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Social Justice: The Return of Julia Nuñez

Isiah Goewey, 2020

Julia Nuñez, a founding faculty member of BWHS, has returned to teach two seminars, Social Justice to the 9th grade and History Through Music to the 11th grade.

After founding and teaching at the San Diego Waldorf School for eight years, Profe Nuñez taught a Social Justice seminar to the 9th grade for the first time. The focus of the seminar was social justice issues around the world. The class read *They Poured Fire From The Sky: The True Story of the Lost Boys of Sudan* by Alephonsion Deng, Benson Deng, and Benjamin Ajak. The book focuses on three boys fleeing the civil war in Sudan.

The topics covered in the course were: human trafficking, violence in Central America, the civil war in Sudan, the crisis in Myanmar/Burma, the refugee crisis and responses of various countries, the Syrian civil war, and violence in the Middle East in general. Each student in the class was assigned a specific subject to research. The students each wrote an essay and created an informative poster to present to the class about their subject. At the end of the course, the class submitted art projects.

Profe Nuñez also chaperoned students Maya Cooney, Hannah McArdle, Talia Pott, and Isiah Goewey to a seminar on white privilege at Kripalu in Lenox, Massachusetts. At this seminar, Peggy



Profe Julia Nuñez

Macintosh discussed how white privilege and racism have impacted her life. “It is something that we don’t accept because we don’t want to believe it’s true,” says Hannah McArdle (2020).

We feel lucky to have been able to take this Social Justice course with Profe Nuñez. This school is unique in the fact that we get to learn about such important and diverse subjects. One of my favorite parts of the seminar was looking at how the 2016 election has impacted social justice issues.

Profe Nuñez’s current seminar, which started in early December, is History Through Music with the 11th grade. We are pleased to have Profe Nuñez back at BWHS!

9th graders with Profe Nuñez



Election Shake-Up

Thomas Williams, 2020

This year’s controversial election results have left many people in our country and community shocked. Donald Trump won the election with 306 electoral votes, compared to former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton’s 232. Amazingly, Ms. Clinton had roughly three million more votes than Mr. Trump, so even though Donald Trump won the electoral vote, Hillary Clinton won the popular vote. The other two candidates, Jill Stein of the Green Party and Gary Johnson of the Libertarian Party, only won 6.6% of the vote.

Many top political analysts were shocked at the election outcome, as few had predicted a Trump victory. Jill Stein has raised enough money for a formal recount of the votes in some states, which President-Elect Donald Trump opposes. The country is divided. Fifty-four percent of eligible voters in the U.S. did not cast a ballot, which leads many to believe that this election had the most unpopular candidates of any election in our country’s recent history.

The electoral college will meet on December 19 of this year to cast their votes for president and vice president of the United States. Many believe that the electoral college, a system that was instituted in the late 1700s to appease farmers in rural states, should be discontinued, as it does not reflect the voice of the voters, the majority of whom voted for Secretary Clinton. However, some still hope that this year the electoral college will vote against Mr. Trump, and vote for one of the other candidates as president.

This election has divided families and friends, and concern for our country’s future looms over community as the holiday season begins and 2016 draws to a close.



The Germans Learn U.S. Politics

Talia Pott, 2020



Andrea Harrington speaks to German visitors.

On Wednesday, November 2, I sat down with Sylvia Hochleitner, the visiting teacher from the Waldorf School in Munich, Germany. We talked about her life in Germany and her work at the Muenchen Schwabing Waldorf School.

Frau Hochleitner was born near Passau, which is near the southern border of Germany, close to Switzerland. When she was nineteen, she graduated from grammar school and went on to attend the University at Regensburg, where she studied English and French Education. After two years of teacher training, she began teaching at the Munich Waldorf School.

One day a former student of the Muenchen Schwabing Waldorf School, our very own Ursula Wirth, stopped by the school and spoke to Frau Hochleitner. Thus began the biennial exchange program between our two schools that has been happening ever since. This year, Frau Hochleitner retired from her teaching post, but still works as the coordinator of the exchange programs to the United States and Geneva, Switzerland.

