

THE WARRIOR WITNESS

The latest news and updates from the Renaissance Charter High School for Innovation.

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PHOTO BY ALON SICHERMAN FOR NEW KINGSTON MEDIA

I'm so tired, aren't you?

by Zoe Whitehead-Evans

This summer, the Black Lives Matter movement captured the world's attention as it took over America state by state. Protests took place nationwide and all over the world. Black Lives Matter was first sparked by the death of Trayvon Martin, a 17 year boy, in 2012, although it pushes further back to the terrible death of Emmet Till in 1955. This movement advocates and fights for justice and speaks on behalf of victims of injustice, ignored by the law.

Now, the recent uprising of protest has been brought up by the death of George Floyd, a father of 3, in May of this year who died with a cop's knee on his neck for having a "fake" bill. There are so many more who have not received the justice they so rightly deserve and people are tired of waiting. One example, and I will remind you to say her name, was Breonna Taylor. A Black woman just like myself, she was shot and killed while she slept in her bed, in her home. While

the city of Louisville has paid Taylor's family money as a settlement, she has not yet received any meaningful justice. Just like the many other Black women who have yet to receive theirs. All lives can't matter until Black lives matter, and until Hispanic lives matter and Asian lives matter and so on. Black people just want to live in a world where they don't have to worry about being murdered every time they leave their houses. Black mothers just want to live in a world where they don't have to worry about their Black sons or daughters not making it back home safely. Equality and justice will take a long time but I know we can fight longer. In the poem, "Tired," Langston Hughes writes: "I am so tired of waiting, / aren't you / for the world to become good, / and beautiful and kind?" There are more than enough ways to get involved, such as: joining protests, donating money to families and mutual aid organizations, and supporting Black-owned businesses. For more information you can go to BlackLivesMatter.com, colorofchange.org, or equaljusticeinitiative.org

Innovation Online: Behind the Scenes

by Marie Toure

As we all know, Innovation has now been online since March. This has caused mixed feelings from many students and teachers. Some students might not wake up on time, while others might not get the assignments done at all. As a fellow student, I can relate to some of these challenges. Distance learning is not easy! When I interviewed Martha Sotelo, a college counselor, she described distance learning as "different and a world of its own." According to Martha, college applications online are "challenging, but the seniors are doing okay," which is great to hear.

I also interviewed Joanna Wu, a ninth grade Algebra teacher. She talked about how hard the freshmen's transition from middle to high school was because it is a new environment and they get easily distracted since they're at home. She mentioned how it is easier to teach, almost like one-on-one tutoring. As for teaching from behind a screen: "I like it, but I miss the face to face interaction," she said. According to Joanna, despite all distractions, ninth graders are doing well with their classwork and are adjusting to high school online. Lastly, I spoke with a sophomore, Albanely Gutierrez, and asked her about her experience of distance learning. She described it as "easy" and told me that she liked how she was able to make up any work she was missing and can still get a good grade. The workload however can get a little "too much," she said. While distance learning has been challenging for all, we are adjusting accordingly as a school. Hopefully, life will improve and we will be back in the building together soon.



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An interview with Tina Jones

By Chanel Moris

For many juniors and seniors, college is creeping around the corner. I know it is a very intimidating thought, but also an exciting opportunity! In order for students to feel more at ease about the college process, I interviewed Tina Jones from Innovation's very own College and Career Readiness department. I asked her a few questions regarding her college experience and here's how it went:

1. Did you go away, or stay in-state for college? How would you describe your experience?

I went away to school in 2005, Staying in NYC was not an option for me. I felt as though if I stayed and went to school in the city it wouldn't give me the college feel or the experience that I was looking for. Therefore, I applied to Virginia State University aka Hail State (The best HBCU on the planet) and got accepted. When I think about my college experience at VSU, there are many things that come to mind. Some of them are: good memories, bad memories, mistakes, lessons, happiness, heartbreak, misfortune, joy, drama, and most importantly, FUN :) College to me seemed like it passed by really fast, almost too fast sometimes. I learned many valuable life lessons as well as made lifelong friends. I learned the value of hard work, dedication, and also how to tell your real friends from the others. It was tough but overall a great experience that I miss on a daily basis (adulting isn't fun all the time).

