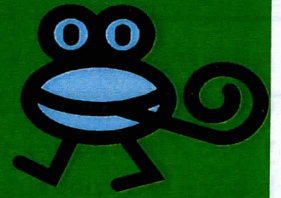


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CPMHS Battle of the Classes: Battling for a Cause

Julia Beattie

September 2016 will mark the 15th anniversary of the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center. Consequently, this year Carle Place High School's 9th annual Battle of the Classes, Battling for a Cause event honors those affected by this tragic day. Carle Place Student Organization and Key Club officers chose Tuesday's Children as this year's beneficiary of fund-raising efforts. Tuesday's Children was founded to promote long-term healing for all those directly impacted by the events of Tuesday, September 11, 2001. An estimated 3,051 children lost a parent on 9/11. Over 33,000 responders and survivors have faced and continue to face 9/11-related illnesses. The students chose a foundation close to the community's heart. Many families in town and employees of the Carle Place school district were affected by 9/11 in some way. Carle Place High School security guard, Greg Cantiello; Port Authority Employee and CP Alumni Robert Jarvis; art teacher, Mr. Krause, who volunteered with the Wantagh Fire Department in the aftermath; Fine Arts Chairperson, Mrs. Russo who volunteered at St. Paul's Church, a place of rest for first responders; Battalion Captain Chief and Carle Place resident, Charles Vella; and father of Student Organization Secretary Julia Beattie, Lieutenant John Beattie; these are just a few of the many who were impacted.

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After months of planning by The Student Organization and The Key Club, the highly anticipated event arrived. Sophomore Christiana Caliendo said, "The day of battle is the best day of the school year." The evening of February 26, 2016 was filled with fun, spirit, and competition and truly exhibited how our small town can really come together for an important cause. The students of Carle Place High School were able to raise \$20,000 for Tuesday's Children. The goal of the Student Organization and Key Club was to raise awareness of the impact of 9/11 and to keep alive the memories of those affected. Student Organization and Key Club leaders are sure that the night and cause will be remembered forever.

Student Organization Vice President, Sophia Urrutia stated, "Hours of planning and hard work went into the event this year, so seeing the excitement among the students, faculty, and representatives of Tuesday's Children was an extremely rewarding feeling." Key Club President, Thomas Vestuto, noted: "Battle of the Classes, Battling for a Cause is an amazing opportunity to unify the school through service learning. By raising thousands of dollars for various charities and organizations, we are able to show what teamwork can really do, even if we are a really small school." Congratulations to our top fundraiser, sophomore Gabriella Murray, and to the class of 2016 for winning the 2016 Battle of the Classes, Battling for a Cause.

Diversity Club Visits Adelphi University

Samantha Georges

This year, the Diversity Club's advisor Mrs. Sullivan, Middle School principal Mr. Katz, and the officers attended a conference at Adelphi University. The conference consisted of several workshops which touched upon various aspects of the club itself; including bullying, tolerance, human trafficking, and other major issues that hinder our efforts to truly coexist with each other. All of the attendants unanimously agreed that the workshops had exceptional educational value and that the conference as a whole was meaningful and enjoyable.

The Diversity Club encourages students to join and become involved in its efforts to spread awareness about and resolve various social issues. The club also hosts fundraisers such as the sale of "Boo Grams" back in October and the occasional bake sale. Toward the end of the year, the Diversity Club throws its annual Multicultural Fair, which welcomes everyone.

Key Club Fashion Show

Alexandra Docyk

The Key Club Fashion show is an annual fashion show that helps raise money for a family or foundation in Carle Place. The fashion show this year will be held on April 22, 2016 at 7pm in the high school auditorium. It is completely run by the Key Club members and their advisor Ms. Buffalino. This year the money is going to one of our own students in the 10th grade, Devin Talt. Devin has cystic fibrosis and which is a life-threatening disorder that damages your lungs and digestive system. With the money we raise, this will help pay for his treatments and medicine. The fashion show will include different types of clothing such as formal dress from Camille's, preppy outfits from Lord and Taylor, and fun attire in which you can wear a funny costume or outfit. Hopefully this year will be a great turn out. Come out and support the Annual Key Club Fashion show April 22, 2016 at 7pm!

