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CELEBRATE CLINTON DAY NOVEMBER 2

Field to Be Renamed Joseph Prezioso Alumni Field

Honors Legendary Coach, Teacher
and Asst. Principal for 35 Years of Service

First-Ever PDQ Athletics Leadership
Award to Be Given to Coach Johnson



In Tribute:

By Gerard Pelisson Hon.'03
Retired faculty

With details provided by Newser Ming Yuen

With the voice of a buzz saw and a heart of gold, Coach Joseph Prezioso became a DeWitt Clinton Immortal. On November 2, in tribute to him, DWC's "Field of Dreams" will be renamed the Joseph Prezioso Alumni Field. For more than 35 years until his retirement in 1990, he encouraged, prodded and helped a generation of athletes and students to pursue the dream of higher education. His call for "pride, determination and quality (PDQ)" turned wide-eyed youngsters into responsible citizens and loyal alumni.

Ask the guys on the football and handball teams he coached what he taught them and the answers will have little to do with sports. They will say that Coach Prez encouraged them to believe in themselves. He instilled in

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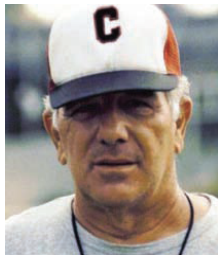
Fall Harvest Festival

By Jocelyn Bautista

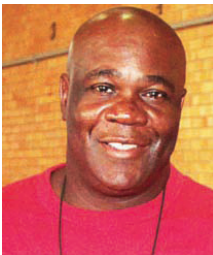
Right behind the school and near the field, you can find the Clinton Garden. Much can be found in there: curly kale, dinosaur kale, beans, tomatoes, and basil. With the produce grown, students run a monthly vegetable sale facilitated by Mr. Pultinas.

On October 1st, students in the Environmental Affairs Club (EAC) also helped chefs and sous chefs in the lunch room with the "Garden to Café" menu. The event is held every month with the seasonal crops. Feature-

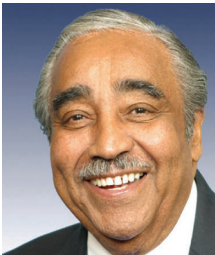
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Field named in honor
of Joseph Prezioso



First PDQ Award to
Cornel Johnson



U.S. Representative
Charles Rangel



Bronx Boro President
Ruben Diaz, Jr.

Proclamations to Be Presented by U.S. Rep. Charles Rangel and Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz, Jr.

Homecoming Football Game
to Be Followed by Benefit
to Raise Funds for All DWC Sports



On paper, it's a scheduled football game against Lehman High School. The fact that it is also Homecoming Day would normally account for a couple of hundred more fans in the stands. Just your ordinary fall high school football game!

But wait! U.S. Representative Charles B. Rangel, a Clinton man, is coming to present a Congressional Proclamation of praise to the school. Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz, Jr., is coming with a proclamation declaring November 2 Joseph Prezioso Day in the Bronx.

But wait, there's more! It's starting to look like it is going to be the biggest school event since the DWC centennial celebration at the New York Hilton in 1997. Alumni in large numbers are expected as are many retired staff members. During half-time, all past and present Clinton coaches in attendance will be saluted for the great work they have done for the school and its students.

Following the game, there will be a benefit in the school cafeteria to raise money for all the sports programs in the school. Registered

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Student-Made Film *Transformation* Premieres

They may not have come to DeWitt Clinton planning to be filmmakers, but Afridah Rahman, Cheyenne Rodriguez, Shanel Gray, and 2014 graduate Kevin Herrera have been bitten by the movie making bug. On October 8, their film, *Transformation*, had its premiere at Lehman College. It chronicles the resurgence of DeWitt Clinton High School over the past year.

The premiere was an STH-sponsored film club event in collaboration with DWC and D.A. Media.



For more than a year, producer Dallas Alexis of D.A. Media guided the four young filmmakers through the process of preparing the equipment, working on a script, interviewing students and teachers, and editing all their "takes" into a perfect movie.

In the audience was Deputy Chancellor Phil Weinberg, who praised the students for a task well done.



(From left) Student filmmakers Afridah Rahman, Cheyenne Rodriguez, Shanel Gray; the film's producer Dallas Alexis; student filmmaker and 2014 graduate Kevin Herrera; and Susana Vilardell, director of Students in Temporary Housing (STH).

Why Choose Clinton?

9th Graders Tell Us Why They Are Happy
They Chose DeWitt Clinton High School

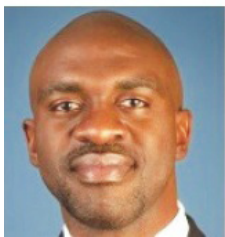
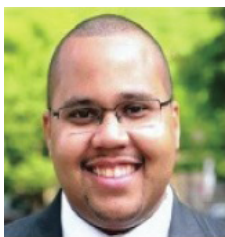
By William Perez

With more than 400 free public high schools to pick from, the families of city students have their work cut out for them when it comes to choosing a secondary education. Technical high schools, early college schools, curriculums based on every subject from Latin to computer coding to scientific scuba diving – the list is seemingly endless. Add a complex application system to the dizzying list of schools, and any family can feel overwhelmed.

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Know These Alumni?

