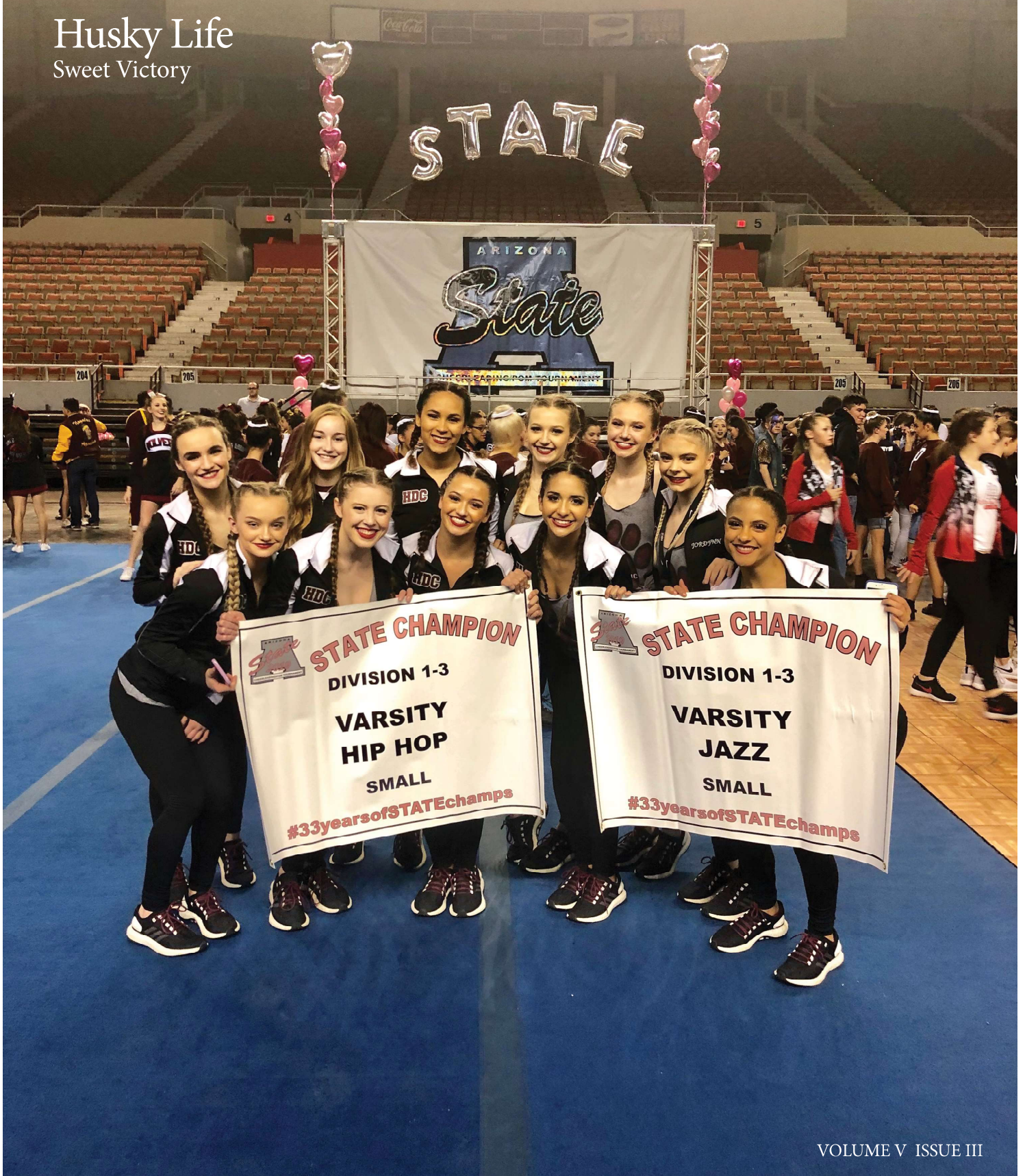


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Journalism staff, student council, yearbook, and football leaders at the conference.

Josten's Renaissance Leadership Conference

On February 5th, 2019, select journalism students attend the Jostens Renaissance Regional Conference along with yearbook, student council, and the varsity football leadership team at North High School in Phoenix. This annual conference provides students with fresh ideas to make an impact on their schools when they return. Led by motivational speaker, Mike Smith, students from all over Arizona learned valuable leadership skills.