2. What is some advice you would give seniors who are worried about college?

Some advice I would give seniors who are worried about college is make sure you are going to college for YOU. College is an investment. At the end of the day you should not be pleasing other people while you are unhappy. If college isn't for you (because it is not for everyone) you can always learn a trade or become an entrepreneur. Pick a college because of its ability to equip you SKILLFULLY for your career and if necessary for a future career TRANSITION - in case that career goes away.

Always know just because they have a good name or can help you find a temporary job. Jobs don't last nowadays, not even the government ones. Also, attend a college that will give you a large amount of options and lots of financial aid, in case you change your major. The prices that name brand colleges charge in tuition is expensive because you are paying for the name.

"At the end of the day, you should not be pleasing other people while you are unhappy."

TINA JONES, CCR 11 TEACHER

3. What can students do to prepare for college?

There are many different things students can do to prepare for college. For example, if you are a student at Innovation High School and you take CCR then you should make sure you are doing what you need to do in that class to prepare you. A college essay (aka personal statement) is very important. You want to give the admissions representative an idea of who you are. They are reviewing applications before seeing who you are, so your application packet is the only thing they have to go by to grant you admission to their college. Secondly, you should have an idea of what you want to major in in college. Even if you're undecided, you should ALWAYS HAVE A PLAN. Thirdly, you should start thinking about whether you want to stay in-state or out of state, rural, urban, suburban areas, big or small school, HBCU or PWI, private or public, Greeks or no greek life. Also, if you have a job you should start putting money aside for room deposit when it is that time, things you need for your dorm and etc.



Tina Jones, right, sits with students from the class of 2020, after an information session and interviews she organized with VSU, the college she attended. The eight students pictured were all accepted to VSU!

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS KICK OFF

by Innovation staff

Despite the uncertainty that began the 2020-2021 school year, after school programming has begun, and there's something for everyone. Many favorites return this year, even in the world of virtual learning. Just a few of the returning clubs are [Software Engineering Club](#) with Matt and Sean, [Culinary Arts](#) with Chef G, and [National Honors Society](#) (juniors and seniors only) with Cassie and Andrew.

If you're interested in wellness, or fitness, why not try out [Wellness](#) with Kamona, offering early morning sessions as well as after school programming. Joey is also offering a running club, [Run for Ahmaud and Social Justice](#), for those who want to get outside and use their voices for change.

[Rainbow Rangers](#) is back this year, after a brief hiatus. To get involved, contact Tyree so you can join in time for the first meeting! If you're looking to spice up your argumentation skills, Ivan's [Debate Club](#) plans to work with some hot topic this year, everything from gun control to capital punishment, legalization of marijuana, and uses of violence in law enforcement.

To get involved with any of these incredible clubs, reach out to [Patrick](#) or the teachers running them. Announcements are posted in all grade level Google Classrooms!

See pg. 12 for Classroom codes.

Pros and Cons of Online Learning

by Lailah Melendez

Even though Innovation has been online for nearly two months, many people still have mixed feelings about it. One pro to being online is that it's safer for everyone. However, one con is there could be technical difficulties such as wifi going out. I decided to ask two members of the innovation community how they felt about distance learning--and would they rather be in school or online? I asked Brianna Cortez, a sophomore at Innovation, and Patrick Donovan, one of the 9th grade global teachers. This is how they responded:

Brianna wrote that online learning is good for student safety but it is also "unentertaining" and "it's not great for the mind or eyes." Patrick responded that it is safer to continue with distance learning than forcing a situation that could be dangerous. He also said that "it's fun as a teacher" because he gets to learn about all of these new programs that he can teach with. As for their personal preferences, Brianna responded that she would rather be at school because she likes the travel to and from school, something many students agree with. Patrick wrote that if it's safe, he would like to be in school because he gets to express his excitement and energy in the classroom, and he would be able to meet all of the new students, but distance learning is the safest option right now.

