Students Awarded Prestigious Cleveland Clinic Internships

Two juniors will be kept busy this summer, thanks to their selection for competitive, nine-week Cleveland Clinic paid internships designed to inspire students to embrace science and math as keys to success, and to encourage them to continue scientific studies throughout their academic careers and the rest of their lives.

Out of hundreds of Northeast Ohio applicants, Alison Rogozinski was awarded a Science Internship and Sara Hurley was chosen for a Medical Laboratory Internship.

The Science Internship is designed to increase high school students' interest and literacy in science by expanding their learning experiences beyond the classroom. "I want to be a biomedical engineer," shared Alison, whose interest in this career was furthered this year by working alongside a scientist at Great Lakes NeuroTech as part of the Junior Professional Shadowing Program.

Sara was selected for the Medical Laboratory Internship Program, held in collaboration with the Pathology & Laboratory Medicine Institute. This program was designed to expand students' knowledge of and exposure to the wide range of career paths in medical laboratory science. "I will assist scientists with research, and do some research of my own," she shared. "I'm definitely interested in the sciences as a career, possibly doing genetic research or being a physicist, so I know this internship will be extremely interesting!"

Their selection continues the pattern of Saint Joseph Academy students being chosen for this prestigious program.

Congratulations, Sara and Alison!

Spring Sports in Full Swing, Seniors Pondering College Choices

Doesn't Easter break seem a long time ago? Activities quickly filled the calendar this week as students resumed classes, spring sports competitions heated up and rehearsals intensified for the Spring Play (see more information on that in this newsletter). In another "how quickly time flies moment," seniors have only a few more weeks before committing to a college or university. Let us keep them in our thoughts and prayers as they tackle this enormous decision.

~ James M. Cantwell, Ed.D.
Spanish Students Experience the Artistry, History of Latin Dance

On Monday, April 8, upper level Spanish students had the opportunity to visit the Cleveland Masonic Auditorium to experience Latin rhythms and flamenco dance. They were accompanied by World Languages chair Mrs. Alison Morgan and Spanish teacher Mr. Ethan Saurwien. After each performance, students discovered the names and sounds of instruments from different Spanish speaking countries around the world. As familiar Spanish songs were played, students were able to dance, sing, and ask questions.

The experience allowed students to discover the art of flamenco. Flamenco is a form of storytelling through dance (baile), singing (cante), guitar playing (toque), and hand claps (palmas). It originated in the southern part of Spain, mainly Andalusia from the Gitanos, or Romani people of Spain.

Becca Sedlak '14 and Jenna Kohut '15 described the flamenco as a mix of Spanish culture and tradition through songs and dancing. "The performances were interesting and soothing at the same time," shared Katie White '15. "Flamenco dancing uses very involved, emotional, and complicated technique to portray feeling," added Abby Yarcusko '15.

Sustainability and Justice Discussed at Student Symposium

This week, 28 freshmen, sophomores, juniors and seniors attended a nearly daylong symposium titled “Generation Waking Up,” a youth partner initiative that is part of “Awakening the Dreamer,” a global campaign to ignite young people to bring forth a thriving, just, sustainable world. The symposium was led by Vice President for Mission, Sister Phyllis DiFuccia, SSJ. An “Awakening the Dreamer” session also was recently held for faculty and staff, raising awareness schoolwide about commitment to sustainability issues, spiritual fulfillment and social justice. Both symposiums address the promise of our sponsoring Sisters of the Congregation of St. Joseph “to recognize the reality that Earth is dying, to claim our oneness with Earth and to take steps to strengthen, heal and renew the face of Earth.”

Activities included students thinking about the question “Who are We?” and looking at unexamined assumptions (“What has to change?” to “What do we do now?”). Students were encouraged to think about how they can begin to have an impact on changing systems. Julie Simmons ’13, Jordan Roso, ’15, and Halli Grunder, ’14 presented the four facilitators with original prints of symbols depicting nature and change.
Students Gain International Perspective During Travels to France, Italy

Fifteen students traveled to Paris and the Loire Valley and 25 students visited the wonders of Rome, Pompeii, Florence, Assisi, Venice and the island of Capri this Easter break, as part of Saint Joseph Academy's emphasis on providing students with a global perspective.