The focus of the conference was the 4 G's: Gratitude, Grit, Goals, and Graduation. Gratitude focuses on appreciating what others do for you. Grit dealt with the challenges students have to overcome to achieve their goals. Goals are what you must set in order to improve. Graduation is the ultimate goal for students.

Students in attendance gained a lot from the conference. Sports editor Kyle Coffee (12) said "It is necessary for a school to establish a diverse culture in order to seek success through every student"

"The most beneficial part of the conference for me was learning from Mike Smith how he overcame challenges and accomplished goals that were larger than himself", said managing editor Lauren Craig (10).

This annual conference is very beneficial to students and brings multiple clubs and teams together to create a more cohesive population at Hamilton.

- Lauren Craig, Managing Editor

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ACDEC

ACDEC, also known as Academic Decathlon, is a fierce competition highlighting the top minds in the state. The competitions consist of ten academic portions: art, music, language and literature, science, economics, math, history, a speech, an interview and an essay. The students who participate have to be proficient in all categories to be successful at the competition; it is an extreme amount of pressure!

This year, Hamilton's ACDEC team consists of nine members: Jacob Nance, Aris Zhu, Jasmine Sun, Zuzia Stechly, Emma Keegan, Navaneeth Unnikrishnan, Emily Jefferson, Melina Chabolla, and Tyler Thornton. The amazing team of students defended Hamilton's four year crown at the National Championships. Individually, the members also won some awards:

Jake Nance (12)- HIGHEST SCORER IN THE STATE, Gold Art, Gold Econ, Gold Essay, Outstanding overall essay trophy, Silver Lang and Lit, Silver Math, Silver Music, Gold Social Sci, Gold Science, Silver Speech.

Aris Zhu (10) - Bronze Art, Bronze Math, Bronze Music, Bronze Social Science, Bronze Science. Jasmine Sun - Gold Music, Silver Social Sci.

Zuzia Stechly (12)- 2nd OVERALL scholastic, Bronze Art, Bronze Econ, Silver Essay, Silver Speech, Silver Interview, Silver Social Science.

Emily Jefferson (12) - Silver Econ, Silver Lang and Lit, Silver Math, Bronze Music.

Melina Chabolla (12) - Silver Art, Gold Social Sci. The regional winners are studying hard for the next step up which is State. With past wins under their belts, the challenge is on.

If interested in joining the ACDEC team next year, there are multiple options: the elective honors class or join the ACDEC club. The team is picked from both the honors class and the club. Hamilton's team will be going to state March.

- Emma Lavoie, Staff Reporter



ACDEC Regionals

Speech and Debate

Over January 4th-6th, Hamilton Speech and Debate competed at the 2019 Hughs Down School of Communication Invitational, where they recently won first place out of 141 schools from around the country for Sweepstakes! Hugh Downs School Invitational is the largest high school Speech and Debate tournament in Arizona. Hamilton earned the points they needed to win by "how well Hamilton competed, most entries to compete, and the most people who got to finals," said Policy leader, Ayesha Raman (11). Hamilton is so proud of the Speech and Debate team!

This win did not just come out of nowhere, as Hamilton has worked hard to improve over the years! Team member, Amrutha Obulasetty(12), said, "From the start of the season, I always knew our policy team would carry us through... From previous years, speech and debate was relatively small within policy, but this year we have so many now. We have good captains, coaches, and topics. We are all so passionate and really thriving," noting just how valuable this win was for Hamilton. Speech and Debate continues to strive for their best each and every year! Hamilton applauds our fellow students for all their hard work and dedication!

- Lauren Craig, Managing Editor



We The People

Countless hours of research, endless late-night study parties, and too many cups of coffee burned into the hopeful hearts of 24 students this past semester, all preparing to dominate in rigorous competition.

We The People - an exclusive and competitive government club at Hamilton - snagged District Title in their last competition of 2018 and went on to make their debut at State only two weeks into the New Year. Divided into six groups of four students, each unit had the job of researching and compiling information into essays on specific influential topics (such as immigration, etc.) to present in mock congressional debates. The workload is notoriously intensive.