Find Out About Them on Page 6



Palazzo Strassi Winners at City Hall

By Ann Neary and Newser John Michael Branuela

On Wednesday Oct. 15, Andru Anderson, Pawanpreet Singh, and Destini Febus, our DWC winners of the High School Renaissance Award given out by the Palazzo Strassi Foundation, traveled to City Hall to be feted and celebrated after their month long trip to Italy. The foundation works in collaboration with the DOE to find students worthy of this extraordinary adventure and cultural exchange.

Chancellor Carmen Farina told the audience, "Once you have visited a country different from your own, you are changed for life. And now, you will always want to go back to Italy."

While visiting Rome, Destini was impressed with the frescoes of the Sistine Chapel. "They tell a story of pain, suffering and sadness, without words. Yet everyone understands them completely."

JUNIORS!!!! Watch for an announcement about YOUR opportunity to make this dream trip a reality. Palazzo Strassi will be at DWC next month to discuss details!!!

(Month Long Trip to Italy Included. Bravissimo!)



(From left) Andru Anderson; Pawanpreet Singh; Mario Platero, Palazzo Strassi Foundation chairman; and Destini Febus

Instagram @DWCAumniAssociation

Student Views on Internships and College Getting into Them and Getting Something Out of Them

College

College. That word by itself sparks countless different ideas and expectations. Stress, no sleep, exams, facing the real world; all the negativity that is expected from being a freshman at college at times tends to overpower the more important aspects of it. Meeting new people, gaining more knowledge, opening your minds, experiencing independence; all the positivity and growth that college has to offer trumps the negatives. Transitioning is the hardest part, the part that takes time and effort, but doing it in an effective manner is what matters the most. The biggest issue is not the scary professor or the 300 student-sized lecture class. It is you and what you choose to do with your time. Thankfully taking A.P classes while attending Clinton prepared me for the intensity of it. The teachers who you look at now as being strict and giving too you much



Sushmita Jitlall

work, you'll thank them later because those are the ones who would have prepared you for what's ahead. I was well in the zone to study for hours upon hours, head deep in a textbook taking notes, and to write long essays in a short amount of time while still being concise. College is what you make it, it's all about planning and sticking to the plan, it's about dedication towards having a better future and being able to hold that degree and say, "I did it." Learn how to manage your time, figure out what's more important and leave that next episode on Netflix for another day, put the phone down for a couple hours and you see that the work is not impossible, you'll survive. The world is a scary place, but it's also filled with adventures. Without an open mind and knowledge, you'll never experience the full impact of what it has to offer. Good luck class of 2015!

By Sushmita Jitlall, City College 2018

It's the Experience That Counts

by Jvevaughn Simmonds

Internships are a proven way to gain relevant knowledge, skills, and experience while gaining important connections in a field of interest. Internships are also a great way for students to get their "feet wet" and to find out if a specific field is something they could see themselves doing full time. During the school year students feel overwhelmed with course work, sports and other activities with little time to think about completing an internship. But this did not stop one student—Larissa Ramos.

Larissa spent her summer working with a judge—after winning the Sonia and Celina Sotomayer High School Judicial Internship.

Her work took place in the Brooklyn office of Judge Kiyo A Matsumoto. Let's find out what Larissa had to say about her experience.

"My day started at 10:00am and finished at 4:00pm. I worked in the Brooklyn Courthouse. This was a very intimidating place and everyone there was extremely professional. Yet, although it is a very professional atmosphere, all employees were friendly and willing to help me."

My responsibilities included visiting and watching court cases, organizing the mailroom, filing, and helping with the social security questioning.



Larissa Ramos

This internship was unpaid, however I received a \$300 Barnes and Nobles gift card."

Larissa noted that she loved her work there but "they only accept sophomores and juniors. Only 13 people got accepted. It is very competitive to be able to participate in this particular internship. You have to be smart, but they also look for a strong and friendly personality."

She further commented, "Everyone had a judge/lawyer to work for. It is extremely hard to get the placement into the federal courthouse, however everyone I worked with was very nice and helpful. Having students be able to experience these types of internships are great for motivating them especially in their senior year."

After meeting Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayer on July 22, Larissa wrote in her journal, "It was a grand pleasure to meet the Justice and I cannot wait to meet her when my career takes me down a path where I hope to accomplish much."

This was an internship that Larissa sought on her own. She recommends to younger students to research areas of interest and be dogged in pursuing them. Ask everyone, teachers, adults, community members if they know of internships in your area of interest.

Seek and You Shall Find

By Robert Mohammed

Vidur Beharry, a senior at DWC, took advantage this past summer of a program called "Leaders for Leaders." His summer was spent on Wall Street working as an intern for the finance division of NYCHA (New York City Housing Authority). His responsibilities centered on filing, stamping government documents, and grouping documents together appropriately. Vidur says, "It was a very pleasant experience, my bosses were enthusiastic about my work and at the same time I learned the crucial skill of responsibility and time management." He added, "Those skills are part of becoming an adult."

Additionally, this was a paid internship that gave Vidur financial independence.

Why seek or participate in internships? These programs, even if unpaid, are valued by colleges and prove that as a student you are able to balance many varied demands.

Vidur found his internship through researching the Internet and stumbling upon such an opportunity. Some other resources for internships are:

<http://www.internships.com/high-school/new-york-ny>

http://schools.nyc.gov/ui/cms/sites/empoweringboys/docs/takeaction/Real_World/High%20School%20Internships%20and%20Scholarships.pdf

<http://www.summerinternships.com/newyork/>

You can also speak to your counselor about internship opportunities such as the Geriatric Career Development program through Jewish home life care, NYC library internship and a Norwood news internship.

