

The Pawprint

The Fall Issue 2018

Antonio Delgado Wins the 19th District with 7,523 More Votes than John Faso

By: Noah Albanese

I sat down with the man himself, two weeks before the election day to discuss his beliefs and the changes he wishes to bring to the 19th district.

Q. You stated that you want to improve the health care system, how do you plan to do that?



A. Antonio Delgado is a believer in universal health care and he wants changes to be seen in NY.

“...This creates a norm for the insurance marketplace, that allows people to keep their private insurance if they wanna keep it, but also gives people the option to opt into a public competitor which will drive down premiums and drive down deductibles....we also need to make sure that Medicare has negotiating power with big pharmacies.”

Q. The ads by the NRCC have stated that you want to raise the amount of taxes by \$2,738 to compensate for the new health care system. Is that true?

A. False

“...This is the problem with our current political system. We have outside money poured in and misrepresent constituents and voters....The money that they are talking about is based on the assumption that I desire a government takeover of health care. But I don't !”

Q. The NRCC has also stated that you are unfit to run because of the offensive slurs you used when you were a rapper back in the day. They have claimed that you've said things like “God bless Iraq” and other related phrases. What do you say to the people who claim that or believe in that?

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PSAT/NMSQT : Online score reports will be available to students starting December 10th. Any student who took the PSAT/NMSQT will have access to free, personalized practice for the SAT through Khan Academy. Visit the College Board website to learn more about score reporting and how to access Khan Academy.

Attention Seniors: If you have not done so already, you should submit the FAFSA, the Federal Application for Federal Student Aid, to apply for financial aid for college. All students are encouraged to complete the application.

Scholarships: To find more about academic scholarships, talk to your guidance counselor or check the student bulletin that is sent out every day. There's a scholarship for all kinds of interests so who knows, you might just find the perfect scholarship for you!

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Letter from the Editors:

Lily Stephens and Jenna Wilkinson

Fall offers many opportunities in the Maple Hill community, and this issue of *The Pawprint* highlights what has been happening around town! From introducing the new teachers, to reviewing movies, our writers have done a great job starting off the year. We are looking for more writers. If you're interested, contact Mrs. Colwell or either of us! We hope you enjoy this edition, and want to thank Mrs. Colwell for being our advisor!

A. He believes that the ads use certain lines from his songs without context and that all his songs have a positive message to them.

“So when I made my music it was all about positive messages....My goal was to focus on positive themes of upliftment, equality, of fairness, love, understanding, and to use the art form to communicate themes that I still believe until this day. So its always gonna be a issue when you take words, and lyrics out of their context and go ‘oh look at how bad this word is’ you can never understand the whole picture of something unless you see the whole picture....”

Q. What is your stance on second amendment gun owner rights?

A. “I think it’s a real issue with the gun epidemic...We can’t get anything done without a real consensus, whether it is universal background checks, whether it is banning bump stocks, we don’t seem to be able to do anything about it because we keep electing individuals who take money from the NRA....The solution is to elect officials that do not take money from the gun lobbying NRA....There are individuals in the NRA who share a lot of the same views that I share, 73% of NRA members want universal background checks. So it’s not about the NRA members, it’s the lobbying interests by the board, which is made up of gun manufacturers. ”

Q. Do you believe that our government is corrupt?

A. “There is definitely a corruption problem. Citizens United, which was a supreme court case has allowed unlimited amounts of money to pour through our system....The influx of money has made it so that politicians are only responsive to the individuals and corporations who have the means to support their candidacy....80% of the country shares 10% of the wealth think about that.....that means only a handful of people can actually dictate the course of this country...that’s not a democracy, that’s a oligarchy! ”

Q. What is your stance on the #Metoo movement? Do you think women have the right to speak out even after much time has passed since then?

A. He stands with the #Metoo movement and agrees that many changes must be made
“I stand with it. Women unfortunately in society are still treated unequally how can we call this a fair and just society if half of our country isn’t treated equally... whether it is the sexual harassment that they are forced to endure, whether it is in our college campuses’ or elsewhere, whether it is an assault on their reproductive rights. At every turn, women are constantly put on the defense. We have a lot of work to do.... We need to help women who are tired of being treated like second-class citizens.”

Q. What are some of the things Faso has done/ or not done, that you disagree with?

A. “I disagree with his vote to take away healthcare from his constituents and people with preexisting conditions, I have a problem with that. I have a problem with his vote to advance the tax bill and his vote on the farm bill. And I have a problem with his record on women.”