In past school years, Hamilton's We The People team has established itself as a force to be reckoned with. This year's team has proved no different - our students put immeasurable amounts of work and dedication into their craft. 'Weople' member and Hamilton Senior, Taylor Smith, notes that she easily spent "over 200 hours studying, writing, meeting with [her] group, and practicing." She says, "All in all, I spent the majority of my first semester and Christmas Break working for this class." The sheer level of commitment needed to succeed in such a time-consuming class is admirable, and our students put their all into it.

In the end, Hamilton's team walked away with the second place

trophy at this year's State Competition. Although it's uncertain whether they will advance to Nationals, We The People has made its mark with an amazing accomplishment. This year's students have created beautiful friendships and had experiences that will last them a lifetime.

- Lexi Schieffer, Managing Editor



We The People Regionals 2018-2019

Criminal Justice Class 2019-2020

Each year, new clubs are added in efforts to further engage the students in activities supporting their interests and passions. While classes such as Speech and Debate and We The People expose students to social phenomena and political discussions outside the educational environment, the Criminal Justice Course being introduced soon is planning on tackling the intricacies embedded in the law and student's lives beyond high school.

A Criminal Justice course promotes knowledge of and respect for the law and will help transform students into civically responsible citizens who may become leaders in their community. Criminal Justice students will develop an understanding of ethics, morals and legal services while being exposed to experiences that explore equality, justice, discipline, awareness, community involvement, civic duties and responsibilities. The coursework will prepare students for college entry or an entry level position in the criminal justice field including: law enforcement, judicial system, counseling, correctional officers, morticians, and crime scene investigators.

Mr. Shough, the 11th grade US History teacher, instituted the idea of introducing this class as of next year, as "he hopes to show students interested in criminal law or justice whatever they should know and learn before entering a career that deals with it."

Officer Deuker enthusiastically addressed this idea stating, "A criminal law or justice class would be ideal for high school students because all students are held to the law and should be taught the consequences of their actions, while being constructively ad-

vised in an academic setting." Several students were intrigued by this class as well, some of whom had been requesting such a class since their freshman year. Manvi Harde(10) was thrilled by the addition, exclaiming "Whenever I would sign up for classes, I tried finding something that would teach me more about law since I want to go into law, and this class seems perfect for that." Overall, both students and teachers are excited to hear about the new class!

Mr. Shough, as well as other faculty members, strive to provide students with the experience, skills and knowledge necessary to pursue a career and/or further education in the field of criminal justice in the following years!

- Sonam Jain, Co-Editor-In-Chief



Model UN

The members of Model UN went to Mesa Community College for a conference where they competed against 23 other schools. Hamilton had the second highest scoring average and 18 distinguished delegates.

The best delegates for their committee were Xavier Valdez, Ria Manathkar, Sonakshi Sharma, Anusha Rahman, Nivea Krishnan, and Yuna Jeon. The best diplomats were Xavier Valdez, Anusha Rahman, Nivea Krishnan, and Yuna Jeon. Best policy papers were Sonakshi Sharma, Brendan Manning, Yuna Jeon, Anusha Natarajan, and Mikenna DeBruin.

To provide some insight for those who don't know what goes on at the event, Ria Manathkar (10) said that "An MUN conference consists of seven different committees with about 45-60 individual delegates in each. Each delegate represents a different country and each committee discusses a different topic relating to the world right now." It's an opportunity for students to solve real world problems and learn to build relationships.

In order to receive the awards, Xavier Valdez (11) stated "You have to show that you're good at leading a group of people and having them all work together to create the best resolution for the world issue your committee is working to solve. Having those awards is so crazy to me, and there a huge honor to win." The delegates had to work hard to accomplish these, and their work is clearly shown in how well Hamilton did at this conference.

When asked what the hardest and best part of the conference

was, Anusha Rahman (9) stated that "the best part was making new friends... and the hardest part was setting myself apart from all those brilliant people." Clearly, the delegates had to stand out from all the others, which didn't seem like an easy task.

Hamilton should be very proud of the accomplishments of these students, allowing our school to take second place!

- Arabella Hammerich & Katherine Soltero, Staff Reporters



Hamilton Spring Fling

Hamilton High School presented its first ever Spring Fling Carnival! This community event was February 14-17, at Hamilton High. It was free to attend and free to park, but unlimited ride passes were purchased before the event. Carnival rides, vendor expos, food and fun were featured at the four day long event. People brought their friends, family, and even their Valentine's day date, with an outstanding 3,500 people showed up.