Frau Hochleitner loves to travel, but prefers to avoid large cities when she's on the road for pleasure. If she could go anywhere in the world, she would go to Greece, a country she has visited more than fifteen times.

After the departure of the German visitors last month, the morning meeting circle has been smaller, as has the workload for Ms. Stier, Globe advisor and 9th and 11th grade English teacher. Ms. Stier taught a three-week U.S. Government & Politics seminar to the German visitors while they were here, and arranged a special visit from attorney Andrea Harrington, who ran for state senate this year. Ms. Harrington spoke to the German students about the U.S. political system, the 2016 election, and the obstacles she encountered in running for the senate.

To quote a letter from Teresa O'Brien featured in the *Berkshire Eagle*, "It is marvelous that these young people had the opportunity to talk to someone who has worked within the U.S. political system. They will take home with them insights and understanding from someone who has worked in the trenches. Even more importantly, while visiting during a time of anxiety around the recent election, they have met someone who has made a difference and continues to make a difference in people's lives."

Frau Hochleitner enjoyed listening in on the political seminar, which was a huge success. It was a great opportunity for the visiting Germans, and certainly an interesting time for them to learn about our government and political system.

"And Here Ends Our Catechism!"

Talia Pott, 2020



Solomon Bennett (2018) as Glendower

I am sure those of you who did not participate in the Fall Festival are wondering how our in-school performances of *Henry IV, Part I* went. Though we did not have a large audience, the cast and crew steadily climbed in perfection and energy as we progressed. At the Tina Packer Playhouse, as predicted, the audience was responsive, and the energy was so high that we rocked it!

Sadly, the last day of the festival was cancelled due to snow. We missed the final two performances, as well as the closing Reverence. A social media effort ensued among the schools to have these performances postponed instead of canceled, and after persuading the teachers and directors that it would be a good idea, Lenox Memorial Middle and High School jumped in and offered Chatham and Taconic Hills their theater, knowing that those schools would have a hard time getting people to come to see their shows because their theaters are so far away.

In the end, the last two shows were rescheduled two weekends later (Saturday, December 3), and *The Ones Where It Snowed* became their nickname.



Students take a bow after performing *Henry IV, Part I*.

Letter From the Editors

Talia Pott and Isiah Goewey, 2020, Co-Editors

Two 9th graders running the student newspaper? Yes, it's true! Isiah Goewey and Talia Pott have taken over as co-editors for the *Globe* student newspaper. The focus of this month's issue is the holidays! We want to include recipes, riddles, and make the *Globe* more interactive. Our new staff consists of all 9th graders. Hannah McArdle, Isabella Far, and Thomas Williams join us as new reporters. As 9th graders, we have been able to bring fresh ideas to the student newspaper and continue to take it in a new direction.

Each month we get together and brainstorm ideas for next month's issue. The editors then assign each person an article based on his or her interests. The editors make comments and corrections on the first round of articles, and the reporters make the necessary adjustments until the articles are finalized for publication.

After the newspaper has been laid out, the editors send the final version to *Globe* advisor Ms. Stier and school director Dr. Sagarin to look it over and make any last adjustments. Then the paper is sent to press. Please enjoy this holiday issue of the *Globe*!

Happy Holidays!

Warmly,

Isiah T. Goewey & Talia C. Pott

Co-Editors, BWHS *Globe*

Holiday Recipe: Jam Thumbprint Cookies

Hannah McArdle, 2020



Jam Thumbprint Cookies

Ingredients:

3/4 pound (3 sticks) unsalted butter, at room temperature
 1 cup sugar
 1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
 3 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
 1/4 teaspoon kosher salt
 1 egg beaten with 1 tablespoon water, for egg wash
 7 ounces sweetened flaked coconut
 Raspberry or apricot jam

Directions:

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F.

Mix together the butter and sugar until they are combined and then add the vanilla. In another bowl, sift together the flour and salt. Slowly add the flour mixture to the creamed butter and sugar. Mix until the dough starts to come together. Dump on a floured board and roll together into a flat disk. Wrap in plastic and chill for 30 minutes.