Q. Do you think New York State’s education system is adequate for the student’s today? If not do you want to improve it in any way, and how?

A. “We should be prioritizing education and make sure that it is properly funded.... We should be introducing vocational schools, trade schools, and I am a big believer in universal pre K as well... We also need to make sure that our students are off to college to not be saddled with loans that are all based on the pocketbook. If we can do that we can have debt free tuition.”

Thank you to Mrs. Colwell and the Delgado campaign for allowing me to have this amazing opportunity. And congratulations to the Delgado campaign on their win last Tuesday!

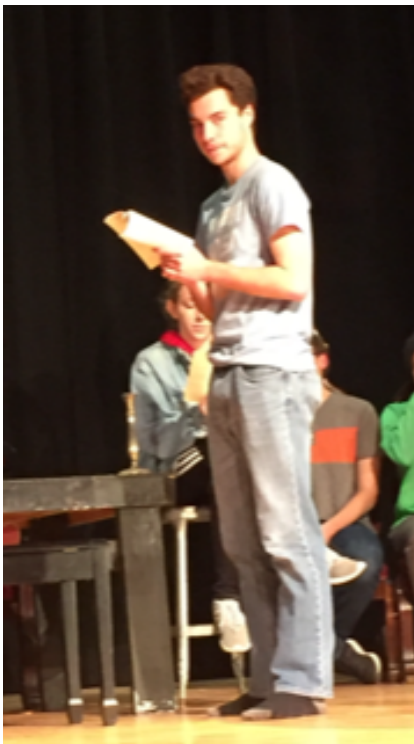


What's News?

About *The Crucible*

By Ryan McTarnaghan

Some at Maple Hill may have heard about an upcoming drama production of *The Crucible*. There will be two showings, on **Friday and Saturday, November 16th and 17th at 7 pm**, and it will be like nothing our school has seen before. If you saw the drama club's production of *The Matchmaker* last April, then you've gotten a taste of the acting talent that our school has to offer. But *The Crucible* is a whole new level for our drama club, an attempt at a true, classic drama with the most ambitious performances that any of our young actors have given in their budding careers. *The Crucible* tells the story of the Salem witch trials in a thrilling four acts, and the twists and turns the play will take will leave one amazed that it is based on a true story.



Many of our school's favorite actors who have shone in all of Maple Hill's drama performances over the past few years will be returning in this production: Sarah Leverone, Hunter Pomykaj, Jenna Wilkinson, and Brayden Renslow, to name just a few. However, the heart of this show comes from the new talent that has come out to try their hand at high school acting; Siara Rosenberger, Dominick Siciliano, and Ciaran Sweet (a few of many of our new actors) are all surely destined for dramatic greatness in their time at Maple Hill. If their performance can hone in the passion they've given to rehearsing over the past few months, then it will make for a truly electrifying show. So, if you'd like to witness an event like you've never seen before on the stage at Maple Hill, clear your calendar now for *The Crucible*, and it will be well worth the ticket price.

Farewell to Mr. Farrell

By: Julia Pugliese

Mr. Farrell, as a coach, will leave an effect on Maple Hill and our sports programs---especially cross country---that transcends his 32 years working for our school district. He has coached in our soccer programs, modified cross country, modified girls basketball, varsity girls track, ski club, and of course varsity boys and girls cross country.



Mr. Farrell's career as a cross country coach has been anything but average (or below average). Throughout his career he has accumulated over 360 wins. That alone is impressive, but is more accomplished than one might think, considering he has had only 30 losses. Over the years Mr. Farrell has made winning sectionals and bringing the cross country team (and several individual runners) to States---a feat that is supposed to happen very rarely---a pattern. He also brought the varsity girls track team their first ever sectional win when he was their coach.

Anyone who knows Mr. Farrell is familiar with his love for running. From firsthand experience, Mr. Farrell has instilled in his runners a lifelong love and understanding of the sport. His runners report that his lessons transcend the sport itself and apply to daily life, and that he has left an influence on them that they will never forget. When asked about his thoughts on his experiences coaching at Maple Hill, Mr. Farrell said: "Schodack is a very special place. People should make the most of all of the opportunities that the district offers them."