Editor's note: Vidur is relatively quiet and this internsip would not have caught our attention if his cousin did not tell us of it. Let us know if you have something interesting that you are doing!!!

Underemployed and Overeducated: The Status of Today's College Graduates

By Lauren Waldron

According to Labor Department data, of the 9 million people who are currently unemployed, 4.7 million went to college or graduated and 4.3 million did not.

There are a few reasons for this puzzling stat. One, obviously, is the simple fact that so many people now attend college. If the majority of people go to college, when there is a recession, it makes sense that the majority of unemployed would include college attendees.

College is no longer something reserved for *la crème de la crème*, the top 10 percent, the head of the class, and the best and the brightest. An astonishing 70 percent of Americans now attempt college, and roughly half will eventually graduate. Currently about 40 percent of working age Americans have college degrees.

Of course, this statistic does not say that the majority of the unemployed are college gradu-

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From the Principal



Dear DeWitt Clinton High School Community,

Welcome to the 2014-2015 school year! Wow! What a great start we have had so far.

On September 3rd, we hosted a Legislative Breakfast. We had a strong showing from our elected officials. We had the Bronx District Attorney, Johnson, New York State Assemblymen Gjonaj and Pichardo, NYC Councilman Cohen, NYC Councilwoman Gibson, and former State Assemblyman Guillermo Linares as well as representatives from the the Bronx Borough President's Office, the Public Advocate's Office and many others. We had representatives from the Tracey Tower Tenants Association, as well as many Community Leaders ans partners such as Behind the Books, Bronx Community College and the Bronx Zoo.



Principal Taveras

At the Legislative Breakfast, I presented data from the past academic school year, which clearly demonstrates that we are on an upward trajectory. Our attendance went up by nearly 5%, scholarship went up by more than 7% and the number of first year students earning 10 or more credits went up by 12%. Our Quality Review went up from the previous year to developing and we now have 30 SmartBoards with many more to come. The school won the Communtiy School grant from the NYCDOE to focus on improving attendance and reducing the number of drop outs.

The purpose of the event was simple: if we all work together, we can accomplish our goal of being the high school, of choice for all families in the Bronx. We showed what we can do in a documentary, called *Transformation*, filmed by our students and premiered on October 8th at Lehman College. We will do the same at the November 2nd event honoring Coach Joe Prezioso's legacy and Coach Johnson, who carries on the mantra PDQ-pride determination and quality.

Come and be part of the transformation. Together, we will make DWC the high school of choice for All Families in the Bronx!

Much love, Santi

Former English Teacher Remembered

Carol Halvey had the distinction of being the first woman dean in the history of DeWitt Clinton High School. It was a responsibility she assumed with slight trepidation and much compassion when the school became co-ed in 1983.

From the 1960s to her retirement in the 1990s, she loved being an English teacher and brought considerable humor to the task. After retirement, her health worsened steadily and Parkinson's disease forced her to move into a nursing home in New Jersey.

Carol Halvey passed away on July 3, 2014.



Clinton Community Mourns the Passing of Robert Panera '38 -- Deaf at DWC

Robert Panera '38 was ten years old when an attack of spinal meningitis made him completely deaf. With great perseverance, he earned his Clinton diploma, and then attended Gallaudet College, the



first deaf college to be allowed to grant degrees. He went on to become the first deaf person to receive a master's degree in English from New York University. In 1965, Panara helped found the Rochester Institute of Technology's National Technical Institute for the Deaf (NTID). As its first deaf faculty member, he established the school's English Department and Drama Club and created courses on Shakespeare and about deaf characters in fiction and drama. His own writings include

Great Deaf Americans and a collection of poems, *On His Deafness and Other Melodies Unheard*. Following his retirement in 1987, NTID named its performing arts theater in his name.

Robert Panara passed away in Rochester on July 20, 2014, having spent his life helping deaf youngsters to achieve fulfilling lives.

Spying on the Queen of England

Robert Panara became so skilled at lip reading that he was hired by *Life* magazine to read England's Queen Elizabeth II's lips. During the monarch's first visit to the United States in 1957, she attended a football game at the University of Maryland at College Park. She sat in a 50-yard-line box seat far from the press. But Panara sat on a scaffold 200 yards away and with binoculars could read everything the queen said. Her words were put into a *Life* magazine article with the quotation marks, so confident were the editors in Panara's accuracy.

Look at All the Wonderful Things . . .

A SOUND MIND IN A SOUND BODY

DeWitt Clinton High School is proud of its tradition of academic excellence. In its classrooms, labs, and club rooms, you can expand your mind, explore the arts and sciences, and develop skills to last a lifetime.

Learn to express yourself with confidence, to become the master of every word you write and every word that comes out of your mouth. Learn to listen, to question, to discuss and to argue your point of view. Come to appreciate the culture of students from other parts of the world. Come to believe in yourself and to value your education as the way to improve your life and serve others.

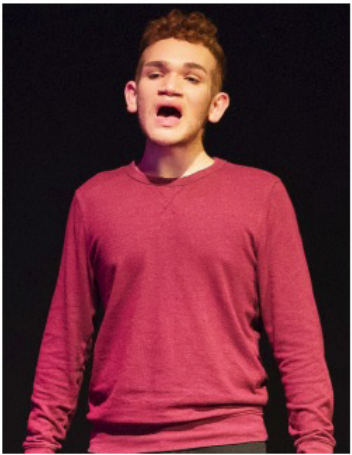
Great things are happening at Clinton and you should want to be part of them.