Being one of the largest events Hamilton has put on, the carnival was a difficult task. Ms. Tanna Finnvik, Committee Administrative Assistant, explained, "Mr. Franklin has wanted to do this for a long time in all the schools he's worked for, and a company approached us to partner, so it's finally happened." Partners and sponsors for the clubs at Hamilton participated in selling tickets and worked together to make this event one to remember.

Ms. Violet Richard, Event Coordinator, elaborated saying "It was a community event. It was huge, and so many clubs and organizations from the community participated" This event got everyone involved, and brought the community together.

Esther Jung (11) said "It was fun and exciting, and great to try something new with my family". There was a ferris wheel, giant swings, and many more rides. The event included activities catered to smaller kids as well, for those with younger siblings, and for our teachers with kids.

Friends and family joined and enjoyed the community get-together at Hamilton High School's very first Spring Fling Carnival! Don't forget to buy your tickets next year!

- Isabella Klemeneic, Staff Reporter



NHS Talent Show

National Honor Society recently held a talent show for charity where members could show off their amazing talents.

Winner of the talent show, Tiffany Ticlo (11), said that she chose to participate in the talent show because “I volunteer at Phoenix Children Hospital a lot and I wanted to be able to participate in the show so that I can get more friends and family to come and raise more money for the foundation.” This goes to show how selfless and generous the members of NHS truly are. They do things for others without a second thought!

Audience member, Aundrea Lester (10), stated that “It was a great show to watch. I especially enjoyed seeing not only the variety of performances, but how talented everyone is in their own way.” The most enjoyable part of the talent show was the act that each individual put on. Hamilton has some talented students!

Kaitlyn Chung (12) went into depth about how much effort was put into creating the talent show. She stated “We started planning it maybe one or two months in advance. [In the beginning stages], it was a lot of advertisement and getting the word out.” A lot of time and effort went into putting together the talent show and making sure it ran smoothly. Hamilton should definitely be grateful for everyone’s hard work in getting the talent show up and running!

The 2019 NHS talent show was certainly a success. For those who enjoy watching performances and helping charities, this is a great show to keep an eye out for next year!

- Arabella Hammerich, Staff Reporter



Tiffany Ticlo, winner of the NHS Talent Show.



Zach and the Kilmers Jazz Band

Bring Change 2 Mind

Raising awareness about mental illnesses, encouraging dialogue of mental illness, and ending the stigma and discrimination surrounding mental illness is the goal of Bring Change 2 Mind. BC2M is a nonprofit organization dedicated to spreading the word.

Last year, Feona Dong (Class of 2018) started the first BC2M club in Arizona. With the hope of expanding the club throughout Arizona, Vani Sanganeria and Sanji Patel represented Hamilton at a fundraiser that collected over \$300,000.

Vani Sanganeria (12), one of four panelists at the fundraiser, spoke at the event, to bring more BC2M clubs across the state. She joined the club because she “feels very personally passionate about mental health advocacy and because [she] feels like it’s a very modern day issue that is just now being highlighted and we need to continue the momentum of highlighting that issue.”

Sajni Patel (11), a member of BC2M at Hamilton, expresses the goal of the club at our school as “promoting awareness about mental health and also to create a support system at Hamilton so people can understand the struggles of others and tell people about it.”

The money raised at the fundraiser means the club has a bright future ahead of it and launching an Arizona-wide campaign is just the beginning. Sanganeria says “in addition to growing at Hamilton specifically, we plan on collaborating with other Arizona clubs that are starting up in the next year.” Speaking out is how people are inspired to take action and Bring Change 2 Mind is inspiring many people to get involved and end the stigma.

- Chloe Dickinson, Staff Reporter



Seniors Selecting Colleges

There are about 4 months left of this school year and then seniors will leave, beginning the rest of their lives. Most people see that as a good thing, but behind the scenes, it can be more stressful than fun. With the clock ticking faster as the days goes on, seniors have less time to figure out what their plan is. There are those who have had a plan ready from the beginning of high school, and then those who haven't thought about any options.

