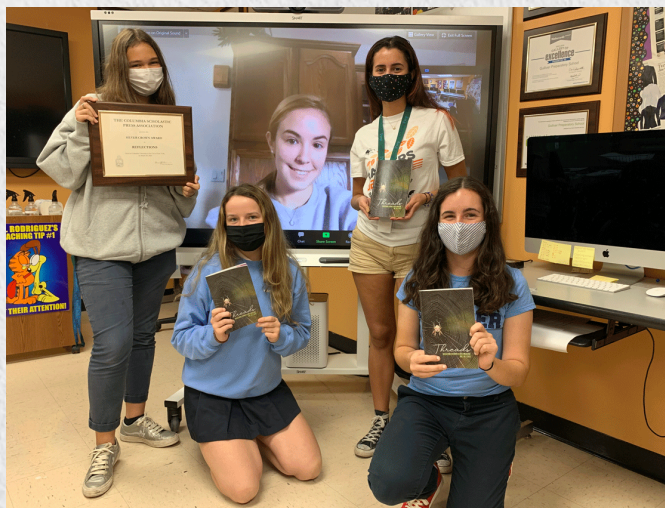


### SCHOOL NEWS AND UPDATES



#### Lit Mag Earns First CSPA Crown

The 2019 edition of the Upper School's *Reflections* Literary Magazine has earned a CSPA Silver Crown Award, the first Crown Award for the literary magazine. It marks the sixth time a Gulliver Prep student publication has earned this prestigious recognition, joining the *Raider Voice* news website and four-time honoree, *The Raider Yearbook*. Additionally, the 2020 lit mag, has been named a CSPA Crown finalist. To learn more and explore *Reflections*, click on the button.

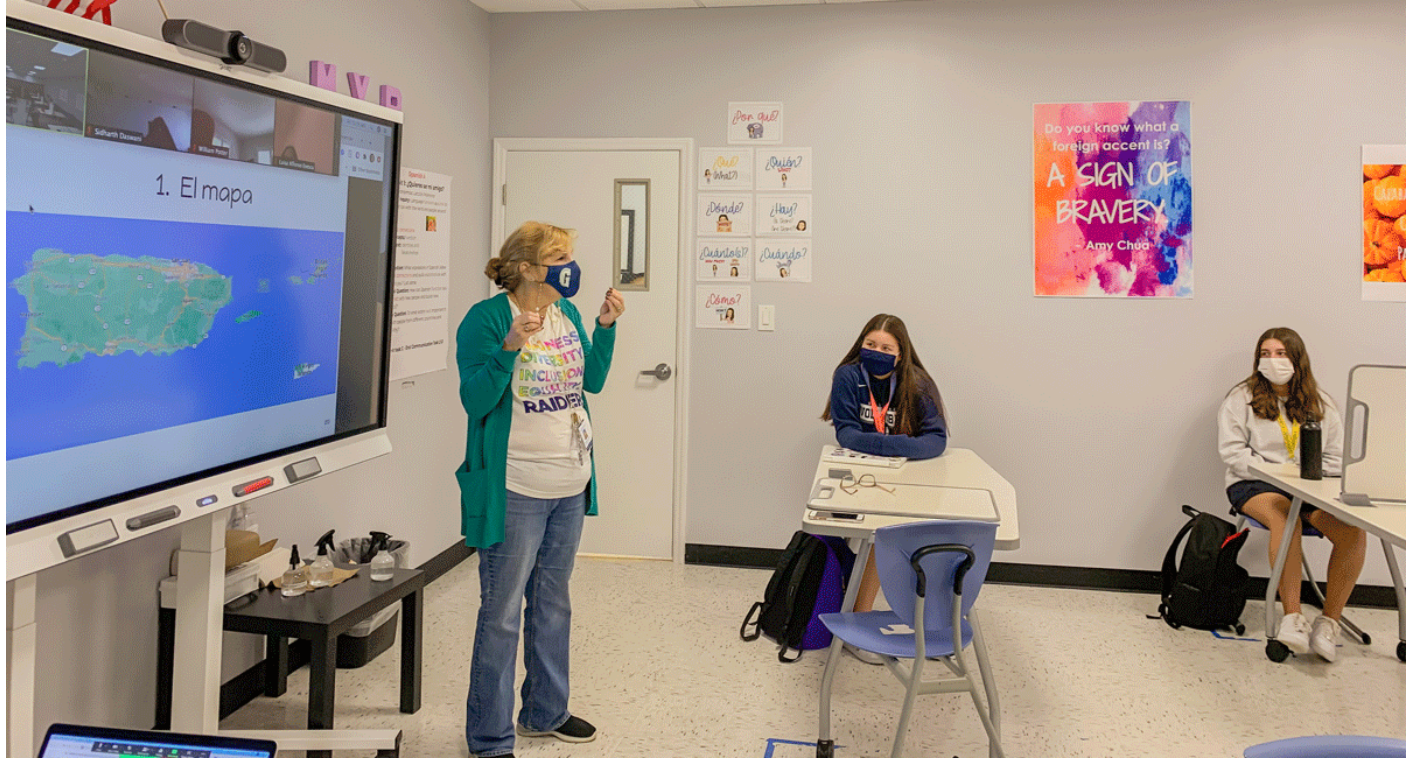
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#### The "Smeyes" Challenge