As for me, I like distance learning, but it keeps me cooped up in my room all day and I would love to actually go inside school to learn but it's not safe to do that yet.

Inno Staff and Families Vote Early

PHOTOS AND STORY BY INNOVATION STAFF



While the election isn't until November 3rd (no school - go vote!), NYC's early voting period began October 24th, and Innovation staff were ready. Many took to the polls with their families, and others voted early by mail. Principal Terence Joseph (pictured on the next page) told The Warrior Witness that he waited an hour and a half, singing "Rise Up," recently covered by students and staff, while he waited. "All ages were in line too," Terence said. "Voters brought their kids or younger family/ friends. Inside was super organized, no confusion, no issues." Earth Science teacher Myrna Gatica (pictured left) took



her mother with her to vote - only waiting a few minutes to submit their ballots and get their stickers! Students taking US History with Cassie and Luke are currently studying the election. More than 3 million young people (aged 18-29) have already voted early or by absentee ballot, a staggering turnout already!



Yumpling: A Beloved Food Truck Fights to Survive the Pandemic

by Breanna Rodriguez

The COVID 19 global pandemic changed and affected many businesses within New York City. One business it has affected is a popular New York City-based food truck; called Yumpling that predominantly serves people in Manhattan and Brooklyn. The founders, Christopher Yu, Jeffery Fan, and Howard Jeon were supposed to open up their first restaurant after it was completely built in March of 2020. However, the severity of the pandemic started to grow in a short amount of time. Mayor Bill De Blasio then set a state of emergency, which forced the majority of businesses to close down and their only outlet for business was takeout.



PHOTO COURTESY OF
YUMPLING'S INSTAGRAM

The state of emergency forced sales to instantaneously drop and this food truck went from serving 1,800 dumplings a day to 150. This became a bigger obstacle for the co-founders since they still had to pay rent for their restaurant space. Eventually, they stopped sending the truck out since many New Yorkers started to work from home.

Another way the coronavirus pandemic affected this small business is the fact that they are Taiwanese. Since the virus emerged in China, a great number of people were skeptical of Asian food or Asian businesses in general. The prejudice surrounding Asian culture because of the coronavirus has unfortunately boosted lots of racial stereotypes and has raised biased suspicion among lots of Asian owned restaurants. Fortunately, it turns out that this local establishment has opened back up and is ready to get back to business, according to their most latest Instagram posts. We wish Yumpling the best as it thrives through this troublesome and strenuous time. Support your favorite small businesses!

PTSD In Puerto Rico: Hurricane Isaias Reminds Residents of Past Trauma

by Tahjanay Turner

In 2017 Puerto Rico faced hardships due to hurricanes and earthquakes, most significantly Hurricane Maria. Maria left a traumatizing impact on Puerto Rico and its residents, but mostly the poorer residents. Many people were left without homes, cell service, medicine, food, fuel, clean water, etc. According to Mercy Corps, a global team of humanitarians, many Puerto Rican "households went 84 days without power, 68 days without water and 41 days without cell service, on average."

The psychological harm was extensive, especially for children. Karla Pena, director of Mercy Corps in Puerto Rico explained, "Many families are traumatized and lack proper resources to prepare for the next hurricane season."

Three years later, life for Puerto Rico's people seemed to be normal. Unfortunately, Hurricane Isaias then struck, leaving the island and the people horrifically devastated again. Isaias was expected to leave an estimate of four to eight inches of rain across Puerto Rico with sustained winds of 60 mph. Jose Pagan, a 22 year old from the Eastern Mountains town of Juncos told the local news, "I didn't think it was going to be this strong."