When talking about planning, there are many other things to consider than what is seen on the outside. Regarding her plan after high school and what she's doing to prepare, Yoori Han (12) said "I'm not taking a break, I'm going straight into the fall semester after summer. I've already sent in my application to ASU, so I'm trying to get a job and save up money for college." Everyone has their way of doing it, and many take college on all at once. After all, it is human nature to stress ourselves out more than we need to.

During this final countdown everyone needs advice. Responding to advice she can offer seniors at this time, Biology teacher, Kim Polus said, "Do not fall apart. Do not let senioritis take you over because you still need to do well enough to walk out of here with a good GPA. So you want to focus, and you want to plan ahead, but you can't let what's going to happen in the future take over your present." It's the things we take most for granted that we come to regret in the long run. In this case, it's time being taken for granted.

People have different weaknesses that cause them to step back. Talking about how hard it will be to move out, Sophie Boerst (12)

said "I'm going to be moving into a dorm room at NAU for the first time in my life, and it's going to be really hard because I do not have my dog Isaac with me." Pets can be really hard to let go, as well as family members and old friends, yet sometimes it's the moments that hurt us that soon come to teach us about what might occur in the future.

Time is dwindling and pressures from all directions are consuming the seniors faster and faster everyday. Some have plans already set in motion, while others are taking it one step at a time. From ASU to NAU and UCLA to USC, no matter what college, a bright future will always be waiting. All it takes is a little faith and hard work

- Jay Jay Quintana, Staff Reporter



Signing Day

February 6th was a special day for thirteen of Hamilton's top athletes. With many different high schools being represented in Arizona during signing day, it was impressive to see that Hamilton held thirteen signees. From soccer, football, and baseball, many different sports were represented all around the country. Football linebacker, Ryan Guerrero (12), described the day as, "One of the most exciting days in my life. I'm so grateful for the fact that I can continue my football career." He will be attending CSU-Pueblo in the fall. Another football player that signed was punter, Daniel Obarski. He also plays 3 other sports-- soccer, hockey, and volleyball-- but committed to the University of Central Florida, he said "I love the other sports I play, but football is my number one sport, and I can't wait for [Central] Florida in August." Another notable signee from the Huskies football team was wide receiver Brandon Schenks, who signed with the University of Utah. "My family and I were ecstatic about my opportunity to go play football. It's been a dream of mine for a long time." Schenks was one of the bright spots in what was otherwise a disappointing season for Huskies football.

In total, with the other 32 that signed in December, Hamilton overall had 45 athletes that signed to go play various sports in college. That's a huge accomplishment for the school, and something that should be recognized. Let's keep it rolling in 2019-2020!

- Connor Manning, Staff Reporter



Danielle Cole (12) signing with the Concordia Eagles.

2020 Presidential Candidates

As of February 3, 2019, there are 520 candidates who filed to run for president in 2020, including: 168 Democratic candidates, 70 Republican candidates, 19 Libertarian candidates, and 13 Green candidates. Here is who we know well:



Kamala Harris (D)

Kamala Harris is one of the current senators of California and one of the top runners for the White House in 2020. She announced her campaign on January 21, 2019, validating many beliefs that she would indeed run.

Harris is a big believer in stricter gun laws and in legalizing recreational marijuana at the federal level. She is placed second for the most small dollar campaign donations in the first 24 hours of announcing, just following Sanders.

Donald Trump (R)

President Donald Trump's 2020 campaign began much before the others, on January 20, 2017, when he was inaugurated.

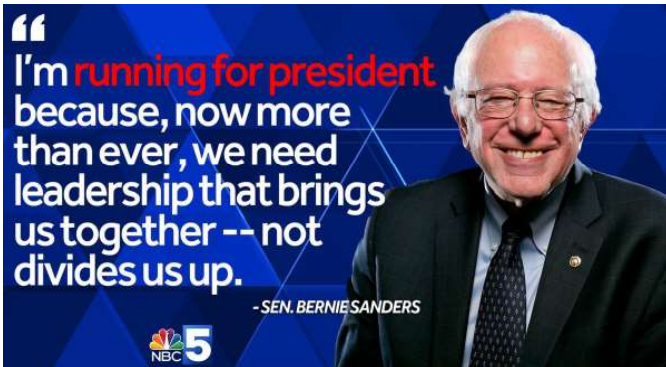
Mike Pence will still be the President's running mate, and the slogan for the campaign will change to "Keep America Great." He is currently the only major republican candidate even in the running for President at this point, something America hasn't seen for a very long time.



