CONGRATULATIONS, CLASS OF 2014!

“We’re going places…”

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Bates College  
Bentley University (2)  
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Boston University  
Bournemouth University  
Brandeis University (2)  
Bryant University  
College of the Holy Cross (2)  
Connecticut College (3)  
Denison University  
Fairfield University (2)  
Florida Southern College  
Fordham University (2)  
Franklin and Marshall College  
Gonzaga University  
High Point University  
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James Madison University  
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Syracuse University  
Temple University  
The Catholic University of America  
The George Washington University  
The University of Alabama in Huntsville  
Trinity College (7)  
Tulane University  
Union College (2)  
University of Colorado at Boulder (4)  
University of Connecticut  
University of Dayton  
University of Maryland, College Park  
University of Massachusetts, Amherst  
University of Miami (3)  
University of Vermont  
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Class of 2014  
College Matriculation
The President Remembers His Year In Office
by Charlotte Jones ’14

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Baseball Brotherhood Bonds in Bullpen
by James Finneral ’16

This spring, Corn ran with Jasre’al Williams, Isaiah Bellamy, and Sarah Wallace in his cabin. He has realized throughout this past year that one of the most important roles to a president is to represent the student population the right way. He says, “The biggest thing I tried to change is defining what being president means. So that it’s not just the right way. He says, “The biggest thing I tried to change roles to a president is to represent the student population throughout this past year that one of the most important and Sarah Wallace in his cabinet. He has realized roles to a president is to represent the student population the right way. He says, “The biggest thing I tried to change roles to a president is to represent the student population the right way. He says, “The biggest thing I tried to change roles to a president is to represent the student population the right way. He says, “The biggest thing I tried to change roles to a president is to represent the student population the right way. He says, “The biggest thing I tried to change roles to a president is to represent the student population the right way. He says, “The biggest thing I tried to change roles to a president is to represent the student population the right way. He says, “The biggest thing I tried to change roles to a president is to represent the student population the right way. He says, “The biggest thing I tried to change roles to a president is to represent the student population the right way. He says, “The biggest thing I tried to change roles to a president is to represent the student population the right way. He says, “The biggest thing I tried to change roles to a president is to represent the student population the right way. He says, “The biggest thing I tried to change roles to a president is to represent the student population the right way. He says, “The biggest thing I tried to change roles to a president is to represent the student population the right way. He says, “The biggest thing I tried to change roles to a president is to represent the student population the right way. He says, “The biggest thing I tried to change roles to a president is to represent the student population the right way. He says, “The biggest thing I tried to change roles to a president is to represent the student population the right way. He says, “The biggest thing I tried to change roles to a president is to represent the student population the right way. He says, “The biggest thing I tried to change roles to a president is to represent the student population the right way. He says, “The biggest thing I tried to change roles to a president is to represent the student population the right way. He says, “The biggest thing I tried to change roles to a president is to represent the student population the right way.

The team had ups and downs this spring, but played well overall. Coach Margraf continued, “There are some games that we could have won. Our defense has been good, but we have had trouble hitting. We gave teams runs and our pitching has been very strong this year.” Earlier in the season, Harlan spoke about his expectations for the team. “I expect us to compete in the ISL. It is a competitive league, but there is no reason that we cannot compete for an ISL championship. We certainly have all the necessary tools.” Margraf also held high expectations for the latter part of the season. “I expect us to get back to the way we played at the beginning of the year. I expect us to hit better and win four or five games down the stretch. Overall, we should continue to work hard in practice and improve on the little things. It takes time, but we can definitely do it.” This Spartan team is talented and has a great work ethic. With the mutual trust between the coaches and the players, they can definitely reach their goals in the future.
Puppy Love
by Aliece Goodman ’15

It’s not a secret that LA’s new pups, Blue and Augie, brighten up the cloudy spring days for many of the students on campus. Their charm and enthusiasm are a pleasant sight, whether they are relaxing outside the dining hall or running through the quad.

Blue Margraf is about three and a half months old. After the Margrafs generated a list of names for the puppy that included Harry, Shackleton, and Bear, the Margrafs’ oldest daughter, Madeline, decided that they were all great names, but that the pup would be named Blue. Blueberry Margraf.