Hurricane Isaias left a lot of damage in Puerto Rico, but it was not as bad as Hurricane Maria. This time, about 400,000 people across Puerto Rico lost power in their homes. Approximately 150,000 people lost access to water. Telephone and electricity cables were damaged and trees were falling down everywhere. A former resident from Puerto Rico said told, the Lake Country Star, "It's a rather difficult experience because it reminds us of Miaria."

While the physical impact on Puerto Rico was drastic, the emotional effect on Puerto Rican citizens caused them to remember their sufferings from Hurricane Maria.

For more information go to your local news website or mercy Corps.org.



PHOTO BY JOE RAEDLE/GETTY IMAGES

Human Rights Abuse: Uyghur Muslims Face Grave Threats in China

by Amy Santiago Terrero

In 2020 one would not expect for there to be a genocide, but one may be beginning in China. It has been 75 years since the Holocaust, and today, Muslims in China are being put in concentration camps. They are the Uyghurs, Chinese Muslims who have their own dialect and culture, and are native to the land. Uyghur Muslims in China are being targeted for their religion, and profiled because of visual identifiers like wearing veils or having a long beard, although the Chinese government has also been surveilling them electronically for years, according to the New York Times.

Some of the things happening in these concentration camps, or "re-education camps," include castration, forcing them to eat pork (which their religion does not allow), and stripping women of their veils. The other Uyghur who are not imprisoned in these camps are targeted on the street for wearing traditional Muslim garments or looking traditionally Muslim.

These are all things that are hard to hear. No one would have thought something like this would happen again but it is, and it cannot be ignored.

We cannot let people be oppressed and hurt again, even if they're across the globe from us. China is building more camps and are denying any of the events though people that have escaped these camps have come forward to tell the world what's happening.

People need to be informed of this and tell the leaders of our country that we want something done in the name of human rights. If this was happening to your own community you would want others to help you in any way they can. Years from now when these horrific events are in history books, if we speak up and take action we can say that we helped stop millions of people from dying and protected their civil rights.



PHOTO BY NG HAN GUAN / ASSOCIATED PRESS

Feminist Poster Campaign Fights Back Against Domestic Violence

by Yesmindee Romero

FEMINISM: the belief that women should have economic, political, and social equality as men. Around the world, feminism is something people feel strongly about. Many are against it, but just as many support it. Last year, a group of four female artists took to the streets in Paris, calling themselves “The Gluers.” Their widespread, but illegal campaign uses posters to denounce domestic violence. Two of the artists, Astrid Tenon and Chloé Madesta, covered a wall in Eastern Paris with posters where they had written the names of women who were victims of domestic violence, many of whom had been killed by their partners. These posters have been up so much and in all around Paris that it has become the fixture of the capital's landscape. As the global feminism movement gains power, the people who oppose it get more uncomfortable. But the artists were unstoppable. Nothing would stop these women after everything they had gone through.

The Gluers campaign began with a woman named Marguerite Stern. Over the summer of 2019, she used social media to call out to other activists and dozens of women responded. Now there are about 1,500 activists that have joined in on the postering operations. The organization pastes up not only the names of victims, as seen in the photo above, but messages to the community. "You said you loved me, but it was still rape," reads one wall. Another says, "She leaves him, he kills her." A third: "Silence is not consent."

The New York Times reports, “Last year, 2019, 146 women in France were killed by their current or former partners...an increase of 21% in 2018 of this problem.” To combat the rising rates of domestic violence, the French government invested more in education and more social workers in police stations. Street-level activism by women has had a long history in Paris, and now that social networks exist, they are another way to spread awareness from Paris to many other cities around the world. To the ones who support the feminism movement, we shall not stay quiet but use our voices to speak up for all who have been disempowered. While many turn a blind eye towards them, nothing will stop these strong and brave women until they get full equality.



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Demi Lovato Leaks Her Own Single After Breaking Up With Fiance Max Ehrich

by Qi'ane Lewis



PHOTO BY JEFF KRAVITZ COURTESY OF FILM MAGIC

Demi Lovato began her career on the show *Barney & Friends*, before acting in films and starting her career as a singer. A recent Instagram post from Demi herself has recently revealed that she and her fiance, Max Ehrich, have broken things off. Lovato and Ehrich got engaged shortly after she was hospitalized from an accidental overdose in 2018. At 25, Lovato is young, but overworks herself. Her engagement seemed like a positive turn-around, part of her getting her life back on track on her own terms.

