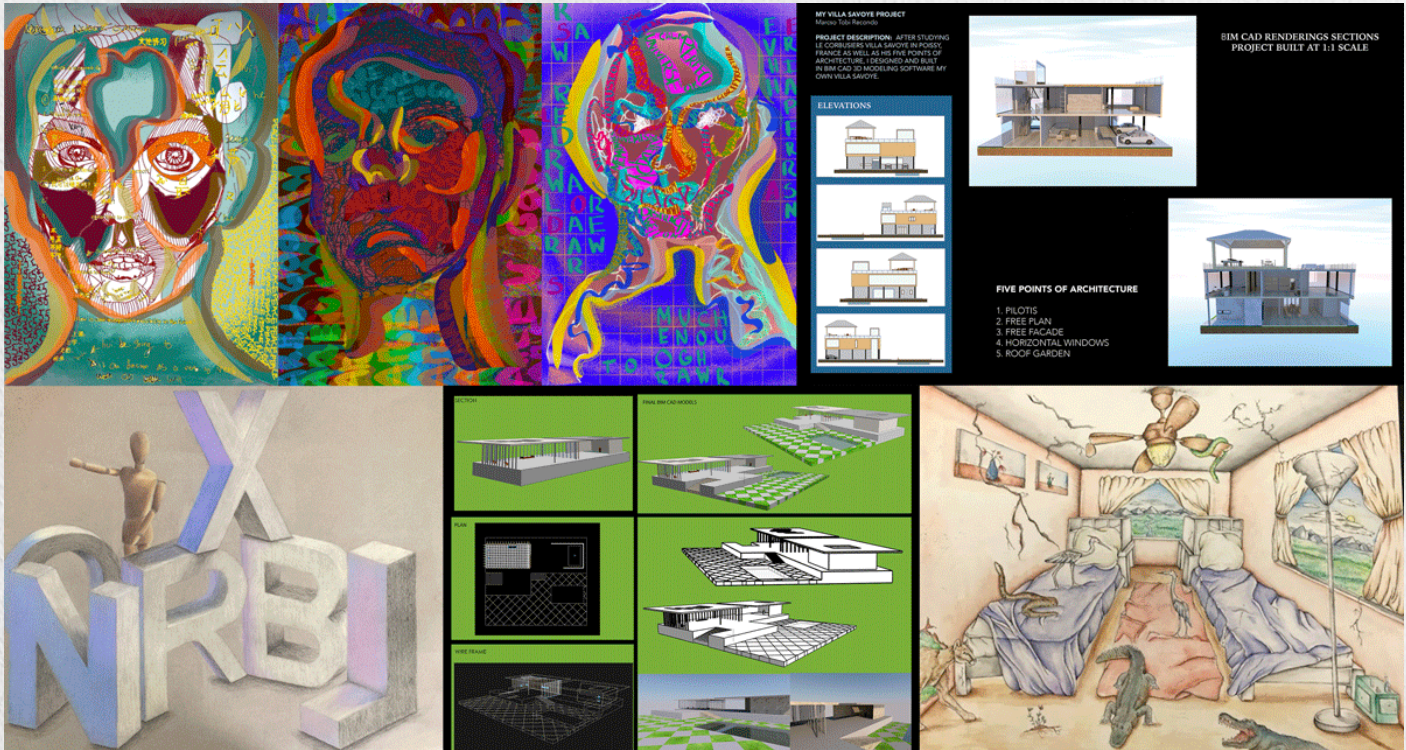


SCHOOL NEWS AND UPDATES



Middle, Upper School Students Shine at Scholastic Art & Writing Awards

A record number of Middle and Upper School students have earned recognition for original works of art and written pieces entered in the 2021 Scholastic Art & Writing Awards regional competition. This year's virtual exhibition can be viewed on the [M-DCPS Art Education Program YouTube Channel](#), where it will remain permanently. Five Gulliver students earned the highest distinction and were recognized as Gold Key Award winners. These students will move on to compete at the national level, and National Gold medalists will be announced in the spring. To learn more and view student work, click on the button.

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First Grade Wraps Up Nonfiction Writing Unit

On Friday, first graders celebrated the end of their writing unit on nonfiction chapter books. Students worked hard for several weeks learning how to share information with readers, making sure to include a table of contents, introduction, conclusion, and glossary in their books. They learned that there can be different types of writing in nonfiction books, including how-to writing, persuasive writing, and stories, and even used crafty techniques like pop-out words and speech bubbles. Friday's celebration, held in classrooms via Zoom, gave students a platform to share their success in writing a nonfiction chapter book. Each student made an "expert hat" showing what he or she was an expert in, and everyone had fun reading and sharing their stories with each other.

