

Art Madness

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is not far behind with only getting a few wrong.

"I chose the screaming picture, because I chose the one kids would like best," Mrs. Lashbrook said.

Mr. Germain chose the globe self-portrait because it has a mathematical concept, and he likes the how the artist uses the manipulation of space. The winner from both the student and staff brackets will earn a prize from Mrs. Belf.

The pieces were chosen not only because of interest but to open all the students' eyes to art. Art madness is a learning experience for everyone involved.

Mrs. Belf looked up the 20 most famous paintings and had her first hour narrow it down to 16 of their most favorite pieces. From there, she had her photography class prepare the competition and get everything ready for the madness.

With everyone participating, Art Madness is turning into quite an event. With 180 people voting the first day and 220 voting the second day, everyone wants to get in on the madness. Mrs. Belf's idea with Art Madness is so it is in sync with March Madness and they begin and end around the same time.

With only a few more rounds in the competition left, everyone is checking their brackets and watching the board to see if their piece of art will fall short or take it all.

"He is winning right now, so my bracket is looking good," Evans said.

As the madness comes to a close here at RHS, Mrs. Belf plans on continuing the tradition next year. Maybe with a twist on it Mrs. Belf is undecided still.

One thing's for sure, Art Madness will be back.

Richmond Robotics: Wreaking Havoc in Competitions

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The RHS robotics team has been hard at work the past few years developing their program in order to make it the best it can be.

Mr. Roodbeen, advisor of the Robotics team, is pleased with how his program is coming along.

"It's a program that tries to teach students about STEM education, science and technology and mathematics. It also includes a lot of business aspects. We have to put together a business plan for the team, future goals, what we hope to accomplish as a team, and basically just spread the word about the STEP programs and robotics," Mr. Roodbeen said.

Over the past four years, the RHS Robotics team has achieved many accomplishments.

"Our first year we qualified for the Rookie of the Year Award, which is given to the outstanding rookie team that has a good game plan - as far as business plan and future goals. That brought us to the state competition. There we won the state competition, Rookie of the Year, which qualified us for world's competition in St. Louis where we competed with the robot. We were the fourth overall rookie in our division and sixteenth overall out of 400 teams," Mr. Roodbeen said.

The robotics team has also achieved many other awards as well. One such award was the Engineering Inspiration Award.

"This is based on our business plan and what our future goals are as far as business plans. We have also won the Quality Award, Creativity Award, which applies to the Engineering Excellence Award.

These all apply to the robot design and how it was actually accomplished, as well as how it did during what it was supposed to do during the competition," Mr. Roodbeen said.

Jacob Matthes, senior, has been on the team for four years and is pleased with all that his team has accomplished, especially at the Watterford Mott District Competition earlier this month.

"We did really well. The robot ended up winning an award, the Creativity Award, because the judges really like our design for our robot. For example, when the robot

him to go ahead and drive at the competition. So his first time ever actually driving the robot was at competition," Matthes said.

Matthes' favorite year of robotics was his first. Although the other years were memorable as well.

"The best year for me was my freshman year. We went to world's and we won the St. Ricky all star. Every single year since then, we've been growing and getting better. We made it to states our sophomore year and last year we barely missed the cutoff. We are trying to make states this year," Matthes said.

Making it to states is no easy feat in any sport, and it is no different in robotics.

"States is the top 100 out of, like 250 teams go. Then from that 100, 60 teams go to world's," Matthes said.

Although they were unable to make the cut for states last year, the RHS Robotics team

is hopeful for the future. "We have done extremely well compared to other teams that have only been in existence for three to four years. We have yet to win a district award or district competition, although we've been to the quarterfinals several times. We also made it to states one other time with a robot, so we're hoping to make it this year," Mr. Roodbeen.

If the robotics team continues to develop as fast as they have been, the dreams of those on robotics may soon become a reality.



Joe Kneistead, Nick Matthes and Andrew Caporusio showing of their robot. (Photo courtesy of RHS yearbook)

picked up the totes, it would go to a pre-designated height," Matthes said.

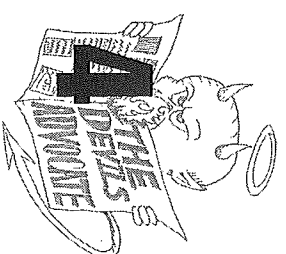
Robots aren't the only thing presented at these competitions, however. The robotics team also had to discuss the outreach they had done and everything else they had done to help extend the school curriculum.

However, no matter how strong the team, there are always challenges that they must overcome.

"One of the biggest challenges we faced was that Joe Kneistadt was not going to be able to drive for the weekend because he had his dad's wedding. His dad, however, told

On This Day

- **1909** - Baseball rules players who jump contracts are suspended for 5 years.
- **1918** - 1st daylight savings time in US goes into effect.
- **1933** - 1st newspaper published on pine pulp paper, "Soperton News." (Ga)
- **1959** - Dalai Lama fled China & was granted political asylum in India.
- **1965** - US ordered the 1st combat troops to Vietnam.
- **1971** - South Africa national debt hits 5.45 billion.
- **1985** - WrestleMania I at Madison Square Garden N.Y.



