

The Buccaneer

RBR's Student Newspaper

Class of '21 Moves Forward

Sometimes teachers appreciate students not because of the grades they earn or the awards they compile, but simply because of the people they are. *The Buccaneer* asked teachers and staff to highlight members of the Class of 2021 who distinguished themselves this year in the classroom, asking them to "Please tell us about a senior who deserves recognition. Describe how they made RBR, your class, and/or your year better by who they are or what they did." Responses have been kept anonymous.

Senior Superlatives (Teacher Edition)

Celia Martinez Santiago has been part of the RBR Dreamers group for three years. Her growth as a person and student has been incredible. With her quiet and soft spoken personality she has pushed herself out of her comfort zone and participated in many of our group activities inside and outside school. If there was a most improved prize...I would say she IS THE ONE! Thank you, Celia for your participation! It has been an honor and pleasure to see you grow and become the young woman you are today. Celia will be going to Kean University to become a teacher!

Celia Martinez-Santiago made smart, deliberate moves to get where she wants to be. As a result of her hard work and dedication, she earned a fantastic scholarship, and I am looking forward to hearing how great her post-secondary experience will be at Kean!

I would like to recognize Celia Martinez. She has been a member of TOP since her freshman year and has shown enormous personal growth. I have been particularly impressed that Celia has worked hard to overcome her natural shyness. She pushes herself to step up even when she feels uncomfortable and take on leadership roles. Because of her own journey, she is able to be empathetic, and she often reaches out to others who may be struggling. In addition, Celia has a determination and work ethic that is inspiring. She fully commits to everything she is involved in and holds herself to extremely high standards. During her time in TOP, Celia has proven to be highly responsible and organized; she can be relied on to always follow through with everything she volunteers for. Celia is generous with her time and always happy to volunteer for projects. It has been an inspiration to watch her push herself and to see her determination and hard work pay off.



Adam Tlatempa made my year better just by being himself! He always asks about my weekend and my new puppy. He also injects humor into his assignments, so that when I am grading I get to see snippets of his shining personality.

This is the first year I've gotten a chance to know Adam, and boy, am I glad I did! There's always a smile on his face and he never fails to give a greeting, whether in class or the hallways. The positive energy he brings to class is infectious. Given our current situation, it's nice to have a student like Adam, who genuinely seems interested in class material and eager to get involved in discussions and activities. He's the quintessential student that has every teacher saying, "I'd love to have a whole class of Adams." Given his diligent work ethic, and positive attitude, I know he will be successful in all his future endeavors. Great job Adam!

Adam transformed from being a quiet and shy student I had in class as a sophomore into a whole new student as a senior. Now, he is leading class discussions and serving as a backbone of our Sports and Literature class. I am so proud of how far Adam has come and wish only the best for him in the future!

Also inside:

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Anthony Gaeta is the sunshine in block 1 PE! He is always physically active and inclusive; he is self-motivated and goal-driven with his fitness and leads by example. Anthony's presence in class has made this school year happy and enjoyable. He puts a smile on everyone's face! Thank you, Anthony!

Anthony was always genuinely interested in what was going on in class and always open to participate. I so appreciated him opening the door for the rest of the class to feel comfortable participating. You can tell he cares about what he is learning, and it is truly appreciated.

Amy Serrano-Hernandez is an exceptionally mature and attentive student. She is positive, reflective, self-aware and in general a model student. Amy deserves to be recognized for not only those reasons, but she should also be recognized for never leaning on how unique the school year has been. Taking a difficult course in a challenging situation revealed how strong of a student she can be. Amy persevered, remained diligent and got the job done.

Amy Serrano-Hernandez always leads with a positive word. She is kind and supportive to her classmates and engages in friendly conversation to the teachers every day when she walks into the classroom. She made virtual and hybrid class much more enjoyable just by being herself.



Nick Trimarche is a senior in my first block English 4 Humanities class, and he's been bringing it ALL YEAR LONG. Virtually or in-person, Nick has led class discussions, kick-started conversations, and he has buoyed his teacher's spirits when questions were sometimes met with the sounds of crickets and pin-drops. Thanks, Nick. May the Force be with you!

