



MANY SIGNS, ONE VISION, ONE COMMUNITY

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Welcome Message

Hello, "47" family!

Welcome to this year's last issue of *Many Signs, One Vision, One Community*, our school newsletter. In this issue, you'll find a plethora of [recent events](#) over the last month (including [Field Day](#) and [Graduation](#)), end-of-the-year [student awards](#), and a celebration of [retiring teachers](#) Lara Gerstein and Michelle McVorrان.

To keep up with our news more frequently, please check out our [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#), and [Youtube](#) pages. For example: in case you missed it, a recording of our graduation ceremony has been posted on YouTube.

As always, if you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions, please reach out to us directly at the email address below. We'd really like to know what you want to see. Otherwise, we'll see you all on the first day of school in the fall on Thursday, September 7, 2023. Have a wonderful, restful, and invigorating summer break!

Warmly,

"47" Communications Committee

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Recently

AMERICAN MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY FIELD TRIP

Thursday, May 25, 2023

On Thursday, May 25th, the Earth Science classes took a trip to the American Museum of Natural History. All students toured the newly opened Hall of Gems and Minerals and then watched a short video on the Big Bang and walked the spiral Cosmic Pathway detailing the history of the universe. Students then formed small groups of 6-10 people and chose various halls of interest to visit such as the Hall of Dinosaurs and the Hall of Ocean Life. All students then had lunch in Central Park followed by a short rock walk to observe firsthand the wonderful NYC geology. Students were able to see metamorphic rocks like schist and gneiss as well as various igneous intrusions in the rocks.



HIGH LINE FIELD TRIP

Friday, May 26, 2023

The students got to celebrate the completion of their AP Human Geography exam by going to see the NYC High Line. The High Line, which once set to be demolished, is now one, continuous, 1.45-mile-long greenway featuring 500+ species of plants and trees. This is a prime example of new urbanism and also shows elements of gentrification, which were featured topics in unit 6 of the course.



BARUCH COLLEGE FIELD TRIP

Friday, May 26, 2023

On Friday, May 26th, Mr France and 8 students who have registered for College Now classes took a trip to Baruch College for a campus tour. Students started their tour in the main building. There they met Robinson Cajamarca from the College Now Office and 2 Baruch students who led the tour. After a tour of the main building, students were then escorted to an academic building to see the library. Students were given time to ask questions about the campus and College Now. Students left Baruch with their questions answered and some Baruch swag.

PRIDE MONTH ACTIVITIES

Wednesday, May 31–Monday, June 12, 2023

The "47" Gender & Sexuality Alliance (GSA) hosted a variety of activities in honor of Pride Month, which takes place every June. Starting off with a field trip to the Leslie-Lohman Museum of Art, the only dedicated LGBTQ+ art museum in the world, on May 31st, the program also included film screenings during lunch and pride and pronoun pin handouts (see right),



and culminated with an after-school Pride Celebration with LGBTQ+ trivia and pizza on June 12th. A special shout-out to J. Simpson '23 for planning and designing posters, to Mx. Howard and Ms. Zaken for advising GSA and planning events, to Ms. Rosario for chaperoning the Leslie-Lohman Museum trip and Mr. Benus for helping organize it, and to Ms. Vargas for her support building the pride pins box.

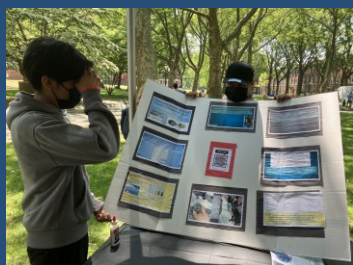


Speaking of Pride Month, Ms. Stephanie, our Librarian, has organized some suggested books to read to celebrate (left). Check out the full shelf online!

BILLION OYSTER PROJECT FIELD TRIP

Friday, June 2, 2023

On Friday June 2nd, the Billion Oyster Project held their Summer Symposium on Governors Island. 10th grade students in Living Environment presented their research projects on Zebra Mussels to other students, teachers, and scientists who attended. Schools from around the city were invited to participate in this symposium and share their projects related to sustainability in Hudson River ecosystems. Students also had the opportunity to try raw oysters during lunch. After the symposium, we explored the Hammock Grove on Governors Island, before catching the ferry back.