Class trips to all kinds of interesting places



Enjoy the visits of famous guests



School-based health care



You know you like stepping!



Publication for student poetry, stories, opinions, and artwork



Clubs and activities of all kinds



Benefiting from the Cantor Business Library



Enjoying student leadership weekends



... And for the rest of your life, you can belong to the largest high school alumni association of its kind.

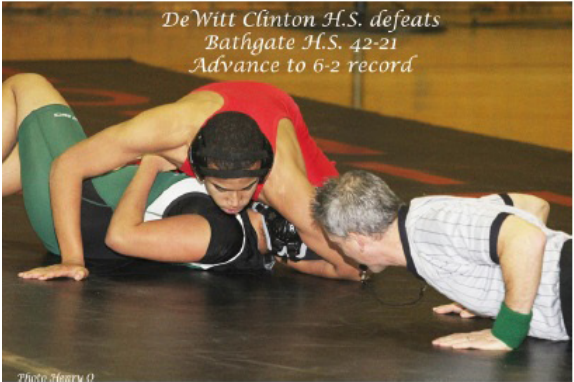
You Can Do at DeWitt Clinton High School

PRIDE, DETERMINATION, QUALITY (PDQ)

One of the benefits of a large comprehensive school like DeWitt Clinton is that it offers a large variety of sports teams to advance your athletic talents. Pass that football into the end zone for a touchdown. Run the track as fast as lightning. Dazzle on the high bar. Kick the winning ball past the goalie. Ace that tennis serve. Hit a homerun. Swim the lap in record time.

Get all that you can get out of your DWC experience. Become a member of the cheerleaders team. If you can't become an "official" cheerleader, cheer on the teams from the sidelines or stands.

Be part of an athletic tradition that goes back to the late 1890s. Wear the Red and Black. Root for the Red and Black. Live the Red and Black.



DeWitt Clinton H.S. defeats Bathgate H.S. 42-21
Advance to 6-2 record



MLB Player & DWC Alumnus
Juan Carlos Perez
with the 2013-14 DeWitt Clinton Varsity Baseball Team



Lady Governors beat South Bronx
27-12



Clinton H.S. Swimming Team 2014

... And many, many more. Join us.

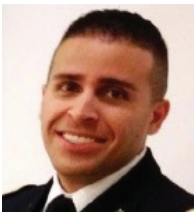
Alumni News

Sam Chisolm Jr. '83 is a lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Army and assigned HQDA G3 to the Pentagon. He was deployed to Iraq twice and to Somalia and Haiti. He has a B.A. in political science from Morgan State and a master's degree in human resources from Troy State.



Andrea Navedo '88 received a write-up in the September 21, 2014 *New York Times* for her role in the TV series *Jane the Virgin*. The comedy-drama airs on the CW network in New York. She will also be starring in the film *Superfast*. The shooting is completed, with its release expected in 2015.

Michael Blake '00 is the Democratic nominee for the 79th District in the New York State Assembly in the November 4 election. Previously, he held the White House position of associate deputy director of the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs. He is a graduate of the Medill Journalism School.



Luis Rohena MD '00 is a major in the U.S. Army and chief of medical genetics at the San Antonio Military Medical Center. He is also an assistant professor of pediatrics at the University of Texas Health Science Center. He earned a B.A. in biochemistry at Columbia before attending medical school.

Victor Pichardo '03 represents the 88 District in the New York State Assembly. He is seeking re-election on November 4. His win in the September Democratic Primary by two votes shows the importance of every citizen going to the polling booth on Election Day and casting a ballot.



Sharlene Brown '04 is a management consultant in Los Angeles at Accenture, an information technology company. Among her talents are fluency in French and Spanish. She earned her M.B.A. from the Wharton Business School in 2014 and her B.A. in government from Harvard in 2008.

Timan Goshit '05 is a business intelligence engineer at Mode Media in the San Francisco Bay area. She is a 2009 graduate of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, earning her B.S. in electrical engineering and computer science.



Michele Quach '06 is engaged in defined contribution marketing at AllianceBernstein in New York. She is a 2010 graduate of the Wharton Business School. Her major was in Chinese studies and she is fluent in Cantonese and has a working proficiency in Mandarin.

Reginald Askew '07 is an engineer at GACE Consulting Engineers PC in New York. He received a B.S. in civil engineering from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in 2011 and an M.S. in civil engineering from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in 2012.



Maudlyn Obi '07 is a financial manager at The Brookings Institution in Washington D.C. She graduated from Amherst College in 2011 with a B.A. in English and political science. At Clinton, she was an editor of the *Clinton News*.

Juan Perez '07 is currently playing left field for the San Francisco Giants in their bid to win the 2014 baseball World Series. Is it okay for Clintonites to root for San Francisco?



Christopher Francis '08 is a Ph.D. student at the University of California Berkeley & graduate researcher at Lawrence Berkeley National Lab. In 2012, he received a B.S. (double major: materials science and engineering & political science) from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Syed Ali '09 is communications coordinator at FoodCorps, a nationwide network of AmeriCorps leaders that connect kids to real food and help them grow up healthy. He is a class of 2013 graduate of Wesleyan University, with a B.A. in government and English.



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Why Choose Clinton?