Roll the dough into 1 1/4-inch balls. (If you have a scale, they should each weigh 1 ounce.) Dip each ball into the egg wash and then roll it in coconut. Place the balls on an ungreased cookie sheet and press a light indentation into the top of each with your finger. Drop 1/4 teaspoon of jam into each indentation.

Bake for 20 to 25 minutes, until the coconut is a golden brown. Cool and serve.

From: The Food Network

Funny teacher quote of the month:

"I'M NOT YOUR BUDDY. I'M YOUR MR. BUDDY."

- Mr. Sagarin

Promising Season for Girls' Basketball Team

Isabella Far and Hannah McArdle, 2020

The girls' basketball season is off to a good start with their first win on Tuesday, November 29, against Hawthorne Valley. Their second game was on Friday, December 2, against Simon's Rock, which was a close game that ended with a hard loss for our team. In their second game against Simon's Rock, they started out with the lead, but unfortunately were narrowly defeated. They faced HV Rocks at KAC on Tuesday, December 13. The game was a close one, and our team won by two points in overtime. It was a very exciting game.

The girls' team is coached by Warren Palmer, the school's physical education teacher, who works with the girls in order to improve the team as a whole. The team consists of nine girls: four freshmen, one junior, and three seniors. The team is led by three strong seniors, Erika Wainwright, Isabella Serpe, and Amelia Churchill.

The team practices at the Simon's Rock gym on Tuesday and Thursday, and at Berkshire South on Monday. They play teams such as Hotchkiss JV, Eagle Hill School, Hawthorne Valley School, Simon's Rock, and Miss Hall's School.



BWHS Girls' Basketball Team

Jazzing Things Up

Isabella Far, 2020

The jazz elective has started again this semester, taught by our wonderful chorus teacher, Robert Kelly. Before Mr. Kelly came to the school last year, he was in various bands and musical groups, and he also taught music lessons at his home. The jazz elective couldn't happen during the first semester of the year due to the Shakespeare Fall Festival.

They practice on Wednesdays and Fridays from 12:30 to 1:30 pm. The band features a variety of instruments and the addition of two vocalists, Lucia-Rae Ginsburg (2020) and Luke Lamond (2019). Noah Pott (2018) plays piano, Valentino Major (2018) plays drums, Gwen Labaty (2020) plays the flute, David Frishkoff (2019) plays clarinet, and Cory Barton-Cain (2019) plays bass.

The students are enjoying how Mr. Kelly teaches them music theory and introduces a variety of different songs.

Caption That!

Return a piece of paper with your caption for the photo below to the Globe submissions basket in the front office. The winning caption (voted on by the Globe staff) will be published with the photo in the following issue, and the winner will also receive a \$10 gift certificate to GB Eats. May the best caption win!



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 Samantha Stier

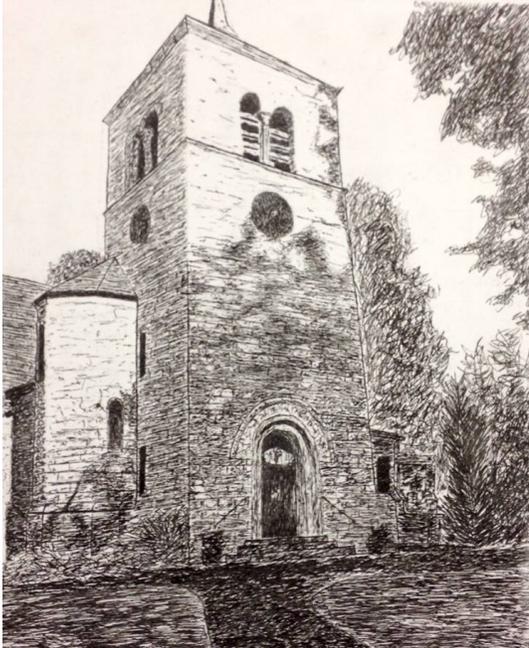
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BWHS Student Artwork & Photography



Pen and ink drawing by Bram Fisher (2018)



Book of Kells illustration by Laura Coe (2018)



Photo of Dalyan by Amelia Churchill (2017)



Photo of Lucy by Shannon Folmer (2017)



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Stained glass by Noah Pott (2018)