SCENES FROM THE ADDAMS FAMILY MUSICAL

Friday, June 2, 2023

On Friday, June 2 the Performing Arts Club performed Scenes from The Addams Family Musical for students, friends and family. For the first time in many years, "47" students put on a musical theater production in our very own auditorium. Our talented, hard-working ensemble of actors, singers, ASL signers and dancers, along with a supportive tech crew, collaborated to tell the story of Wednesday Addams falling in love with a "normal" boy. Audiences were wowed by the quality of the performances and the production. "Whaat?! I didn't know she could sing like that!" said one student. "I thought he was just a shy kid!" said a teacher. "She had so much stage presence. I was hanging on every word!" said a family member (of someone else). Ms. Gerstein directed in collaboration with Meghan Bowes from the Third Street Music School, and Ms. Zaken was our Director of ASL. Mr Harrington's students created the set, the props and sound effects. Many other teachers and staff helped out as well. This was truly a group effort! Sadly, this was Ms. Gerstein's final production at "47", but she hopes that the Performing Arts Club will continue to work together to develop their skills as the stellar theater artists that they are!



PROM

Thursday, June 8, 2023

Prom was held at Astoria Manor on June 8th 2023; seniors and Juniors were both eligible to attend. Everyone arrived dressed with elegance and glamor. Unique Ramos and Darren Cruz were voted prom King and Queen. You can view the [full photo album](#) online.



FIELD DAY

Tuesday, June 13, 2023

On Tuesday, June 13th, we had our field day. Students participated in various activities such as kickball, soccer, basketball, volleyball, and tie-dying shirts. We had a wonderful barbeque and enjoyed the sunshine and outdoor activities.





ART SHOW

Monday, June 26, 2023

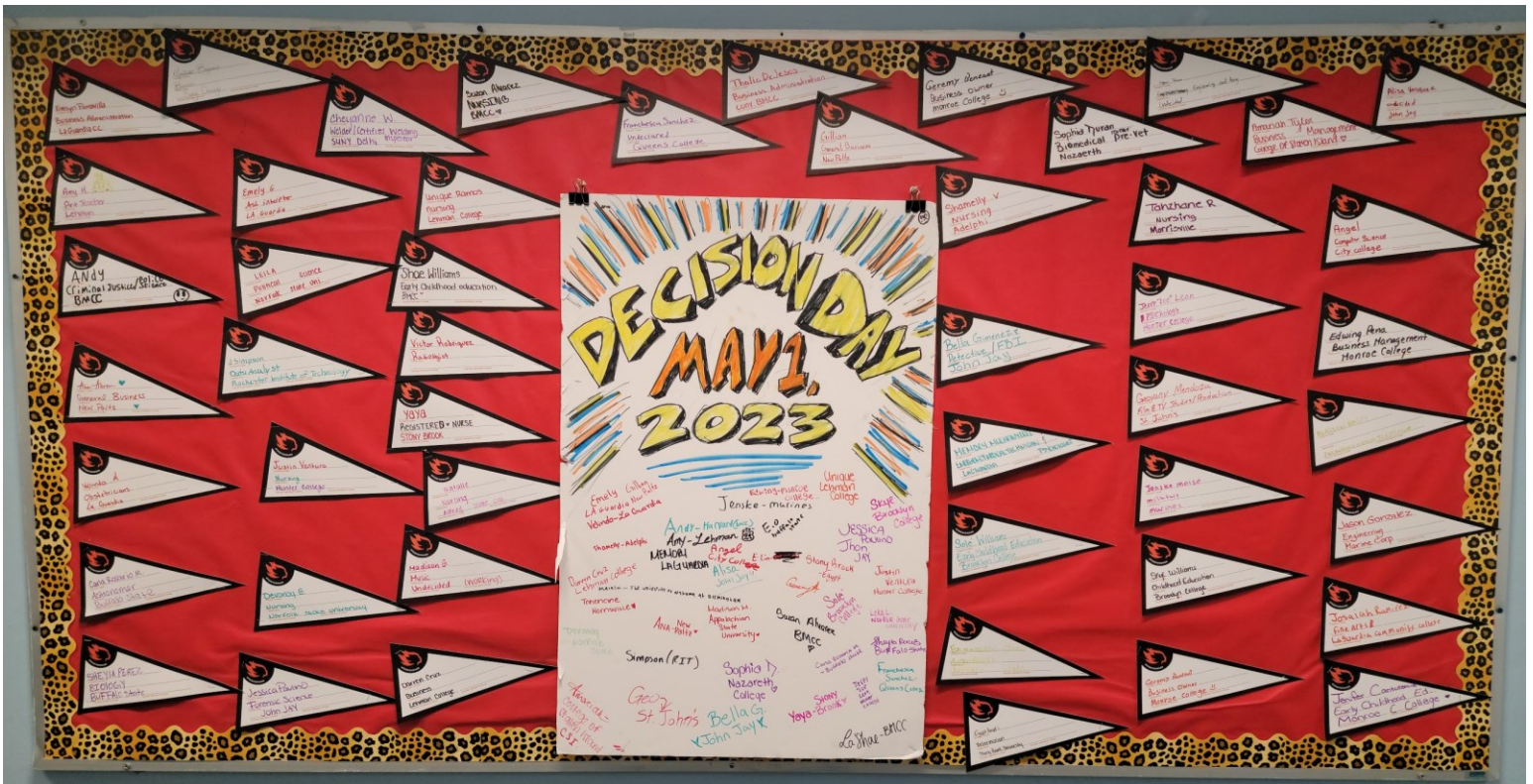
On Monday, June 26th, the Arts Department organized a gallery walk on the 3rd floor. The hallways were covered in student work, showcasing studio and digital work created over the past semester. The juxtaposition of the varying forms and ideas from the students was vast and impressionable. Students created personal and intuitive works of art that lit the hallways up in a measurable way. In room 306, student films and sculptures were shown and displayed, offering more depth and vision from the extremely talented students at "47" ASLHS.