9th Graders Tell Us Why They Are Happy They Chose DeWitt Clinton High School

But hearing real voices from real students can help narrow down your selection. There are many questions to ask when looking for the right high school: What electives are there? How are the teachers? Do they have clubs? Good athletic programs?

The *Clinton News* interviewed three 9th grade DWC students to find out answers to some of these burning questions. These were Aaliyah Demitro, Michaela Demitro and Gwendelyn Warren.

1. How did DWC help in your decision to come to the school?

"DWC helped sway my decision by showing me all of the different programs and options available to me. I was particularly interested in the honor program which was a big influence in my decision making process." – Aaliyah Demitro

"One aspect that really helped me in making my decision to enroll at Clinton, was going to their summer program. It was at this program that I learned about all the opportunities available to me. This included not only education opportunities, but also extracurricular activities." – Michaela Demitro

2. What specific programs interested you?

"The honors program, specifically the Macy program was of interest to me." – Michaela Demitro

"I liked the fact that it was the only school I visited that had an honors program. This was important to me so that I can fully flourish at school." – Gwendelyn Warren

3. How was the transition from middle school to DWC?

"The transition was easy for me, I love the fact that I immediately had more freedom and had more fun at school with my friends." – Aaliyah Demitro

"I really liked that I had more freedom at school, but you have to be prepared for a lot more work. There are some classes that are a lot more challenging than others." – Gwendelyn Warren

4. How have the teachers been helpful in your first

year at high school?

"The teachers have all been really helpful, especially in our first week of school. They made sure that they explained the process to us and made us aware of what we should expect from high school." – Aaliyah Demitro

5. How involved are you in DWC clubs and teams?

"I am very involved in the clubs at DWC. There are so many to choose from that all freshman join multiple clubs when they first get to high school!" – Gwendelyn Warren

"I love that they have so many choices at DWC. There seems to be an option for everyone. I have joined the Glee Club and the Softball Club. I am also waiting for gymnastics to start so I can join that one also!" – Michaela Demitro

6. What are the major differences between middle school and high school?

"There are a number of differences between middle and high school, the major difference is the huge academic jump in the workload. This includes homework assignments and in class work. The teachers are also very strict on discipline and treat you more like an adult." – Michaela Demitro

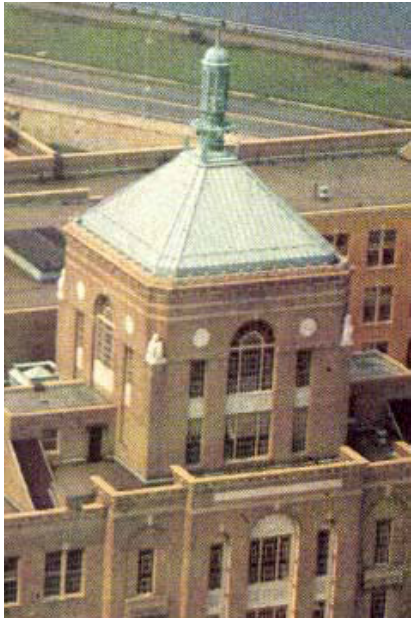
"The major difference is that teachers are much stricter. They will not tell you when you forgot to hand in homework, they just fail you. They expect you to be responsible for all your work, whereas middle school does not." – Gwendelyn Warren

7. What do you think of the schools approach to student's discipline and safety?

"The one thing I can say about Clinton is that I always feel very safe. They have security all over

the school and in the corridors so you always feel safe. They also scan your bag when you come into school in the morning." – Michaela Demitro

"I always feel safe at DWC, as well as the security staff, I have not experienced any bullying. Everyone is really helpful, including the seniors around the school." – Aaliyah Demitro



Clinton has been fondly called the "castle on the parkway" for nearly 80 years.

"The teachers have all been really helpful, especially in our first week of school. They made sure that they explained the process to us and made us aware of what we should expect from high school."
– Aaliyah Demitro

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Underemployed and Overeducated:
The Status of Today's College Graduates

By Lauren Waldron

ates. It merely says they "attended college." Since college dropout rates traditionally, and stubbornly, hover around 50 percent, presumably many of these unemployed people have attended college without attaining a degree.

A large percentage of Americans rush to receive their degrees, hoping to have better paying jobs, but the outcome is not so predictable. Only a small percent actually have success finding jobs. Unfortunately for the rest of the graduate population, most have accumulated tremendous debt and have no job in order to sustain payment of these debts. Because of this, people are starting to question the liability college degrees have in the workforce.

The *Washington Times* studied and found that graduates have a harder time finding employment than people who never went to college and adults who obtain their degrees later in life. The question is: Why? Why is it that people with no degree at all and people who obtain their degrees later in life have better chances in the workforce than fresh college graduates? One theory is presented by *Psychology Today*, which found that many college graduates have a difficulty becoming employed because they lack "STEM Skills." These are key skills that are needed in today's workplace. These primarily include problem solving, analytical thinking, and the ability to work indepen-

dently. The reason behind "STEM" is that all of these skills are related to careers within the science, technology, engineering, and math fields.

Research shows that some of these unemployed graduates are not punctual and are not dressed appropriately for their interview. These are skills that are supposed to be obtained during middle and especially high school years. Many of these same graduates also lack communication skills and struggle to articulate themselves within a professional environment. It is imperative that high schools focus on these essential skills in order to help students through the future employment process.