The Margrafs (well, Mr. Margraf) didn’t plan to get another pet, but after they discovered that Augie had a brother who was just as handsome as they, they decided to adopt so that their older dog, Grady, would have company. Although unexpected, Blue was a “blessing in disguise” for Mr. Margraf. “Blue’s a cool, calm dog, with a great disposition,” he says.

Blue is already a superhero in the Margrafs’ eyes, but Mr. Margraf believes that he most resembles Thing from the Fantastic Four. When asked why, he answered, “He just plows through everything!”

The young pup is careful to stay out of trouble’s way, but lately he has had a habit to treat Harper, the younger Margraf, as his personal chew toy. He once attempted to swipe Sehora Mastrangelo’s sandwich at lunch. He is not as jumpy as his brother Augie, but is just as eager to learn.

Blue has already learned to sit, and to open the slide door himself. Mr. Margraf is extremely proud of his pup’s improvement.

Blue’s favorite hobbies are playing with the other dogs on campus, running, and also being overly affectionate with Mr. Margraf’s arm. Blue’s favorite color is, of course, blue.

There’s no indication that this is a fact, but Mr. Margraf seems to be certain. Everyone loves Blue!

Blue is Augie’s very energetic brother, owned by Ms. Bohlin and Mr. Healy. Augie’s full name is Grand Vista August Bandwell Lincoln Healy—quite a mouthful! (Grand Vista is the kennel where Augie and Blue were born.) Mr. Healy and Ms. Bohlin knew that Augie was the right dog, because he was a black lab, and he was playful and friendly. Augie was especially appealing because his color helped to balance the yellow-to-black lab ratio on campus.

Augie is described as being anything but shy. He confidently runs up to strangers because he knows they will compliment him on his cuteness. “He’s getting a little full of himself,” Ms. Bohlin says. He is so fond of his red collar that if he leaves it at home he feels naked. His favorite chew toy is not Harper Margraf, but his squeaky toy from the Barkers. He also loves the pink piggy that he got from his friend Gus Lyman at NMHS. Naturally, Augie enjoys playing with the other dogs on campus. In addition to Brother Blue, his clique includes Blue and Grady Margraf, Ellie Igoe, Winnie Barker, and Senna Deasy.

Augie is also quite the clown. “He got stuck under the couch in the student lounge the other day, but I think that was more funny for us than him,” says Mr. Bohlin. Augie the doggie doesn’t have a big brother like Blue does. He is currently the only child, and he seems to like it that way.

The two brothers have already experienced a few comical moments together. Once, early in the morning while Blue was outside, Mr. Margraf accidentally fell asleep. “When I woke Blue had toys scattered EVERYWHERE,” he explains. He recalls picking up a peculiar-looking chew toy. Seconds later he discovered that it wasn’t a chew toy, but a little surprise left by his buddy. “I screamed,” Mr. Margraf recalled. After this experience he was careful never to fall asleep while little Blueberry left to go potty.

One-Acts Leave Us Laughing, Crying
by Derek Kolodziejski ’16

Brendan and Shae in Everyman

I was one of the fortunate many who were able to reserve a seat for this year’s one-act plays. Although the audience members were limited to an incredibly confining space, requiring one to become instantly acquainted with the people located around them, the performance was well worth the discomfort. The close atmosphere in the otherwise spacious auditorium only compelled me to use to imagine the setting. Through each one-act, the scene, the viewers were free to put their creative minds is happening apart from the characters’ dialogue. Until minutes away, I was engaged to the point otherwise spacious auditorium only compelled me to worth the discomfort. The close atmosphere in the people located around them, the performance was well

A Club To Watch
by Olivia Komak ’14

We all know WRLA through Connor Melvin’s riveting assembly announcements, but not many people know what actually goes on within the club. As a freshman, Connor says, “Describing his role in the club, he explains, “I set up and prepare for interviews with various people. I try to plan fun community events that the radio station can be involved in—most recently we helped provide entertainment for the Relay For Life, which was a fun time. Mostly I make sure all the equipment in the studio is in one piece.”

“I love the opportunity it provides me to just go on the air and play my music while sometimes sharing my thoughts.”