GRADUATION

Monday, June 26, 2023

Congratulations to the "47" Class of 2023! Many of our seniors are off to CUNY and SUNY schools to study such fields as nursing, early childhood education, business, and anthropology. Other students will be attending private colleges or joining the workforce or the military (check out a photo of our graduates' future-plans bulletin board below). We wish all our students well as they start the next chapters of their lives. Check out [this YouTube video](#) for a recording of the whole ceremony, which took place in the auditorium on June 26th. You can also view the [archived live stream](#) and the [full photo gallery](#).





Student Awards

CLASS AWARDS

Congratulations to each the recipients below of awards given by teachers for improvement and excellence in each subject area.

American Sign Language

American Sign Language 9

Most Improved: Victor Saint Hilaire

Excellence: Isabella Ferguson

American Sign Language 10

Most Improved: Joshua Nunez

Excellence: Isabella Vega

American Sign Language 11

(Fisher)

Most Improved: Sandy Delossantos

Excellence: Rachael Paida

American Sign Language 11

(Schaeffer)

Most Improved: Melissa Ramirez

Excellence: Diana Contreras

American Sign Language 12

Most Improved: Sheyla Perez

Excellence: Yahelis Vega

Arts

Digital/Studio Art 9

Most Accomplished: Isabella Ibanez,
Sabrina Morales Rivas

Most Imaginative: Connor Li

Digital/Studio Art 9

Most Accomplished: Dylanie Polanco,
Shanell Duran

Most Imaginative: Brandon
Rodriguez

Digital/Studio Art 11

Most Accomplished: Nanci Zanes
Lozada, Ace May

Most Imaginative: Essence Hall

Digital/Studio Art 12

Most Accomplished: Amariah
Emanuel Tyler, J. Simpson

Most Imaginative: Malachi Embry

English Language Arts

English Language Arts 9

Most Improved: Jonathan Figueroa

Excellence: Connor Li

English Language Arts 10

Most Improved: Kevin Martinez

Excellence: Nicole Leal

English Language Arts 11

Most Improved: Nanci Zanes Lozada

Excellence: Yanitza Sojo Noel

English Language Arts 12

Most Improved: Edwing Pena

Excellence: J. Simpson

Mathematics

Algebra I

Most Improved: Britany Cruz
Broocks

Excellence: Isabella Ferguson

Algebra II (McDermott)

Most Improved: Mati Torres

Excellence: Roxana Arevalo

Algebra II (Peters)