How to be Good at Cavotta Ball

By Brayden Renslow

With the upcoming winter season, we all know what that means. The start of every Maple Hill students favorite sport. The pride and joy of all of Maple Hill's Physical Education teachers; Cavotta Ball in gym classes! And with the start of this most illustrious season (and with a possible tournament in the spring), we thought it best to give our upcoming Cavotta Ball legends a few tips to improve your game as fast as possible.

1.The best offense is a good defense.

One of the easiest concepts to understand about most sports that involve scoring on any kind of goal is the idea that it's easiest to score on a goal that no one is defending. Most Cavotta Balls teams scramble to the offensive end as soon as they get the ball, leaving no one back on defense. So, with the entire opposing team away from the goal, a steal, turnover, or missed shot will almost always lead to a good opportunity to score. So, creating these opportunities is a key of any aspiring Cavotta Ball Team.

2.Keeper is key.

In such a fast paced game, the goal of most teams is to score as quickly as possible, even if this means taking a variety of bad shots. While running the ball quickly back up the court is a very effective way to punish these bad shots, the one point awarded for a goalie catch is the quickest and most efficient way to score from a defensive possession. Not to mention, a presence in goal is important for protecting both a half court throw, and a normal scoring throw.

3.Instant Wins

When the opportunity for an instant win arises, the tips above become completely irrelevant. A far inferior team can go on long winning streaks if they get hot from the instant win range. While scoring in other ways is an option, and can lead to some winning games, the instant win is the most efficient, most important, and most mandatory part of any aspiring Cavotta balls team.

Fun fact!: Coach C avotta of Shaker High invented this thrilling game



Panic! At the Disco

By Shane Varian

P!ATD is an American rock band formed in Las Vegas, Nevada in 2004.

There were originally six members, but now only Brendon Urie is left. Brendon was an original member, with drummer Dan Pawlovich, and Nicole Row accompanying him on tour.



Genre: Pop Punk, Alternative rock, Pop Rock, Baroque pop, Synth-pop, and emo

They are influenced by 1960's rock bands, such as The Beatles, The Zombies, and The Beach Boys. They got their start by posting their first two songs on the band Fall Out Boys message board. Fall Out Boys' Pete Wentz loved them so much he signed them to his independent record label, DecayDance, now known as DCD2.

They have released 6 albums since their early beginnings in high school in 2004.

"You don't have to be angry, you don't have to be too cool for school. You can just have a good time and dance like no one's watching. Just enjoy life." – Brendon Urie

If you've never listened to Panic At the Disco before, I suggest listening to these songs;

This is Gospel

Death of a Bachelor

I Write Sins Not Tragedies

Panic at the Disco is on tour now, playing at the Times Union Center on January 15, 2018.

I got my tickets, how about you?

New Album, Pray For The Wicked released June 22, 2018

Movie Reviws Fall Edition

By Noah Albanese

Favorites of 2018 so far:

#1 A Quiet Place, directed by our favorite Dunder employee John Krasinski. This movie defies all expectations. The COMEDIAN takes on this thriller with a interesting premise of “what if we can never release or make any sound.” And this movie hits that premise so well. By working with his wife Emily Blunt and a few child actors who have a bright future ahead of them, this movie will always keep you on the edge of your seat. The only thing missing from this near perfect movie is a satisfying conclusion which it just fails to deliver. However It is still the most unexpected, thrilling, interesting and well acted movie of 2018 so far.... (Rated 94% on Rotten Potatoes)



#2 Avengers: Infinity War, a movie that has been anticipated and equally built towards for ten years, Infinity War delivered exactly what everybody wanted and so much more. The Russo Brothers succeed in bringing so many characters together in one movie. But the most amazing thing about it, is that they also succeed in not leaving anybody out. That is a a very difficult task when you have sooooo many characters. The villain, Thanos, was the most well developed character in the movie. You may not agree with his point, but at least his motives can be understood. And lastly the ending. That ending will be talked about for years to come... (Rated 93% on Rotten Potatoes)

#3 Mission Impossible: FallOut , is a very unexpected movie on this list. For being the sixth movie in the series and Tom Cruise being 56 years old (OMG How???) anybody who saw it would just ignore the movie unless you're a huge fan. But I must advise to watch this movie when it comes on DVD. It is an AMAZINGLY entertaining action movie, with really cool action scenes, and crazy stunts delivered by Tom Cruise in an amazing fashion. This movie will keep you on the edge of your seat, because the thrilling action never stops and it keeps getting better and better. (Rated 92% on Rotten Potatoes)