I had not met Nick before this year. He was a first-time Arts and Crafts student. Nick exhibited a real desire and excitement to learn about all things having to do with Art. He is a deep thinker, curious to the core, and asks a lot of questions. Subsequently, he applied the art lessons to take his final projects to a higher level. Nick was also always available to other students with kindness and helpful ideas. Good job, Nick! You'll go far!

Hope Goldsmith was always involved, super-kind, and helpful. She even gave my daughter great advice on how to be more successful and less stressed at school! I am sure she will continue to help others throughout her premed track at the University of Wisconsin!

Hope Goldsmith makes my day brighter just by contributing to class discussion. It's always nice to encounter a thoughtful, empathetic young person who makes the people around her better.



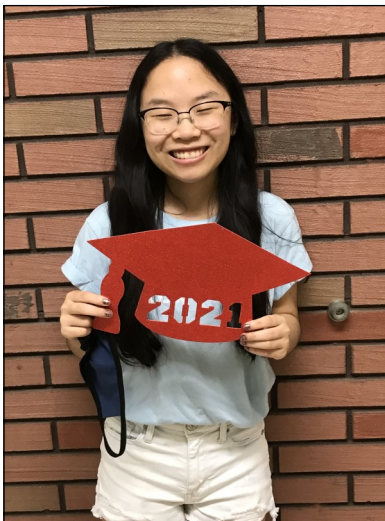
My **AP Euro** class of 12 has been on their game since the summer. Their determination to make the most of their senior year buoyed my own will to make it through to June, despite any and all obstacles in the way. Covid closures? Quarantines? 10 different schedules? Sure—as long as we can talk about history. Vive le révolution!





Orlando Gonzalez-Merino is totally deserving of a shout out! He is an exceptional student who didn't waiver for 1 second during virtual instruction. He didn't play the senior, sport, stress, Covid (or any) card. No shortcuts taken, EVER. Exceptional notes, exceptional class participation and just an all around GREAT kid! He has such a nice calm way about him and works really well with all peers. Just a refreshing student in this very tough year.

Despite suffering an unimaginable personal tragedy this year, **Matthew Villani** carries himself with incredible positivity. Every time I see him he has a smile on his face. He participated with enthusiasm in activities such as Senior Fun Day, Senior Movie Night and Battle of the Classes: he has made the most of a trying year, and it shows.



Grace Davidson may not be the tallest student in the room, but she certainly has hurt many a neck of those students who look up to her. Grace also has a dry wit that makes everyone around her smile.

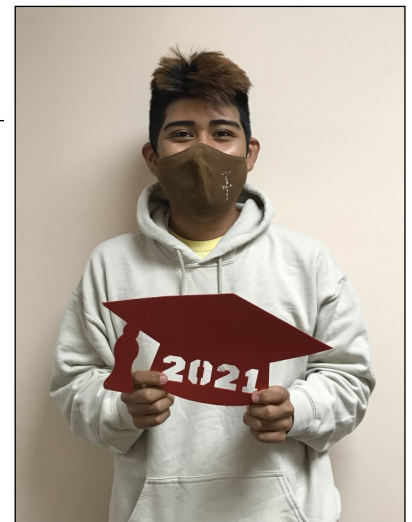


Julie Flores Castillo has been a positive presence throughout the past year. It is always inspiring to see a unique perspective and kindness in students.

Jenny Perez has been a light in a school year clouded by darkness! She models kindness and compassion, and she always demonstrates composure. Jenny worked hard on the soccer field this fall and is bringing the same energy to the classroom this spring. She's doing this while balancing two jobs and college applications. She is grace! She is exceptional! She is Jenny!



Carla Ortiz Tobar is one of the kindest students to walk through RBR's doors. Her quiet calmness belies her intense interest in what she learns and her ability to convey her opinions. She's awesome!



Tomi Luna-Galindo worked hard, has earned straight A's, and has been a strong advocate for himself. I know he will be very successful at West Virginia University!



Alexander Hernandez Leon is one of the most inspirational people I have ever met. Alex's positive attitude and willingness to work hard are only two of the qualities that make up his strong character.

