



# ROUNDTABLE

NEWS AND VIEWS FOR AND FROM KNIGHTS

## JSA Knights



*Mount Carmel School JSA Knights, Nathaniel Snodgrass, Jonelle Toskas, Jeff Melchor, and Michelle Palacios.*

Four Mount Carmel School students were recently accepted to attend Junior State of America programs this summer, including two students who received full scholarships. This is the second year in a row that two Knights have received the full scholarships funded by the US Department of Interior.

Michelle Palacios, Jeff Melchor, and Jonelle Toskas were all accepted to attend, with Melchor and Toskas earning full scholarships to their respective programs. The three students, all juniors, applied earlier in the year with the assistance of JSA alumni and MCS JSA president, Nathaniel Snodgrass.

Snodgrass attended last year's program at Stanford and was very eager to help this year's batch of students. As he put it, "It's a great program that really helped me learn more about politics and government." He added, "It's also a perfect way to prepare for college."

The Junior State of America is a program that brings high school students to top universities in the U.S. - like Stanford, Princeton and Georgetown - to take college-level courses relating to politics, from AP Government to speech to macroeconomics. Successful completion of courses typically translates to college credits for students. The program is also an opportunity for students to network with and learn from other like-minded students with interests in politics and government.

Toskas was accepted to attend the program at Princeton University and is excited about the opportunity. "I am overjoyed because Princeton is one of my dream schools. The fact that I get to go there feels really good."

Melchor was accepted to attend the program at Stanford University. Melchor said, "I look forward to exploring opportunities, including meeting new people, learning new perspectives, and improving my public speaking skills."

## Mini-Course Week 2017



*Clockwise from top left: Jennifer Villagomez (second from left) learns how to till the soil with help from NMC CREES's Solly Takai-Nakamura (far left). Kloney Virrey sautés up an omelette for Cooking 2. Karen Sato (right) and Joannie Paraiso learn how to assemble skirts in Weaving.*

Cooking. Woodwork. Dying t-shirts. These are just a few of the dozens of alternative courses that were taught this past week at Mount Carmel School as part of Mini-Course Week. In its 21st year at the school, Mini-Course Week gives junior high and high school teachers and students a chance to take a break from traditional academic instruction and dabble in hobbies and interests that engage students in hands-on learning.

This year's Mini-Courses is the fourth year for Sophomore Dayna Macaranas, who signed up for Workout 101, Zen Tangle, and the Art of Beading. She said, "It's a great experience for students to really learn some cool topics." She added, "I've really enjoyed Workout 101 with Ms. Petty; it's been active and fun."

While it was the fourth time for Macaranas to enjoy the courses, it was a first for 7th grade student, Christopher Mafnas, who took Zen Tangle and Finding Your Way with Algebra. He was pleasantly surprised by what he learned. As he put it, "It's great because I got to learn new art styles, new patterns in Zen Tangle, and it was cool to learn how Algebra helps us in our lives." Looking ahead to next year, Mafnas hopes to take basketball and cooking.

Mini-Course Week featured a wide array of unique courses, including Weaving, The Art of Beading, Latin, Barbecuing, and Bible Study. The school expresses its appreciation to the following community volunteers for helping teach this year's courses: Mark Flores, Bill Joseph, Jude Lizama, Michael Ogo, Lucy Sablan, and Solly Takai-Nakamura. The school also thanks NMC CREES for lending the support of its talented staff.

## Announcements

### Spring Break Office Hours

8:00 am–11:00 am  
1:00 pm–4:00 pm

### Congratulations Red Cross Club!

Congratulations to Mount Carmel School's Red Cross Club or raising about \$5,000 in the recent Red Cross Walk-a-Thon.

### Congratulations! Recycled Boat Race

Congratulations to our Sophomores for coming in 2nd place in the recent Build-a-Boat & Race Festival this past Saturday. Much thanks also to their adviser and coach, Ms. Colombo, for guiding and leading them.

### Beach Road Magazine's Best Mom 2017

Give your mom the best gift by winning her the title of Beach Road Magazine's Best Mom of 2017. Children ages 12–15 may compete by writing 50 words or less explaining why you think your mom is the coolest mom. Deadline for submission: Friday, April 14. For more information, call 483-3145.

### 2017 Congressional Art Competition

Congressman Kilili invites all high school students to submit artwork for this year's Congressional Art Competition. The winning entry from each congressional district, including the CNMI, will be exhibited for a year at the US Capitol. For more information, see your homeroom teacher.

## In the Future

### Holy Thursday

TOMORROW, Thursday, April 13 (no classes)

### Good Friday

Friday, April 14 (no classes)

### Spring Break

April 15–April 23

### First Holy Communion/Confirmation

April 23 (earlier announcements erroneously set this for May 7)

### PTO Easter Egg Hunt

Monday, April 24

## Sports Calendar

### CCOPSSA High School Basketball

Wednesday, April 19  
MCS 2 Girls v SIS @SIS at 4:30 pm

## ESLR of the Week

#5. *Appreciate traditions, customs and beliefs of diverse world-wide community.*



## Announcing Open Registration for SY 2017-2018

### Early Bird Registration Fee

\$200 per child (normally \$400) if registration fee is paid by May 1

### Family Discounts\*

\$600 off for 2nd child • \$1,000 off for 3rd child • \$1,500 off for 4th child

\*Available only to parents and legal guardians of children

### \$750 (per student) Scholarship & Financial Aid Packages Available

Application Forms Available May 31

### \$50 Application Fee Waived

For applications completed online

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## PTO Corner

# EASTER EGG HUNT



## Monday, April 24

***Hunt for eggs to claim cool prizes: toys, candy, cash, merits, and dress-down passes!***

The Pay-to-Play model allows students to purchase baskets, of different sizes at different prices, to fill to the brim with as many eggs as they can find.