Did you know that smiling behind your face mask - even when others can't see it - can positively affect your own emotions and the people you interact with? Mrs. Perez's fourth graders have been perfecting their "smeyes" - that's smiling with your eyes, of course! Last week, students used Flipgrid to record themselves smiling with their eyes while wearing their masks. Mrs. Mitzie Perez P '18 '25, Lower School Faculty and Grade Level Coordinator, and Mrs. Cindy Gonzalez P '30 '31, Lower School Technology Faculty, teamed up to make a video compilation and bring "smeyes" to all! Click on the button to watch.

[Watch Here](#)



## Cross-Cultural Competence

Recently, Middle School World Languages Faculty member, Ms. Catalina Lopez '02 P '35, invited a pair of guest speakers to her Spanish B classes to speak about Puerto Rico. Dr. Isabel Lopez-Healy, Middle School Science Faculty, spoke in person to one class while Mrs. Dyonara Cruz P '26 visited another class via Zoom. The students enjoyed learning about Puerto Rico from Puerto Ricans themselves, as each speaker spoke lovingly about their island and shared an authentic perspective. They had an opportunity to learn about the culture, different places on the island, the food, the people, and the music. Experiences like this help students develop cross-cultural competence so that they can be culturally open-minded, and well-rounded citizens of the world.

## Fall Sports Wrap-Up

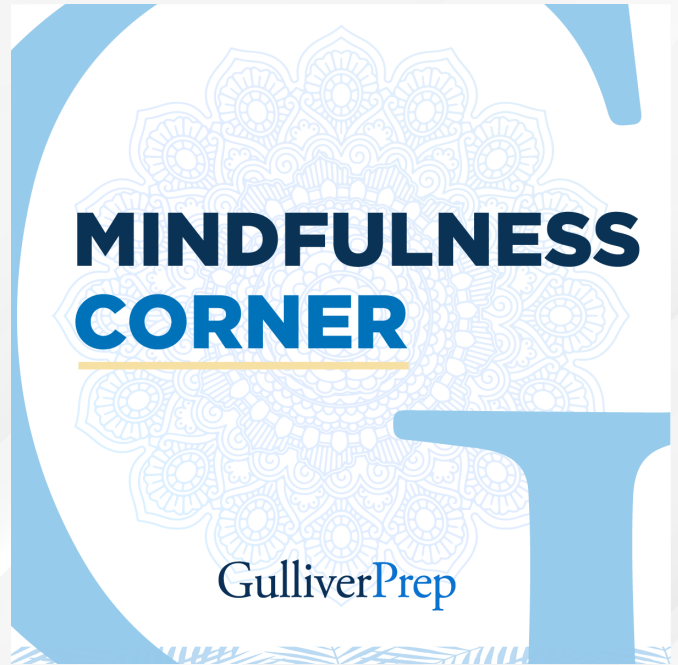
With the fall sports season in the books, we want to take a moment to reflect on the outstanding achievements of our Raider student-athletes and coaches. During a season like no other, our student-athletes represented Gulliver with impeccable integrity and character. In addition to their stellar athletic efforts, they also excelled in the classroom, tallying a cumulative GPA of 3.65 for all varsity-level fall sports teams. To learn more about each team's achievements, click on the button.



