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Diman Helps "Stomp Out" Cancer



Boomer the Bengal leads participants on the first lap around the track at the "Stomp Out Cancer" Walk at Diman Regional on May 2nd

Members of the Diman Junior Class Committee organized a "Stomping Out Cancer" Walk on May 12, 2012 at the Diman Athletic Field. Over 300 showed up to walk twelve laps (three miles) around the track to raise funds for the Dana Farber Cancer Institute. Other activities at the walk included food and beverages, live entertainment, a health fair, kids' games, face painting, and craft stations. Displays from over a dozen agencies, including CD-Rec, the Coordinated Family and Community Engagement Program, the Foster Care Support Task Force, and United Neighbors of Fall River offered information on a variety of health resources. "It was a terrific event," reported event organizer and Junior Class Advisor Suzanne Ramos. The event raised over \$7,500.



Diman Students Headed to Skills-USA National Competition



Seventy-one students from Diman Regional Vocational Technical High School and 13 students from the Diman School of Practical Nursing recently competed in the 38th annual State Leadership and Skill Conference in Marlboro, MA. Of the 84 Diman students competing, 51 returned with Massachusetts State SkillsUSA medals, including 36 gold medal winners, 10 silver medal winners and five bronze medal winners. Gold medalists from Diman and across the state will represent Massachusetts at the annual national-level SkillsUSA Championships held in Kansas City in June.

“We are very proud of all our students, their hard work and their accomplishments. The fact that so many of our students qualified to compete is of note, and the level of excellence they achieved is outstanding,” Diman Superintendent-Director Marta Montleon said.

Congratulations to all the competitors, and best of luck!

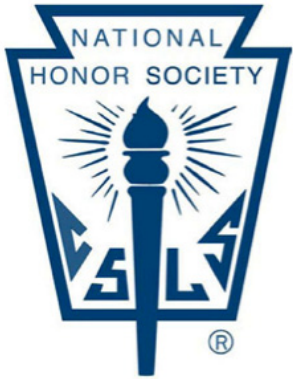
High School

Nathan Aguiar for Automotive Refinishing; David Barata for Cabinetmaking; Kelsey Almeida, Samantha Costa and Erica Cournoyer for Career Pathways Showcase; Sarah Berube, Morgan Costa, Kaitlin Costa, Ivy Faria, Kayleigh Lamothe and Sabrina Martineau for Chapter Business Procedure; Nicholas Parente for CNC Turning; Jonathan Candido for Dental Assisting; Jay Lee for Electronics Technology; Joshua Thibault for Industrial Motor Control; Natasha Garcia for Job Skills Demonstration; Amber Betancourt, Sarah Monte, McKayla Oliveira, Ashley Oliveira, Chelsea Oliveira, Melinda Pereira and Kassandra Sweatt for Opening and Closing Ceremonies; Lucas Ferreira for Principals of Technology; Lucas DosSantos and Victoria Winters for Robotics and Automation; and Christina Newell-Fonseca for Techspo.

Post-Secondary

Dorie Nunes for Extemporaneous Speech; Stacy Ramos for First Aid/CPR; Stacey Venancio for Health Portfolio; Elise Richard for Job Interview; Desiree Costa for Job Skills Demonstration; and Holly Bennett, Stephanie Leite, Rathvitou Proeun and Alexandra Xanyn for Heath Knowledge Bowl.

National Honor Society Inducts 34 New Students



Congratulations to the following students, who were recently inducted into the National Honor Society. The National Honor Society, or NHS, is a nationally recognized organization that aims to “create enthusiasm for scholarship, to stimulate a desire to render service, to promote leadership, and to develop character in the students of secondary schools.” Congratulations!

Seniors

Karissa Botelho, Samantha Costa, Erica Cournoyer, Justin Darosa, Venecia Kemp, Rachel Luciano, Angel Ortiz, Bruce Perry, and Riley Resendes

Juniors

Breeana Baptista, Andrew Botelho, Hayden Boule, Ashley Cadorette, Danielle Candido, Justin Charon, Drew Correiro, Jessica Couture, Cassandra Davis, Kelsie Dias, Brunna Ferreira, Dalton Fontaine, Tanya Garcia, Morgan Goncalo, Kayleigh Lamothe, Taylor Langley, Kayla Leandro, Jay Lee, Nathan Levesque, Alexandre Medeiros, Kory Moniz, Cristina Ortiz, Dominic Quartochi, Chelsey Roussel, and Courtney Santos

Diman Bids Farewell to Culinary Champion



Mr. Edward Kerr, longtime Department Head in the Culinary Arts Program, passed away on April 29th. Mr. Kerr began his career at Diman in 1975 as the Related Teacher in what was then known as the Food Trades Shop. Students who studied under Kerr in the program remember the no-nonsense approach he brought to teaching in his Tech Room. An honors graduate of the Culinary Institute of America with years of professional restaurant experience before coming to Diman, Kerr was able to enrich the existing program with his culinary expertise. “Chef Kerr understood early on the importance of science in the culinary arts, and this chemistry of ingredients was something that he stressed to the pupils,” remembers one graduate. Other graduates of the Culinary shop recall with appreciation the rigor that he brought to the program. Chef Kerr championed for a name change that reflected his professional approach to the food and service industry, and it was during his tenure that the name of the shop was changed from Food Trades to “Culinary Arts.” Students who grew to know the quiet and soft-spoken Chef Kerr soon realized that despite his stoic demeanor, he was a “warm guy.” Kerr was always generous and remained, throughout his career, an advocate of the underdog who took a liking to his students. Some were even lucky enough to glimpse the wry sense of humor that was always there, just under the surface. Chef Kerr retired in