To keep clubs going, passionate leaders are a vital ingredient. Connor fills this role extremely well, always trying to further the club’s involvement and audience. “I think my job as a station manager is to try and make the radio station more relevant in the community. I always try to remind people of the great opportunity it gives them.”

Next time you’re doing homework and in need of some background music, listen to WRLA! Or talk to Connor if you’re interested in being a DJ.

The company
After directed by Sheighla Wall, with actresses Lizzy Feinberg and Margaret Davey, shows the events that occur after the “Happily Ever After” featured in every Disney movie. This play is interspersed with comical lines as it digs deeper into the true meaning of “happily ever after.”

Ligadolegion’, directed by Nick Guarracino and featuring Athena Kalabokis, Sebastian Sidney, and Julian Travis creates a world where butter and bacon (and everything delicious) is illegal. This satirical play, while causing some chuckles, also made the audience think about the role government really plays in our lives.

Everyman conceived and directed by Gabriella DiVincenzo, with a cast of Brian Burns, Talman Fortune, Shae McDonald, Brendan Seifert, and Julia Williamson, shows the struggles Everyone faces to prove himself to God. This play has many comical moments while displaying the inner needs and wants and sins of “Everyman.”

Honey I Love You, But I Just Can’t Smile; written and directed by Sabina Haque, wonderfully shows the progression of two people in love, played by Calli Scofido and Nick Papazian, who learn more about each other and their insecurities. Funny memories and serious issues are displayed in this romantic play about letting other people discover and love your flaws.

The Scary Question, directed by Conrad Solomon, brings up questions about the Zombie Apocalypse. Through this funny and loving play, Katelyn Reichheld and Franklin Newman show what it means to love someone else, and how to show caring qualities toward the person you love.

John & Emily, written and directed by Kara L’Heureux, Colton and Katelyn Stalley, centered around an alternate world where religion played a prominent role in people’s lives. The play draws attention to the sensitivity involved in breaking the status quo.
Wrestling PPV Feuds, Flaming Finish Grip Campus 
Expert predicts great year in '15
by Nick Radwan '14

Greetings, WWE Universe of Lawrence Academy! WWE (World Wrestling Entertainment) recently had their first pay-per-view since WrestleMania XXX XX. WrestleMania is the premier pro wrestling event each year, which highlights the top talent in the company. After WrestleMania, the New Year begins and superstars that ended the year on top step on top, while everyone else begins to battle for the championships with new slates. Extreme Rules is the first pay-per-view in the New Year, and this year featured the three predominant feuds of today: The Shield v. Evolution, Bray Wyatt v. John Cena, and Daniel Bryan v. Kane.

In a battle of old versus new age fanatics, “Evolution,” composed of former champions Triple H, Randy Orton and Batista, battled the young dominant “Shield” made up of Seth Rollins, Dean Ambrose, and the powerful Roman Reigns. Evolution has enjoyed a combined 31 championships between “The Game,” Orton, and Batista over the past decade. The young Shield had their work cut out for them early on, until Rollins and Ambrose fought Triple H and Orton in the fan section, leaving Batista and Reigns alone in the ring. Rollins then jumped off the top of the 200 level to land on Orton, Triple H and Ambrose, which left all four men on the ground for the remainder of the match. Afterwards, Batista tried to hit a “Batista Bomb” but was swiftly countered by Roman Reigns, who hit his finishing move the “Spear” for the pinfall victory for the Shield.

Since the departure of Phil “CM Punk” Brooks from the WWE, there has been a lack of “heels,” guys who can switch from crowd favorites to being hated in the matter of minutes. One promising superstar that has come up from developmental is the twisted Charles Manson-like character of Bray Wyatt. He wants all people to follow his psychedelic message, and provides the perfect villain the WWE needs for a “babyface,” or “good guy,” such as Cena or Daniel Bryan. The two had fought at WrestleMania XXX, but the feud was so enticing to the WWE Universe that it was certain that it would not end there.

