 66. A memorial celebrating his life and the tremendous impact he had on both the industry and the region was held on November 9, 2024 at the Robert Halmi Sr. Film & Television Academy campus.

CIVIC PARTICIPATION - YONKERS CITY COUNCIL



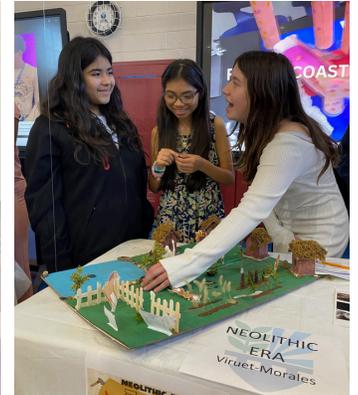
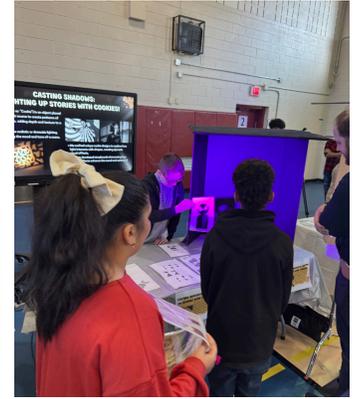
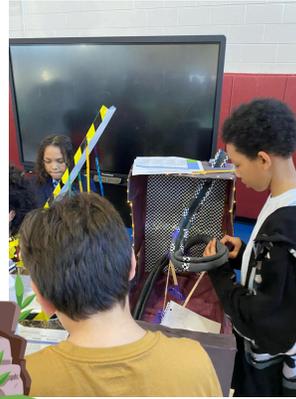
In November, one Student Council representative from each of the nine high schools in Yonkers attended a City Council meeting. The student representatives were given the opportunity to voice their stance regarding proposed legislation on a city-wide mask ban. Alexandra Hernandez-Posado represented RHA. Student representatives were guided in leadership, critical thinking, and responsibility to become active citizens in the community.

6TH GRADE *Scoop*



CELEBRATION OF LEARNING

On Wednesday, November 27, 2024, 6th grade students participated in their first Celebration of Learning. During this school-wide event, 6th graders participated in musical and dance performances and showcased their Project Based Learning products from the first marking period. Students were able to participate in the actionable feedback process as they visited a variety of student-led exhibits.



YPS SCHOOL EXPO



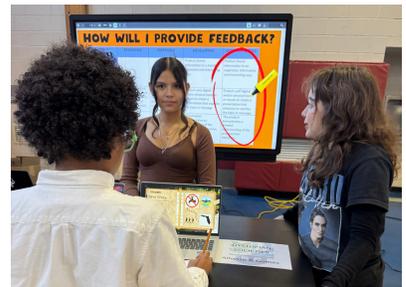
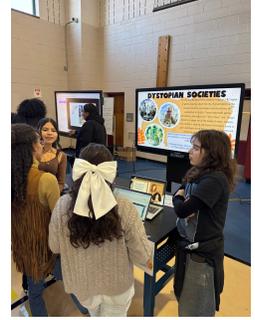
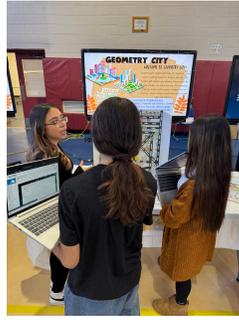
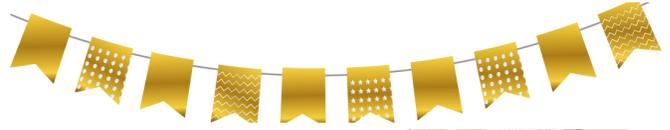
IN NOVEMBER, 6TH GRADE STUDENTS REPRESENTED RHA AT THE YONKERS PUBLIC SCHOOLS EXPO AT ROOSEVELT HIGH SCHOOL. RHA 6TH GRADERS WERE ABLE TO PRESENT THE LEARNING FOCI OF RHA AND THE CTE AND ARTS INFUSED CURRICULUM.



9TH GRADE

Notable Moments

9th grade students participated in their first Celebration of Learning. During this school-wide event, 9th graders participated in a variety of performances, and showcased their Project Based Learning products from the first marking period.



