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"Less hugs, more homework"

- Assistant t Headmaster,
 Mr. MacLeod

OB Students Win ArtScience Innovation Prize

Justin Crespo, Kanny Moussignac, and Victoria Strojwas were recently selected as the top team among 30 finalists for the ArtScience Innovation Prize.

The three received a shared award valued at \$50,000 and will travel to Paris for a 10-day development workshop at Le Laboratoire in Paris.

The OB team came up with a wearable device called the Coach Master.

The device would teach people while they dream and could be used by "kids who don't have access to schools or people who want to learn a sport, but don't have access to a coach."

Four OB teams were also recognized. Twonnisha Winbush, Yelithza Galvez, Melanie Sakhta, Anthony Alleyne, Simon Hills, Jeichael Henderson, Amin Kiani and Alan Wong received cash prize ranging from \$1,000-

\$8,000 for their ideas.

"The ArtScience Prize encourages students to pursue art and design on the frontiers of science," said Carrie Fitzsimmons, the founding director.



Kanny, Justin & Victoria

Mayor Menino and Superintendent Johnson presented over \$100,000 in prizes to 14 teams from schools throughout Boston. O'Bryant was well represented with 10 students on 5 teams collecting over \$60,000 in prizes.

The ArtScience Prize is a collaboration of ArtScience Labs, The Cloud Foundation, Boston Public Schools, the Idea Translation Lab at Harvard University, and Le Laboratoire.

Health Classes Visited by City Councilor & WGBH Radio Reporter

Ms. Fisher's and Ms. Campbell's Health classes have been busy the past few weeks with visits from City Councilor Ayanna Presley and reporter Adam Ragusea from radio station WBUR.

Both visits are connected to the Peer Health Exchange (PHE) program that has been part of the programming in many of OB's health classes this year.



Councilor Ayanna Pressley

Councilor Presley, who has made addressing the issue of teen pregnancy a priority for the City Council, visited the

classes to observe a PHE workshop presented by Harvard students DJ Smolinsky and Christina Meadows.

This workshop and others on a range of teen health issues on topics like nutrition, relationships and fitness are delivered to OB students by college students who are trained by Peer Health Exchange. The 13 week curriculum, at OB for

the first time this year, is presented to 9th graders in high schools throughout the city.

The classes were also visited by Adam Ragusea of WBUR radio for a program focusing on the work of local college students in area schools. OB students were interviewed and recorded and will appear on WBUR in May.

O'Bryant Committee Report Corner

- **Instructional Leadership Team (ILT):** The ILT held its biweekly meeting last Tuesday and continued its work on the WSIP and plans for school wide PD. The WSIP will be presented to the school community later this spring.
- **NEASC Follow Up Committee:** The NEASC Follow Up Committee completed and submitted the 5 Year Report.
- **School Parent Council (SPC):** The SPC met this past Wednesday. In addition to working on the WSIP, the group reviewed the Headmaster selection process.
- **School Site Council:** The School Site Council will meet on May 10

Upcoming OB Events

- **AP Exams: May 3: May 13**
- **Professional Development: May 5**
- **Term 4 Marks Close: May 7**
- **School Site Council: May 10**
- **ILT: May 11**
- **School Parent Council: May 19**
- **Senior Prom: May 28**



Senior Will Sing With Pops La Wanda Hector Wins Competition

Mark your calendar and get your tickets for the May 26th performance of the Boston Pops.

On that special evening you will have the opportunity to hear O'Bryant senior LaWanda Hector sing Pink's "Glitter in the Air" with Keith Lockhart and the Boston Pops at Symphony Hall.

LaWanda is the winner of this year's Fidelity Investments Futurestage Competition. She will perform along with three other musical acts from Boston Latin School and Boston Arts Academy.

"I did not think it would go far, but now I am very excited. It is going to be a

great opportunity to sing with the Boston Pops."

