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Noteworthy News

(Highlighting some of our community's accomplishments.)

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Dear Barlow Community,

Once a month at each Region 9 Board of Education meeting, I have the pleasure of sharing a sampling of accomplishments, recognition, or awards that our students and staff have achieved. This is not meant to be an all-inclusive list because we have many people who are modest or whose accomplishments have been noted in some other manner. I invite you to read and share with us.

Sincerely,

*Gina Pin
Head of School*

- This past month Barlow Debate attended three consecutive debate events at Stamford, Loomis-Chaffee, and Choate Rosemary-Hall. For the third time this season a Barlow team broke to the final round of debating at Stamford High School. **Elizabeth Hayman & Charlotte Bridwell** were the second-place varsity team. **Elizabeth** earned the fifth-place speaker, too. Every member of the Barlow's seventeen speakers was victorious in at least one round. At Loomis-Chaffee, **Elizabeth Hayman & Cara Krupnikoff-Salkin** emerged as the third-place, two-person team. They along with **Joseph Redmond** and **Jacob Paquette** were the third-place, four-person team. Finally, at Choate-Rosemary Hall **Cara Krupnikoff-Salkin** led the Barlow roster, finishing as the second place speaker in the advanced division, her fifth award this season. In novice, sophomores **Zach Shortt** and **Greg Coleman** won the gavel for second-place team.

- The following football players were selected for the 2017 All-State team. This is an impressive honor and we are very proud of their amazing year.

**Danny Brey
Trevor Furrer
Alex Stillman**

- Six Joel Barlow High School art students had work accepted and won awards in the Connecticut Scholastic Art Competition Exhibition. The students worked with focus and creativity to create beautiful and unique works of art. Their artwork will be on display at

Hartford Art School's Silpe Gallery, from January 14th, through February 2nd, 10 to 4 PM on weekdays, and 12:00 to 4PM on Saturday and Sunday. The awards ceremony will be on January 28th at 2PM. The 2018 winners are as follows:

- **Elena Bosak**, grade 12, Portfolio: Gold Key Award AND Lyme Academy College of Fine Arts Scholarship
 - **Elena Bosak**, grade 12, Individual Drawing: Gold Key Award
 - **Grace MacDonald**, grade 10, Jewelry: Gold Key Award
 - **Savannah Gonzalez**, grade 11, Photography: Silver Key Award
 - **Sarah Adriani**, grade 12, Photography: Honorable Mention Award
 - **Leyli Ghavami**, grade 9, Painting: Honorable Mention Award
 - **Madeleine McHale**, grade 10, Ceramics and Glass: Honorable Mention Award
- In October, a few freshmen classes worked on and submitted original fiction to a "Spine Chillers" creative writing contest sponsored by Young Writers USA. Students had to craft an original "spine chiller" in 100 words or fewer. The contest received over 4,500 entries. From those, 38 JBHS freshmen have been selected to have their stories published.
- The Robotics team has received generous donations from the Redding Running Club, NASA, UTC, Lockheed Martin, The Weller Foundation, Sierentz North America and Netology. With these funds they have been able to purchase some important tools and components to help with this year's robot and future robots. For example, they've purchased a belt/disc sander, metal brake (for bending sheet metal), stocked up on building material, and purchased a better camera.
- Students taking Barbie Powell's World Geography class wanted to make a small contribution to help Syrian refugees after studying Syria and the unprecedented refugee crisis. The students, with the guidance of Mrs. Powell, began a collection of wool hats and mittens. Three students even learned how to knit hats! The effort was rewarding as they wound up collecting a total of 264 warm hats and pairs of mittens. Those were shipped off to Syria through a Seattle-based refugee aid organization. This project was a clear example of how a class can put their classroom learning to work and apply their learning to the larger society.
- The Chess Team is 4-0-2 in the Danbury Area Scholastic Chess League after week 6. Barlow defeated Danbury Orange 4-0 on December 20th. The winning players were **Alex Palvinski, Adam Boczar** and **Jake Lambrech**. On January 11th Barlow defeated Danbury Blue 4-0. The winning team members were **Alex Palvinski, Adam Boczar, Foster Rowberry** and **Sean McHale**. Also, on January 11 Barlow tied Taft 2-2.

- The Math Team competed in the January match of the Fairfield County Math League on January 3. **Jonathan Lam** had an outstanding score of 15 out of a possible 18 points.
- Guidance Counselor, Henry DelAngelo, has been selected to serve as faculty on the New England Association for College Admission Counseling's (NEACAC) 2018 Advanced Secondary School Counselor Summer Institute (ASSCSI). This year's program will take place at Roger Williams University in Bristol, RI from July 16-18.
- Jack Powers' poem "He couldn't remember" is online this month at Verse-Virtual. More poems at www.jackpowers13.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Date	Event	Location	Time
2/13/18	PTSA Meeting	Crowley Room	9:00 a.m.
2/16/18	Winter Recess - No School		
2/19/18	Presidents' Day - No School		
2/20/18	Region 9 Facilities & Fields Committee Meeting	Library Learning Commons	6:30 p.m.
2/20/18	Region 9 Board of Education Meeting	Library Learning Commons	7:30 p.m.
2/23/18 - 2/24/18	Winter Show	Auditorium	7:00 p.m.
2/26/18	Spring Sports Organizational Meeting	Lower Gym	7:00 p.m.