Most Improved: Salvatore Ahmed

Excellence: Ashley Walther

AP Calculus AB

Most Improved: Sophia Duran

Excellence: Ace May

College Mathematics

Most Improved: Reily Munoz Morales

Excellence: Alexa Mendez

Computer Science Principles

Most Improved: Hector Vazquez

Excellence: Nicole Leal

Geometry

Most Improved: Diana Contreras

Excellence: Shanell Duran

Personal Finance

Most Improved: Andy Delossantos

Excellence: Shamelly Vasquez

Physical Education

Physical Education 9

Most Improved: Jayda Rodriguez

Excellence: Isabella Ferguson

Physical Education 10

Most Improved: Joselyn Juarez

Excellence: Consuelo Monsegur

Physical Education 11

Most Improved: Lucas Carrillo

Excellence: Ronald Arevalo

Physical Education 12

Most Improved: Sheyla Perez

Excellence: Angel Tigre

Science

AP Environmental Science

Most Improved: Christine Jefferson

Excellence: Ace May

Earth Science

Most Improved: Sabrina Morales
Rivas

Excellence: Nicole Leal

Living Environment

Most Improved: Jo Kyle Mendez

Excellence: Daniel Rivas

Living Environment II

Most Improved: Kevin Martinez

Excellence: Arisbeth Lezama

Physics

Most Improved: Essence Hall

Excellence: Justin Peralta

Social Studies

AP Human Geography

Most Improved: Ashley Walther

Excellence: Isabella Ferguson

AP World History

Most Improved: Joselyn Juarez

Excellence: Dayana Consuegra

Economics

Most Improved: Malachi Embry

Excellence: Memory Muchanyerei

Global History 9

Most Improved: Britany Cruz Broocks

Excellence: Alyssa Jones

Global History 10

Most Improved: Anahi Reyes

Excellence: Viktoria Kiss

Government

Most Improved: Emmanuel Ogando

Excellence: J. Simpson

United States History

Most Improved: Lucas Carrillo

Excellence: Isangy Hernandez

HONOR ROLL

Congratulations to the students below for receiving Honor Roll (greater than 85% grade point average this year). An asterisk (*) indicates that a student received Principal's Honor Roll (greater than 95% GPA this year).

Grade 9

Salvatore Ahmed

Isabella Ferguson*

Justin Hernandez

Alyssa Jones*

Connor Li*

Heaven Martinez

Sabrina Morales Rivas

Allison Navarrete

Dainard Ortiz*

Katelyn Paez

Albijon Rexhaj

Nadira Toro

Ashley Walther*

Grade 10

Cameron Adams

Dayana Consuegra

Julenny de los Santos

Roberto dos Santos Carneiro

Shanell Duran

Karen Felipe-Ponce

Anyaa Joseph

Joselyn Juarez Ramirez

Viktoria Kiss

Nicole Leal*

Arisbeth Lezama

Alyanna Martinez

Marcos Matamoros

Alexa Mendez

Consuelo Monsegur

Santiago Montealegre

Destiny Niola

Joshua Nuñez

Adia Rhodes Garcia

Yandiel Sojo Noel

Ashley Tovar Flores

Briana Toledo

Isabella Vega

Rodney Wilson

Grade 11

Ronald Arevalo*

Roxana Arevalo*

Jada Grimes

Isangy Hernandez

Jessica Hernandez Galindo*

Shannon May*

Ariana Olivieri

Justin Peralta

Trinity Ramirez

Naomi Rivas

Robert Sabando

Yanitza Sojo Noel*

Nanci Zanes Lozada

Grade 12

Ana Estheicy Abreu Ortiz

Madison Benjamin

Egypt Boyd*

Devonay Burgess

Darren Cruz

Sophia Duran*

Isabella Gimenez*

E-Lin Gross

Amy Hernandez

Jerry Leon Enriquez

Geovany Mendoza

Memory Muchanyerei

Ciro Ortiz

Natalie Quintero

Unique Ramos

Franchesca Sanchez

J. Simpson*

Angel Tigre

Alisa Vasquez

Shamelly Vasquez

Yahelis Vega

Cheyenne Whirl

Skye Williams*

Solé Williams

PERFECT ATTENDANCE

A special congratulations goes out to Diana Contreras and Sabrina Morales Rivas for having 100% attendance this school year. We appreciate your commitment to learning and to our school community!

MAY 2023 STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Finally, congratulations to our May Students of the Month!

Katie Armenta

Leonardo Arroyo

Devonay Burgess

Ainesay Colon

Diana Contreras

Jonathan Figueroa

Alex Hernandez

Anthony Hinton

Anyaa Joseph

Viktoria Kiss (*two classes*)

Adis Kolenovic

Connor Li

Jo Kyle Mendez

Lexa Morales Rivas

Aria Olivieri

Dylan Polanco

Melissa Ramirez-Diaz

Albi Rexhaj

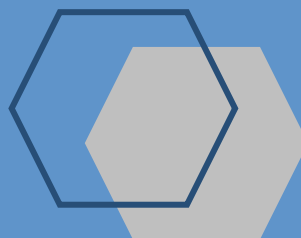
Anahi Reyes

David Santoni

J. Simpson

Yanitza Sojo Noel

Ariscela Vilchis



Comic Relief

THAT DEAF GUY

Matt and Kay Daigle, with the permission of the artists



Staff Highlight

We would like to congratulate Michelle McVorrان (below left) and Lara Gerstein (below right) on their retirement after many long years of teaching service! Ms. Gerstein, our dance teacher, went out with a bang, putting on an amazing final performance of the *Addams Family Musical* with the performing arts club. Ms. Michelle has been working at this school longer than any other current staff and has helped numerous students over the years. They will both be greatly missed.