This marks the second year in a row that a Roland Hayes vocalist was selected to sing with the Boston Pops. The judges, including Denis Alves, musical director of the Boston Pops and Joyce Kulhawick, former arts critic for WBZ-TV were impressed with LaWanda's voice and musical training.

In addition to her onstage performance, LaWanda will receive a \$100 Visa gift card as well as the accolades of friends and family members. Perhaps an agent will be in the audience as well.

Spring Sports Roundup

Softball: The softball team is off to a strong start with a 6-0 record in league play. The team has been led by the timely hitting of Evelyn O'Toole and Angie Rodriguez and the exceptional hitting and fielding of freshman Iryelis Lopez.

Baseball: The O'Bryant baseball team continues their hard work to compete in their new division within the Boston City League. Following a tough one-run loss to perennial power West Roxbury, the team looks to play strong games at home on Monday May 3 vs. BLA and Wednesday May 5 vs. East Boston. The team is excited about the starting pitching of freshmen

Brandon Ruiz and Jeff Polanco, as well as the experience on the mound from senior Alex McClintock. Senior catcher Jean Inoa has been a solid team leader behind the plate.

Track: OB runners, jumpers and throwers competed in the 16th annual freshmen / sophomore meet in Hingham last Saturday. Tenth grader Adrienne Thornton was the Tigers' top performer with a first place throw of 113-09 in the discus. Adrienne set a new meet record, breaking the record of 112-07 that she set at last year's meet. Also competing for O'Bryant were: Rayney Odlum, Ina Shkurti, Ayana Green, Fernando Rodriguez, Vinh Tran, Andy Nguyen, Patrick Powell and Cuong Linh.

Girls' Tennis: The Girls' Tennis team had matches against Everett and Cambridge this week.

Boys' Tennis: The boys' tennis team faced Everett and Cambridge this week.

Boys' Volleyball: The boys' volleyball team lost to Xaverian on Thursday. They will face off against Brighton today and Latin Academy Tuesday.

Students to Present at Ceremony in Washington

Michael Creese and Ursula Gaymes will be traveling to Washington D.C. next month to participate in the National EnvironMentors Awards Ceremony.

The students have been working on their project for the past year as part of the EnvironMatters program in collaboration with the Colleges of the Fenway.

The students presented their projects just prior to the April break as part of the Muddy River

Symposium.

"Our project measured the ambient air rate inside O'Bryant. Like much of Roxbury, the measurement was high because of the high level of bus traffic and industry in the area." - Michael Creese

According to Program Director Mr. Sullivan, the program is part of an effort to develop an Environmental Education chapter at the Colleges of the Fenway.

O'Bryant Classroom, Club and Field Trip Updates

Calculus Students Excel at Field Day: Five O'Bryant students participated in Northeastern University's annual Calculus Field Day competition. Teams of students competed to score the highest number of points on AP questions. The team of Dennis Desmond, Kayla Mendonca and Breeze Victor took first place in the 18 team competition. Takashige Okubo and Jorge Velasquez finished in third place with a short handed two man team. All five students were invited back to Northeastern for a day of interactive problem solving sessions with scientists from STEM fields.

Model UN: Two O'Bryant students who competed recently in the Model United Nations Conference, Kevin Flakes and Nini Pang, will be honored this evening at the United Nations Association of Greater Boston. Kevin and Nini won the award for Best Delegation at the March 19 Model UN. They will be accompanied by Debate and History Club advisor Dr. Diskant.

Academic Games: Seniors July Merizier and Lili Wondwossen traveled to Cincinnati, Ohio over April vacation to participate in the Academic Games. Introduced to the competition through the SEED program at MIT, July said that they performed well, almost winning the team award. She plans on helping to coach the team next year.

Sports Schedule

- **Softball: May 4 (A)**
- **Baseball: May 5 (H)**
- **Track: May 5 (White)**
- **Volleyball: May 6 (H)**
- **Girls Tennis May 4 (A)**
- **Boys Tennis May 4 (H)**

Go Tigers!!