National Honors Society Passes the Torch to New Officers

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With the school year coming to a close, it is almost time for the senior class of 2015 to graduate. With this event occurring, many changes will be happening, including new National Honors Society officers.

Every year, juniors in NHS have the opportunity to run to be an officer. The officer positions that students are available to run for are President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Historian. The 2015-2016 NHS officers are Ashley Reece as President, Trevor Barrett as Vice President, Lindsey Schweiger as Secretary, Matt Skoryanc as Treasurer, and Emma Perry as Historian.

To become an officer, interested students had to write a paragraph about themselves and why they wanted that job. Within this paragraph, they included personal information, extracurricular activities, and the sports/clubs they partake in.

NHS's new President, Ashley Reece, is extremely excited for next year. As President, she has a lot of responsibilities. Reece will run meetings, take attendance and organize events. All of this, she believes, will prepare her for her future.

"By becoming the President of the NHS, it will help my future because it will allow me to create values. It will also improve my leadership skills," said Reece.

The new President also has several goals she would like to achieve next year. One thing she would like to do to strengthen the organization is to create many new service options

available to members. Reece looks at NHS as a great way to help the community.

Reece hopes to encourage others to get involved in community service, whether in NHS or not. She believes it is extremely beneficial and an amazing experience. Also, helping others is something Reece has always loved to do.

Reece said, "I love to participate in community service. The thing about NHS that is so great is that it opens so many opportunities for us to truly make a difference in our community."

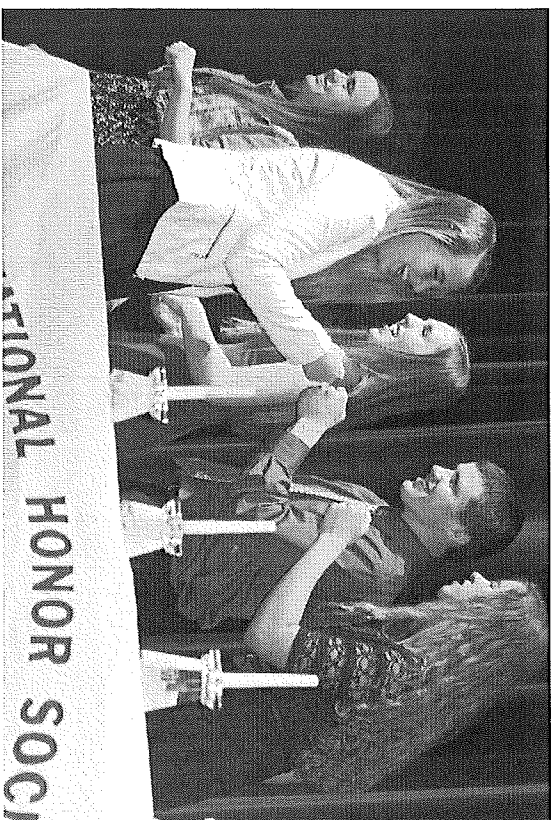
Trevor Barrett, Vice President Elect, is looking forward to being more than just a member in NHS. As Vice President, Barrett works alongside Reece whenever she needs help. The two work together to organize projects.

"My favorite part about NHS is the community service opportunities that it opens. It gives me opportunities to help others, and that makes me feel really good," said Barrett.

In Barrett's opinion, becoming the new NHS Vice President is extremely beneficial. He sees it as a positive experience that will help him become more responsible.

"I think being the Vice President of NHS will improve my leadership. There is a lot to take care of, so teamwork will be necessary for this chapter to be a success. Overall, it will teach me many great qualities," he said.

Lindsey Schweiger, Secretary, has a lot to look forward to as next year's NHS. As Secretary, Schweiger will take attendance at each meeting and make sure that everything is running smoothly. She is there to help the other officers and make sure that tasks are



Emma Perry, Lindsey Schweiger, Rachel Leach, Trevor Barrett, and Ashley Reece at NHS introductions. (Photo courtesy of RHS yearbook)

being completed.

One of Schweiger's goals as secretary is to keep the NHS extremely organized and efficient. She wants to make sure that all events, fundraisers and meetings are successful.

"One thing that makes NHS so great is the responsibilities it teaches us. In NHS, you are responsible for making sure all of your 10 fundraising and 20 service hours are completed by the end of year. We are responsible for making sure we complete those tasks and I think that has made me more responsible," said Schweiger.

The Treasurer, Matt Skoryanc, believes that this position will help prepare him for the future. As Treasurer, he will be responsible to handle money for the fundraisers NHS participates in.

"By being next year's Treasurer, it will teach me how to have responsi-

bility," said Skoryanc. "It will teach how to handle money properly, which is something I will need to know for my future to be successful."

Skoryanc's main goal is for the NHS to raise as much fundraising money as it can.

Emma Perry, who has the job of Historian, is excited to be a NHS officer. The Historian is responsible for keeping track of events and taking pictures. Her goal as Historian is to capture as many NHS memories as she can in the school year. Perry sees being a NHS officer as a great leadership experience.

"I think it will strengthen my leadership skills. Also, my ability to take initiative and do things that will be advantageous to me in the long run," said Perry.

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