

Sophomore entrepreneur project sets all-time records

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For the last six years, **Mike Bollhorst's** sophomore English classes have taken part in the Entrepreneur Project. Each student is responsible for creating a company with a group composed of four to six classmates. Each company must market and sell a product over a two-month period. This year, 13 groups worked together to raise an astounding 15,000 dollars.

The overall winner for the two participating class periods was Wild Savings for Wildcats. **Emily Vindasius, Kate Parsons, Cali Grimes, and Ashley Goetz** made 2,582 dollars by selling unique coupons that can be used at various stores and restaurants in downtown Los Gatos. The team placed third overall on Bollhorst's Top Ten Sellers of All-Time list, and are thrilled to announce that their profits will benefit LGHS through a donation to the New Millennium Foundation.

Another group, Run 4 the Cure, also finished strong. **Emerson Hughes, Sydney Miller, Anahita Yamouti, Carrington Ratcliff, and Nicole Dal Cielo** hosted a one-day five kilometer run/walk through

Vasona Park on March 21 to raise funding for their charity. The team earned 1,868 dollars for the American Cancer Society and St. Jude's Hospital to benefit those with cancer. The girls also earned a spot on the Top Ten Sellers of All-Time list, placing seventh. In addition, Mr. Bollhorst declared Run 4 The Cure to be one of his favorite project ideas of all time.

Like Run 4 The Cure, Bak-Love-A was also added to Bollhorst's list of Favorite Ideas of All-Time for this year. Bak-Love-A sold homemade Greek baklava to raise money for the American Cancer Society. Sophomore girls **Ginger Brown, Camille Fowler, Anyssia Kokinos, Olivia Hill, and Chamonix Toledo** worked together to make their company a success. The team raised 868 dollars for their charity.

Placing ninth overall in the history of the project, the all-girls team Orange Ribbon Bags made 1,601 dollars. Sophomores **Shirin Belgal, Natasha Belshaw, Lark Breen, Sanna Hakkarainen, Maggie Horan, and Elizabeth Monsef** sold black drawstring bags with a "Los Gatos Wildcats" logo and pawprint in orange. The group chose to benefit the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. They are elated to be donating

their profits to an organization that directly assisted a member of the Orange Ribbon Bags team who had cancer as a young child. On behalf of the Entrepreneur Project as a whole, Hakkarainen said, "It gave me a new perspective of the world... It was the most real life example of business and marketing I have ever done in a school project."

Each company was able to break Mr. Bollhorst's \$600 goal and six broke \$1,000. Three of the six that netted above \$1,000 made it into the Top Ten Sellers of All-Time list. Each student came away from the two-month-long project with new knowledge on how to contact a manufacturer, write a business plan, and successfully sell a product. Maila Ruggiero from Coupons for Change stated, "I learned a lot about communicating with other people and how important it is to introduce yourself and be really friendly. It goes a long way." Ruggiero's team made \$1,012 for the American Childhood Cancer Society. Katie Kaminski from LG Pops added, "I am proud that everyone in our group worked as hard as we could to make our project a success." Every student learned something about themselves and their surrounding world, making the Entrepreneur Project a very valuable and educational experience.



THEY GOT IT IN THE BAG: Members of Orange Ribbon Bags sell their merch in downtown LG. courtesy E. Monsef



RUN 4 THE CURE: The ladies behind Run 4 the Cure man the sign-in booth before the race.



AND THEY'RE OFF: People from all ages ran the 5k to support the American Cancer Society. courtesy E. Hughes

Freshmen create a poetry anthology

by **Jessica Blough**
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On Tues., May 12, the freshmen Honors English classes released their second annual poetry eBook. The book, entitled A Cup of Poetea, was a collaboration between the Los Gatos Public Library and Smashwords, an eBook publishing company created by LGHS alum Mark Coker. The book contains poems from all of **Tonya McQuade's** and **Kathleen Wehr's** students and serves as a fundraiser for the class of 2018. It is available for 2.99 dollars from Apple iBooks or Barnes and Noble.

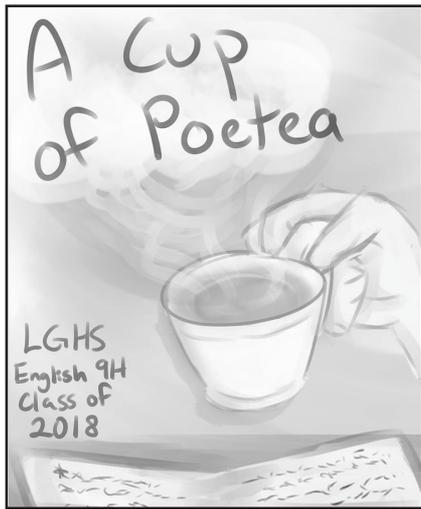
McQuade and Wehr began this project last year with current sophomores, publishing an anthology entitled Windows to the Teenage Soul. So far, the book has raised over 200 dollars for the class of 2017, which will finance future class events. The book reached number one on the Apple iBooks poetry chart on the day of its release. The book set an example for schools across the nation, which contacted McQuade to ask about the project.

To make this year's book, McQuade's classes split into five teams: marketing and publishing, layout and design, editing, event planning, and art and photography. Each of these teams had responsibilities that can be applied to real careers later in life. Freshman **Cassandra Melax** commented, "You could apply what we did with marketing to anything you wanted to sell." The teams had some trouble planning across classes, but they managed to create a beautiful product that celebrates the work of the students.

