

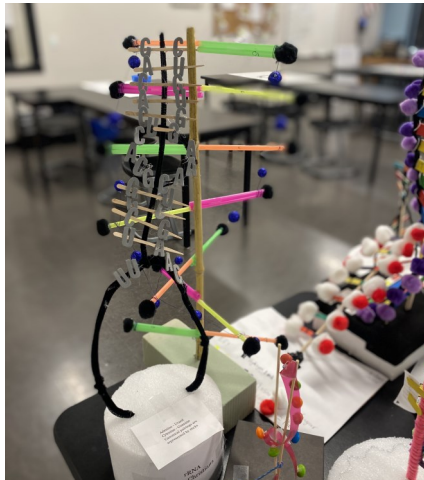


“At the end of the day, we can endure much more than we think we can.” -Frida Kahlo

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# Campus Snapshot: Biology Projects

Check it out! In March, the 9th grade biology students got creative when they made models that included fuzzy mRNA transcript, floral rRNA region with canonical pairings, macaroni tRNA and SARS-COV-2 genome, Skittles retrovirus genome, and the classic DNA double helix. *Photos submitted by Dr. Geraci.*



# A Year in the Pandemic

By Miranda Waters

Right after spring break of last year, we received the notice that we would not be coming back to school in-person. We had an adjustment period and then did asynchronous work on the computer for the rest of the year. From there we have switched to virtual classes and have even come so far that lots of us are back in person for school; and some of us have even been vaccinated. It has been stressful, and many of us have felt burnt out like never before; but we have done it, we have successfully survived a year in the pandemic! Between bad internet connection and forgetting you're muted or even unmuted on Zoom it seemed like we were never going to get comfortable with this new normal. As we wait in anticipation for sporting events to be open for viewing again, for us to get our pep rallies back, or for us to get our retreat, we must remember to stay patient and remember where we started at the beginning of all of this. This year has challenged us in many ways and brought us together in a way that no other experience ever has or ever will. We've realized the many things that we've taken for granted and we've worked together as a team to push through this trying time. Thanks to our amazing school staff and student leaders, we are slowly but surely returning to our pre-pandemic lives: so this is a reminder, we can do it, we have been doing it for over 365 days, so hang in there!

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# Reagan Howe in the AMEA All-State Honors Festival

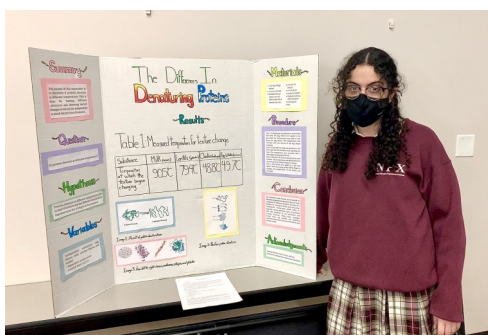
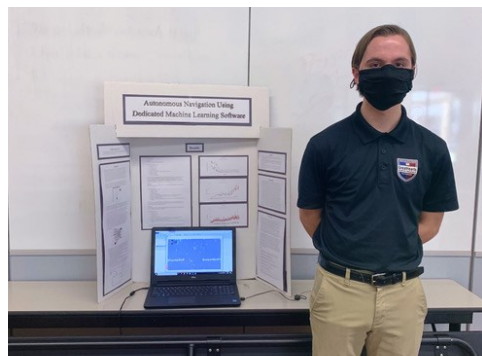
By Abby Whittemore

Congratulations are in order for Reagan Howe for her success in the 2021 AMEA All-State Honor Festival and making it to regionals! The Arizona Music Educators Association All-State Honors Festival is an event that gives students the opportunity to show off their talents and get the chance to be a part of an all-state choir and compete in the regionals with other choirs. For her audition process, she had to pick and sing a song in either German, Italian, or English. In addition, she was given three sight-reading samples that she had never seen. Since it is all online she will be singing from the screen. For Region-

als, “all of the choristers in each region [have] to learn a new song within 2 weeks and then video record themselves singing their part. Once all of the videos [are] turned then AMEA [combines] the videos into virtual ensembles,” says Reagan. When asked what she was most excited about she said, “I am most excited for the opportunity to sing with other amazing musicians and to sing along with some of my best friends that I have made through another choir that I participate in.” Keep up the good work Reagan, and good luck at regionals!

## Winners of Annual NPX Science Fair Announced

By Miranda Waters



On March 11th NPX held its annual science fair. This year there were three contestants: Rylie Sinner (sophomore), Estefana Bcharah (sophomore), and Matthew Glos (junior). Each contestant won in their respective categories which qualified all of them for the State Science Fair. Matthew Glos even registered for state which started March 29th and is running until tomorrow April 3rd! Sinner did a probiotics experiment called “Ingest Specimen” and was the Biology Winner. Bcharah’s experiment set out to answer the question, “Do proteins denature at different temperatures?” and was the Chemistry Winner. Glos’ project was called “Autonomous Navigation Using Dedicated Machine Learning Software,” which was the Engineering Winner. Each contestant did an outstanding job and excelled in their individual subjects leaving NPX eager to see what scientific discoveries next year brings!