Fast-forward to Extreme Rules, and the two were scheduled for a Steel Cage match. Cena at times had the match won; however, as he tried to escape the cage, Wyatt’s followers Harper and Rowan made sure Cena did not exit. Cena hit his “Attitude Adjustment” from the top rope and tried to escape; however, instead of Harper or Rowan preventing him from exiting the cage, it was a young boy who had a devil’s voice. He began to sing “He’s Got the Whole World In His Hands” and Cena, confused, backed away from exiting the cage, it was a young boy who had a devil’s voice. He began to sing “He’s Got the Whole World In His Hands” and Cena, confused, backed away from the exit. This gave Bray Wyatt enough time to recover and hit Cena with his finisher “Sister Abigail” just as Cena turned. Bray Wyatt exited the cage for the victory and the Wyatt Family left, alongside their “little distraction” now known as “little Johnny.”

The main event featured the newly crowned WWE World Heavyweight Champion, Daniel Bryan, as he put his title on the line versus the monster incarnate, Kane. After the “devil’s favorite demon” traded in his suit for his mask again, he set his sights on the World Championship. The two former tag-team champions (“Team Hell-No”) duked it out in a match that featured kendo sticks, chairs and a forklift. The match ended after Bryan sent Kane collapsing onto a burning table, then followed it up with a running knee for the pinfall victory in his first defense as the new champion.

Predictions for 2014/15
My predictions are based on my opinions only!

Roman Reigns wins Money in the Bank. He’s the most likely winner, as he is the powerhouse of the Shield and seems to win every match he is involved in during singles competition. He should have won the 2014 Royal Rumble, but instead lost to Batista. Instead of having him win the 2015 Rumble, I think that it would be in the WWE’s best interest to have Reigns win Money in the Bank so the fans can dictate when he gets his (in my opinion) inevitable title shot.

Bray Wyatt wins the Intercontinental Championship. Wyatt already has a win against arguably the most decorated wrestler of all time and would boost his following and status in the WWE Roster. This being said, theoretically speaking that would put Wyatt in good standing for the Heavyweight title, but with Daniel Bryan being red hot, I would not be surprised to see WWE give a lower belt like the IC to Wyatt to give him experience as a champion before giving him the whole weight of the company.

Dolph Ziggler returns to Main Event Status. “The Showoff” and my personally favorite wrestler—Dolph Ziggler had trouble in WWE events as the past year progressed, which included his winning the World Title, but also losing to mid-card talent shortly afterward. With a new year, Dolph has the perfect opportunity to creep back into a main event, especially with the decline of experienced heels.

Cesaro wins WWE World Heavyweight Championship! One way to make a new heel is to pair a superstar with the despised manager Paul Heyman. Even though Cesaro shortened his name, got new entrance music, and broke away from the “Real Americans,” a tag team that was gaining popularity, Cesaro transferred that momentum into Singles competition beating former heavyweight champions Jack Swagger, Bob Van Dam and Mark Henry. Right now, Cesaro is the “lovable” heel, but with matches against more elite opponents such as Cena or Daniel Bryan, he will establish himself as the top heel in the WWE, especially if CM Punk never returns to the squared circle.

Bo Dallas joins Wyatt Family. The longest reigning NXT (WWE developmental) champion has already dropped his title in NXT to join the main roster. His catchphrase is “Bo-lieve,” but the question to “believe in what?” is still unknown. Hmm....maybe the message of his real life brother Bray Wyatt? As Dallas left NXT as a heel, I predict he will join his brother Bray for a nice transition into WWE stardom.

You Know You’re a Senior When...
by Sara Rosenberg '14

1. You know what “don’t be a zebra” means.
2. You know who Ms. Babin and Ms. Britton are.
3. You know not to say “I this” and “s that.”
4. You remember when Ms. Bohlin and Mr. Healy just started dating.
5. You know the word “pedestrian-ing.”
6. You know how to conduct a silent sit-in.
7. You have learned how to open and close the door to MacNeil lounge.
8. You know what Rich Bizness is, and you bought their CD outside of lunch.
9. You suffered through the UN summit in NGP.
10. You remember three headmasters in three years.
11. You remember The Cranks first assembly concert.
12. You remember two head holidays in one year.
14. You remember being overly excited about friending Tyler Beede.
15. You remember being pumped for prom as you watched the
Mr. Woo Retires; Looks Forward To Travel, Playing The Violin
by Tim Jourma '15

Mr. Woo helping student with Geometry
As many of you are aware, math teacher David Woo, who has been a teacher at LA for 18 years, is retiring this spring. With his distinct teaching style and witty humor, Mr. Woo has been a favorite teacher of many in his time here. He has been a teacher, coach, advisor, and colleague for hundreds of students and faculty, leaving a distinct and memorable impression on each and every student. He will be greatly missed around the LA community.