Despite their own personal difficulties, **Kelly Mannion, Julia Sullivan, Maggie Jelley and Paige Witter** managed to make lemons out of lemons and made the constraints of the pandemic work in their favor by doing incredible artwork that was impactful and inspiring.

They kept up with their school responsibilities and even got things done far ahead of time. They were an inspiration to their classmates as artists, students and individuals and proved that resilience will conquer all.



Ellie Fields is consistently willing and able to put a smile on her peers' faces and make pandemic-school all that more enjoyable!



Once a shy new student who entered RBR junior year, **Mason Hearn** has come into his own and has earned great grades! He is well prepared for future success!



Gianna Lanfrank is a caring, thoughtful, and hard-working student. In Creative Writing, she consistently motivated her classmates. She is a friend to everyone and an overall fantastic person!



Gabrielle Jamieson asks questions that get other students thinking more deeply! She is a steady presence in the classroom, reliable, works hard and is considerate of others. Gabby is an awesome student and person!



Sophia Giordano always brought a smile to my face in class. She works extremely hard, participates, and is just great to have as a student. Always helping her classmates, Sophia is a wonderful example of what RBR stands for. Throughout all of the difficulties of this year, she has remained a highlight of my day!

Emma Moriarty is such a hard worker and has a great positive attitude. She asks the questions that need to be asked and really helps the other students be on the same page thanks to her insightfulness.



Karly Joyce was polite throughout this entire year whether she was in person or virtual. Not a day went by where she didn't thank me at the end of class. She was positive and upbeat. A pleasure to have in class!



Michelle Rivera es una estudiante dedicada que puso mucho esfuerzo en sus planes para la universidad! Espero que tenga mucho exito el año que viene en Brookdale!



Vincent Tuberion has been a great addition to my environmental science class this year! He always had his camera on, participated, and helped out classmates by recording data in the chat in case anyone missed it. He also always acknowledges me when I ask about weekend plans or tell a story!



Cara Ostrowski made every effort to be present during class time. She wanted to take full advantage of the photo room and the supplies. She was committed to doing as many projects hands-on as possible, and she was eager to make the most of any in-class project she could complete.

Cassidy DerAsadourian's enthusiasm was always a bright light in my day. I love how she pumped up her classmates and took control of making this a great year.



"Dallas," as we affectionately call **Odalys Nejatengo-Luna**, has undergone an amazing transformation in the last two years. Odalys started out in Inspire Academy as a quiet, shy, and reserved student. But we have watched our Dallas blossom into an amazing young lady! Dallas' CREATIVITY, self-advocacy, motivation, dedication, and self-confidence are now driving her to pursue her dreams of a degree and career in music production.

More importantly, we really strive to create a "home environment" in Inspire Academy, and Dallas has been instrumental in creating that environment. She is the friendly face that welcomes new students and makes them feel comfortable. Her presence changes the whole atmosphere in the room; and she will be sorely missed. We are so, so proud of you, Dallas!

In a brand new college course that can overwhelm many students, **Emily Sullivan** was a standout. She was always willing to pose questions, bring up controversial observations, and take academic chances, which kept the discourse and learning lively in the classroom, even when we were relegated to the online one. Emily's positivity, inquisitiveness, and devotion to learning were critical to the learning and success of the whole class. She is such an insightful thinker and writer that she has already been offered a position as a Rutgers Writing Program intern when she matriculates there.

Emily is a devoted conservationist; having worked with children as a wildlife specialist, she taught campers survival skills, shelter building, and foraging in the woods. She plans to continue her education in the fields of biochemistry and environmental studies. She has a true love for learning, and she embodies the altruism, intelligence, curiosity and diligence of a true Buc!



Working with my seniors in **Spanish National Honor Society** has been an absolute joy! They are such warm people who always want to work on their language skills and drop by to chat. They have brightened up my days every week and they are going to be smashing successes with whatever they choose to do after graduation. ¡Muchísimas gracias y buena suerte!

Congratulations, Class of 2021!



