

SCHOOL NEWS AND UPDATES



Kicking off Teacher Appreciation Week

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Spring Day of Giving in support of The Faculty and Staff Appreciation Fund. In what can only be described as an inspiring display of gratitude, you gave more than \$155,000 for our amazing faculty and staff! This special day of giving is a reminder of how strong our community is and how fortunate we are to be a part of it. What a great way to kick off Teacher Appreciation Week!

If you were not able to give last week, there is still time to support The Gulliver Fund. Click on the button below to donate now. Thank you again for your generosity!

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Stall Catching for Alzheimer's

Last week, Middle School students took part in a Stall Catchers Catchathon, a citizen science game aimed at accelerating Alzheimer's research. The program is based on crowd-sourcing; in other words, ways to get a crowd to answer a question and come up with a solution. In this case, the question is, "how do we help scientists advance on



JK Little Scientists

Last week, JK students kicked off their STEAM study with a simple science experiment. Students learned about liquids and solids and added food coloring for some extra fun! They then raced the ice cubes on different surfaces to see which surface would make them go fastest. Would salt help the ice cubes race or slow them

their research regarding finding a cure for Alzheimer's Disease?" Gulliver students joined their peers from around the world to look at actual blood flow on the brains of mice, and mark where blood stalls are present. The activity not only tied in with science curriculum standards which include the brain and how lack of oxygen can lead to brain receptor damage and memory (Alzheimer's Disease), it taught students the value of research, and the importance of helping the community as global citizens. To watch the Catchathon in action, click on the button.

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down? Would a fan help the cubes move? During this process they also learned about the scientific method. These little scientists can't wait for the next experiment!



Poetry and Photography Gallery Walk

Ms. Voci's Middle School English students wrapped up a mini unit on poetry by producing a gallery wall of "Positively Perfect Personal Poetry from Many Perspectives." Over the course of two weeks, students were asked to take at least two interesting photos per school day, and write a corresponding poem. They had the opportunity to get outdoors, be creative with photography, use the photography to help brainstorm lists of words and emotions, learn types of poetry, and ultimately create a Google Slideshow of approximately 10 poems and photos. Each poem was taken through the whole writing process: brainstorming, flash-drafting, revising, editing, and finally, publishing.



Faculty Spotlight: Mrs. Carla O'Connor

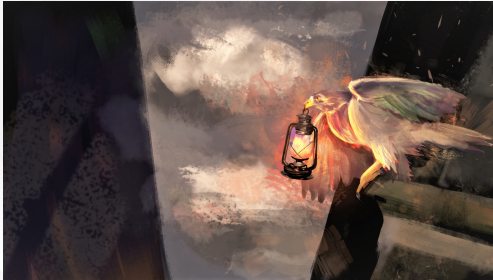
Each week through our Faculty/Staff Spotlight series, we invite our community members to get to know Gulliver Prep teachers and staff members across every division. This week, our Spotlight features Mrs. Carla O'Connor, Lower School Faculty member. Click on the button to learn how she discovered her passion for teaching, her hidden talent, favorite sweet treat, and much more.

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Beaux Arts Student Honors

Eight Gulliver students were recognized as finalists in this year's Beaux Arts Student Artist Showcase, with a pair of students going on to place in their individual categories. Olivia Bueno '25 won first place in the graphics category for her piece titled "The Skeptic," (pictured, top) and Mauricio Luzardo '22 placed second in the digital art category with his piece titled, "V Dom7 sus 4" (pictured, bottom). Their winning artwork is featured on the Lowe Art Museum's website, as well as the Beaux Arts website. To learn more, click on the button.



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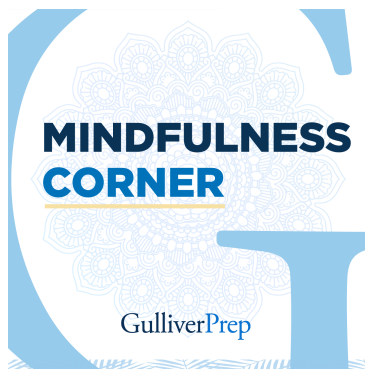
Innovative Teacher of the Year

Our very own Mrs. Laura Keepax '85 P '18 '18 '22, Upper School Biomedical Science Faculty member, has been named the Nancy Conrad Innovative Teacher of the Year. Mrs. Keepax is in her 11th year at Gulliver, and currently leads the Biomedical Science Signature Academic Program. Through her teaching, students learn about the biological and physiological principles of the human body through case scenarios. Mrs. Keepax is also a faculty sponsor of the HEAL (Health Education & Awareness Leaders) student club, and assists with Link Crew, Gulliver's mentoring club for new students. Over the past 10 years, she has coached several of Gulliver's Conrad Challenge teams, including this year's winning team, in addition to being a subject matter expert for teams across the globe. Stay tuned for more on this year's Challenge champions, "Outside the Box," in next week's Weekly Raider!



Varsity Track & Field has Excellent Showing at Regionals

Gulliver's track and field teams had an impressive showing at the FHSAA Regional Championships over the weekend, as the boys' team placed third overall and the girls' team placed fifth. On the boys' side, Jalen Brown '23 turned in a regional championship performance in the 100 meter run and qualified for states (100 & 200), along with Daniel Harris '23 (100 & 200), Gabriel Bendix '22 (800), and the Raider's 4x400 relay team of Brown, Harris, Bendix, and Matt White '22. The 4x400 relay team shattered the school record with a time of 3:22, surpassing the previous mark by five seconds. For the girls, Nina Starvaggi '22 notched a regional title in the 800 meter run and has qualified for states, alongside Paulina Guerra '24 (pole vault), Jackie Taylor '24 (high jump), Courtney Green '24 (200 & 400), and the Raiders' 4x800 relay team of Starvaggi, Olivia Torres '22, Alessandra Di Mise '25, and Kyra Gardner '22. The state championship meet will take place this Saturday, May 8, at the University of North Florida. Good luck, Raiders!



A Guide to Practicing Self-Care with Mindfulness

Courtesy of mindful.org

Making sure our own needs are met is as important as taking care of those we love most. When turning your attention toward yourself feels challenging, there are simple ways to move through the discomfort. Click on the button to learn more.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, May 5

Middle School Orchestra and Chorus Concert, 6:30 p.m., Courtyard, PK-8 Campus

Thursday, May 6

Senior Sunset, 6:30 p.m., Sean Taylor '01 Memorial Field, Upper School Campus

Middle School Montgomery Academic Awards Ceremony, 7:00 p.m., Virtual

Friday, May 7

Last Day of School for Seniors

Seniors' Black Tie Dinner, 8:00 p.m., Perez Art Museum Miami

Saturday, May 8

Middle School Varsity/JV Lacrosse vs. Miami Country Day, 10:00/11:30 a.m., Lacrosse Field, PK-8 Campus

Monday, May 10

Athletic Awards Ceremony, 6:30 p.m., Virtual

All events are subject to change.

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