Bernie Sanders (I)

Sanders is easily the most popular democratic socialist candidate America has seen in a long time. He announced his run for the presidency on February 19, 2019, and was even pulling one of the largest groups of support previous to the announcement.

Sanders is one of the biggest supports for free public university for all, and a largely popular Medicare For All Act. Sanders is running for an equal America, one that is pulling voters out from the wood works, and one that is bringing people together.



Cory Booker (D)

New Jersey senator, Cory Booker, announced his run for President on the morning of February 1st with a campaign video on Twitter, a large part of his political sphere. Many were bidding on Cory to run, and he already is pulling a lot of support. Booker grew up oppressed for the color of his skin; his family tried buying a house when he was a boy, and they were denied because they are black.

He has supported the Medicare for All Act, is a big advocate for criminal justice reform, and the Green New Deal, starting the environment is one of his top three policy issues in his campaign.



- Taylor Smith, Editor-In-Chief

Government Shutdown 2019

December 22, 2018 to January 25, 2019, marks the longest government shutdown in history, after President Trump's refusal to sign spending legislature without border wall funding. Over 800,000 federal employees were directly affected, and 380,000 were without pay, already having missed a paycheck.

Not only had this affected federal employees, but federal aid, like EBT/ SNAP Food benefits were affected as of February 1st. In Los Angeles last month, there were less than 40 judges in the courts, and other 74,000 pending immigration-related cases. In the same vein, e-Verify is also down, a system employers use to reduce the amount of undocumented workers being hired.

Federal attractions, like the National Park Service, are also closed down. The NPCA (National Parks Conservation Association) reported \$6 million in fees have gone uncollected.

President Trump has tweeted about how the Democrats are at fault for the shutdown, and that they are able to reopen the government if they would be willing to build the wall. But the Democrats in the Senate and the House don't believe there are benefits for border security by building a wall.

On the other hand, Democrats refuse to sign any legislation with border wall funding included, neither side ready to compromise.

January 25, 2019

Unexpectedly, the 2019 shutdown, the longest in American history, was complete after President Trump signed a short term funding bill

proposed by Congress to end the shutdown until February 15.

Nancy Pelosi, Speaker of the House, invited President Trump to give a State of the Union address in front of Congress and the press on February 5, 2019

He is still heavily on the pursuit of \$5.7 billion dollars to fund a United States-Mexico border wall.

February 5, 2019

The State of the Union address was given on the evening of the 5th, and only confirmed the congressional gridlock happening in our government.

President Trump spent 90 minutes calling for compromise, but never addressed the government shutdown, or his plans for compromise. He also has been the first President to not address his party's loss of control in the House.

- Taylor Smith, Editor-In-Chief



A Year After the Parkland Shooting

One year ago, on February 14th at 2:21 p.m, a Florida high school was struck with brutal tragedy. In an act that will forever be burned into the memories of many, a teenage gunman opened fire in the halls, taking the lives of 14 students and 3 educators.

This year, on February 14th at 10:17 a.m, silence fell over more than 1,000 Floridian schools in a moment of remembrance of the massacre and deep honor for its victims. The decision to hold this moment at 10:17 was made to represent the 17 beautiful lives lost that day. Students and teachers, not only in Florida, but across the United States will mourn this loss for decades; the Marjory Stoneman Douglas community is forever transformed by the tragedy and has seen countless quiet moments of grief and lost innocence in the past 12 months.

The only saving grace is the union of people in this community, one that quickly and dismally became a symbol of affliction in the media.

Many educators and students who were survivors of the attack, became spokesmen and women for gun control, and led the March For Our Lives movement, reaching across nations.

Some of the teachers started YouTube channels, and public platforms to speak about their experience losing one of their students and their colleagues while in school, something almost no one can relate too.

Talking about the issue, and addressing it head on is our only option as a country. No more lives should be taken.

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You are always with us.

- Lexi Schieffer, Managing Editor



On The Basis of Sex

On The Basis of Sex came out in theaters on December 25, 2018, and drew crowds from all around the world.

The movie highlights the life and success of one of our current Supreme Court Justices, Ruth Bader Ginsburg. A woman known for her undying passion for the equality of the sexes, and for fighting for the rights of people without a voice.