Spectrum sat down with Mr. Woo to ask him some final questions before his last day in June.

Mr. Woo, why did you become a teacher?
I truly enjoyed helping people discover new things about math.

Why did you choose to teach here at LA?
Well, I grew up in the Boston area, and I hoped to return here and live my life nearby. I knew that the ISL was a fantastic group of schools, and I really liked the people I met at Lawrence. Everyone was so down to earth and friendly.

Mr. Woo’s AP Calculus class

Do you have any favorite memories from your time here?
Winterims! I love the Winterims here. And I enjoy the classes, and the entire teaching process. I take pleasure in planning lessons, and sending kids to the board to watch them figure out problems and proofs.

What would you say is your fondest memory?
Watching my advisees graduate; that is really special.

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by Tim Jourma '15

Boys’ Lax Won’t Relax
by Alexandre N’Djemba ’15

This spring’s Lawrence Academy boys’ lacrosse team is setting itself up for a great future, even while being more successful on the scoreboard than in recent years.

“My expectation was to have a solid team this year,” said senior defenseman William Blundo. “I thought we would be a better unit than we were last year.”

Second year Assistant Coach R.J. Swift had similar thoughts about the Spartans’ chances in 2014.

“The expectations for this team were to continue to improve, as well as show the ISL that we are a team to be reckoned with,” he said.

Those expectations have already been borne out, as boys’ lacrosse has equalled its modest win total from last spring.

“I think that winning our first ISL (Independent School League) game [of this season] was a huge step for us,” said goaltender Brian Flanagan ’16 about LA’s 16-15 win over Milton on April 26. “It will be the beginning to further success in the ISL.”

Having already succeeded in improving their numbers this year, there’s plenty to look forward to in the future.

“We are a very junior-heavy team, with a lot of skill.”

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Mastery: The Final Frontier
by Kate Driscoll ’17

The Mastery Project is the final test of freshman year before escaping the Ninth Grade Program. For many years, freshmen have been choosing projects from graffiti to barbies, from chocolate to Alzheimer’s. Mastery takes place during the spring term, with the students rotating through history, English, art and science. In history, freshmen research their portion can choose to write either a short story or a collection of poems relating to their Mastery subject. While the artists conduct an experiment and create a lab report to work on a selected medium relating to their main topic, the scientists conduct an experiment and create a lab report to show their results.

Several freshmen shared some of their thoughts on the Mastery Project experience:

“I think that Mastery is an exciting opportunity that everyone should be anticipating. It opens up people’s mind on a lot of topics and brings out a different side of everyone, whether creative — or scholarly. It is one of the best tools for teachers to see their students’ progress during the whole year.” — Tam Anh Nguyen

“I believe Mastery is the most difficult part of freshman year. It is very rewarding if you like the topic you choose. It helps prepare freshmen for anything, even if they end up hating their topic.” — Jonathon Coombs

“English with Ms. Smith — it’s a lot of work, but it’s chill work. Ms. Smith really lets you get in the zone and go in depth with your poetry. It was an awesome two weeks, and looking back on it from history now, I wish I could do it again. My favorite single part of Mastery was the attitude in English Mastery. It was all so relaxed and it really didn't feel like work. Even the critique felt like we were all just a bunch of friends talking.” — Nate Diedrich

“I’ve found each round of Mastery to be totally different. The science class was fun, running any experiment you wanted, making graphs about it, and seeing all your work pay off in the end. Art was even better. I had a lot of fun just sitting there, listening to music and painting. It was relaxing, and I never felt stressed throughout the whole project. History is totally different, it is a lot of work and a lot of stress. A lot of work — but it’s also interesting to learn about our topic.”

— Edwin Ray
Senior Transformations: 2010–2014

“When I first came to LA I didn’t know how to talk in seminars or talk to people, now I can sort of talk in seminars and I still can’t talk to people.”

Meghan Bentley

“All the opportunities at LA, inside and outside of the classroom, have helped me grow as a person.”