Actor's WORKSHOP

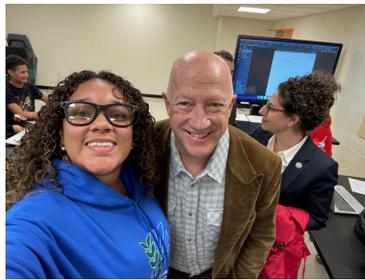


Actress Hailey Kilgore visited RHA to conduct an actor's guild workshop with 9th grade Theatre students.



Mr. Bryan LOURD

MR. BRYAN LOURD IS THE CEO AND CO-CHAIR OF CREATIVE ARTISTS AGENCY (CAA). A RENOWNED AMERICAN TALENT AGENT, MR. LOURD VISITED THE RHA CAMPUS AND CLASSES AND SPOKE TO STUDENTS ABOUT THE CHALLENGES, HOPES AND ASPIRATIONS OF THE FILM & TELEVISION INDUSTRY.



CTE HANDS ON EXPERIENCE

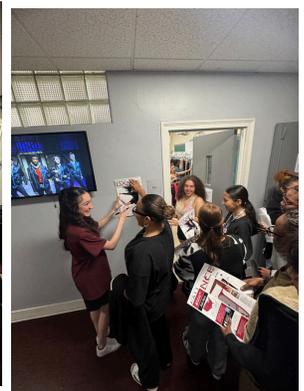
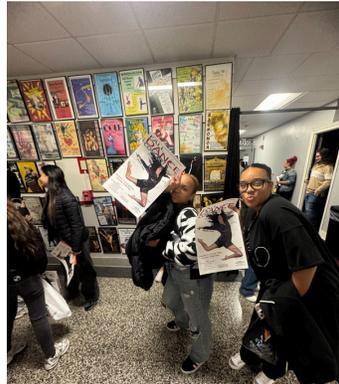
MR. GUENTER VISITED 6TH AND 9TH GRADE CLASSES TO SHOW STUDENTS ARRI CAMERAS USED IN THE FILM & PRODUCTION INDUSTRY. STUDENTS WERE ABLE TO ASK QUESTIONS AND GAIN HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE WITH STATE OF THE ART EQUIPMENT.



Manhattanville University DANCE ENSEMBLE

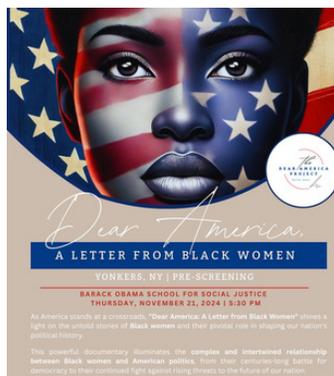


9TH GRADE DANCE AND THEATRE STUDENTS VISITED MANHATTANVILLE UNIVERSITY TO ATTEND THE FALL DANCE CONCERT. STUDENTS WERE ALSO ABLE TO TAKE PART IN A Q & A WITH CURRENT UNIVERSITY DANCERS AND PROFESSORS. STUDENTS TOURED THE MANHATTANVILLE CAMPUS AND LEARN MORE ABOUT THE DANCE PROGRAM AND FUTURE EXPECTATIONS.



THE DEAR AMERICA PROJECT

9TH GRADE RHA STUDENTS REGISTERED AND ATTENDED A PRE-SCREENING OF THE DEAR AMERICA PROJECT: A LETTER FROM BLACK WOMEN. LEARNING ABOUT THE UNTOLD STORIES OF BLACK WOMEN AND THEIR ROLES IN SHAPING OUR NATION'S POLITICAL HISTORY.



UPCOMING EVENTS



TOYS FOR TOTS

ATTENTION RHA STUDENTS & FAMILIES!
RHA WILL BE HOLDING A TOY COLLECTION THIS THE
HOLIDAY SEASON. ALL TOYS COLLECTED WILL BE
DONATED TO THE MARIA FERRARI CHILDREN'S
HOSPITAL.

NEW & UNOPENED TOYS CAN BE DONATED IN
BOXES AROUND THE LOBBY. FOR ANY ADDITIONAL
INFORMATION, PLEASE SEE MS. TARTAGLIONE.