Senkeleski Earns FCA Honor

Over the years, several members of RBR's Fellowship of Christian Athletes have won state FCA awards, and senior Sara Senkeleski continued the tradition by earning the 2021 Ruth Buckley Award, which recognizes students who demonstrate "courage, commitment and perseverance." The honor comes with a \$500 scholarship, and Sara read her winning essay at the June 6 Huddle Award Ceremony held in Long Branch.

Each year, advisors for FCA groups ("huddles") nominate one boy and one girl for various awards that recognize students' commitment to their faith and their school's huddle. In addition to Senkeleski, Mrs. Neylan (DeVito) nominated Ryan Buckman for the Sam Mills Award, which looks for the same qualities as the Buckley award.

In her nomination for Senkeleski, Neylan cited the empathy and support Sara shows her peers. "In class, Sara can always be counted on to make others feel comfortable and accepted," she wrote. In athletics, Sara "is the first person to celebrate a teammate's success...[and] she is a natural leader who displays an incredible work ethic. She is a thoughtful, well rounded student athlete who is respected by her peers and the RBR faculty." Neylan also described the positive influence Senkeleski had on FCA: "Each time Sara speaks in our huddles I believe she gives courage to others in the room to contribute their thoughts and feelings....She lives out her beliefs in her actions and sets an example to her peers that I sincerely appreciate."

Senkeleski commented that she first joined the club when, as a freshman, one of her friends invited her to a huddle. "I went to every huddle after that," she said, "because the club made me feel at home. Before attending RBR I went to Catholic school for about 10 years, so transitioning from one environment to another FCA made me feel like I still was able to express my faith in a school setting." Further, she adds, "I was able to make some of my closest friends through the club."

About Buckman, Neylan wrote, "Ryan is a great role model to his peers...I have seen his enthusiasm for FCA and kindness towards others over the past four years. He is always willing to lead our weekly huddles and is effective in getting others to participate in the discussion." She noted as well how crucial Ryan was in keeping the activity running during the many different hybrid schedules this year.



Ryan Buckman, Mrs. Jennamarie Neylan, and Sara Senkeleski at the 2021 FCA of NJ Huddle Award Ceremony

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RBR Swashbucklers Win NJ CyberPatriot Competition

Six Bucs Earn Bucks in National Cyber Scholarship Competition

By Molly Jain

You may have heard announcements about CyberTech Teams, or seen its bulletin board outside the Media Center. But what exactly is this club, and what do we do? CyberTech Teams is a club of people interested in cybersecurity that takes part in several competitions throughout the year. It's open to anyone, with any level of experience in computers or computer competitions.

We kicked off the year with the usual CyberPatriot competition. CyberPatriot is a competition in which teams of six work to secure a simulation of a real computer system against threats that range from insecure passwords to malware to viruses. This year's competitions were all entirely virtual, and teams had to get used to sharing screens, using remote access on zoom, and generally planning the best way to tackle, remotely, an already complicated competition. Despite having to adapt to these changes, RBR teams came back in full force; in all, we had 45 students and nine teams participate in CyberPatriot. RBR performed well in all three competitions, with the Swashbucklers (right) winning first place in New Jersey.

Those competitions took the club through January, but the club was far from finished with competitions once CyberPatriot was over. We shifted to CyberStart America and PicoCTF. PicoCTF is a "capture-the-flag" competition, a contest where participants must do something related to cybersecurity, such as examine an image or decrypt something in order to find the answer, or "flag." Cyberstart America is a competition made up of puzzles using various cybersecurity and computer science skills. This competition is designed to teach participants cybersecurity skills, but it also quickly became very challenging for those with more experience.

This year's goal for the club was to get as many people as possible to complete 20% of the Cyberstart America competition, which was the minimum to qualify for the National Cyber Scholarship Competition. The club met this challenge with gusto, and a total of 30 students qualified for the competition. All students who qualified for the National Cyber Scholarship Competition did impressively well, and six students—Luke Chrampanis, Jake Cohen, Carter Costic, Molly Jain, Matthew Schmitt, and Cole Zucosky—placed high enough in the competition to each earn a \$2500 scholarship and access to the Cyber Foundations Academy, a program for learning basic cybersecurity skills.

