

PACA Connect Meeting
March 13, 2024
8:00 AM, Fireside Dining Room

- I. Mingling among the Third Grade Wax Museum and 8th Grade Science Exit Project student presenters
- II. Welcome: Gaby May and Ellie Merritt-Zeiger, President and Vice-President of PACA
- III. Samples of Public Speaking at Columbus Academy
 - A. Elizabeth Sinclair, 3rd Grade Wax Museum
 1. Process: Selection of person, research over several weeks, timeline creation, drafting of life story, final copy published in book form, writing speech, creating poster and book cover, rehearsal, presentations this week in the Jones and Mac Gyms
 2. This is the 26th year of this CA tradition
 - B. Alison Eisert, 8th Grade Science Exit Projects
 1. Culmination of science learning in 6th, 7th, and 8th grades
 2. Very detailed lab research
 3. Entire scientific investigation
 4. Data analysis and graph creation
 5. Presentation at science fair Thursday, March 14
 - C. Cory Izokaitis, US Division Head—examples of public speaking in the US
 1. CAAPS program CA Applied Science Program—connected to OSU College of Engineering—summer-long work at OSU, then create a poster presentation in the fall
 2. Elective (semester-long) English class in US: Writing in the Marketplace
 - a) Researching businesses
 - b) Real-life presentations to businesses and nonprofits
 - c) Speak without any notes
 - d) 5th year of this course
 3. Kimberly Reiner, Head Coach of the Speech and Debate Team
 - a) Second year of this program
 - b) Zero period class
 - c) Focus on public speaking aspect of Speech and Debate
 - d) CA focuses on 10 different events including acting events (10 minutes), limited prep events (7 minutes), and public address events (10 minutes)
 - e) Class structure: Workshop style, students pick 1 or maybe 2 events to focus on
 - f) 63 students in the program this year
 - g) Create video portfolios across the years to track progress

- h) Tournaments: virtual synchronous, virtual asynchronous, and in-person (one in-person event required each season)
 - i) This year, 19 students with 4 alternates qualified for the state tournament
 - j) Awarded Top Novice Team in the state of Ohio
 - k) 77 members of the National Speech and Debate Honor Society
 - l) 4 Academic All-American Award Nominees (academics, public service, etc.)
 - m) CA won 6 of 9 of the state Speaking and Service Awards in Ohio last year
4. Junior Speeches
- a) Junior Speech is the longest standing CA tradition
 - b) Every Thursday, 3-4 juniors present their speeches
 - c) Amy Seymore directs the Junior Speeches
- D. Public speaking at CA is a major focus and differentiates CA from other schools
- IV. Ritu Bakhru: CAPSA invites all parents to the Art of Living Event on April 3 at 6:30 PM in the dining hall
- A. Workshop called “Beyond Breath”--techniques to deal with stress, how to talk to your children about how to deal with stress, and more
- V. PACA Call for Nominations, Ellie Merritt-Zeiger
- A. Executive Committee positions available:
 1. Vice President
 2. Budget Manager
 3. Secretary
 4. LS Division Lead parents
 5. MS Division Lead parents
 6. US Division Lead parents
 - B. Committee Positions:
 1. Charlie David Dinner
 2. Faculty Appreciation
 3. Service Committee (Kids4Kids)
 4. Book Fair
 5. LS Carnival
 6. Clothing Exchange Closet
 7. Nominations and Governance Committee
 - C. Self nominations or peer nominations can occur (please make sure your peers know you are nominating them!) **Nominations are due this Friday, March 15.**
 - D. Timeline:
 1. Nomination window: Feb. 15-March 15
 2. Nominations will be confirmed by April 24
 3. The slate will be presented at the PACA Connect meeting on April 24

4. The final vote on the slate will occur at the PACA Connect meeting on May 8

VI. Announcements

- A. All Day 4 CA: April 18-19 Wear your Viking spirit wear!
- B. April 24 is the next PACA Connect meeting focused on the arts at CA—this is a change from the second Wednesday of the month to align with the Senior Art Show)

VII. Meeting adjourned at 9:02 AM