According to *Vulture*, “Demi Lovato is rising from the aftermath of her public breakup with actor Max Ehrich. The singer released a heartbreaking new single, ‘Still Have Me,’ on her social-media accounts this morning.” Since she leaked the single herself, Demi’s team had to rush to put the song out on streaming services. *Vulture* reports, “Ehrich claimed he first found out about the breakup through the tabloids while on set September 26. On September 28, he posted, ‘One chapter finally closed this am.’” Lovato processes her feelings to soft piano. “I’m a mess and I’m still broken,” she opens. “But I’m finding my way back / And it feels like someone’s stolen / All the light I’ve ever had.”

The energy rises with the chorus, as she affirms and validates herself. “I don’t have much, but at least I still have me.” Overall I think Lovato will get over this breakup and be the best she can be especially with the music she is coming out with. I wish Demi the best and we are praying she has a safe recovery dealing with this breakup.

Holiday Treat Favorites Come Back

by Keira Maldonado

The holidays are rolling around and everyone is looking forward to chocolate, peppermint, and other holiday treats. Top 5 holiday treats people always look forward to are peppermint cookies, gingerbread cookies and houses, hot chocolate with your

favorite toppings, s'mores, and candy canes, and other holiday treats. To find your favorite holiday or make it for this year, go online to your favorite food articles to find recipes or find it at your favorite store. For people who love Pillsbury Rolls, Walmart is currently stocking their limited edition Hot Cocoa Rolls with Marshmallow Icing.

Just bake and then you can enjoy them with some milk.



GETTY IMAGES AND STARBUCKS

Delicious! If you're looking to step up your Halloween treat game, Sam's club has great deals on candy AND sells six-packs of frosted cookies, artfully decorated to look like Jack-o-lanterns and spooky ghosts. For coffee lovers: People grabbed up all the pumpkin frappuccinos and salted caramel cold-brews, but one food blogger is taking things a step further. Using Starbucks ingredients, Jamie Harrison, the writer behind *Totally the Bomb*, developed her own Starbucks secret - not even on the menu! The Candy Corn Frappuccino is designed to taste like the sweet Halloween candy everyone loves, but without the waxy feeling. You can't just order this Frappuccino at Starbucks, but you can find the recipe if you hunt for it online and then ask for it with very careful directions when you order. This drink is made of 3 ingredients, almost like the 3 layers of the sweet candy corn. If you're looking for something a little hard core for your fall, try the Candy Corn Frappuccino, or Cold Brew, before these flavors go out of season!

Senior Committee wants you to know...

Here are some events to put on your calendar:

- Senior Portraits: November 18th, 2020
- Senior Trip: Friday, May 21st, 2021
- Prom: Thursday, June 3rd, 2021
- Graduation: Tuesday, June 29th, 2021

Students must be on track to graduate by August 2021, cannot be missing more than 2 credits, and cannot be missing more than 1 Regent with 15 points away from a passing score to walk.

To attend the senior trip and prom, you must earn 500 I-Bucks and not have any major disciplinary infractions.

For the trip: you cannot receive two or more final grades of 55 in Semester 1.

For prom: same - but through Marking Period 5.

CONGRATULATIONS!

From Emily and the Office

The students listed below passed ALL OF THEIR CLASSES for Marking Period 1. In these incredibly difficult times, it's especially important to celebrate perseverance. So, to those on this list, many congratulations and KEEP IT UP!

