

**Thomas Jefferson High School for  
Science and Technology**



**ACADEMIC BOOSTERS, INC.  
AWARDS RECEPTION**

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7, 2006  
6:30~8:30 p.m.**

## ACADEMIC TEAM

The Academic Team has completed another great season. Here are just a few of the highlights from 2005-2006, when we:

- Won the University of Maryland's High School Invitational Tournament,
- Won the UVA Cavalier Classic X Tournament,
- Went undefeated in winning the Virginia High School League District and Northern Region Tournaments,
- Won the Virginia High School League State Championship,
- Finished in the top 10 at the National Academic Quiz Tournament High School Championship, and
- Finished 3<sup>rd</sup> out of 774 teams competing at the High School Knowledge Master Open.

A busy year -- and we couldn't have done as well as we did without the support, enthusiasm, and patience of our new coach, Mrs. Donohue. Thank you so much for everything!

Congratulations to all Team members and in particular graduating seniors Charlotte Seid, Neel Kotra, Scott Ylinen, Dan Schafer, Adam Lederer, and Megan Ammirati.

## BIOLOGY OLYMPIAD

This is the fourth year of the Biology Olympiad. Helped by Coach Ithalda Uston, students used many of their 8<sup>th</sup> period blocks to prepare for the preliminary exam in February. Twenty-seven TJ students -- Bruce Sun, Daniel Metzel, Alice Gissinger, Zixuan Wang, Peigu Want, Nina Ran, Allison Shea, Emily Prentice, Ben Ranard, Lisa Marrone, Han Zhang, Jessica Lee, Peter Bojo, Andrew Li, Melissa Shue, Yu Zhao, Jason Besecky, Francis Deng, N. Madhusudhan, George Leef, Stephen Chi, Cassandra Xia, Helen Zhang, Rebecca Chung, Oleg Lazarev, Charlotte Seid, and Victor Zhu -- all scored well enough to take the test to determine who will attend the national training camp, from which international team members are chosen.

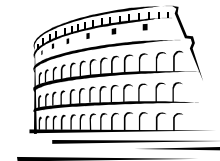


All Biology Olympiad participants want to express their gratitude to Coach Uston for organizing the 8<sup>th</sup> period practices, preparing lessons, and generally doing everything possible to make sure all students were as prepared as possible for the tests.

## CERTAMEN

The Latin *Certamen* (Latin Academic game) teams completed another fantastic year. After doing well in local and regional competitions -- including winning the Ad Fuentes Certamen at George Mason University and Flint Hill Certamen -- team members moved on to the Virginia State Championships.

The TJ Certamen team won first place at the Virginia State Championship. Congratulations to team members Nalaie Villacorta, Maia Wei, Lily Hsiang, SoonWook "Drusus" Hong, Steven Drodge, Lucas Carreno, and Steve Kim. After four years, the Latin 1 team recaptured the first place glory achieved by current seniors Colton O'Connor, Allie Perez, and Abi Sawant.



The TJ certamen teams wish *maximas gratias agere* to our teacher and sponsor, Ms. Conklin. For four years she has offered her advice, support, and enthusiasm; put hundreds of hours into preparing multiple teams for all their competitions; and used her vast experience to make TJ's Latin program one of the best in the state. *Ave magistra optima!*

## CHEMISTRY OLYMPIAD

Congratulations to Chemistry Olympiad finalists Nebojsa Momcilovic, Veronica Pillar, Joel Shor, and Seshan (Jack) Wang. Senior Nebojsa Momcilovic and sophomore Seshan (Jack) Wang were nominated this year to represent TJ in the testing program for a chance to participate in the national training camp. Congratulations to Nebojsa, Jack, and all other competitors. And thanks again to Team Coach Brian Kennedy for all his hard work and another great year!



## CHESS TEAM

TJ's Chess Team continued to astound in 2005-2006. In November, the team finished third at the National Youth Action Tournament in Atlanta, taking home 17 trophies and 5 plaques. They followed this achievement by winning the Southern Division of the Metro Area Chess League (MACL) and then winning the 2006 title for the Virginia Scholastic Chess Championships. This was their 8<sup>th</sup> consecutive state title, and it was also the 5<sup>th</sup> consecutive year that a TJ student -- freshman Eddie Lu -- was the individual in first place. Atul Kannan took home a trophy for 8<sup>th</sup> place.