[Learn More](#)

## 7 Questions on Mindfulness

Ms. Carolina Williams, Learning Specialist at the Upper School Miller Campus, has been practicing mindfulness for 15 years. She was first exposed to the practice when she was dealing with severe pain after having surgery, and the hospital used Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction (MBSR) as a pain management method. She was so pleased with the results that she decided to implement MBSR with her students and get certified as a Mindfulness Coach. Read on to learn more about how Ms. Williams is bringing mindfulness into the classroom at Gulliver, her tips for starting a mindfulness practice, and more. Be sure to check out the new Mindfulness Corner in future editions of *The Weekly Raider!*



[Learn More](#)



## Troupe 2450 Excels at Virtual Regional Festival

The Upper School's Troupe 2450 recently competed in the 2020 Thespian Florida Regional Virtual Festival. Their production of *The Laramie Project* notched a Superior score and qualified for the state festival, while eight students earned Top Honors in their respective

categories. Eighteen performers earned Superior ratings and 19 students notched an Excellent score. To view a list of all regional accolades, click on the button.

[Learn More](#)

## School Survey Reminder

Our fall survey has launched and there are just a few days left until it closes. If you haven't responded yet, please do so. Your opinion matters a great deal and we want to hear from you.

Please remember this is coming from surveys@sais.org. If you have not received an email with the survey link, please check your spam folders. We want to make sure you have a chance to participate.

The survey should only take about three minutes to complete and the **deadline is this Thursday, December 10**. Your identity will be kept confidential.

Thank you in advance for your participation in the survey as your input is most valuable to us.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Middle School Athletics

#### **Tuesday, December 8**

Varsity Boys' Soccer Championships - Semifinal, 4:00 p.m., Marian C. Krutulis PK-8 Campus

#### **Thursday, December 10**

Girls' Soccer Championships - Semifinal, 2:30 p.m., Marian C. Krutulis PK-8 Campus

Varsity Boys' Soccer Championships - Final, TBD

Grade 6 Football - Flag

### Upper School Athletics

#### **Tuesday, December 8**

Varsity/JV Boys' Basketball vs. Ransom Everglades, 4:00/5:30 p.m., Blue Dungeon, Upper School Campus

#### **Wednesday, December 9**

Freshman Boys' Basketball vs. Aventura Charter, 4:30 p.m., Blue Dungeon, Upper School Campus

#### **Friday, December 11**

Varsity Girls' Basketball vs.

### School and Parent Events

#### **Tuesday, December 1-**

**Tuesday, December 8**  
Montgomery Mid-Year Conferences, Grades 5-6

#### **Tuesday, December 8**

Senior Parent Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Virtual

#### **Wednesday, December 9**

Middle School Montgomery Parent Chat, 9:00 a.m., Virtual

#### **Saturday, December 12**

Football Game, 4:30 p.m.,  
Marian C. Krutulis PK-8  
Campus

Grades 7-8 Football - Flag  
Football Game, 4:30 p.m.,  
Marian C. Krutulis PK-8  
Campus

**Friday, December 11**

Girls' Soccer Championships  
- Final, TBD

*All events are subject to change.*

Westminster Academy, 4:30  
p.m., Blue Dungeon, Upper  
School Campus

JV/Varsity Boys' Basketball vs.  
Southwest Miami, 6:00/7:30  
p.m., Blue Dungeon, Upper  
School Campus

**Saturday, December 12**

Freshman Boys' Basketball  
vs. Cardinal Gibbons, 1:00  
p.m.

JV/Varsity Girls' Basketball vs.  
St. Brendan, 3:30/5:00 p.m.,  
Blue Dungeon, Upper School  
Campus

**Monday, December 14**

Varsity Girls' Soccer vs. Doral,  
3:30 p.m.

*All events are subject to change.*

Upper School Virtual  
Performing Arts Holiday  
Concert, 6:00 p.m.,  
[gulliver.life/holidaywishes](http://gulliver.life/holidaywishes)

**Friday, December 18**

Early Dismissal, Grades PK-12

**Monday, December 21-**

**Friday, January 1**

Winter Recess

**Thursday, December 31**

Senior Yearbook Ad Deadline

*All events are subject to change.*

*Thank you for reading  
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