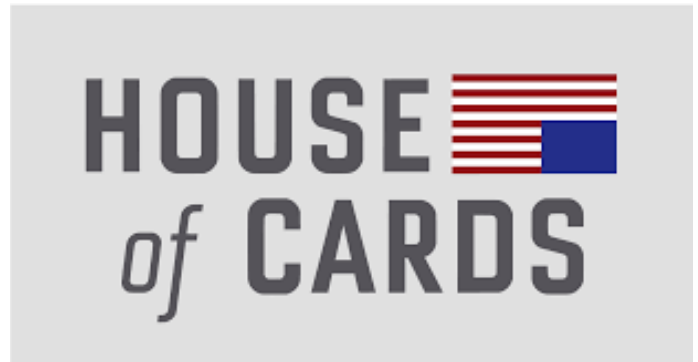
Top 3 TV Shows to Watch on Netflix

By Noah Albanese

The Following shows are being renewed for a new season. Watch now to catch up!

#1 **House Of Cards**, is the shows that kick started the Netflix original series. This show is one of the most realistic shows today, filled with political scandals, schemes, and backstabbing politicians. The sex offender, Kevin Spacey, plays a politician named Frank Underwood who is determined to rise to power in all means necessary with his wife Claire

Underwood played by the actress Robin Wright. If politics, Shakespeare, scandal, and a smart show is your thing, this is the show for you. A fair warning to new viewers though, this show moves very fast, so pay very close attention for the first few episodes. Once you understand those, the fun ride begins. This binge worthy show will certainly keep you up at night. (Season 6 arrives on 11/2).



#2 **Big Mouth**, is a show definitely not designed for the general viewer. However if that Family Guy style inappropriate, dark humor is your thing, this show is for you (so for like every teenager pretty much). This show is hilarious, and I mean that sincerely. Many shows miss the mark when it comes to humor and they don't keep you laughing throughout the episode. This show hits that mark perfectly. The story is generally not bad and is very relatable to that specific audience. The viewer will definitely binge this show and want more. (Season 2 just arrived, watch NOW).

#3 **Stranger Things**, is an obvious choice on this list. It is a show packed with 80's references, a great story, and interesting characters. But we've all seen it and there is nothing I need to really add to it... unless you are that one person who hasn't seen it yet.... WHAT ARE YOU DOING!!! GO WATCH IT NOW!!!! (Season 3 arrives on summer 2019).



Studio Art

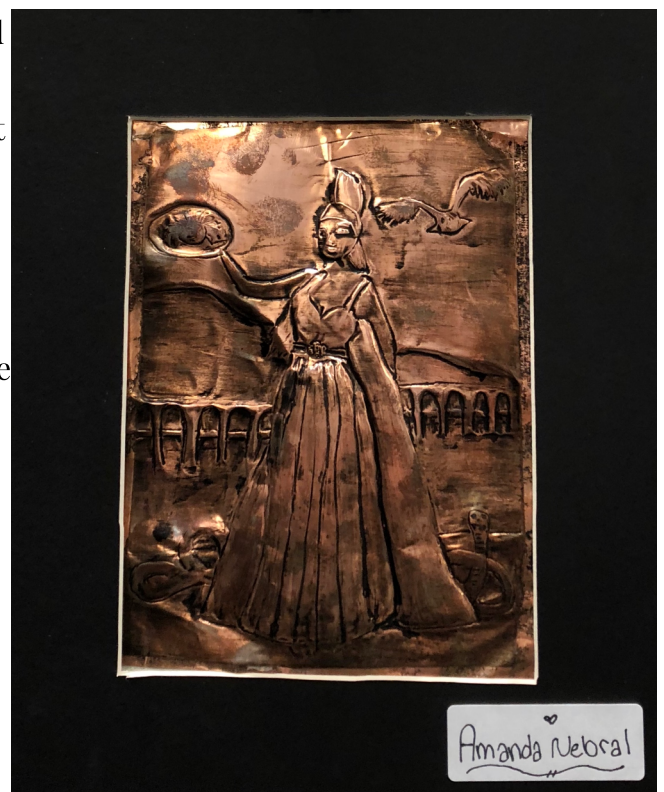
By Amanda Nebral

If you love drawing, painting, sculpting, ceramics, or anything related to the visual arts, you should consider taking studio art in the future, if you haven't already. It's only October and we've already crammed in tons! Between learning bits of art history, painting, writing stories about our pieces, and sculpting, it's been quite the year!