The book was divided into 15 categories of poems: The Ingredients of Poetea, Sereni-tea in History and Literature, To Infinita and

Beyond, Feeling Thirst-Tea, From Bubbling to Boiling, What Brews Inside, Don't Just Steep, Teddy Bear Tea Party, Fifty Shades of Earl Grey, Family Tea, Difficul-Tea in Discovering Who I Am, Visions of Socie-Tea, Green Tea, A Bitter Taste of War, and The Process of Poetea. In other words, the categories were history and literature; heroes and inspirations; school, sports, and technology; stages of life; emotions; carpe diem; childhood; love; family; identity; social issues; environment; and war. The tea puns fit the title of the book and the student artwork scattered throughout.

To celebrate the release of the eBook, the freshmen hosted a book release party at the Los Gatos Public Library. The theme was tea party, complete with freshly brewed tea and finger sandwiches. Freshmen **Jake Chen** and **Charlotta Lebedenko** emceed the event, which was put on by the event planning team. Ten students shared their original poems, and a representative from each team explained how they contributed to the making of the book. Both teachers and librarian Henry Bankhead shared a little about the book as well. The event concluded with the presentation of Students' Choice and Teachers' Choice Awards, where twenty 25 students were recognized for their contribution to the book and their individual poetic style. The big winners of the night were freshman **Cameron Wehr**, who won best War Poem and Best Overall Message for "The Forgotten City," and freshman **Caitlin Huang**, who won Best Hero/Inspiration Poem and Best Overall Message for "Up or Down."



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POETEA: The theme of the poetry anthology is "tea."

CA parents protest

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On Mon., May 11, parents throughout California protested a new controversial bill called Senate Bill 277, which restricts their ability to opt out of vaccinations for their children. In Campbell, hundreds of parents demonstrated outside California State Senator Jim Beall's office.

Amidst the protests, Sherri Tomlin expressed, "I believe in medical freedom. I believe in a patient and a parent's right to make a choice for their own child. Talking directly with their own medical doctor, not a politician." Others voiced their opinions, such as Lana Rapa, who commented, "There is a real risk in it, and I think I, as a parent, have a choice on whether or not to take that risk, whether I take the risk with the disease or whether I take a risk with the known dangers of vaccines."

Democratic California State Senators Richard Pan and Ben Allen introduced the bill with the support of Senator Barbara Boxer, D-Calif. After an outbreak of measles in California, Pan stated, "We are clearly at the point where our community immunity is dropping too low and children are at risk." In response to the bill's progress, Allen said, "We have an enormous number of sponsors. We're ground zero for the latest outbreak, and we are at global crossroads ... When there are global diseases out there, places like California are particularly susceptible, and people understand that."

Over the past few weeks, the bill has spurred extreme controversy and debate amongst parents who believe the state should not have power over the well-being and health of their children. However, supporters of the bill claim that the bill is a vital step in protecting Californian communities. As protests continue to escalate and expand, state legislators hope that after all the livid emails and phone calls, heckling at public meetings, and harassment, the two opposing sides of this contentious issue will find common ground and come to a beneficial solution.

(Sources: ABC News, The Guardian)

Los Gatos High hosts TEDx event with cool hoverboard

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On Sat., May 9, Wildcats hosted TedxLGHS, an independently organized, Ted authorized event that featured talks by qualified speakers, including local entrepreneurs, discussing the theme "Imagine." Bud Everts, the Master of Ceremonies for the event, began the afternoon with a short introduction to Ted, before announcing the first speaker.

The first speaker was Greg Henderson, the founder and CEO of Arx Pax, whose speech, "Changing Perspectives", discussed the limitless ways in which magnetic field architecture could change the world. These ways ranged from building structures that could better withstand earthquakes to creating futuristic hoverboards. The latter achievement was demonstrated to the eager crowd during the intermission of the event, when various audience members got a chance to ride the hoverboard.

Ariel Seidman was the next speaker, whose speech about "Finding Your Way" focussed on hobby drone flying. Specifically, he discussed his own journey towards his fascination with everything that flies, and subsequently his founding of Hivemapper, a crowd-sourced map tool for drone fliers.

A short video titled "The Danger of Silence," featuring speaker Clint Smith, discussed the value of having a voice. After the video, Bob Baxley, Head of Product Design and Research at Pinterest, spoke on "Conditions, Constraints, and Conviction." His speech covered a variety of topics, from Dr. Seuss, and his success as a children's author even under the strict word restrictions he was given, to the space race, from Sputnik to the first man on the moon.



STUDENT SUPPORT: The LGHS Peer to Peer group "UP" managed and created the event.

Following intermission, Sally Thornton, the founder of Forshay, spoke on "The Future of Work" and the balance between leisure, work, and education throughout life. Her flexible model for division between these three activities was designed to optimize productivity and happiness.

Analise Roland, a slow food activist, spoke next in a speech titled "Think Big, Look Small," which initially focussed on the value of supporting local farmers. However, Roland also revealed that real change could only be achieved by redesigning the entire food distribution system, and her determination to do so supported her message of setting lofty goals and striving to achieve them.

After a video of Julie Lythcott and her speech, "Checklisted Childhood," on the changing nature of parenting and its increased emphasis

on success, Danielle Harlan, the Founder and CEO of the Center for Advancing Leadership and Human Potential, spoke on "The Rule of Alphas." She discussed then need for a new kind of leader, a new Alpha, so to speak, that would focus not just on traditional success but also on fulfillment.

LGHS sophomore **Vanessa Thompson** was the final speaker of the afternoon. In her speech, "Once Upon a Math Problem," she talked about overcoming obstacles in new and creative ways, in her case creating Storybook Math to help those struggling with math by turning it into a story. Her speech dared the audience to imagine new and inventive ways to do things, and to believe in the impossible.



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HOVER ABOVE THE CROWD: A Tedx volunteer tries out the new Hendo hoverboard.