Abarca-Ortega, Diego	Derisma, De'Avanni	Montes, Jayvien
Abderhamane, Malika	Diallo, Bailor	Morillo, Lis
Abdou, Fourera	Dubose, Dante	Moris, Chanel
Abdoulaye, Raoudatou	Encarnacion, Julio	Murray, Sarah
Abreu, Isaiah	Espinal, Isabella	Nichson, Kaitlynn Eva
Acevedo, Evalyn	Falcon, Mia	Nicot, Anthony
Adorno, Edgar	Fezeu, Joyce	Nieves, Justine
Aikens, Na-Mya	Fofanah, Alpha	Noble, Alliyah
Akthar, Lebeya	Garcia Lopez, Jada	Ortiz, Angel
Almonte, Wilson	Garcia, Gabrielle	Paniagua, Christopher
Alvarez, Troy	Gomez, Alina	Pedro-Hernandez, Alexander
Amastal, Joceli	Gonzales, David	Pichardo, Isabel
Amparo, Justin	Gonzalez Lucero, Arianna	Pineda, Nathalie
Anderson, Terrell	Gutierrez, Albanely	Quiros, Victoria
Aquino, Skylin	Habersham, Jordan	Ramdeo, Justin
Arcos Acosta, Wilmer Josue	Hall, Deshaun	Richardson, Rebekah
Ayende, Kiaralis	Hardy, Destiny	Rivera, Brianna
Baez, Armelle	Headen, Myasia	Rivera, Giovanni
Bah, Elhadj	Hill, Emmanuel	Robinson, Nashanti
Balla, Amina	Hill, Kashiya	Rodriguez, Breanna
Barcelos, Anthony W	Hopewell, Kayla	Romero, Arian
Bates, Darnell	Hunt, Jalaine	Rosado Velez, Jerome
Belduma, Kimberly	Hunt, Salajah	Rosser, Jaden
Benitez, Omarielys	Islam, Mohammad	Russell, Lawrence
Bicarie, Jason	Jackson, Ayana	Sanchez, Lucas
Binion, Chelsea	Jimenez, Anderson	Santiago, Cristian
Boateng, Thelcia	Johnson, Aaniyah	Sawyer, Samantha
Bosques Barreto, Marangeli	Lee, Serea	Sharwah, Faez
Brown, Bryce	Lewis, Qi'ane	Soumbounou, Teida
Burke, London	Lucas, Amayah	Sow, Sekou
Cabrera Feliz, Keicy	Luzon, Liliana	Tacuri, Alan
Calderon, Adison	Maldonado, Keira	Tacuri, Angelica
Carlos, Arianna	Maloney, Diana	Tambadou, Hulaymatou
Carter, Tay'Vieon	Marcial, Shamesha	Tenesaca Morales,
Casiano, Trinity	Martinez, Liayennys	Gianmarco
Chisholm, Jade	Maxwell-Bowden, Isaiah	Toure, Marie
Cole, Kemani	McBride, Aaron	Trent, Nasir
Cortes, Brianna	Mcguire, Jalill	Vazquez, Tristani
Cruz Velazquez, Aidyl	McTeer, Jeremiah	Washington, Adonis
Cuesta, Wilmarie	Melendez, Lailah	Whitehead-Evans, Zoe
Da Silva, Ines Filipa	Mendes, Nevaeh	Wigfall, Kashif
Davis, Taylor	Mitchell, Teleshia	Zhibri Tamay, Edison
De Jesus, Elijah	Monroy, Ilana Stephonia	
Delgado, Precious	Montalvo, Steven	

Announcements

From the College and Career Readiness Department

All grades are invited to attend STEM CAREER EXPLORATION virtual Zoom meetings

- November 17th - Careers in STEM @ 3:15pm
- November 23rd - Colleges & majors that STEM has to offer @ 3:15pm
- December 8th - Panel and Q&A with STEM professionals @ 3:15pm
- Email Martha with any questions and to RSVP
 - Martha.Sotelo@innovationhighschool.org

FAFSA Parent Meetings! Seniors, do you want financial aid? You need to complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). Encourage your families to attend one of Innovation's FAFSA Parent Nights, so you can receive help completing the application.