To conclude, the solution lies within a number of factors. Firstly, colleges need to make sure their curriculums align with the way companies work today, with fast-paced technology and social media changing data collection and communication. Employers should articulate to colleges what they're looking for in employees, and help make sure that what they're teaching is useful. And students shouldn't just take what's handed to them in the classroom, they should do all they can to supplement their education with additional skill-building. Because of the global economy, unemployment and high tuition, part of the responsibility of all of us should be to make sure that students are qualified to get career-based jobs.

“Oh No, Not Dreaming....”*
A Poet Visits DWC

By Prince Offin

Courtesy of Hudson Review, Rhina P. Espaillet, a Dominican born poet, visited A.P. Literature classes on Friday Oct. 10th. For those of you who are puzzled and confused by poems, I recommend hearing the work from the poet’s own lips. When Rhina read Rosario on Sunday Morning, new meaning was breathed into the poem that we had spent two days trying to discover.

And that was before she told us the back-story for the creation of the poem!!

Rhina stayed for our double periods, without break or pause, and regaled us with her own personal history: her family escaped being tortured by

the dictator in the Dominican Republic, she moved to NYC at age 7 knowing no English, she was able to attend Hunter College for free (as was customary in her day), and she supports public school education because she believes in educating everyone.

Joseph Barrett said, “I cherished her visit because it was motivating (to stick with solving the mystery of poetry) and inspiring.” And Chantell Belnavis commented that, “now I hear the music in the poetry.”

The entire A.P. class felt the impact of this dynamic writer!

* Opening line from “Rosario on Sunday Morning”



Rhina P. Espaillet

OPPORTUNITY TO WRITE

Complied by Lauren Waldron

Writing Workshop at the 92nd Street Y

Wendy Salinger, a long time educator and friend to DWC students, offers an after-school writing workshop for beginning as well as advanced writers. 10 workshops are offered on Tuesday afternoons, beginning at 4:15 and ending at 5:45. The class writes stories, poems and dramatic dialogues, then reads and discusses each other's work (the emphasis is on positive feedback!). There are 9 sessions left this fall.

In the spring, writers give a public reading, open to friends, parents and teachers, and at the end of the year, an anthology of student work is printed and distributed. An annual writing prize of \$100, the Ernst Pawel Award, is announced at the student reading.

Refreshments are offered at each workshop session, and students are given metro cards to reimburse them for their transportation costs.

The 92nd Street Y is at 1395 Lexington Avenue, between 91nd Street and 92nd Street, in Manhattan. If you have any questions, feel free to see Mrs. Neary in Rm 322.

Interested in Seeing Theatre? And Writing About It?

The Theatre Development Fund’s (tdf’s) PXP magazine is a fresh look at NYC performing arts. It connects young audience members and young artists, making a space for all to talk, share, and build community. PXP has a few main sections:

LET’S TALK: see what people are saying about what they have seen, hear from artists, respond to questions and connect with others who went to the same show.

OPPORTUNITIES: a list of training programs, internships and apprenticeships, contests, arts-based residencies and more for young people who want to get involved in the performing arts.

PEOPLE AT THE THEATRE: PXP’s tumblr (photo blog) that captures who is at the theatre each night. So watch out, we might just catch you at the theatre.

HOW TO SEE THEATRE (for less \$): a list of ways to see theatre for less: rush tickets, student tickets, free tickets, affordable tickets, and other ways to see theatre affordably, like volunteer ushering.

Go see for yourself at ppx.tdf.org

Opportunity to Read and Write!

Poet’s House

10 River Terrace, New York, NY 10282 (212) 431-7920

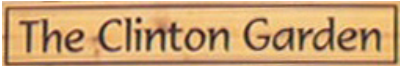
A Place for Poetry – Poets House is a national poetry library and literary center that invites poets and the public to step into the living tradition of poetry. www.poetshouse.org

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Fall Harvest Festival

ing spaghetti squash with jalapeno peppers, salads of kale, carrots and shallots sautéed in honey balsamic, the menu gave students an opportunity to try new things. For those students with a “sweet tooth,” the café served Asian pears with brown sugar baked in the oven. Students willingly tried the new foods. Those who liked spicy things enjoyed the spaghetti squash. Others preferred the sweetness of the honey balsamic sautéed salad. Many students came back for seconds and so did some of the adults working in the lunch room.

The “Garden to Café” is a great resource for the students of Clinton. It allows us to experience healthy new flavors and recipes. It also educates the community on the importance of healthy eating and growing our own foods from seed to harvested edible plant.



Shocking discovery. Food grows ...and in Clinton soil.

Got Books?

Here are some of the books students have been reading lately. Look through and find just the right book for your reading pleasure! And let us know what you are reading these days....

Andru Anderson on *The Great Gatsby* by F. Scott Fitzgerald

This book was by far my greatest read of the entire summer! The plot was very enjoyable and the characters were outstanding mostly Nick Carraway and Mr.Gatsby. I honestly couldn’t put the book down for a second. It was just so engaging to read when a novel catches my interest it’s very difficult to pry me away from it without be physically assaulted through the process. Ask the librarian, go ahead ask her...

Nishat Islam on *The List* by Siobhan Vivian

This novel had the same effect on me as the Need series. It was an interesting and easy read. The tricky part was that the view-point continuously shifted with each chapter. Each chapter shifted to a new young girl’s point of view and how they were coping with the struggle high school imposed upon them. That was what had kept me reading till the end. That, and the fact that it was a novel that explained just how a young girl is affected by the harsh words and consequences of being vulnerable around your surroundings.