The French travelers started their adventure with two wonderful days in Paris, taking in the wonders of the Sorbonne, Notre Dame Cathedral and, of course, the Louvre. After that, students traveled to Versaille, a city west of Paris and best known for its magnificent palace built by Louis XIV in the mid-17th century and the location where the treaty ending World War I was signed in 1919. Other highlights of the nine-day trip included Normandy beaches with its World War II museums, monuments, cemeteries and battle remains left in tribute to the courage of the British, Canadian, and American armies.

The two dozen students traveling to Italy marveled at such ancient wonders as the Colosseum, Venice, Sorrento and Florence. During the nine-day trip, students toured the Amphitheater, the Balcony of Juliet, Piazza dei Signori and the Arche Scaligere. They took a boat to Murano Island, where they visited a glass factory. An afternoon was spent in Pisa, viewing the Piazza dei Miracoli with its Leaning Tower. In the city of Assisi, a walking tour included a visit to the Church of Santa Chiara, St. Francis' Basilica and St. Francis' Tomb. In Rome, students saw the Trinity of the Mounts, the Spanish Steps and the Trevi Fountain. A highlight, of course, was visiting the Vatican and seeing Pope Francis! The tour concluded with a visit to the gorgeous island of Capri.
Crew

The Jaguar Navy capped a strong week of training over Easter break with success at their first regatta of the spring season. Racing against crews from Cleveland Scholastic Rowing Association (CSRA), SJA finished the day 3-0 in both the Varsity 4+ and Varsity 8+ events. In their first race for the purple and gold, the Jaguar Novice 8+ finished the morning with a 1-2 record. Thanks to all the family, friends, and faculty/staff for lining the banks of the Cuyahoga River to cheer the crew to victory!
The Crew travels south to Marietta, Ohio on April 13 to compete in the Lindamood Cup Regatta.

Softball

The Jaguars opened the season on Wednesday, April 3, with a 6-3 win over Fairview Park High School. Sophomore Brenna Heffernan pitched a complete game to record her first victory. Freshman Elisabeth Enovitch went 3-4 in the game with 3 stolen bases.

On Thursday, April 4, the team traveled to Kingsport Tennessee. They finished 1-4 against tough competition that fielded 43 teams from all around the country. The Jaguars opened the tournament with a 9-3 victory over Davey Crockett High School. Brenna Heffernan pitched another complete game for her second win of the season. First baseman Shannon Scaggs ’14 and catcher Kathleen Jones ’15 both had doubles in the game.
The Jags ran into tougher competition and pitching after the first game losing 11-1, 10-0, 7-1 and 7-5.

Overall it was a good experience for the players that should help them against competition here at home.

Tickets on Sale for “Murder Mystery” Spring Play

Mark your calendars for the Saint Joseph Academy Spring play, “The Musical Comedy Murders of the 1940’s.” The plot involves Broadway producers holding auditions for their new show. A blizzard isolates them, characters disappear, bodies appear and accusing fingers point in all directions.
The play is Friday, April 26, and Saturday, April 27 at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, April 28, at 2:30 p.m. Reserved seating is $12, general admission is $10 and senior/student is $5. Advanced ticket sales are for reserved seating only, which is available from April 10 through April 23.
Make checks payable to “Saint Joseph Academy.” Please call STArts president Matt Walsh 216.906.3068, access the order form here, or email at walshma@cox.net.