Tanner Murphy

“Coming in, I looked like Jbiebs, now I’m even more gorgeous.”

Colby Galliher

“LA taught me about the importance of hair conditioner.”

Sabina Haque

“In the past four years, I’ve gotten smarter, more confident in my ability, more outgoing, and a whole lot gayer.”

Julia Williamson

“All of my teachers at LA have been amazing, but I especially want to give a shout out to Mr. Woo. LA will miss you next year.”

Chase Newton

“I’M A PRETTY PRINCESS NOW.”

Ian Helmus

“At LA I realized how much I need dance and how it’s a huge part of who I am.”

Jasre’ale Williams

“Your best tools at LA are your teachers; your teachers want to see you succeed and will help you in anyway you can.”

Hannah Morrison

“LA made me more smarter.”

Roan Callahan

“Mr. Curran is the heart and soul of this school”

Abe Barron

“LA has transformed me from a secluded, isolated introvert into a less secluded, less isolated introvert with a family.”

Rebecca Wnuk
Relay’s Second Year Sees Greater Success
by Shayan Zaheer ’14

On Saturday, April 26, games, raffles, walking, a moon bounce, and the Luminaria ceremony all converged at one event: the Relay for Life. After months of anticipation, students and faculty came out and relayed to help raise money and find a cure for cancer. Last year, Relay for Life raised $10,500. This year, it raised over $12,500. While the amount did not meet the initial $20,000 goal for this year, the Committee responsible for the event was happy with the outcome.

Relay for Life this year raised more money before the actual event than the previous, showing the committee that they had succeeded in raising more awareness this year.

For many people a common highlight was the Frozen T-shirt contest, where people are handed a frozen t-shirt and they are told to thaw it out as quickly as possible. The winner for this contest was Devan Taylor ’15. Another highlight for many was the ice cream eating contest. Last year’s champion, Julia Williamson ’14 lost in a close contest to Mukhar Amiry ’15.

The Luminaria ceremony took place towards the end of the event after most of the games and contests were over. The lights were dimmed as everyone gathered in a close-knit group and came up and spoke about why they relay. The committee was especially happy by the number of people willing to speak in front of the large number of students and faculty that had gathered and by every participant’s reason to relay. There were many speakers during the Relay but one speaker that stood out for many at the event was Patrick, the Relay’s opening speaker. Patrick has been relaying since his mother was diagnosed with cancer when he was 23. Since then, he has been trying to encourage more people to fight cancer.

One question that has been on the minds of many, especially after Relay, is if there will be another one next year. With the main members of the Committee, Sara Rosenberg ’14, Clare Noone ’14, and Brendan Colton ’14, all graduating this year there has yet to be an announcement concerning who will lead Relay for Life next year. The only response from the main members is that they hope Relay for Life will continue on as a tradition at LA and that they will look to the future students to come out and Relay every year.

Boston Stronger
by McKenzie Melvin ’17

Last year on April 15, 2013, two homemade pressure cooker bombs were set off along the finish line of the Boston Marathon. Hospitals reported that more than 260 people were injured and three people were killed. Out of last year’s tragedy, Boston united, displaying unrivaled scenes of camaraderie. On April 21 this year, the communities around Boston and all over the world gathered along the 26.2-mile route to cheer on the athletes. Meb Keflezighi became the first American male champ since 1983, and Rita Jeptoo, a Kenyan, won her third Boston Marathon and broke the course record with a time of 2 hours and 18 minutes. Shalane Flanagan came in seventh place for women but she was the first American female to cross the finish line and came in fourth last year. The marathon this year underwent a change in spirit; everyone wanted to show the world that last year’s bombing couldn’t stop Boston. A group of men and women soldiers continuously flowed through the race, carrying American flags to show support for last year. The route was overflowing with volunteers, eager to help in any way possible. This year’s Boston marathon exemplified passion, support, and, of course, strength.

Lawrence Academy seniors have finalized their post-high school plans and, as usual, the majority of the class is college-bound.