- November 4th @ 6:00 PM
- November 9th @ 6:00 PM
- November 17th @ 6:00 PM
- Email Martha or Tereena with any questions
 - Martha.Sotelo@innovationhighschool.org
 - Tereena.Somayya@innovationhighschool.org

Onsite Admissions with Virginia State University - November 12th, 2020

- Info session on Zoom at 12:10 PM
- Scholarships available for qualified applicants
- MUST complete application first: go to www.vsu.edu/apply to submit an application
- Email Tina with any questions and to request an interview slot!
 - Tina.Jones@innovationhighschool.org

AFTER SCHOOL KICK-OFF CONT.

Google Classroom Codes for After School Clubs and Activities:
Please reach out to teachers for more information if you would like to join!

Wellness 360 with Kamona
CODE: qm42e7p

Creative Writing with Leighton
CODE: yx43d62

She Unit Divine with Tina and Melissa
CODE: wugvpw4

Kicks Academy with Michael
CODE: 5z2xkhh

Culinary Arts with Chef G
CODE: tuupqmn

Run for Ahmaud and Social Justice with Joey
CODE: 74wutxp

Debate Club with Ivan
CODE: q67cwlj

Software Engineering with Matt and Sean
CODE: dqniyoz

Movie Club with Leslie and Chris
CODE: om4iod

Recording Studio with Damen
CODE: 5chbsa

Rainbow Rangers with Tyree, Anna S., Anna P., Rachel, Karen, and Andrew
CODE: dag2emb

The Warrior Witness

Meet our staff

Qi'ane Lewis is a junior at Innovation High School. Find Qi'ane's article, "Demi Lovato Leaks Her Own Single After Breaking Up With Fiance Max Ehrich," on pg. 10.

Keira Maldonado is a sophomore. Her favorite classes are Geometry, Journalism, and Culinary. A fun fact about her is she loves Deep Look and other videos about nature. Find Keira's article, "Holiday Treat Favorites Come Back," on pgs 10-11.

Lailah Melendez is a sophomore. Her favorite classes are Painting and Drawing and English. Lailah is a part of the movie club and loves to play volleyball. Find Lailah's article, "Pros and Cons of Distance Learning," on pg. 5.

Chanel Moris, a junior at Innovation, enjoys writing and photography. Find Chanel's article, "An Interview with Tina Jones," on pgs. 3-4.

Breanna Rodriguez is a junior. Her favorite class is ELA since she has always enjoyed writing. Breanna really likes listening to music on her free time. Find Breanna's article, "Yumpling: A Beloved Food Truck Fights to Survive the Pandemic," on pg. 6.

Yesmindee Romero is a sophomore at Innovation High School. One of her favorite classes is Art, because she can express herself in that class and feel good about herself. Find Yesmindee's article, "Feminist Poster Campaign Fights Back Against Domestic Violence," on pg. 9.

Amy Santiago Terrero is a senior. Find Amy's article, "Human Rights Abuse: Uyghur Muslims Face Grave Threat In China," on pg. 8.

Marie Toure is in the graduating class of 2023, so she is a sophomore. She cannot decide her favorite class between art and geometry. She loves playing volleyball and she reads a lot in her free time. She is also a part of the movie class. Find Marie's article, "Innovation Online: Behind the Scenes," on pg. 2.

Tahjanay Turner is a senior. Her favorite class is Senior Lit. She loves watching Grey's Anatomy on her free time and she's a piercing apprentice at Tuff City. Find Tahjanay's article, "PTSD In Puerto Rico: Hurricane Isaias Reminds Residents of Past Trauma," on pg. 7.

Zoë Whitehead-Evans is a senior. *Criminal Minds* is her favorite show. She enjoys listening to music and she cannot ride a bike. Find Zoë's article, "I'm so tired, aren't you?" on the front page.

Got a story for *The Warrior Witness*? Teachers and students are welcome to share stories and announcements with our team at any time, and we'd be delighted to feature you in our next issue. Email Anna Press and Andrew Cortazzo to share your scoop. Thank you for reading!