Nishat Islam on *The Tension of Opposites* by Kristina McBride

This novel was truly entrancing. I’m not sure why, but thrillers seem to become more appealing by the day. This story deals with the most horrifying things that happen today on a normal basis but isn’t paid attention to enough. The way it was written had me playing it as a movie in my head. It was amazing how descriptive and detailed McBride was because when the characters were frightened, I was at the end of my seat, waiting. When they were happy, I was ecstatic, barely able to contain myself. It was this effect on me that caused me to rate it as one of my favorite reads.

Luisaily Marmolejos on *The Outsiders* by S.E. Hinton,

I first read this book when I was in 8th grade and I loved it. I re-read it again and loved it even more. I was able to gain more knowledge about it since I’m older now than what I was when I first read it. Many teenagers can relate to this book because anyone of them can feel like an outsider and struggle to belong in society and its standards. This is a really great book and recommend it to people that have never read it, I know they won’t be disappointed.

Mchaela Heath on *Divergent* by Veronica Roth

I just started reading the book and so far, I have read 55 pages. I enjoy a dystopian novel, probably my favorite genre besides non-fiction. So far, I realized that the themes of the book are identity, family, and society and class. Identity here is figuring out where you fit in. This is hard for most young people, including Tris. Instead of being able to be happy in one of the factions, Tris's main identity is that she is Divergent. That means that no matter how hard she tries, she is never going to fit into her world. In *Divergent*, family is who you are before you get a chance to decide your identity. In other words, although these people keep saying "faction before blood," family is actually how little kids are raised up in a faction. In *Divergent*, faction organizes society. Just about everything about this society comes down to what faction people belong to: their jobs, Erudite teach, while Amity counsel, where they live, who they marry, what they wear, what they do for fun. Dauntless go zip lining, while Abnegation like to knit.

Kenneth Cuella on *A Thousand Splendid Suns* by Khaled Hosseini

This is one of my favorite books. Once I picked it up it was hard to put it down. The book is filled with drama and action that keeps you locked in. Set in Afghanistan from the early 1960s to the early 2000s, it displays different story lines. It shows the struggles women in that country have to deal with and some of the major issues, like war, that become part of daily life for them. The story blends together perfectly to make both an interesting story but also an interesting look at a life very different from ours.

Delgado Corcoran on *Slaughter House Five* by Kurt Vonnegut

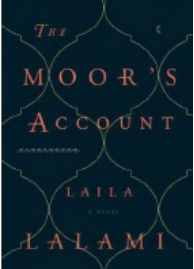
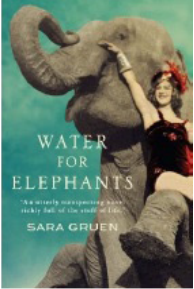
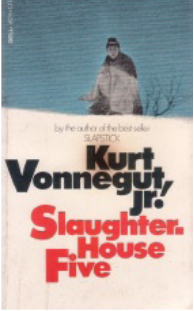
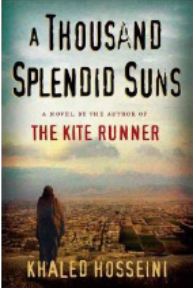
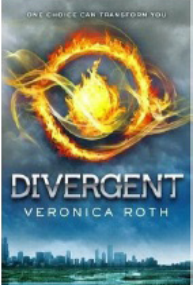
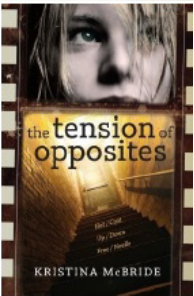
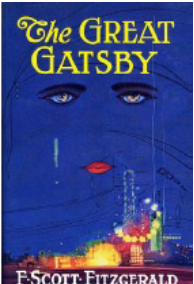
The story of Billy Pilgrim, a man unstuck in time, starts with his daughter screaming at him and ends with the bombing of the German town of Dresden. Billy Pilgrim is an optometrist who served in the Second World War and was abducted by the Tralfamadorians, an alien race of the planet Tralfamadore. The novel follows Billy on his nonsensical journey through his own life. He even speaks on his death and the death of many. So it goes.


Kaygon Finakin on *Water For Elephants* by Sara Gruen

One of my favorite book of all times is *Water for Elephants*. The 20th century setting seemed completely flawless and the characters were all well developed. I liked that both protagonists and antagonists were very plain throughout the novel. The novel seemed to me to be the epitome of a ‘good read,’ and of course there’s a lovable elephant, Rosie that brought characters together and apart in the most interesting ways.

Kashfia Mahmud on *The Moor's Account* by Laila Lalami

I am absolutely in love with this book. It is so interesting and it has kept me intrigued and curious through every page. Also as I come from a Muslim background, I know the little details that she added to the books required extensive research and observation. For instance, in chapter three, Mustafa gives a brief discussion about his mother and sais her feet had become permanently orange because of her constant use of henna over the years. That caught my attention as not everyone knows about that. Most people know that henna wears off but if you have been using it for over sixteen years or so you permanently have a pale orange complexion where it has been applied. There are little details like that in the book and I found that quite fascinating.