After taking a few weeks off, CyberTech Teams members were able to get in a few meetings before the end of the year, and were even able to meet in-person. Now we're looking forward to another great year next year. Why not join us? Whether you are already a pro or know nothing about cybersecurity, there's a place for you on CyberTech Teams. You won't find a better place to learn about cybersecurity, have fun, and take part (and place really well!) in some truly awesome competitions. What does the CyberTech Teams club do? We win.



National Cyber
Scholarship
Competition
Scholarship
winners



RBR CyberTech Teams club

Eyerman Lauded for Work in Race Relations

One of Ten Statewide Winners of Princeton Honor

Most of us were appalled by the murder of George Floyd of last summer, a tragedy that highlighted the systemic racism in the United States and touched off months of marches, protests, and calls for change. Junior TJ Eyerman decided that he needed to do more; he and a friend organized a vigil in Shrewsbury that attracted over 250 people, featured area religious, political, and social justice leaders, and raised over \$2000 for the local NAACP.

TJ's continuing commitment to promoting racial equality did not stop after the vigil. Through dialogues and writing, he strives to initiate difficult conversations about race, not only with his peers, but within his community at large. TJ's community mentor and RBR nurse Mrs. Aurora Hankins wrote a letter in support of his application for The Princeton Prize in Race Relations. Eyerman was awarded one of ten Certificates of Accomplishment given out to students in his region each year. The program's goal is to "identify and recognize high-school-age students who significantly engage and challenge their schools or communities to advance racial equity in order to promote respect and understanding among all people."

"TJ is committed to facilitating difficult conversations, as he believes that acknowledging that systemic racism exists is the first step in dismantling the racial inequities that prevail in our country," Hankins wrote. "He strives to educate himself and increase awareness in others... Many students in the area were mobilized by [his vigil] and began to explore ways to address issues of racial inequality and privilege."

As a result of his organization of the vigil, TJ was asked by State Senator Vin Gopal to apply for an internship at the 11th Legislative District office; he has also recently interviewed for internships with the offices of New Jersey Senators Cory Booker and Bob Menendez.

Hankins said that the application process for the Princeton Prize was arduous. "I am so incredibly proud of him," she said. "I think we will see great things from this young man in the future."



TJ Eyerman and friend Lily Thompson at the vigil they organized last year. Photo from thejournalnj.com

Even the Earth Loves Chocolate

How I Helped a Local Business Become More Environmentally-friendly

By Jackie Rogers

From a young age, I have been interested in the environment and have wanted to help to counter the effects of plastic and other harmful pollutants. This year I joined the Student Environmental Advocates and Leaders program, or SEAL. This program, based in Monmouth County, offers high school students the opportunity to take action to help our planet.

Over the course of the year, we talked about ecosystems, pollution, and human impact on the planet. We spoke with many guest speakers in the environmental field, and the program culminated with each member creating a project that would better the environment.

For my project, I decided to focus on plastic pollution. I reached out to several restaurants in Little Silver, Red Bank, and Shrewsbury to see if they would be interested in using more eco-friendly straws, utensils, and cleaning products. I had the pleasure of working with the Chocolate Bar in Little Silver. I spoke to an employee of the shop, Mindy. I did a short presentation for her about plastic pollution and the impact that it is having on the planet. Ultimately, Mindy decided that she would switch the cleaning products that the Chocolate Bar was currently using to products from the company Honest. Honest cleaning products come in reusable glass bottles and are not made with toxic

chemicals. This switch will greatly reduce the amount of plastic waste that the Chocolate Bar produces. They are becoming a more eco-friendly restaurant and are a great example of how businesses can reduce their plastic waste production.

Following the Chocolate Bar's example, there are simple ways that you can make your life more eco-friendly:

- Use a reusable water bottle and straw
- Use reusable bags
- Buy secondhand products
- Start a compost bin
- Recycle

If you are interested in joining SEAL, contact Kristian Grazioso at Education@CleanOceanAction.org and remember to support the Chocolate Bar as they move to become more environmentally friendly!



Five Reasons to Check Out Graphic Novels

By Molly Jain

So, it's the end of the school year, and you're totally tired of looking at words, never mind picking up an entire book to read "for fun." But at the same time, maybe you want to experience a new story, or fill your attention between seasons of a favorite show, or maybe you just want an excuse to visit Barnes and Noble or the local library again. There's a perfect solution to both of these problems: picking up a graphic novel.