The Chess Team then capped off the year by taking fifth place in the National High School Championship in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Over 1400 players from hundreds of schools across the country competed in this event. Competing for TJ were Eddie Lu, Byron Hood, Tim Chen, Atul Kannan, Yang He, Jacob Steinhardt, Tom Chen, Emma Pierson, Brian Hu, Alissa Perman and Nick Loffredo. Individual awards were captured by Eddie (trophy and plaque), Byron (plaque), Tim (plaque), Atul (plaque), Jacob (trophy), Emma (trophy), and Brian (trophy). This is a tremendous accomplishment during a "rebuilding year" for our very young team (of only 3 juniors, 6 sophomores, and 2 freshman).

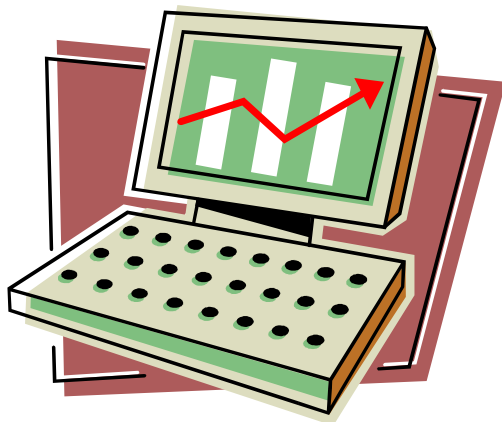
Team members want to thank their faculty sponsor, Michael Steuben, and Parent Coaches, Linda and Rick Loffredo, for all their support. We know how much time and effort you put into making the year such a success for all.

## COMPUTER TEAM

Congratulations to TJ's Computer Team, which this year has again won a slew of ACM competitions. Specific congratulations to our University of Maryland Senior Team (Tom Morgan, Men Young Lee, Evans Liang, and Johathan Wang); Virginia Commonwealth University Team (Jacob Steinhardt, Josh Cranmer, Nadeem Kolia, and Fred Mako); and ACSL All-Star Team (Johathan Wang, Jacob Steinhardt, Tom Morgan, Evans Xiang, and Justin Solomon).

In addition, three TJ students were chosen to be among the 20 participants at the USA Invitational Computer Olympiad camp. Kudos to Tom Morgan, Jonathan Wang, and Jacob Steinhardt!

And thanks once again to Senior Coach Anne Little and Freshmen Coach Steve Rose for another great year!



## DEBATE TEAM

The Good News: TJ's Debate Team just completed its most successful season ever. Our Lincoln-Douglas Debate Team won the DC Metropolitan Sweepstakes Award, which means that our Lincoln-Douglas debaters were cumulatively the best in the region this past year. Not to be outdone, our Policy Debate Team qualified two teams (Crystal Zheng and Sisy Wang; Colin Buss and Dan Holohan) to compete in the CFL Nationals in Chicago. In addition, the Policy Debate Team of senior Crystal Zheng and junior Colin Buss placed second overall at the VHSL State Debate Tournament in Lynchburg in April. Congratulations to all TJ debaters for a great season!



The Bad News: This season was the last for our graduating seniors: Lincoln-Douglas Debaters Daniel Chavez, Ben Field, Spencer Fogg, Manvi Goel, and Grace Meng, and Policy Debaters Sisy Wang and Crystal Zheng.

All team members recognize that they would not have had the chance to compete and succeed if it were not for our coach, sponsor, and friend, English teacher Sherwood Williams. Mr. Williams is always there for us. On weeknights, he fields frantic emails from confused students and untangles logistical snarls. On Saturdays, he wakes up early to judge debaters who speak so fast that most people when fully awake wouldn't make out a single word. It's not an easy job, but no matter how stressful things get, Mr. Williams is always up for a good laugh about anything, from bad debate puns to a plush squid in an Elvis costume. Thank you, Mr. Williams, for your dedication, for your sense of humor, and for another wonderful year.