We started the year with cave art. Cave art is found on the walls of old caves, made by the first people on the planet, but there's a minor controversy over the reason these paintings were made. Some say they were painted for the fun of it, and some say it's how they communicated, like how ancient Egyptians used hieroglyphics as their written language. Some say the early people painted the animals they hunted as a type of ritual. Some say that as opposed to the animals they hunted, each animal represented a person of their tribe that they lost. Although the true reason remains unknown, we used the idea of symbols to make our paintings. We all had to write a story and use an animal and other symbols to represent our story on a canvas. We painted the canvases brown, red, and yellow, and used modeling paste to make the canvas look like a cave wall. Then, we used black paint to paint our symbols. Finally, we created QR codes, similar to a barcode, to attach our stories to our paintings. If you see the paintings in the school, in the hall that leads to the art room, and would like to know the story behind the painting, you can download any QR code reader app and scan the matching code!

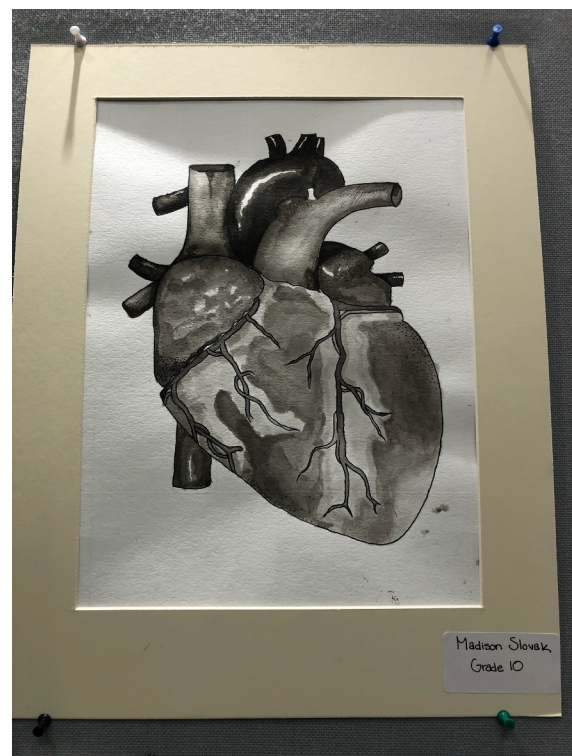
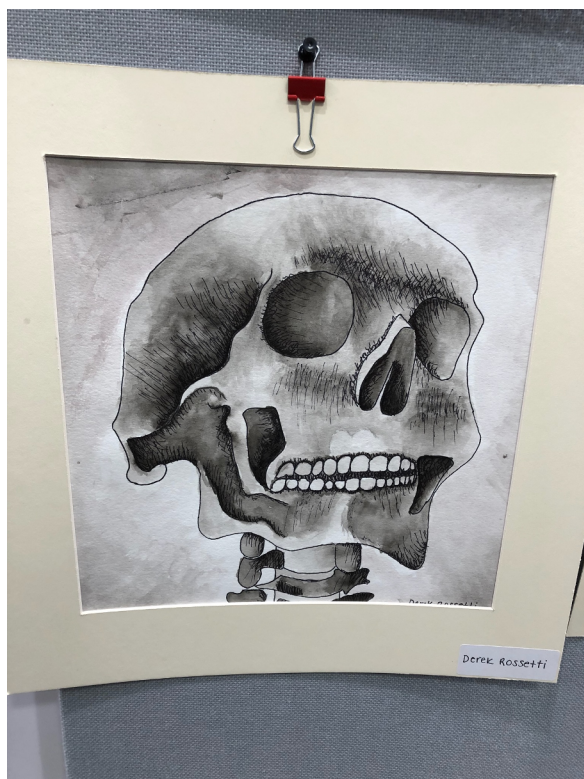
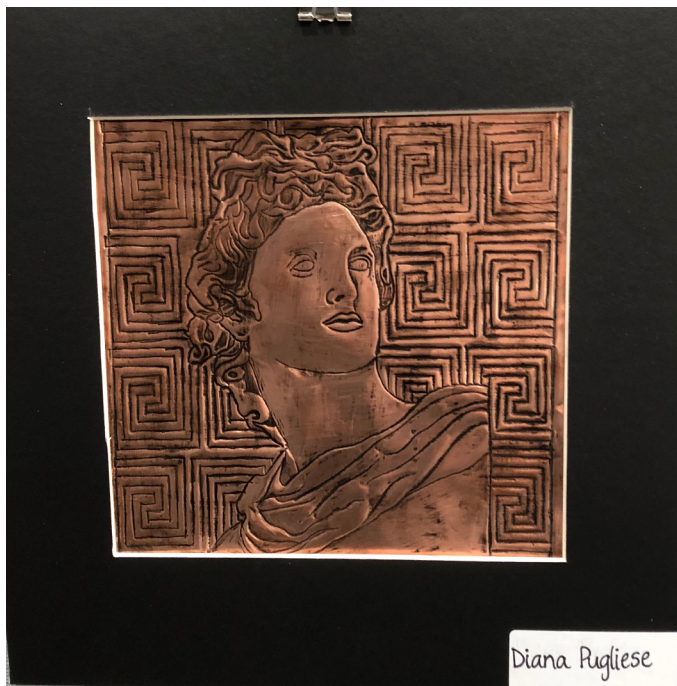
We are currently working on Greek art. The Greeks used a type of metalworking art called, repousse, where you take a wall or sheet of bendable metal and carve your art into it. We did research on Greek mythology and each picked out a Greek God or Goddess to carve into a sheet of copper. Next, we printed out a picture of our God or Goddess, a picture of a background, and an optional symbol or two. Then trace all of the pictures onto a piece of tracing paper and trace over the paper on top of the copper. We ended the project by adding some finishing touches and now, you can find our art in the hallway by the art room.