Cecilia’s Song Performing at Progressive Field

Please join us on Tuesday May 21, at 7:05 p.m. at Progressive Field as the Cleveland Indians take on the Detroit Tigers and Cecilia’s Song, our famed a cappella choir, sings the National Anthem.
The event is sponsored by the parent support group STArts (Support The Arts). Lower box seat tickets are $20 (face value $34). Proceeds from the ticket sales will benefit the performing arts at Saint Joseph Academy.
Tickets are limited and will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis. For tickets, please fill out the attached order form and return with your payment to 3470 Rocky River Drive, Cleveland, OH 44111, or call 216.906.3068, or email STArts president Matt Walsh at walshma@cox.net.
Paid ticket orders must be received no later than May 3.

Sophomore Meets Fellow Jaguar on Cruise!

Emily Keller ’15 had a real “it's a small world” moment while vacationing on Easter break with her parents on a Disney cruise. There, performing onstage was Rebecca Kostell ’08!
Rebecca, who graduated from New York University last year with a Musical Theater major, took time to pose with a fellow Jaguar!

L-R, Rebecca Kostell ’08, Emily Keller ’15
Track & Field
The Track and Field team started the season with a win against the Brecksville Bees with a score of 82-54. The Jaguars won 12 of 17 events including: Shot Put - sophomore Brittany Morrison; Discus - junior Nicole Rave; Pole Vault - freshman Bridget McGuire; 4 x 800m relay - senior Brenna McGrath, Becca Sedlak junior, senior Emilee Armbruster and senior Helen Steve; 100 hurdles - senior MaryKate Caja; 100m dash - sophomore Janea Adams; 1600m run - junior Rachel McGuire; 4 x 100m relay - sophomore Destiny Evans, sophomore Sarah Stottner, junior Gab Leon and sophomore Janea Adams; 300 hurdles - senior MaryKate Caja; 200m dash - senior Brenna McGrath; 3200m run - Jess Bresnahan; 4 x 400m relay - sophomore Anna Farris, junior Gab Leon, junior Rachel McGuire and senior Emilee Armbruster.

SJA hosted its first Track & Field Invitational at Fairview High School's stadium on Saturday, April 6. The Jaguars won with a score of 212.5 points, almost 100 points ahead of runner-up Brecksville High School. The Kristin Eucker Most Valuable Performer Award was given to senior Brenna McGrath, who anchored the winning 4 x 200m relay, won the long jump and won the 400m dash.

There were many other great performers from all around the team including: senior MaryKate Caja - 1st in the 300 hurdles, and part of the winning 4 x 200 and 4 x 400 relays; junior Nicole Rave - 1st in the discus; freshman Kyrielle Williams - 1st in the 100m dash, 2nd in the high jump, and 2nd in the 200m dash; and freshman Bridget McGuire - 1st in pole vault and part of the winning 4 x 800m relay, 6th in 400m dash.

Congratulations to senior Brenna McGrath for being featured this week in The Plain Dealer's "Locker Room-Players of the Week" feature. Brenna was singled out for winning the 400 in 1:01.13, the long jump in 15-9 and running on the winning 4 x 200 relay at the April 6 invitational. To read the story, visit here.

Rugby
On Saturday, April 6, JV traveled to Columbus to play against Dayton High School. The JV team showed its skills by beating Dayton 50-12. Scoring Jaguars included Rachael Kean '16, Erin McGinty '15, Amanda Burns '15 and Jacqueline Harter '15. Erin McGinty also proved to be a leader on the field and earned “Maiden of the Match.”

JV played Hudson High School the next day, winning 73-0. Scorers for the Jaguars included Emily Hirzel '14, Kerry Reddy '16, Rachael Kean '16, Mary Timmons '14, Michelle Roman '13, Taylar Valentine '15 and Nicole Morino '13. Kerry took home the “Maiden of the Match” title.

Varsity also played Hudson on Sunday and brought home a victory. Contributing to the winning final score of 36-12 were tries by Colleen Kramer '13, Claire Reddy '14, Ali DeCrane '14, Victoria Pelagalli '13 and Lauren Brooks '13. Moira McGuire '13 put away some impressive conversion kicks, adding 6 more points to help lock in the win. Ali stumped the Hudson Team with a quick punt that lead to a try and added to her winning “Maiden of the Match.”