The term "graphic novel" can encompass a lot of things, ranging from an ongoing and recurring comic book run, to an adaptation of another work, to manga. Essentially, a graphic novel is a book that relies on pictures and visuals just as much, if not more, than it does words. A lot of people avoid these kinds of books, whether they think they are childish, don't know where to start, or just have never thought about reading them. But from my experience, reading graphic novels can be one of the most unique and fun experiences you can have when reading, no matter your reading tastes.

And luckily, graphic novels are easy to find; most libraries (including RBR's) have graphic novel sections that are a great place to start finding the kinds you like. [Also check if your local library offers membership to Hoopla or a similar service that lets you check out these books and read them online]. Still need convincing? Here are five reasons it's worth picking up a graphic novel this summer (and always!).



1. Graphic novels are more approachable than a full-text novel. It can be scary to pick up a dense book and crack it open to find chapters and chapters of text, especially if you're a reluctant reader. Graphic novels' illustrations and visual diversity can make them less intimidating to read and can grab your attention if you find it hard to get into books sometimes. They're also more accessible if you have trouble focusing on books with only text, or if you struggle with reading in general, as the pictures can break up the reading and give you another way to process the story.

2. Graphic novels are just as diverse as other books. There are so many genres and types of graphic novels: original graphic novels, graphic novel adaptations of books and movies, comic books...and many subgenres exist as well. They also cover the genres you'd find in "regular" books: fantasy, science fiction, historical fiction, autobiographies, and more! As a Marvel fan I may be biased, but if you don't know where to start in the world of graphic novels, one of the best places is with superhero comics; not only are they also super diverse, but they're often quick to read and as exciting as any action movie.

And if we're talking about the diversity of genres of graphic novels, we have to talk about manga. You've probably seen manga before, and maybe even read it. Manga originates from Japan (there are plenty of English-translation copies), and are some of the most popular and influential graphic novels out there. From inspiring famous anime to being the source of an entire art style, the world of manga is sprawling, diverse, interesting, and important in the world of graphic novels and beyond. Graphic novels also offer other kinds of diversity that text-based books don't have, since they're image-based. Speaking of which...

3. Graphic novels are a unique art form. Like all books, graphic novels often have complex plots and characters and distinct writing styles. But graphic novels also have the unique factor of visual art. Just like there are thousands of different writing styles and every book is different, the art of every graphic novel is different. From the incredibly realistic to the almost abstract, there are so many styles that every graphic novel feels like a tiny and unique art exhibit. This also brings unique tools to the storytelling; artists and authors play with things like color, shapes, frame sizes, text, and pretty much every aspect of the book to tell the story in new and exciting ways. The art from graphic novels is so important that many people view manga art as a subcategory of drawing itself, and even within manga there are different styles. Who knew a book could be an art museum too?

4. Graphic novels can help with that reading slump. Even if you absolutely adore reading, there are times where you just can't take reading another paragraph. Much like people like shifting to audio books when this happens, graphic novels can break up the monotony of sentences and sentences of text, something that's especially relevant after a tough school year filled with reading. Varying what you read between graphic novels and text novels can keep you entertained and not bogged down in either style of book. It might take some getting used to at first, but once you've read a couple graphic novels you'll find yourself looking to read something more visual sometimes, and often that does the trick to get you back to reading (or at least make summer reading books a little more bearable).

5. Graphic novels are just plain cool. I mean, a book that's also got pictures? And tells a cool story? And does all of the things listed above here? How cool is that? But really, if you're not reading graphic novels, you're missing out on one of the most interesting media formats out there, and some of the best books you can find. Don't know where to start? Here's a fantastic list of some of the best graphic novels for all ages and genres to get you started: <https://reedsy.com/discovery/blog/best-graphic-novels>

Now go explore the world of these books! I promise you (and your eyes) will be happy you did.

Get some chickens!

By Leo Morales-Pitalua



Do you have an average pet like a dog, cat, hamsters, birds, fish? What do they provide? They don't do anything other than eat, sleep, poop, and make noise. How about a pet that can provide food? How about you get some chickens?

