



FONTBONNE HALL ACADEMY

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Dear Parents,

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome our incoming Class of 2021! Our acceptance letters were sent out on January 11th, and after a very successful Accepted Student Night which took place on January 24th, we are happy to announce that we are in the process of registering a class filled with exceptionally intelligent and talented students.

Our new students, and current students, have the benefit of attending Fontbonne at a time where the school is building on its rich history.

Our facilities upgrades include the addition of state-of-the art flat screen Triumph active panels to replace our SMART boards, the installation of our Fabrication Lab, which will be a space where are students will learn by playing, creating, imagining, and inventing in all subject areas, and the conversion of our library into a digital library and learning commons. We are also excited to be able to expand our dance program and offer our first course in the Performing Arts. These new classes compliment the unique classes that we offer in science, engineering and technology.

Thank you for all of your support during our recruitment process by volunteering to help represent Fontbonne at Open House, at high school nights, and at Accepted Student Night. Additionally, thank you for the conversations that you have had with parents that are searching for a high school, and for telling them your Fontbonne story. All of you, and all of our students, are so essential in helping us communicate that a Fontbonne education is simply second to none.



Red Carpet fun with Class of 2021 Bonnies

*With Gratitude,
Mary Ann Spicijaric
Principal*



The ninth and tenth graders who are enrolled in AP World History visited the Metropolitan Museum of Art. They enjoyed guided tours of the museum's collection of ancient art. The students and faculty chaperones, Mrs. Caufield, Ms. Musto, Ms. Marinello and Ms. McNiff, viewed sculptures from ancient Rome and Greece as well as ancient Egyptian tombs and mummies.



FUTURE ENTREPRENEURS COMPETE AT DIAMOND CHALLENGE

We are proud to have two teams of students competing in the 2017 Diamond Challenge for High School Entrepreneurs, a real-world venture concept competition. One team is led by Elina Vipul, with team members Keara Donahue, Alyssa Amendolia and Alyssa Federico. The other team is led by Victoria Marsillo, with team members Samantha Marletta and Jessica Reilly. The teams are working to create viable products and services along with pricing and

marketing strategies. They will be evaluated on their written submissions, pitches and responses to questions.

The Diamond Challenge is part of the Paul & Linda McConnell Youth Entrepreneurship Initiative at the University of Delaware Horn Program in

TECH JUNIOR HONORED BY NCWIT

Congratulations to Spiridoula Hatziminadakis "Espi" on her selection as a 2017 **National Honorable Mention of the NCWIT (National Center for Women and Information Technology) Award** for Aspirations in Computing!



Only 350 National Honorable Mention Award recipients are selected throughout the country.



IMPRESSIVE RANK FOR BASKETBALL TEAM

The Varsity Basketball team is now 9-1 in first place in the diocese and ranked #25 in the state by MaxPreps, a division of CBS Online (1/17). The NYS Writers Association has them ranked #11 in Division A (1/17).

JV Basketball is 6-4, currently in second place in the diocese.

FRIENDS FOR LIFE CLUB JOINS DC MARCH

Eight students from Friends for Life, Fontbonne's pro-life group, joined hundreds of thousands of other students in the annual March for Life in Washington DC, on January 27th. The students were joined by moderators, Ms. Connolly and Mr. Russo, as well as Mrs. Cappiello, mother of senior Katie Cappiello.



THE TABLET INTERVIEWS "WOMEN IN STEM"

STEM students welcomed **The Tablet** into our school to discuss topics for the "Youth Views" feature. They were each asked to reflect on this Pope Francis quote:

"All life has inestimable value even the weakest and most vulnerable, the sick, the old, the unborn and the poor, are masterpieces of God's creation, made in his own image, destined to live forever

and deserving of the utmost reverence and respect."

Click [here](#) to see their answers.

DIRECTOR OF ADMISSIONS SELECTED FOR NCEA ADVISORY COUNCIL POSITION

Ms. Adamo was selected from a pool of applicants to be on an Advisory Council of the National Catholic Educational Association (NCEA). She will be serving a three year term on the NCEA's Marketing and Communications Advisory Council.



PARKING REMINDER

In order to facilitate an effective morning drop off and afternoon pick up schedule, we remind you to abide by our parking regulations:

- *No double or triple parking on Shore Road**
- *Drop off/ pick up/ double parking not permitted on 99th Street**

We value your time and busy schedules. Please help us keep traffic moving smoothly.



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