Wide World of DWC Sports

Baseball Basketball Bowling Cricket Cross Country Flag Football Football Gymnastics
Handball Indoor Track Outdoor Track Soccer Softball Swimming Tennis Volleyball Wrestling

Clinton Varsity Football Governors Triumph on the Field and in Our Hearts



The record at the time the Clinton News went to press on 10/24/2014
09/06/2014 Campus Magnet 0 DeWitt Clinton 40
09/13/2014 Fort Hamilton 28 DeWitt Clinton 30
09/20/2014 DeWitt Clinton 28 Flushing 13
09/27/2014 Harry S. Truman 0 DeWitt Clinton 24
10/05/2014 Port Richmond 14 DeWitt Clinton 26
10/10/2014 DeWitt Clinton 8 Midwood 6
10/18/2014 DeWitt Clinton 30 Thomas Jefferson 0



Girls Soccer’s New Coach

(Photo of the whole team on page 5)



Scott Bitterman has thirteen years of coaching and training experience. He is a strength and conditioning specialist and holds a Master’s Degree in physical education and sports sciences from Hofstra University. Even though this is his first year coaching soccer at DWC, his team made the playoffs.

New Boys Varsity Basketball Coach Introduces Himself



My name is Chris Ballerini and I am the new boys varsity basketball coach at DWC. Basketball is a passion of mine and the game has been good to me. I was a four year letter winner at Binghamton University where I was team captain in my junior and senior seasons. After earning my degree, I was an assistant coach at Lehman College for three seasons and part of its CUNY championship team in 2003-04. For the past ten years, I was the varsity basketball coach at High School of American Studies at Lehman College, where we were a staple in the PSAL 'B Division' city-wide playoffs.

I am a social studies teacher at DWC, in my 11th year. As a history teacher and basketball buff, I am aware of the rich history of Clinton basketball and want nothing more than to revive its past glory. I am already up and running as coach. A number of players are returning and I am confident we will produce a team to be proud of.

The first order of business is to create a program that will run year-round in order to compete with the city's best. My plan for this upcoming season is to build a challenging non-league schedule, reaching out to city powerhouses such as JFK and Wings high schools to set up games above and beyond our PSAL 'A Division' games. We will not run away from any challenge and are looking forward to slugging it out with the best basketball programs. Our long-term goal is to rejoin the PSAL 'Double A Division' and to reclaim our position as one of the top programs in the metropolitan area.

Finally I must thank Coach Bob Finkelstein. He had a great run of 30+ years leading the Clinton basketball team. The thing I admired most about him is that his players always represented Clinton in a positive manner. This can be attributed to his guidance both on and off the court.

Coach Reports on “New” Co-ed Bowling Team



Our current record is 6-4, as of October 23. We have six matches remaining.

The team is coed this season. The Girls' program was dropped last year. It is a wonderful group (10) that is working hard and improving each day. They are fun and enjoy good team chemistry.

They are a pleasure to coach.

Sophomore Brandon Scott (Bronx Collaborative H.S.) has shown considerable improvement since last season. He bowled a 164 vs. Science. Senior Janavia Lee scored a career high 133 in that same match. The team includes six seniors, Lee, Roland Keo, Zain Khaliq, Juan Manon, Faith Matthew and Nathan Reynoso. Four underclassmen, Juniors Awura Ama Afari and Krystal Bailey, Scott and Freshman Nathaniel Gary. Matthew, Afari and Bailey sport 90+ academic averages.

This group is a testament to commitment and dedication. Their improvement has been tremendous. It is a joy watching them enjoy the fruits of their labor and the unique team camaraderie.

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Joseph Prezioso Alumni Field

First-Ever PDQ Award to Be Given to Coach Johnson

them the value of hard work and reliability. Above all, he inspired them to live for others.

One of those inspired students, Cornel Johnson, returned to Clinton as a teacher and coach. On November 2, he will be the first recipient of the PDQ Award for Outstanding Athletics Leadership. Coach Johnson has exemplified the values of the PDQ philosophy and has continually strived to instill them in his students. In a June 2014 *Clinton News* article, newser Ming Yuen wrote: Coach Cornel Johnson, DWC class of 1979, [has provided] 31 years

of tireless effort and dedicated service to DeWitt Clinton High School’s track team. His Lady Governors team has won 24 out of 25 Bronx indoor and outdoor championship titles since 1989. His career at DWC began in 1983. Coach Johnson gives a lot of credit to his parents for their inspiration and guidance throughout his career. Most of all, his own faith has kept him strong through it all.

The Governors are twice blessed--to have known Coach Joe Prezioso and now to have the dedication of Coach Cornel Johnson.

Upcoming Competitions -- Support Our Teams

10/28 Tue Swimming Girls Varsity DeWitt Clinton-Pool
10/29 Wed Bowling Boys Varsity Gun Post Lanes 13
10/29 Wed Volleyball Girls Varsity JFK HS-Gym
10/30 Thu Bowling Boys Varsity Gun Post Lanes 13
10/30 Thu Volleyball Girls Varsity Columbus HS-Gym

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Homecoming Benefit to Raise Funds for All DWC Sports

attendees at the benefit will enjoy DJ Swift with tunes from oldies to today’s pop hits. Here are some of the activities:

You can capture the moment! Pose in front of the Green Screen Portrait Station and create a keepsake from this special day using a selection of backdrops and entertaining props.

Place a Bid! Participate in a Silent Auction to treat yourself to something special while

supporting the school’s programs.

Shop for the Black and Red! Pick up DWC and Alumni Association apparel to show your school pride. And don’t miss a chance to pick up a copy of a vintage DWC yearbook.

Great things are going to happen at Clinton on November 2 and you should be there.