Math + Black History Month

Earlier this year, students in Mrs. Duran's math class studied the order of operations,



Faculty/Staff Spotlight: Dr. Rufus Jones P '31

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 Dr. Rufus Jones P '31, Upper School Performing Arts Faculty member and Music Director. Click on the button to learn about the book he wrote in 2015, his next book, go-to commute soundtrack, and more.

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a rule that tells the correct sequence of steps for evaluating a math expression. As a way to integrate Black History Month into the Middle School math curriculum, students were recently able to review this concept while remembering the late Kobe Bryant. In this activity, students solved 12 numerical expressions using the order of operations to fill in missing information about the life of Kobe Bryant. Each answer corresponded to a fact that fit into the provided reading passage; students who knew a lot about Kobe Bryant saw that they solved the problems correctly, right away!



Junior Competitive Player of the Year Awarded to Sophia Fornaris '21

Gulliver senior student-athlete Sophia Fornaris '21 has been named the 2019 Junior Competitive Player of the Year by USTA Florida. The award is presented annually to a ranked junior player considered to have had an outstanding full season performance in local, state, and national events, and who most nearly approaches ideal sportsmanship, conduct, and character. Click on the button to learn more about Sophia's journey on the court, her support system, and more.

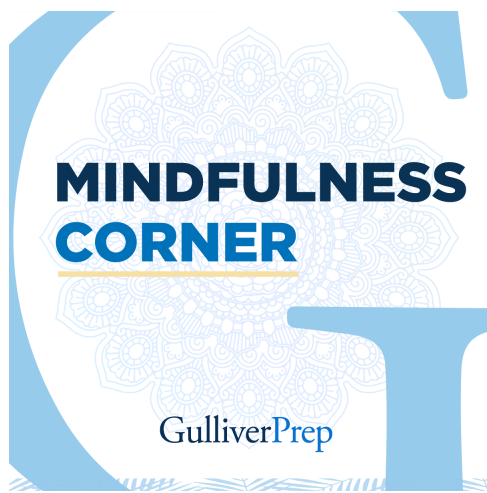


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JK Explores the Amazon Rainforest

As part of the JK Tree Study, Señora Romanach focused her Spanish and science lessons on the wonders of the Amazon Rainforest, building upon students' connections to the natural world. Students studied the importance of rainforests in our world, their various layers, the plants and animals that thrive in the Amazon, and even helped create their very own Amazon Rainforest diorama by designing leaves to add to the canopy. As they wrapped up their learning in the Tree Study last week, students had the opportunity to explore the diorama, strengthening their early digital literacy skills by connecting to videos about sloths, cacao trees, anacondas, jaguars, and toucans via QR codes throughout the diorama. It was an Amazon adventure brought to life by the students themselves!



How To Practice Mindfulness: 10 Practical Steps and Tips

Courtesy of PositivePsychology.com

Have you ever wanted to bring more mindfulness into your life, but struggle to make time in between your chaotic schedule? Or set the intention to go about your day more mindfully, only to fall into the trap of snacking unconsciously or responding to emails on autopilot? It's not easy in the beginning and there will always be some bumps on your path toward a committed mindfulness

practice. This article will guide you through the various ways and resources to help introduce mindfulness in your life so that you are well prepared to start your journey. Click on the button to learn more.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, February 8 - Thursday, February 11

Winter Spirit Week, Grades 9-12

Monday, February 8 - Friday, February 19

Random Acts of Kindness Week, Grades PK-8

Tuesday, February 9

Varsity Boys' Soccer District Final vs. Key West, 3:00 p.m., Sean Taylor '01 Memorial Field, Upper School Campus

Middle School Girls' Tennis vs. Westminster Christian, 3:00 p.m., Tennis Courts, PK-8 Campus

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

Wednesday, February 10

NCAA Signing Day, 3:00 p.m., Blue Dungeon, Upper School Campus

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

Thursday, February 11

PK-8 Chinese New Year Celebration

Middle School Girls' Basketball vs. Dade Christian, 3:30 p.m., Blue Dungeon, Upper School Campus

Middle School Boys' Tennis vs. Westminster Christian, 3:00 p.m., Tennis Courts, PK-8 Campus

Friday, February 12

Teacher Professional Development Day - No Classes

Saturday, February 13

Varsity Softball vs. AIECS (DH), 10:00 a.m./12:00 p.m., Softball Field, Upper School Campus

Monday, February 15

Holiday - No Classes

Tuesday, February 17

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

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