## FUTURE PROBLEM SOLVERS

For TJ's Future Problem Solving teams, the State Bowl is the most crucial tournament of the season. This year, in the Senior Division of the State Bowl, two of our teams took second and third place and qualified for the FPS International Bowl. Congratulations to the senior team of Jake Letson, Mackensie Sigalos, Sally Simms, and Liza Sonnenberg; and the sophomore team of Oleg Lazarev, Jesse Liu, Cassandra Xia, and Rose Zu. Receiving Honorable Mention was the team of Rachel Cackler, Nishad Samant, Sasha Scott, and Cindy Wei.

In the Intermediate Division at the State Bowl, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place was won by the freshman team of Maneeshika Madduri, Liz Sullivan, Pooja Vinayak, and So-Jung Youn. Receiving Honorable Mention were freshmen Alexis Barrett, Kevin Casto, Logan Gates, and Clarice Lee.



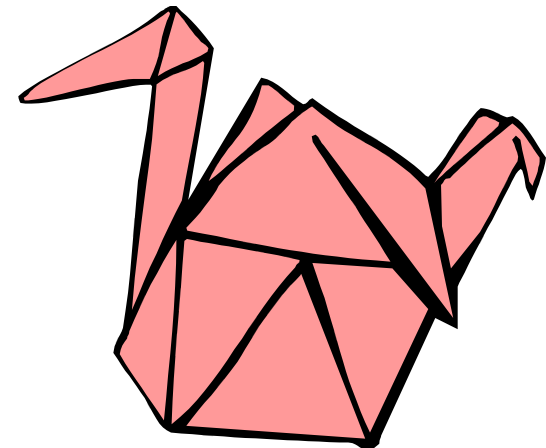
Future Problem Solvers bids farewell to the following seniors who have been dedicated members of the club for four years: Manvi Goel, Grace Meng, Elizabeth Yang, Crystal Zheng, Jake Letson, Mackensie Sigalos, Sally Simms, and Liza Sonnenberg

Credit for much of the success and achievements of TJ's Future Problem Solving teams goes to our sponsor, Mr. Fred Lampazzi. His leadership, organization, patience, positive attitude and support foster enthusiasm and unity within the club. As a result, our club earned academic distinction and also has been resourceful in promoting critical reasoning and sound problem solving skills throughout the school.

## JAPAN BOWL

With the Help and Support of 1<sup>st</sup>-Year Coach Chiaki Rochkind, our Level 4 Japan Bowl Team -- Sam Davis, Akshay Joshi, and Yang Jiao -- won 2<sup>nd</sup> place at the 2006 National Japan Bowl. Level 3 and 2 Team Students making it to the semi-final round include Samantha Keyser, Jessica Lee, Ji Eun, casto Unson, Cindy Jui, and Elise Ko.

Congratulations to TJ's Japan Bowl Team and thank you to Coach Chiaki Rochkind for another great year!



## MATH TEAM

The Math Team just keeps rolling along. Some examples:

- We had 15 qualifiers at the USA Math Olympiad. No school in the country had more qualifiers than TJ!
- We won the Virginia Math League Competition.
- We captured first and second place at the Duke Math Meet.
- We came in second at the Harvard/MIT Math Tournament



Congratulations to the entire team! And farewell to Team Leaders and Graduating Seniors Jesse Geneson, Peter Diao, Daniel Schafer, Thomas Hsu, and Nadeem Kolia.

And, as always, a million thanks to our Coach, Pat Gabriel. It is impossible to put into words how much we appreciate your passion, time, enthusiasm, patience, encouragement, and time.

## MODEL UNITED NATIONS

Our Model UN Team once again brought home the top school and top individual prizes from all its local conferences (George Mason H.S., Chantilly H.S., C.D. Hylton H.S., Fairfax H.S.), and the regional George Mason University conference! The team also received the Outstanding Large School Delegation award at William and Mary's conference.