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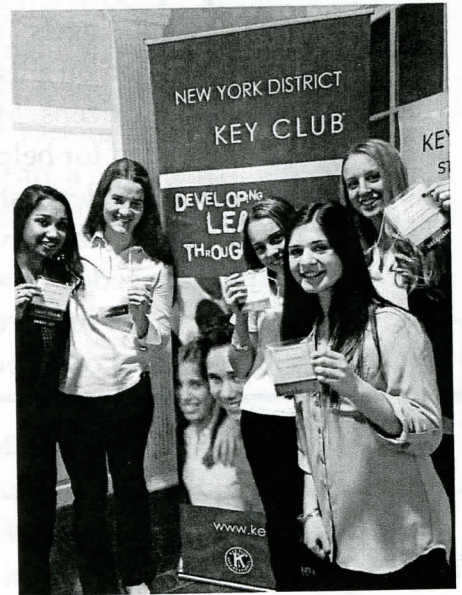
Pragna Krishnamurthy, Caroline McLaughlin, Daniela Posillico, Julia Winer, and Savannah Weilert

Sophomore, Pragna Krishnamurthy (Key Club Secretary), Sophomore Savannah Weilert (Key Club PR Web Manager), Freshman Daniela Posillico (Key Club Member), Freshman Caroline McLaughlin (Key Club Member) and Freshman Julia Winer (Key Club Member) attended the New York State Key Club Conference in Albany from March 18-March 21 with their advisor Ms. Buffalino. "Last year we won the Team4community grant which enabled us to attend this conference for the first time." said Pragna Krishnamurthy. Daniela Posillico stated "I never realized how large of an organization Key Club is on the international level. There are 37 participating countries involved in Key Club". Savannah Weilert "learned how to improve our website in an innovative way based on training from fellow Key Club leaders." Julia Winer who was selected to sing the national anthem at the conference, found that "it was amazing to see over 800 professional high school students that are all committed to the same goal of working toward a better nation and ultimately a better world."

The 135 members of the Carle Place Key Club were recognized by the state for: increased membership, perfect paperwork, early bird dues, public relations, state club of the month – October 2015, and Diamond

Membership Level Club. The Key Club's Fundraising through the Fashion 2015 Event was awarded in the Platinum Division for a single service event. The club was awarded the highest honor in the state for the highest cumulative fundraising award for having fundraised over \$37,000 from April of 2015 – February of 2016. The club was also awarded the highest honor in the state for excellence in fundraising. This was awarded for Battle of the Classes, Battling for a Cause which was co-run with the Student Organization in February of 2016 and generated \$20,000 for Tuesday's Children.

We have been able to accomplish what we have through our collaborative work with Mineola County Seat Kiwanis and Luisa Fillipe. It was surprising to see how our little club has made such a large impact. "We do not run our events for recognition, but it made us feel appreciated. This has motivated us to do even



more." said Pragna Krishnamurthy. Caroline McLaughlin found that the conference made her realize that "selfless acts of kindness are constantly taking place in Key Club. I am so proud to be a part of this organization and truly make a difference in my community." It is amazing what group of dedicated students can achieve in order to help others.

Le Mis: Review

Alyssa Kanno

The powerful play *Les Misérables* was first written in 1862, but has continued to mesmerize the public to this day. *Les Misérables* was recently produced into a movie, but it can always be found on Broadway or even on the stage of a community theater. On March 11th and 12th 2016, Carle Place High School put on its own performance of this timeless play.

The plot and mood of the play itself is somber, dark, and gloomy. The main character Jean Valjean (played by Ryan Hopkins), was arrested for stealing bread for his sister's sick son and imprisoned for nineteen years. When he is paroled, no one will hire him for work so he ends up stealing from a church and ultimately getting arrested once more. However, the priest (played by Frank Buffolino) lies to get Valjean off the hook and gives him the church's best silver to help him start over.

Valjean uses the silver to do just that, becoming an honest man and promising the dying Fantine (played by Ariel Salerno) that he will take care of her child, Cosette (played by Alexandra Nagy and Jean-Marie Neave). The constable Javert (played by Tom Sheremetta) hunts Valjean throughout the years, believing he will always be a thief. While there are many tragedies throughout the play (many of the characters die),

Valjean dies of old age and Cosette learns of all that he has done for her and for the people he helped, thus providing a bittersweet ending to this story. The students who were in the play did a great job of bringing their characters to life. Each time the actors came on stage, it was like the audience was transported in the 1830s and became part of the story. It was easy to see that the actors themselves were excited to put on the performance. Their energy floated around them as they walked on stage. They didn't just stand there and say their lines; they each in their own way gave attitude and personality to the characters they were portraying. The actors certainly made the play and their characters come to life, but that was only possible with help from the people that work their magic behind the stage. The sound and lighting crew worked quickly and efficiently during scene changes. The orchestra was expertly able to have the music capture the mood, whether someone was dying or falling in love. The stage crew was able to set up the props for the scenes and pull props off the stage so quickly and smoothly, that it was like there was no pause between scenes.

All in all, the play (produced and directed by Mrs. Joni Russo) was a wonderfully produced version of *Les Mis*. The actors were able to share their love for the play with the audience through their performances. The \$10.00 admission ticket was well worth every cent to watch the magic on the brand new stage of Carle Place's auditorium.

