

### SCHOOL NEWS AND UPDATES



#### **Victoria Paesano '23 Selected for Yale Young Global Scholars Program**

Gulliver lifer Victoria Paesano '23 has been selected to participate in Yale Young Global Scholars (YYGS), an academic program whose mission is to empower the next generation of leaders by building a global community and designing interdisciplinary programs that foster intellectual curiosity, deepen understanding, and inspire creative action across all borders. Click on the button to learn more about Victoria, what she's most looking forward to as a YYGS participant, how Gulliver has opened her eyes to new passions and experiences, and more.



#### **Black History Month: Primary and Lower School**

Primary and Lower School students are celebrating Black History Month, learning about prominent African Americans and putting their reading and comprehension skills to work. PK students were introduced to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and, in JK, students discussed jazz and its cultural impact after reading *Jazz Baby*. SK students are also learning through reading with books like *Hair Love*, *Sweet Dreams Sarah*, *Before She Was Harriet*, and more. In Lower School, activities and lessons are coming to life through Reading Workshop and Writing Workshop. Each day, first graders are learning about an important African American and their achievements,

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contributions, and impact on society. In grades 2-3, students are conducting research, studying famous African Americans, and making character maps, while fourth grade students are connecting non-fiction research with their Florida studies.



### Random Acts of Kindness

Throughout Random Acts of Kindness Week, students and faculty were encouraged to perform random acts of kindness, inside and outside the classroom. Primary and Lower School students engaged in various activities including making pumpkin puppy popsicles for a local shelter, writing about a classmate's special traits, doing something nice for a delivery person or someone at home, and presenting acts of kindness at Show and Tell. At the Upper School, faculty and staff members were greeted with a kind surprise as they left campus, thanks to notes of kindness placed on their cars by students.

### RSN Features Daily Influential Figures

All month long, the Raider Student Network (RSN) has showcased influential African Americans on its daily broadcast. Through the morning announcements, these student-produced video pieces have taught Middle School students and faculty about impactful athletes, inventors, and more. Recently, the show featured the dynamic duo of Simone Biles and Gabby Douglas. Click on the button to watch.

[Watch Here](#)



**Faculty Spotlight: Mrs. Maia Sanchez**

Each week through our Faculty/Staff Spotlight series, we invite our community members to get to know Gulliver Prep teachers and staff members across every division. This week, our Faculty Spotlight features Mrs. Maia Sanchez, Middle School Social Science Faculty member. Click on the button to learn about her passion for social science, goals for the school year, and more.

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## RAIDERS

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### THE ATHLETICS DEPARTMENT PRESENTS CAREER IN SPORTS NIGHT

This virtual event is a unique opportunity for students to learn from and network with premier sports industry professionals.

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24 | 7:00 p.m.**

Virtual Stream  
[gulliver.life/cisn21](https://gulliver.life/cisn21)

#### Alumni Spotlight: Scott Davidson '86 P '20

Scott Davidson '86 P '20 is a proud alum, parent of a recent alum, and Vice Chair of Gulliver's Board of Trustees. Click on the button to learn about his favorite Gulliver memories, goals as a Board member, advice to students, and more.

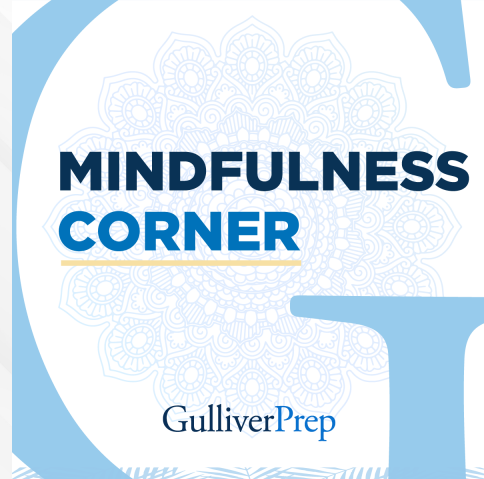
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**Everyday Mindfulness**

*Courtesy of Mindful.org*

In 1979, Dr. Jon Kabat-Zinn, a microbiologist working at UMass Medical School, started a modest eight-week program called Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction, inviting patients to take some time for self-care down in the hospital's basement. More than 40 years later, MBSR has become the gold standard for applying mindfulness to the stresses of everyday life and for researching whether mindfulness practice can improve mental and physical health. Click on the button to learn more.



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **Tuesday, February 23**

Varsity Girls' Soccer Regional Final vs. Cardinal Gibbons, 3:00 p.m., Sean Taylor '01 Memorial Field, Upper School Campus

### **Wednesday, February 24**

*Primary and Lower School Parent Chat with Laura Sharp, 9:00 a.m., Virtual*

Middle School Boys' Water Polo vs. Belen Jesuit, 3:00 p.m., Aquatic Center, Upper School Campus

Varsity Girls' Lacrosse vs. Lourdes (Senior Day), 4:00 p.m., Sean Taylor '01 Memorial Field, Upper School Campus

Varsity Girls' & Boys' Water Polo vs. Alonso Mourning, 4:00/5:00 p.m., Aquatic Center, Upper School Campus

Varsity Boys' Weightlifting vs. Marathon, Coral Shores, Key West, and Pinecrest, 5:00 p.m., Virtual

*Career in Sports Night, 7:00 p.m., Virtual*

### **Thursday, February 25**

*Deadline to Register for March Swim School, Grades 1-8*

JV/Varsity Boys' Lacrosse vs. Ransom Everglades, 3:00/4:15 p.m., Sean Taylor '01 Memorial Field, Upper School Campus

Varsity Baseball vs. Somerset Silver Palms (Senior Day), 3:30 p.m., Sean Taylor '01 Memorial Field, Upper School Campus

### **Friday, February 26**

Varsity Track & Field at Spartan Invitational, 9:30 a.m., Miami Southridge High School

Varsity Baseball vs. SLAM, 3:30 p.m., Baseball Field, PK-8 Campus

### **Saturday, February 27**

Varsity Boys' Water Polo vs. Columbus, 10:00 a.m., Aquatic Center, Upper School Campus

Varsity Girls' & Boys' Water Polo vs. Mater Lakes Academy, 11:00 a.m./12:00 p.m., Aquatic Center, Upper School Campus

Varsity Boys' Tennis vs. Belen Jesuit, 12:00 p.m., Tropical Park

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