Spectrum wanted to find out what it takes to survive the ups and downs of applying to college, so we took our curiosity to the college counseling office to get a firsthand look at the Class of 2014’s results after a long, anxiety-filled journey. Much more goes into the college process than one may think. Director of College Counseling Sean Sheehan explained, “This year was a success because everyone who applied to college got in to at least one school. Overall, in this year’s class, there was a 63% acceptance rate. 86% of seniors were admitted to one of their top three college choices. 84.6% of seniors were admitted to 50% or more of the schools to which they applied.”

From year to year, some trends remain consistent in the college office. These patterns may relate to specific schools that LA students attend, or to what colleges seem to be looking for in an applicant. Sheehan stated, “Popular schools this year were Trinity, Skidmore, the University of Colorado at Boulder, Connecticut College, Hobart William Smith, Quinnipiac, and the University of Miami. Schools not as popular as in the past are Boston University and UVM, where 17 applied but only one will attend. One trend we are really seeing is the colleges’ increased interest in determining the likelihood of a student’s enrollment.

Especially, select private institutions are so concerned about admit rate and yield that they are using the likelihood of enrollment in admissions decisions. This explains why there has been such a heavy emphasis on Early Decision because they know an admitted student will enroll.” Lawrence this year sent 42 Early Decision applications to colleges, with a 57.1% acceptance rate. There were also 60 students who applied Early Action, a significant increase from last year’s 56 and 45 the year before.

LA students begin their college process at the beginning of the junior year. The college counselors consider it important to maintain an ongoing relationship with students to keep them on track in the application process. “Since January, they have been meeting with their college counselors,” said Sheehan regarding 11th grade students. “This month we are giving advice about how to write their college essays.” Moving into senior year, college counselors meet with their students even more frequently. “They may think we are being a pain, but we are just making sure that they get everything completed by the deadlines,” Sheehan explained.

Just the thought of college is enough to stress out many high school students. Some may be concerned about whether they will get in to their school of choice, while others may be worried about writing their essays or compiling an impressive resume. In the end, everything normally turns out okay, wherever you find yourself after senior year. This graduating class has brought great pride to the LA community. With hopes that next year is just as successful, LA students should keep in mind the keys to success beyond their high school career. Sean Sheehan’s closing words were directed towards the parents of high school students: “Relax, and let your children take charge of the process.”
SPARTAN Survival Tips
by Jonny Mangini ’14

1. We have a pool, but you won’t be using it.
2. Get involved in the arts; find your inner weirdo.
3. Make close friends with your advisor/advisory.
4. Try a sport, hate it, try another one.
5. Don’t be surprised when you see groups of small children running through the quad and dining hall.
6. If you have a class with Brian Feigenbaum, he will make fun of you, don’t worry.
7. There is no such thing as “senior privileges.”
8. Get your sleep.
9. Go and support other sports teams. Cheering on your friends from the sidelines is fun and gives the chance to dress like a moron.
10. On Monday mornings, there will be poems…
11. Fear not the man they call Culley…he’s actually a really nice guy.
12. Don’t save homework until the block before the class it’s due.
13. Get yourself acclimated to the dining hall hours.
14. Go to some on campus events. They get you closer to the community and usually are pretty fun.
15. Chipotle.

Thank You, Olivia and Charlotte

We at Spectrum are overjoyed to see the progress of our newspaper over the course of this year. However, none of our success would have been possible without the help of two extremely talented young women.

This past fall, seniors Charlotte Jones and Olivia Konuk took over Spectrum with full force and worked to create a more comprehensive newspaper, along with introducing a professional appearance to our publication. That work earned them the well-deserved Francis A. Head Award for Journalism on Cum Laude Day along with their staff’s admiration.

Since the winter term, I have had the wonderful opportunity to work with these girls, along with Mr. Bishop and Mr. Sheppard, as they showed me the ropes of creating a school newspaper. Charlotte and Olivia practically created the entire newspaper themselves. After articles and photos were submitted, most of the editing and layout work was completed by these two alone. As a testament to their hard work and dedication to this newspaper, they continued to put in the same amount of time and effort into their writing and editing jobs throughout a busy senior spring.

Olivia and Charlotte have acted as mentors for me, guiding me journalistically, and giving me all the tools to carry on their success. On behalf of everyone on the Spectrum team, we would like to thank these two for everything they have done for the newspaper this year, and wish them the best of luck in college.

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