

Principal's Newsletter-March 2019

ShopRite Kindness Award

Congratulations to senior, Gabrielle Zeller who was chosen to receive the ShopRite Kindness Award for December. Gabrielle was nominated by Suffield High School principal, Mr. James Blain. Mr. Blain stated, "Gabby Zeller has exemplified all of the Core Values at Suffield High School since I came to know her this summer. She was instrumental in planning Freshman Orientation, ensuring a smooth welcome to our school community for incoming ninth graders. Gabby is also a leader in the World Language Honor Society, where she coordinates many cultural events, as well as the National Honor Society, participating in Read Aloud to the elementary schools, being a "go-to person" in the Toys for Tots Campaign, and leading efforts in many other school and community events. Whenever you see anything positive happening at SHS, be assured that Gabby is involved. She does not seek attention and accolades for the good work that she does. She is humble and simply wants to make a difference."



ShopRite Kindness Award Presentation

Congratulations to senior, Kyle Englander who was chosen as the recipient of the ShopRite Kindness award for January. Kyle was nominated by Kerri Michaud-Bagley, Suffield High School Art Teacher. Kyle was nominated for "Exemplary Citizenship". This is what Mrs. Michaud-Bagley said about Kyle. "Kyle is a hard worker and holds himself to a high standard. In school, he is always responsible for getting his projects and homework done on time and cleaning up his work area. He is always friendly, polite and comes ready to work to every class. He offers great insight into the art critiques we do and always gets involved in the class discussions. He is very involved with sports in the school, helped out with the Toys for Tots drive through National Honor Society, as well as initiated the World Language Honor Society clothing drive that was sent to Mexico earlier in the year. His kind, honest and driven personality comes across in all that he does in and outside of school."

Rotary Student of the Month-February

Congratulations to Jared Lobo, who was selected as the Rotary Student of the Month for February 2019. Jared is a senior at Suffield High who has been very involved in extra-curricular activities.

Jared is a founding member and secretary of the Future Business Leaders of America. Jared is the Treasurer of the Interact Club and has been involved in activities such as Habitat for Humanity, CT River Cleanup and Daze for Girls, where they collected cutting/sewing products to donate to Africa. Jared is a three-year varsity Basketball and Lacrosse starter and has been the Captain of both of these teams for the past two years. Jared has been a member of the CIAC Sportsmanship Council in both 2017 and 2018. He is also a member of the Student Senate, where he has helped to organize Spirit Week. In 2017 and 2018, Jared was the Manager of the Varsity Girls Soccer Team and he also played JV soccer in his freshman and sophomore years.

Jared has volunteered for the American Cancer Society, where he took part in Race for the Cure, Stomp Out Cancer, Kyla 5K, and Race in the Park in New Britain CT. He has been part of the Wingman Program, where he helped teach middle school students about important character traits to change the climate/culture in creating strong communities. In addition, Jared volunteers at Trinity Church in Tariffville. He has also taken on the role as "Teacher's Assistant" in his AP Stats class, where he helps students manage and maintain strict time sensitive deadlines in class. Jared was also a Camp Counselor for the CT NorthStars, where he coached hundreds of elementary and middle school aged athletes for several weeks.

Jared has received awards such as 1st Place in Connecticut for Economics, as part of the Future Business Leaders of America. He has received Math Department Excellence awards in 2017 and 2018. Jared has also received Excellence awards in World Language for Spanish and a Certificate of Outstanding Academic Achievement in 2016 and 2017. Jared is also a member of the National Honor Society and the World Language Honor Society. He has also received the Scholar Athlete Award throughout his high school career.

As you can see by Jared's impressive resume, it is understandable why he was chosen as the Rotary Student of the Month for February. Congratulations Jared!



Jared Lobo

World Language Students of the Month-February

by Natale Dolnack

I am privileged to announce that both Katherine Davis and Savannah Price have earned the February award for World Language Student of the Month. Katherine and Savannah are both juniors at Suffield High School and classmates currently enrolled in Spanish V Honors.

As classmates, Savannah and Katherine have demonstrated a commitment to communicating in the Spanish language from the beginning of the year. Together they engage in spontaneous conversation, take risks and create opportunities for growth. Individually, each has consistently demonstrated dedication to furthering their proficiency by extensively examining the language, exploring the content and making cultural connections.

Katherine consistently strives to enhance her proficiency by asking great questions that dig deeper into the mechanics of the language. She is a conscientious and thorough student who welcomes the challenges of the rigorous curriculum. Katherine's creativity shines through original works in which she makes personal connections to authentic Spanish resources. She enjoys the challenge of producing spontaneous speech and is motivated to learn about language and culture in order to travel and interact with various people around the world. Katherine plans to continue studying Spanish and hopes to use it in the future to help to others as a doctor. She hopes to travel to Barcelona in the near future with family. Katherine excels in her other honors and AP courses and is a member of the National Honors Society. Some of her extracurricular activities include serving as the Junior Class Treasurer and Captain of the soccer team, competing in track and field, volunteering for various organizations and tutoring. She also works part-time.