On the next page, you'll find other various types of art by a few other students!

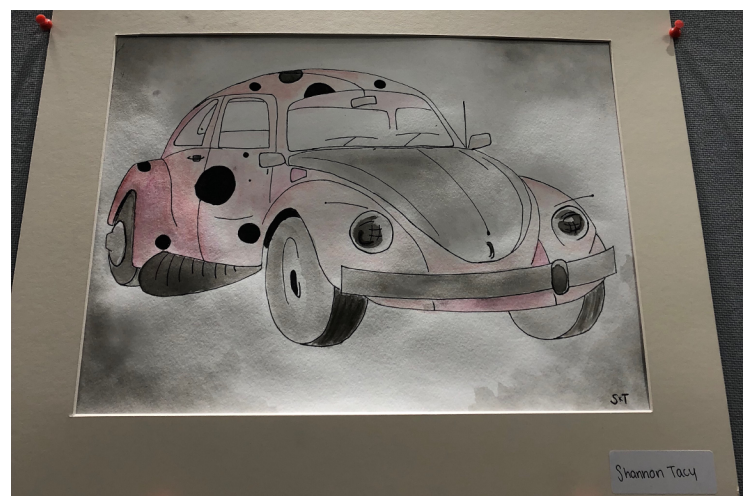


Below: Diana Pugliese

Right: Emersyn Ferreira



Above: Madison Slovak



Above: Derek Rossetti

Right: Shannon Tacy



Interviews

With the first quarter of the new school year almost over, you may think you know the new teachers pretty well, but how well do you really know them? Keep reading to test your knowledge!

Mrs. Fink

By Jenna Wilkinson

1) What brought you to Maple Hill? First impressions of the school?

It was my goal to teach at Maple Hill ever since I decided to change careers and enter the education industry. I know that MH has an exceptional environment conducive to personal growth and effective learning. I am an alumna of Maple Hill class of 1993 and I raised my children in this district. I share the same values in education that are held here. My first impressions of the school from the teacher perspective are positive. The faculty and staff are friendly and supportive and the students are hardworking and academically motivated.

2) Tell me about your teaching background (education- college, where else did you work, inspiration?)

Before pursuing education as a second career, I worked for SUNY Research Foundation in office administration for many years. After graduating with my MAT, I taught English 10, English 11, and AP Literature at Albany Leadership Charter High School for Girls. I left there and worked at Cohoes High School where I taught English 10, English 11, and English 9-12 in an Alternative Learning Program. I was inspired to teach because I was a volunteer in youth organizations and also found a love for analyzing literature. I was also inspired by many of the educators I met and observed at Maple Hill while serving as a substitute teacher for many years.

3) Goals for the school year?

This school year my biggest goal is to develop more ways to make learning enjoyable. I think people learn best when they're active, collaborative, and curious. I will try new strategies and seek student feedback. I will aim for establishing routine learning activities that foster enthusiasm and critical thinking. I'm always willing to accept student suggestions - come see me in room 200 with ideas!