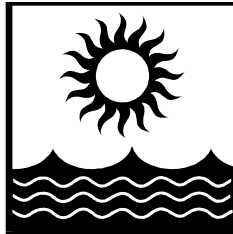


And, so, as the school year comes to a close, 2006 begins to mirror 1989, and the Party's time begins to fade into a new generation. Many thanks to the MUN leadership team centered in the 2005-2006 Officer Corps and headed by: Secretary-General Ben Field, Undersecretary-General Sachi Edson, and Director-General Sophia Mian. A first installment of what we hope to be many thanks to our new sponsor Ms. Jennifer Bain, and our everlasting and unbounded thanks to Mr. Patrick McCarthy, who will be retiring this year after being the beloved sponsor of the club for a decade and a half. Our best wishes for wherever life beyond TJ will take you!

And best wishes to our graduating seniors: Peter Ban, Yidan Chen, Jaeho Choi, Sandeep Das, Sachi Edson, Jason Ethier, Christie Falco, Liz Faubell, Ben Field, Alice Gissing, Manvi Goel, Catherine Hartman, Akshay Joshi, Nihan Kaya, Nyla Khan, Anita Kinney, Rohit Koppula, Andrew Labak, Amy Ledig, Lisa Marrone, Sophia Mian, Raamin Mostaghimi, Josh Mullins, Kartheek Mulpuri, Mike Murphy, Shanti Nambiar, Ram Nayak, Samir Patel, Robert Posaki, Stephen Reader, Ab Sawant, Sarina Siddhanti, Ankur Sisodia, Deepak Srinivasan, Neel Trivedi, Ravi Udeshi, Randy Wang, Meera Yeramilli, and Alice Zhang.

## OCEAN BOWL

Congratulations to Coach Lisa Wu and to the Ocean Bowl Team for another amazing year!



TJ's A Team -- Captain Wil Kilpatrick, Avi Baehr, Seth Maddell, Helen Zhang, and Zack Yang -- took First Place at the regional (Virginia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, and Washington, D.C.) Chesapeake Bay Bowl in February. That qualified the Team to compete in the National Competition in Monterey, California, where the Team finished 8<sup>th</sup> in the country! Congratulations Wil, Avi, Seth, Helen, and Zack!

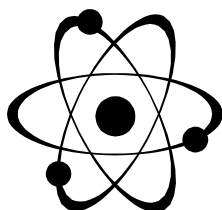
## ODYSSEY OF THE MIND

Congratulations to our Odyssey of the Mind Teams. After competing successfully at the local and regional levels, five (5) teams qualified and competed at the World OM Tournament in Ames, Iowa in May. Every competing TJ finished in the top 15 in the tournament. And the team of Vidya Avadhanam, Kevin Brown, Ankur Desai, Peter Gudmundsen, Richard Kim, Peter Kole, and Kevin Pujanauski won the Spontaneous Competition and made the final round where they finished sixth in the world!



The Teams thank their new Sponsor, Emmet Rosenfeld, and tireless Parent Coordinator, Jinny Gudmundsen. We couldn't have done it without their support and the support of all our other parent coaches.

## PHYSICS TEAM



This year, 12 TJ students reached the semi-finals of the U.S. Physics Olympiad Selections process. Of those twelve, two -- Men-Young Lee and Veronica Pillar -- qualified to attend the U.S. Olympiad Training Camp.

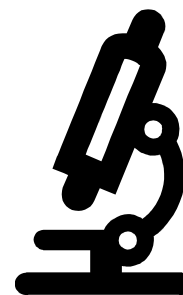
And then -- for the second year in a row -- Men Young Lee was chosen to participate as a member of the U.S. Traveling Team, which will compete internationally in Singapore this summer. (Men Young Lee won a gold medal in last year's competition.)

Team members want to thank our Coach, Dr. John Dell, for being an invaluable resource in preparing for this year's exams.

## SCIENCE BOWL

Congratulations to the five members of TJ's Science Bowl: Neel Kotra, Daniel Schafer, Charlotte Seid, Logan Kearsley, and Lisa Marrone!

The Team competed and won the Virginia Regionals and then went on to compete in a field of 65 teams to win the U.S. Department of Energy National Science Bowl. There they placed 1<sup>st</sup> in the Interactive Science Activity. In the Science Bowl contest, they went 9-0 before losing to the champion team, State College HS. This placed them 5<sup>th</sup> out of 65 regional teams and earned \$1,000 for TJ.



Special Thanks to our Coach, Sharon Baker, for all her help in preparing us for this very competitive event.