The movie centered around her college life and later, her life as a mom, wife, and college professor. Her husband was her partner in her first court case, *Moritz v. Commissioner*. Together, they achieved an appeal in their favor by the court, setting a new gender neutral precedent in a section of tax law.

Throughout the movie, Ginsburg's struggle is evident. A woman looking to be a lawyer at a time where women were never seen in legal positions. She is challenged everyday, making her the woman and leader we know and love.

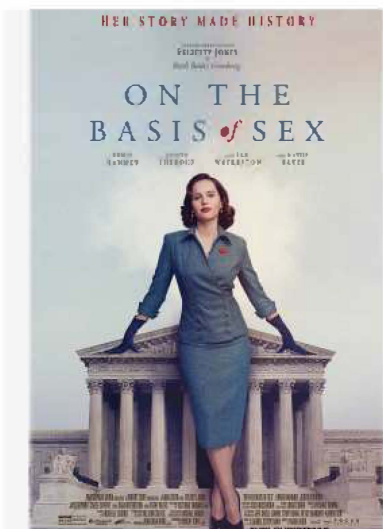
The We The People team took a field trip to the Alamo Draffthouse to see the movie about a month after it hit theaters, and it was greatly loved by the team, all of which see Ginsburg as a role model.

Cora Baron (12) talks about, "wanting more background throughout the entire movie. The end felt like only the beginning." In many ways, the end of the movie was only the start to Ginsburg's life as a leader, as the end depicts her win in *Moritz v. Commissioner*.

Sonakshi Sharma (12) discusses, "I am really glad romance wasn't a big theme in the film. It allowed the film to stay focused on Ginsburg's greatness. We definitely needed more Supreme Court of the United States content."

Overall, the movie was a major hit, and is worth the watch!

- Taylor Smith, Editor-In-Chief



Bandersnatch

The new year means a ton of new things like new trends, songs, movies, etc. But one new movie is shocking people with its out-of-the-box ideas and different possibilities. The Netflix original *Black Mirror: Bandersnatch* was released on December 28, 2018 and is changing things up by making the film a 'choose your own adventure story,' where the choices the viewer makes throughout the film will impact the ending of the movie. The movie is set in 1984, where a young man who is creating a video game in which the player is able to determine his or her adventure named *Bandersnatch*, but during the creation of the game, he begins to question what's real or not. Fionn Whitehead plays main character Stefan, while Will Poulter plays the supporting character Colin.

Black Mirror: Bandersnatch is Netflix's first interactive movie, including five main endings and twelve total endings. Sarah Paulk (10) gives her thoughts on how she feels about so many possible endings: "I think it's cool but also creepy at the same time," she continued "there are so many endings that it's unlikely that someone would be able to find them all." Most people that watch the film only see about five to six endings after about three hours; watching them all would be extremely hard and would take an excessive amount of time. Maci Sarli (10) shares her opinion about *Bandersnatch*, "The movie is so cool. I was intrigued the whole time, trying to make the right decisions to stay alive." Based on the choices made, Stefan could die at any time of the movie. Even if the decision made seems correct, it could come back later and cause problems in the story. So, the viewer has to stay focused the entire time.

From choosing between Sugar Puffs or Frosties cereal, to choosing between killing someone or not, *Black Mirror: Bandersnatch* makes watchers question every decision. Lexi Ernesto (9) says "I liked that the movie gave you small decisions like the songs you listen to but then really hard and conflicting decisions that could affect the whole movie." *Bandersnatch* is all about choices and possibilities which is what makes it so captivating. Find it on Netflix now!

- Katherine Soltero, Staff Reporter



Ariana Grande's *thank u, next*

Ariana Grande's fifth studio album is set for release on February 8th and the hype couldn't be more real. The album is her second number one album in six months.

After a both successful and brutal 2018 for Ms. Grande, it's clear she is set to put her pain and strength into good use for her upcoming project. From the death of her ex-boyfriend and American rapper, Mac Miller, to the break up with her ex-fiance, Pete Davidson, Ariana has much, if not all too much, to say about the escapades of her life.

Her new era has already captivated fans and those alike. Esther Jung (11) claims, "She's been putting out constant content and I don't know if it's going to be as good as "Sweetener" or "Dangerous Woman," but there's definitely a lot of hype." Grande has the world in her grasp and we're waiting to see what more she has to offer.

