

SCHOOL NEWS AND UPDATES



National Chess K-12 Showdown

Middle and Upper School students recently competed in the National Chess K-12 Showdown. Due to COVID-19 concerns, this online tournament replaced K-12 Grade Nationals, which are typically held annually, live, in December. The K-12 Showdown attracted over 2,800 players from across the United States, as Gulliver Prep fielded teams in grades 7-11. Three teams placed in the top five in their respective divisions, including Gulliver's 11th grade team, comprised of Matteo Akl, Mark Liberman, Nicolas Puttre, and Eli Rich, which tied for first place and finished as co-champions. To learn more, click on the button.

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Middle School Yearbook Gold Medal

The Middle School yearbook staff continues to work their magic of capturing Gulliver Prep's essence, year after year. Led by Ms. Cori Basulto-Fraga, Middle School Journalism Faculty member, the 2019-20 yearbook staff created a dynamic, multidimensional, and visually captivating design that is truly "EPIC." The book recently earned a Gold medal from the Columbia Scholastic Press Association (CSPA). To learn more, click on the button.

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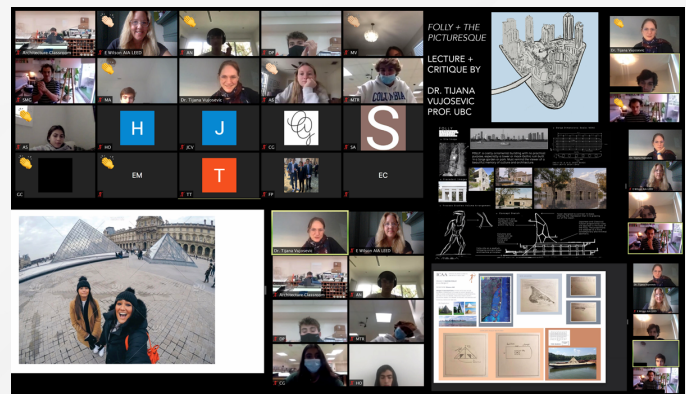


JK Explores Cultures from Around the World

To close out the fall semester, JK students embarked on a culture study where they learned about people from all around the world, bringing diversity into the classroom. The students were introduced to varying traditions, holidays, foods, languages, and traditional clothing. This year, they were able to connect via Zoom with people from Canada, England, Scotland, Spain, and more! "In connection with our commitment to diversity, learning about different cultures that may be different from our own, helps develop empathy and broadens our learning horizons," said Ms. Cristina Torres, Primary School Faculty member. Teachers and students sent videos back to their guests to say thank you and teach them about some of the interesting things we know about Miami and America.

Architecture: Beyond the Classroom

In addition to traditional classroom learning, Upper School architecture students were able to participate in several workshops and guest lectures this fall, as well as connect with alumni. Ms. Emily Wilson, AIA LEED, Architecture Faculty member, held after school portfolio workshops for seniors, helping them prepare their portfolios for college and future internship applications. Students also engaged in various workshops and lectures



with guest speakers, and to close out the year, the Architecture Club hosted its annual Napkin Sketch Competition. Mrs. Christina Manrique who taught architecture at Gulliver for 40 years and started the competition, joined in on the fun. To learn more, click on the button.

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Faculty Spotlight: Ms. Fatima Ginoris

Each week through our Faculty and 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 Ms. Fatima Ginoris, Lower School Faculty member. Click on the button to learn about what makes second grade at Gulliver special, her favorite holiday side dish, and more.

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On-Campus or Remote Learning Selection

If you plan for your child(ren) to remain in the same learning mode they are in now, you do not need to do anything. If you would like to change the learning mode for the following week, you must submit a learning selection change form **no later than 3:00 p.m. on Thursdays.** The change form is located in the [Parent Portal](#) alongside the COVID-19 dashboard.

Safety App Reminder

The Safety App authentication on your mobile device will time out after a few days of inactivity. If your app seems unresponsive after a long break, please open and close the application completely on your device to re-authenticate.

DRAMA & DESSERTS

A NIGHT OF SWEET ENTERTAINMENT

January 8, 2021

7:00 p.m.

Virtual Stream
gulliver.life/drama-desserts



UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, January 5

JV Boys' Soccer vs. LaSalle, 4:00 p.m., Sean Taylor '01 Memorial Field, Upper School Campus

JV Boys' Basketball vs. Florida Christian, 4:30 p.m., Blue Dungeon, Upper School Campus

Wednesday, January 6

Varsity Girls' Soccer vs. Saint Brendan, 3:30 p.m., Sean Taylor '01 Memorial Field, Upper School Campus

JV Boys' Basketball vs. Palmer Trinity, 4:00 p.m., Blue Dungeon, Upper School Campus

Varsity Girls' Weightlifting vs. Key West & Coral Shores, 4:45 p.m., Weight Room, Upper School Campus

Thursday, January 7

IBMYP Information Session, 8:45 a.m., Virtual

JV Girls' Soccer vs. Westminster Christian, 3:30 p.m., Sean Taylor '01 Memorial Field, Upper School Campus

Friday, January 8

Drama & Desserts - Upper School Thespian Showcase, 7:00 p.m., Virtual Stream

Varsity Boys' Soccer vs. Oxbridge, 4:00 p.m., Sean Taylor '01 Memorial Field, Upper School Campus

Varsity Girls' Basketball vs. Saint Andrews, 5:30 p.m., Blue Dungeon, Upper School Campus

Saturday, January 9

Freshman Boys' Basketball vs. True North, 10:00 a.m., Blue Dungeon, Upper School Campus

Monday, January 11

Enrichment Begins

Varsity Boys' Soccer vs. Keys Gate, 4:00 p.m., Sean Taylor '01 Memorial Field, Upper School Campus

Tuesday, January 12

JV Boys' Basketball vs. North Broward, 4:00 p.m., Blue Dungeon, Upper School Campus

Wednesday, January 13

The Middle School Dance Department presents Dance in the Elements, 6:30 p.m., Virtual Stream

JV Girls' Soccer vs. Downtown Doral Charter Upper School, Sean Taylor '01 Memorial Field, Upper School Campus

Non-athletic events appear in italics. | All events are subject to change.

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