2006 after a 30-year career at Diman. Anyone who ever studied under Chef Kerr, worked beside him in a kitchen, or simply called him a co-worker or friend, remembers a true professional who had a clear passion for the culinary arts, and spent his life conveying this to his students. We bid a fond farewell to this invaluable member of the Diman Family. Rest in Peace, Chef Kerr.

Dental Assisting Students Honored by City of Fall River

Contributing to the excellence in dental care, today's dental assistants are role models of professionalism in the health care field. Dental assistants are the strength of the entire dental team.

On March 9, 2012, Mayor William A. Flanagan presented the Dental Assisting Program at Diman Regional Vocational High School a Proclamation from the City of Fall River recognizing dental assistants to be very valuable members of the dental health team. On this same day the students were also visited by a Brain Injury Support Group from Buzzards Bay where they presented nutritional information and educated the group on the importance of oral health care.

The week of March 4-10, 2012, has been designated by the American Dental Assistants Association, along with the American Dental Association, the Canadian Dental Association and the Canadian Dental Assistants' Association, as the perfect time to acknowledge and recognize dental assistants as the versatile and multitalented member of the dental team. The goal of the American Dental Assistants Association is to make the public and fellow professionals aware of the contribution that dental assisting makes to the betterment of dental health. The Diman Dental Assisting Program has proven this to be true within our own community. This year the Diman Dental Assisting Program provided dental care to other students during the Polished Program. The students also visited area preschools and attended health fairs and other events throughout the community, educating students on dental health, including proper brushing and flossing techniques and nutrition.

-Mrs. Carreiro



Dental Assisting Students were presented with a Proclamation from the City of Fall River March 9th by Mayor William Flanagan (center)

Disney Senior Trip

Twenty-four Diman seniors and four chaperones made their way to Orlando, FL during April vacation for the annual senior trip to Disney World, Sea World, and Universal Studios. Ms. Barber, an English teacher and chaperone, reflected back on the experience: “We had a great time.” She added, “For some students, this was their first vacation away from their parents. We were impressed with the way the students handled themselves and how well they represented Diman.” Mr. Furtado, a history teacher who also coordinates the trip, commented, “Students had fun. They just wished they had more time. We are always adding new events to make the trip exactly what the students want.” Another trip is already in the works for April Vacation of 2013.



Disney Senior Trip chaperones (left to right) Mr. Stefanik, Ms. Barber, Ms. Pietruska, and Mr. Furtado pose with Pluto



World Travelers



During April vacation of this year, 34 adults and 16 students spent twelve days touring the beautiful cities, towns, and historical sites of Spain, Portugal, and Morocco. Next year's International Club trip is scheduled for Rome, Paris and London.



In this photo, International Club travelers (left to right) Taylor DaSilva, Kristen Montuori, Samantha Pixley, and Sydney Desroisers pose with a group of student musicians in Lisbon, Portugal.

Photography Club Exhibit at Narrows

The Diman Photography Club (SNAP!) exhibit opened at the Narrows Center for the Arts on Sunday, May 6th. 75 photographs, taken by students and club advisors, were on display for the public. The exhibit will continue throughout the month of May, and includes a silent auction. All proceeds will benefit the Diman Photography Club.



Boys Track Team Excels in Historic Win over Durfee



On April 25th, the Spring Track team competed at Durfee High School, and for the first time in school history, Diman (Division 3) defeated Durfee (Division 1) with a score of 80 to 55. The team put in an outstanding effort led by junior Tevin Cintron, who won the two-mile in 10:45 and the one-mile in 4:46. Senior Matt Moussamih qualified for states in the 800m with a time of 2:04.6, while Austin Langlois won the Javelin with a throw of 130'.

Also contributing to the win were junior Nate Levesque, who won shot put with a toss of 38', Tyler Curry, who won discus with a throw of 100'4", and sophomore Aaron Soares with his win in the 400m Hurdles (69.5 seconds).

Athletes placing in the meet include Taylor Langley Alex Medeiros, Ryan Desrosiers, Ben Palmer, Rob Theberge, Wesley Lemar, Chris Lotz, Matt Tillson, Zach Amaral, and Tyler Botelho. On the girls' side, the team lost 89 to 42 but made a great showing. Senior Sara Monte cleared 4'8" in the high jump, freshmen Lacey Perry had an outstanding meet, jumping 28' in the triple jump and running a 29 second 200 meter sprint, while junior Bianca Paiva ran the mile in 6:15.

-Mrs. Santos

The Tradesman Staff would like to wish the Diman community a safe and happy summer!



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