## The Story Behind Women's History Month

By Sofie Kassem

Every month of March since 1981, the United States has been celebrating Women's History month: How did this come about?

The idea behind Women's history month first originated in Denmark from a German activist named Clara Zetkin. She was able to gather support from other countries to form a conference that later unveiled their new holiday, International Women's Day, on March 8th, 1911. However, it was only once the United Nations started to promote International Women's day that the United States began to recognize the idea. Still, it wasn't official until 1980 when Women's History day was brought forth in the United States and President Jimmy Carter proclaimed it. Then, in 1987, Congress announced that the entire month of March would

be a celebration of women's history.

We celebrate Women's History Month in order to recognize women's past and present contributions to society. Whether it is through politics, science, art or sport, women remain celebrated across many fields of expertise.

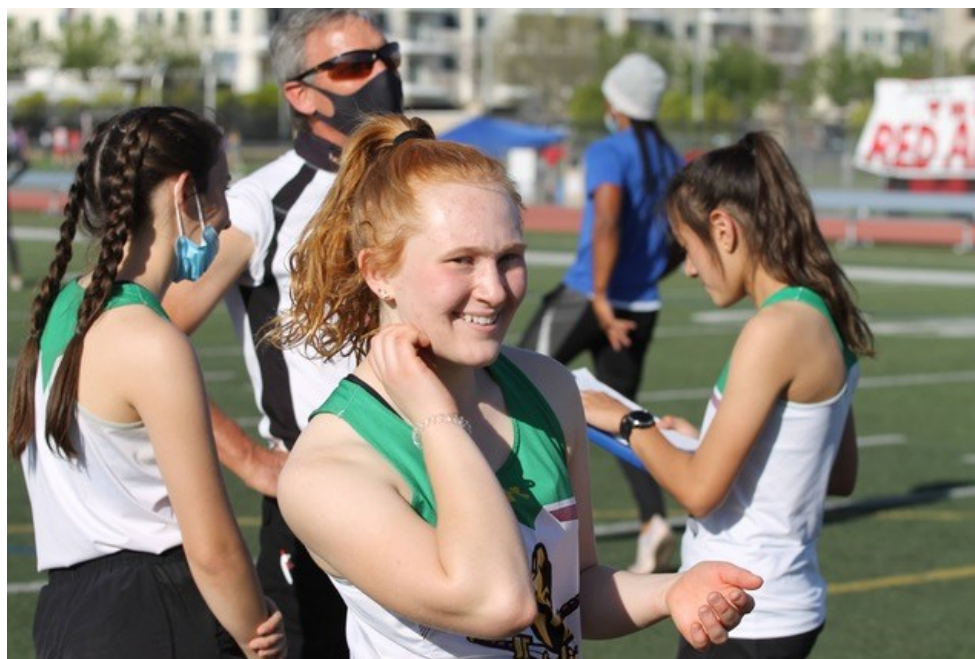
Every year, Women's History Month typically has a theme. This year's theme was a continuation of

the 2020 theme: "Valiant Women of the Vote: Refusing to Be Silenced." This theme stemmed from the 19th amendment, which granted women the right to vote. This March we remembered women's battle to vote through the speeches they gave, petitions they signed, and protests they marched. See more at [womenshistory-month.gov](https://womenshistory-month.gov)

# High School Track is Back!

## *Gladiators Break School Records During First Meet of the Season at Brophy AMDG Invitational*

By Ariel Antonini and Kendall Kartler



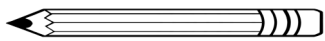
*Brophy AMDG Invitational. Photos courtesy of yearbook.*

The 2021 High School Track and Field season for the Gladiators kicked off at the Brophy Prep AMDG Invitational on March 19th. After having their last season cancelled due to Covid, our athletes were both nervous and excited to get to compete again. Two athletes in particular set the bar high for the new season and got a new personal record, as well as broke two school records: Richard Bickerstaff, who ran a 18.34 second race in the 110 meter hurdles. For Richard, this

was one of his goals for this season. The second athlete is Richie Johnston, who came in first place for his race, beat a school record, and broke 2 minutes by running a 1:59 in the 800 meter run, which is quite an impressive time to break for a high school track athlete. After seeing how well our athletes performed in the first meet of their season, we believe it's safe to say that our athletes will be having a historic season this year.

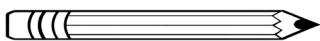
# Comic: Oh! What's This?

By Scotlyn Mascarelli



## Comic Artists Wanted!

For details, contact the curator of our comic section, Scotlyn Mascarelli, via email at [wearinga-masc@gmail.com](mailto:wearinga-masc@gmail.com).



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The class of 2021 presents...

## Gladiator Tickets

Middle Schoolers,

The Gladiator Ticket count has been reset. All teams are now at 0.

Will your team be the end of the year winner? Also, your Gladiator team classrooms are back up and running! Lastly, save the date for field day on April 30th!



## *Twelfth Night*

Join us for Shakespeare's

*Twelfth Night*, a romantic comedy about the hijinks that ensue after a pair of identical twins are shipwrecked on the shores of Illyria. Come see how it all unfolds on April 8th and 9th at 7 PM, and on April 10th at 2 PM.