Chickens are one of the best animals you can have and I should know, because I have chickens. I want to tell you my experience with chickens. First, they will start off very small, about a few weeks old, and will look super cute. As babies they will have to live in a box and stay inside a your house. Yeah, they will be crying and pooping and eating and drinking, but that will only be for a couple weeks.

You'll have to get some containers for food and water. You also have to let them outside and roam around. You'll know when you have to get a chicken house: when the chickens are so big that they can jump out of their box and poop on the floor. Order a chicken house, build it, and let the chickens watch you build it. When it's built, lay some grass under it, let the chickens in and put in the food containers and water containers inside. You'll also have to let them out of the coop from time to time.

There are indeed dangers of living outside, like predators and weather and extreme temperatures. The predators, such as cats, skunks, squirrels and rats will try to attack your chickens and invade your garden. You have to take them away; just set up cages and lure them in with peanut butter or Cheetos and when the predator is in the cage take them away so that they will never hurt your chickens again. Within the next few months the chickens will grow bigger and will be able to lay eggs.

So that's my experience with chickens. Mine have not laid eggs yet, but they soon will. You should get chickens too; the benefit of having chickens is that you'll have an infinite supply of eggs. You could also kill them and have chicken for dinner if you are that cruel.



Easy Key Lime Pie

By Julianna Vockroth

Crust Ingredients:

- 1 ¼ cups graham cracker crumbs
- 5 tablespoons melted butter

Pie Ingredients:

- 3 large egg yolks
- 1 14-ounce can sweetened condensed milk
- 1 tablespoon lime zest
- ½ cup key lime juice (bottled or fresh)

Directions:

Preheat oven to 350°

For the crust:

1. Place the graham cracker crumbs in a bowl and add the butter. Mix to combine.
2. Press the crumbs evenly over the bottom and sides of a 9-inch pie pan. Bake for 8 minutes. Let cool.

For the filling:

1. Beat the yolks until thick.
2. Beat in the milk, lime zest, and juice. Pour into the prebaked pie shell and bake for 10 minutes until the filling sets.
3. Cool on a wire rack, then refrigerate. Freeze for 15 minutes before serving, and serve with whipped cream.



Cupcake Wars 2021!



Above and right: 3rd Place (\$5 Dunkin gift card):
Zodiac Signs
Katie and Ellie Colella



Above: 1st Place (\$30 Dunkin gift card): Beach Theme
Maddy Reppert, Kara Cocozza, Grace Karris



Right: 2nd Place (\$15 Dunkin gift card):
Ruby Slippers
Sophie Gavin



Heart Surgery, 2030

By Julian Gosden



The Last Paper

By Amy Serrano

September 2017,

Raise your hand if you were excited.
Raise your hand if you were scared to be seen.
Tons of new personalities that are now part of your team.

It is a fact we were excited to see who was going to be in your class,
Especially who was going to be your teacher...
Remember that intimidating one?
Yes! The one that as of today is your best bud.

How could we forget those days when school started at 7:30 a.m.
Everyone sitting in the media center or the cafeteria,
The halls used to be full of people
WITHOUT MASKS! Whaaaaaattt? [I know, freedom]

Anyway, school ended at 2:35.
My question now is, how could we make it through 7 hours straight?
Today there are only 4 hours of school and I need help to be alive in each class.

Who remembers freshman year?
Let's do a small visit:
"My love as deep; the more i give to thee, the more I have for both are infinite"
Or "You never really understand a person until you consider things from his point of view -
until you climb into his skin and walk around in it"

Probably you did or did not recognize these;
Probably not,
But one thing I'm sure you didn't forget
Is the Romeo and Juliet play -
Yup, the time when we all played a part in
Crazy! Right?
Summer Slam?
The first taste we got of our coming life.

Changing the page,
What about sophomore year?
Let's play again "He stretched out his arms toward the dark in a curious way... a single green light minute and far away that might have
been the end of a dock..."
I personally will never forget that book.