ACADEMIC REMINDERS

**2ND MARKING PERIOD
PROGRESS REPORTS**

WEEK OF DECEMBER 23, 2024

Holiday Spirit



HOLIDAY SPIRIT WEEK IS COMING TO
RHA. DURING THE WEEK OF
DECEMBER 16 - 20, 2024.

RHA WILL HAVE A VARIETY OF SPIRIT
DAYS AND EVENTS.

MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW.

No School
UPDATE

HOLIDAY BREAK

**NO SCHOOL
DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY
1, 2025**

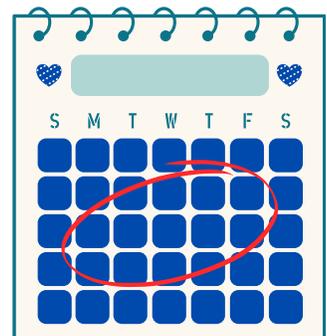
**CLASSES RESUME ON
THURSDAY, JANUARY 2,
2025**



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COMING IN JANUARY 2025



RHA THEATRE
PRESENTS

DISNEY
ARISTOCATS



JANUARY 23, 2025
RHA AUDITORIUM



Disney THE ARISTOCATS KIDS

6TH GRADE CAST A

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|-----------------|------------------------|
| Duchess | Aleah Peralta 6-2 |
| Toulouse | Mateo Thomas 6-3 |
| Marie | Rayne Thompson 6-3 |
| Berlioz | Elijah Fitzgerald 6-2 |
| Madame | Gabrielle Mulgrave 6-3 |
| Edgar | Ian Pratt 6-2 |
| Roquefort | Ronaldo Villar 6-2 |
| Napoleon | Brian McCrossen 6-3 |
| Thomas O'Malley | Jayro Hidalgo 6-2 |
| Abigail Gabbie | Emily Isaacs 6-2 |
| Amelia Gabbie | AnnaBelle Chacon 6-3 |
| Scat Cat | Key Sean McCoy 6-2 |
| Wacky Cat | Leslie Najera 6-2 |
| Slick Cat | Mia Rabsatt 6-2 |
| Hep Cat | Rachell Vivar 6-3 |
| Lafayette | Maxwell Luna 6-2 |
| Vichy | Naliyah Blake 6-1 |
| Ssoise | Alexis Brifu 6-1 |



Disney THE ARISTOCATS KIDS

6TH GRADE CAST B

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|-----------------|------------------------|
| Duchess | Cadence Toro 6-2 |
| Toulouse | Matthew Hilario 6-1 |
| Marie | Emalene Alfanz 6-3 |
| Berlioz | Dylan Najarro 6-3 |
| Madame | Charlotte Sullivan 6-3 |
| Edgar | Brian McCrossen 6-3 |
| Roquefort | Eli Hinds 6-2 |
| Napoleon | Maxwell Luna 6-2 |
| Thomas O'Malley | Ronaldo Villar 6-2 |
| Abigail Gabbie | Adriana Cortes 6-1 |
| Amelia Gabbie | Escarlet Garcia 6-1 |
| Scat Cat | Ian Pratt 6-2 |
| Wacky Cat | Kailey Reynosa 6-2 |
| Slick Cat | Mayell Griffin 6-3 |
| Hep Cat | Fatmah Alseidi 6-1 |
| Lafayette | Dean Melendez 6-1 |
| Vichy | Eva Collado 6-1 |
| Ssoise | Leah Rodriguez 6-3 |



Disney THE ARISTOCATS KIDS

9TH GRADE CAST

| | |
|-----------------|------------------------|
| Duchess | Sky Prassor Khan |
| Toulouse | Matthew Jacques Grant |
| Marie | Alexandra Hernandez |
| Posadas | |
| Berlioz | Elijah Fleming - Walls |
| Madame | Zyla Moss |
| Edgar | Francis Lizardi Nieves |
| Roquefort | Breysi Mejia |
| Napoleon | Benjamin Goldberg |
| Thomas O'Malley | Angel Ortiz |
| Abigail Gabbie | Abigal Ablan |
| Amelia Gabbie | Chloe Albino |



Alley Cats
Adrian Coleman, Mya Hinspeter, Chanze Malloy,
& Dancers

Dogs
Emei Aquino Paredes, Mia Hoffman, Amybriget
Sanchez - Ruiz, Jaayla West & Dancers