Savannah is inquisitive and requests constructive feedback to expand her language proficiency. She is a diligent student and her work shows great consideration. She consistently demonstrates a comprehensive understanding of challenging authentic resources. Savannah creates innovative products to personally connect to Hispanic art and poetry studied in class. She values the opportunities and connections that language learning offers and recognizes the importance of learning and understanding other people and their cultures. She also enjoys comparing and making connections between various cultures and her own. Savannah will continue to study Spanish next year and hopes to utilize her language skills in the future as a physician's assistant and while traveling to Spanish speaking countries. Savannah receives honors in her AP and honors courses and is a member of the World Language Honors Society. Some of her extracurricular activities include playing on the lacrosse team, serving on the SHS Student Council and participating in the Chick-Fil-A Leader Academy. She also works on the weekends.

Both Savannah and Katherine are exceptional students who set high academic expectations for themselves and are active participants in the SHS community. They embody the Suffield High School Core values of Responsibility, Respect, Creativity, Integrity and Rigor. ¡Felicidades! to Savannah and Katherine for this well-deserved accolade.



Katherine Davis and Savannah Price

World Language Student of the Month-March

by Noreen Harnett

Suffield High School World Language department is pleased to acknowledge Jacob Ofsuryk as the World Language Student of the month for March. Jacob is a junior at Suffield High School and currently a student in French Level 5. Jacob helps to make the classroom an engaging place through his use of the French language and his questions. Jacob is a very conscientious student always striving to do his best and always putting in his best effort. Jacob is truly interested in learning, not just in getting the grade. He seeks to make corrections so he can do it better next time. He is truly interested in all aspects of language learning including the cultural and historical aspects. He is a leader in the classroom - participating fully, working well with others and always willing to help his classmates.

Outside of the classroom Jacob is a member of the Suffield High School Varsity soccer team where he is a leader in points scored and is in line to be a captain of the team in his senior year. He also plays in leagues outside of school and hopes to play in college. Currently in the beginning of the college search process, Jake hopes to attend a four year university to study engineering. Jake is the son of Cindy and Steven Ofsuryk.



Jacob Ofsuryk

News from our Music Department

The Suffield High School Concert Choir and Chamber Ensemble will be performing a coffee-house concert in the Library Media Center on Wednesday, March 27th at 7pm (snow date March 28th). Come listen to our talented singers while enjoying a cup of coffee!

Mamma Mia Musical

The Suffield High School Drama Club is presenting the Broadway smash Mamma Mia on March 14th, 15th, and 16th. The house opens at 6:30PM and the show starts at 7:00 PM in the high school auditorium. Tickets can be bought at the door or from a cast member. This fun musical features the 70's pop-rock band Abba and their hit songs such as "Dancing Queen," "Mamma Mia," and "Take a Chance on Me." The show is about a wedding taking place in the Greek islands. Sophie desperately wants her father to attend her wedding so he can walk her down the aisle. The only problem is she doesn't know who he is. The cast and crew are working hard to make this musical fun and entertaining. Come and Enjoy the Show!

Important Dates for seniors

May 10: Prom at The Riverview

May 28: Senior class trip to Brownstone (May 29 rain date)

May 30: Senior Banquet at Chez Josef

Prom season is fast approaching. Tickets will go on sale at the end of March. In order to purchase tickets, seniors must have their class dues paid in full for all years of attendance at Suffield High School. Students are encouraged to check in with Mrs. Reiser or Mr. Kibby.

Suffield Foundation for Excellent Schools Grant

Thanks to the Suffield Foundation for Excellent Schools, Wildcat Book Club is in full swing. We just finished our first book, *The Hate U Give* by Angie Thomas. A group of 12 students read, collaborated, and discussed the book. After completion, students decided on a theme of understanding the perspective of others. We are about to start our second book *The Astonishing Color of After* by Emily X.R. Pan with 14 students. We are appreciative of opportunity through the funding by SFES.

Athletic News

Congratulations to Jared Sharp who was featured on Fox 61 in the CIAC Captains Spotlight. Jared is a junior at Suffield High School and has made all NCCC every season of his career. He finished 3rd in the state decathlon last year. Jared has been on community service trips to Kenya, China & Ecuador. Congratulations to Jared on this well-deserved award.

Congratulations to Hunter Adams for becoming a New England wrestling champion this past weekend. Hunter is the first Suffield wrestler to ever win an open state title. Hunter has also been nominated for the athlete of the week award. Congratulations to Hunter!

In addition, Congratulations are in order to Nick Sinofsky, Cam Miller, Jared Sharp and Kyle Englander for winning the 4x8 at the New England Championships this past weekend with a record time of 7:49.96



Cam Miller, Jared Sharp, Hunter Adams, Nick Sinofsky and Kyle Englander

Internship Class at Suffield High School

Suffield High is proud to offer a new class this semester! Eleven seniors are taking part in our first ever Internship class. These 11 students have given up their senior privileges to go to work. Students are currently learning about Engineering, Environmental Science, Manufacturing, Police work, Emergency Services, Teaching, and Local Government. After brushing up on resume and cover letter skills, students interviewed for their Internship positions. Important soft skills and email communication with mentors are helping students understand what it means to be an employee. Currently a class open to seniors we are looking forward to including juniors in the years to come. Our hope is to give students experiences that allow them to make informed decisions when it is time to choose a path in college.

Justin Kaput-Antarctica Trip

Justin Kaput is presenting on his expedition to Antarctica, National Geographic, and the Grosvenor Teacher Fellowship at Central CT on March 8th. He will also be presenting at the Senior Center in Suffield on Wednesday, March 13th at 7pm. All are welcome.