Mrs. Gonzalez-Barone

By Tari Civerolo

Mrs. Gonzalez-Barone is Maple Hill's newest AP Lang and eighth grade English teacher. She is ecstatic to be working with the students here, and shared her thoughts during my interview.

Mrs. Gonzalez has her bachelor's in English and master's degree in adolescent education from Plattsburgh State. She did her student teaching in Manhattan, then moved up here, where she started as a teaching assistant at a school for students with severe emotional and behavioral challenges. Mrs. Gonzalez then taught at Woodland Hill Montessori for a few years until she realized she wanted to be in the public school system, so she worked at a couple other schools in the area until arriving at Maple Hill. Outside of school, she spends most of her free time with friends and family. She also likes reading, playing games, and is a huge movie fanatic.

She was drawn to the Maple Hill by the "really good reputation" and "high standards in terms of academics," but the community aspect of it is an obvious plus. "I liked the smaller, tight knit community," she said. "It seemed like everyone was very close." She also said that her first impressions were fairly on point with this. Mrs. Gonzalez has found a "very helpful and supportive community as a teacher," and additionally described it as "a mini family, in a way."

Her goals for this school year are not exclusively academic-related; Mrs. Gonzalez also wants to improve her students' social and emotional skills. She believes that improving these is equally as important as improving reading and writing skills. She also wants to prepare her eighth graders for high school, and help her AP Lang students survive junior year, admitting, "eleventh grade is probably the most challenging year."

Overall, Mrs. Gonzalez wants to challenge her students and encourage them to be more open-minded. She wants them to "be willing to see differently and be more open to the whole array of things that are out there, instead of just maintaining one point of view." This is also a big reason why she likes reading and writing so much--reading, she said, "is like traveling without getting on a plane." And through others' pieces of writing, you can "gain deeper understanding of other people which creates empathy."

Mr. Murray

By Nick Janowski

1) What brought you to Maple Hill? First impressions of the school?

I came to Maple Hill looking to get back into teaching after taking over a year off from working in education. So far, I think this is a great school to work at with a strong sense of community.

2) Tell me about your teaching background (education- college, where else did you work, inspiration?)

I previously taught at two different schools. The first was the La Salle school in Albany, and second was PTECH in Johnstown. I went to Saint Rose for both my bachelor's and master's degrees. I have also worked several years as a carpenter and spent four years in the Army. My inspiration to teach came from some of my teachers. I was not always the best student, but there were teachers who cared and motivated me to do well.

3) Goals for the school year?

I am hoping to have a positive impact on all of my students and help them be successful in algebra.

4) What will you be doing after this school year?

After this year I will have to find another teaching job, since I am filling in for Mrs. Yeager. Hopefully something will work out that will allow me to stay at Maple Hill.

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Meet Dr. Shepard!

By Julia Pugliese

Doctor Shepard (with a PhD in Chemistry [organic]) has kindly taken the place of Ms. McGann for the year while she is on maternity leave. He currently teaches our chemistry classes and has taken on the role of spreading awareness of “The Twitter” to each of his students.

Q: Why did you want to specifically teach at *this* school?

A: Well the size of the school is close to my own high school experiences, so I thought it could be a place that I relate to.

Q: Why did you become a high school teacher? You are a doctor, after all.

A: At the collegiate level, there’s not much of a focus on teaching; there’s a focus on raising money and research and a de-emphasis on teaching. I enjoy teaching, so my goal was to find a place where I could focus on teaching, and high school seemed like a natural fit.

Q: Why chemistry, out of all the things you can be a doctor in?

A: That’s a touch question. The joke is that you don’t pick chemistry; chemistry picks you. I knew in college that I wanted to be a scientist---I did good in my high school science classes---and in my freshman year I had to take physics, biology, chemistry, math. In my freshman year, I was really pointed in that direction: I really liked chemistry.

Q: Didn’t you call chemistry the dream crusher class? Because it makes so many people give up on their dreams to be chemists.

A: Well, crushed *other* people’s dreams. It naturally sort of enhanced mine.

Q: What hobbies do you enjoy outside of school?

A: Sports (following Boston specifically), reading, and spending time with my family.

Q: Not “The Twitter”?

A: That is a new found hobby... that I’m not sure if I like yet.

Q: Any closing comments?

A: The first couple months have been wonderful: both the faculty/staff and students. And I’m looking forward to the rest of the year.

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