Junior year?
"What's done cannot be undone"
[That is probably what the squirrel that shut the power at RBR said.]
Or the book that seemed like fantasy when speaking about isolation
It came out true because we were all isolated.... Yay!

Everything was done,
Most of us forgot the Google Meet codes
Or even forgot to join
All because a pandemic ruined our joy.

Our plans were completely destroyed
 So we had to make new ones at home;
 It was not very fun,
 But you get the point.
 I used to feed myself with comedy,
 I thought that was the only remedy,
 A way to handle this tragedy,
 The one that introduced us to agony.

Let's pretend the scheduling was not confusing at all,
 That we knew what to do or where to go.
 Let's pretend we didn't have to wear masks
 Let's pretend that teachers recognized students by the way they actually look
 And not only by our voice, house ceilings or Google icons.

Yearbooks will be fun to show 30 years from now,
 The virtual pictures were interesting,
 I could show my smile to the screen;
 But for the in person day pictures I will definitely make a joke somehow:
 "Oh yeah I was smiling, I just had to have my mask on."

During the pandemic
 I couldn't see any smiles,
 All I saw was faces with masks,
 In-person school felt better than virtual classes, it was heaven
 But I could also see people on their computers
 Typing, typing, joining Meets
 Barely talking as they used to,
 Making jokes of course, but how was I supposed to know they were having fun?
 I'm pretty sure some of us got headaches, or our eyes burned -
 Would you call that happiness at all?

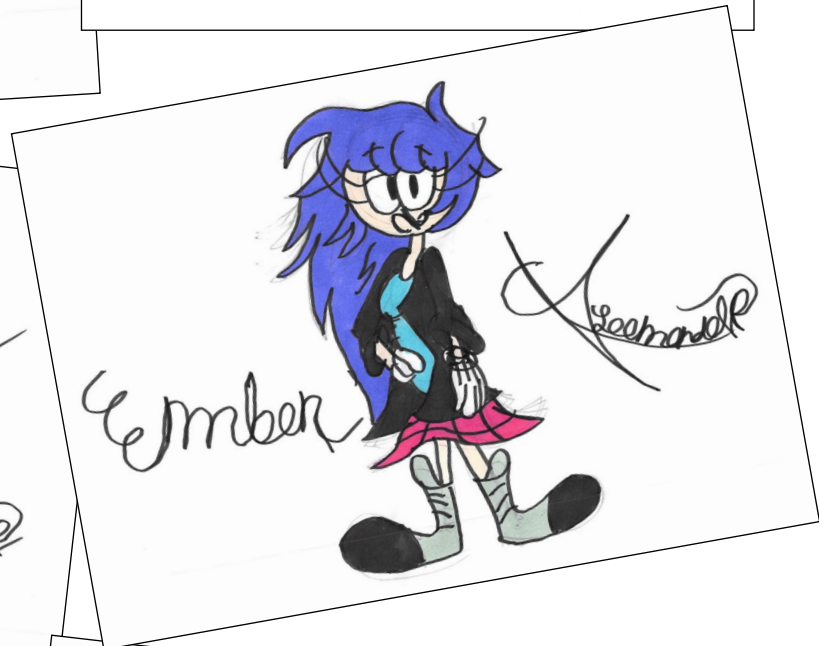
During freshman, sophomore and half junior year
 I would think it was always summer,
 It could be a terrible weather,
 Everyone would cheer around here.
 When I used to see people in the halls without masks and with a smile
 I could instantly feel the need to smile as well,
 It was contagious
 But not during the time of the virus.
 Probably some people include their names on the list,
 But I felt an emotional change during senior year:
 It was not what we thought of having when we first got here,
 We changed all the happiness to fear.

In these past senior events,
 I remembered what it felt like to be back to life;
 I could see everyone smiling and laughing every single time
 No masks, just fun, talking with no regrets,
 That's when my mood changed.
 Even on a cold, rainy day,
 I would still think it was sunny
 Because I would see the smiles of the teachers, staff and especially friends.

Class of 2021
 I wish you the best
 This is the end; the last class, the last step in the building, the last paper
 Just do me a favor, make sure last things are the ones you remember.
 Thanks for the memories!

Ethan and Friends!

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Extra time during finals?

Harry Potter

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