

Dear LHS family,

We are humming along and we are getting close to the end of the semester with only about a week or so before assessments. Thanks to all for your patience as each heating concern has been, and continues to be addressed in all of our buildings - Friday was a very good day!

Also, thanks for your patience, encouragement and support in helping our students cross the finish line next week, as we know it takes a village!

BRIGHT SPOTS!

As shared by Jessica Lander:

Over the first weekend in January, 22 students in the Seminar in American Diversity class traveled to Montgomery, Alabama to dive more deeply into their study of civil rights in America. Together they spent two and a half days traversing the city:

- They stood in the spot where Rosa Parks got on the bus that sparked the Montgomery bus boycott;
- They walked in the old Greyhound bus station that college students traveled to and were attacked as they worked to integrate bus terminals;
- They visited the Southern Poverty Law Center to learn about hate crimes, both past and present;
- They stood in the church that Rev. Martin Luther King helped inspire a movement;
- They visited Rev. Dr. King's home and stood in his kitchen, where they heard a recording of one of his sermons, in which he spoke about sitting in that very kitchen and recommitting himself to the work of civil rights;
- They explored the newly opened National Memorial for Peace and Justice which honors the more than 4,400 African Americans who have been lynched in America;
- They spoke with civil rights lawyers working on mass incarceration and child incarceration; and,
- They visited the newly opened Legacy museum to better understand the direct connection between slavery and mass incarceration.



Throughout the trip our students immersed themselves in this work, writing, reflecting, asking powerful questions and having long discussions about our role in remembering history and carrying on the work of social justice. Now back in school they are working on publishing their book "We Are America." The

Seminar in American Diversity is one of the core courses in LHS' Civics, Citizenship, and Communities Pathway. The trip was completely free for the students, made possible by a generous grant from the Silicon Valley Community Foundation, secured by the course's teacher, Jessica Lander. Ms. Lander and Stephen Gervais chaperoned the trip.

POSSE Awards

As shared by Heather Brunner:

I had the pleasure of attending the POSSE Boston Awards Ceremony tonight at the Copley Plaza. Two of our amazing Lowell High students are receiving full tuition scholarships (for all 4 years) to prestigious universities.

Moureen Mathenge will be attending Denison University.
Samuel Pring will be attending Bucknell University.

I had the chance to talk to Moureen's mom and Sam's parents - they all had wonderful things to say about Lowell High and the education and experiences their children received! It was a fantastic evening celebrating two intelligent, motivated young people!



Veteran's Assisting Veteran's

As shared by Lt. Col. Ironfield:

The winners from this year's Veteran's Assisting Veteran's essay contest on "Why is it important to serve your country in the Armed Services?"

- 1st Place: Fallon Manyika
- 2nd Place: Shaynon Peden
- 3rd Place: Rashma Rai
- 4th Place (tie): Colin Martin and Katherine Crabtree
- 5th Place: Jillian Goerke

The presenter was Army Veteran Normand Giguere representing the Veteran's Assisting Veterans organization.



DANCE CONCERT

Congratulations to all of our dance students and their amazing teachers; Mrs. Sheehan, Ms. McHugh, Ms. Breton and Ms. Uribe for an outstanding evening of dance last Thursday.



LOOKING AHEAD!

Jan. 14	Mon	Latin Lyceum Parent Assoc. Mtg.	6:00pm – 7:00pm	L.T.
Jan. 14	Mon.	Friends of Lowell High School Mtg.	7:00pm	L.T.
Jan. 19	Sat.	Mill City Show Choir Festival	8:00am-11:00pm	LHS Aud.
Jan. 21	Mon.	No School - Martin Luther King Jr. Day		
Jan. 22	Tues.	Honors Night Application Opens	Period 2	LHS Aud.
Jan. 22-25	Tues.-Fri.	First Semester Assessments		
Jan. 28	Mon.	Q3 Begins		

I wish you all a positive, productive and pleasant week. We hope to get through another week without any SNOW issues!

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