Since her debut album, *My Everything*, Grande has been working her way up the charts and down history as one of the pop legends of this generation. She has been the voice of young girls (and boys) everywhere. Her lead single "thank u, next" shows that people should learn from every relationship and see those relationships as lessons to better themselves because in the end, the relationship that should matter most to everyone is the one with yourself. Gabbie Bautista (11) explains, "I've always supported her, I love her. As of now I've been listening to "7 rings" a lot. It gives me a feeling of empowerment and teaches me that I don't need someone else to feel good." Many of Grandes' tracks tend to leave more with their listeners than just a catchy lyric but also a valuable message.

From recovering from the devastating Manchester attacks to breakups and deaths, Grande knows how to turn pain into beauty and darkness into light. A mistake can be a lesson and a disaster can bring us together. There's not one track that is meant to tear down but rather to rise above.

- Edward Quintana, Staff Reporter



Ted Bundy Tapes

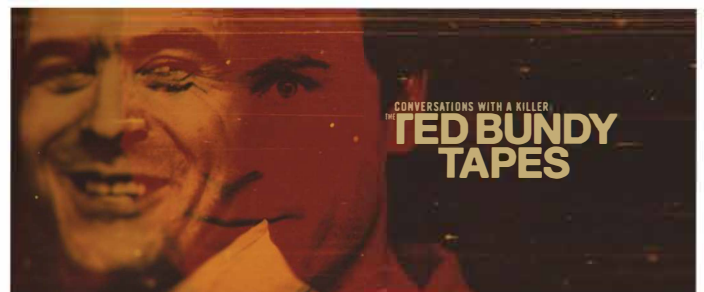
On January 24th, Netflix released a four-part series about the infamous serial killer Ted Bundy. This crime documentary follows Bundy's life along with the brutal murders he was connected to. Audio tapes from Ted Bundy himself were incorporated, taken with journalist Stephen Michaud while Bundy was on death row in Florida State Prison. The tapes offer a personal and disturbing aspect that caught the attention of millions of viewers that watched to hear from the killer himself.

With the recent public interest in Bundy as a result of the Netflix releases, there has been a lot of controversy over whether this kind of information should be public knowledge. Some argue that with an increase of media coverage on serial killers and murderers, the public tends to treat them like celebrities rather than the criminals that they were. Steven Hamming (11) shares, "I don't think people should glorify Ted Bundy so much; it's upsetting that people know more about Ted Bundy than they do about any president." Despite these complaints, the recent documentary along with the new movie starring Zac Efron as Ted Bundy, has sparked a lot of interest in the serial killer's life.

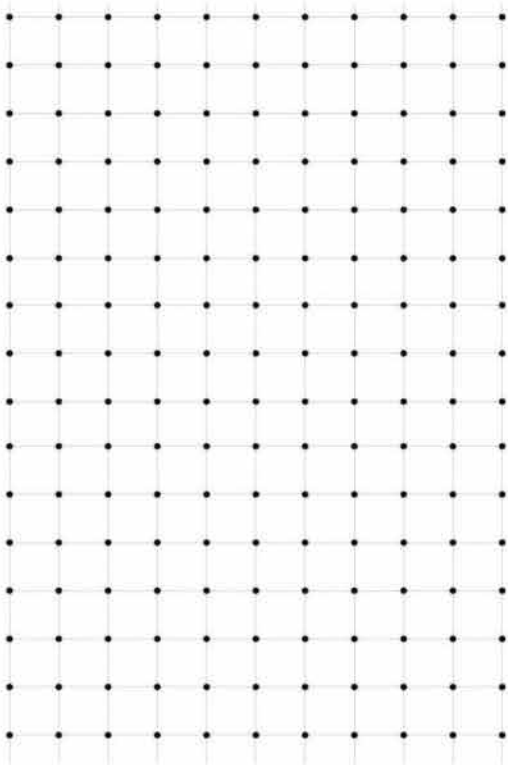
The portrayal of Bundy has also been something that has created controversy, with people citing that he is romanticized too much as a likeable, charismatic person. However, some have come to the defense of the film makers, saying that is the very reason why Ted Bundy was so infamous in the first place, because he didn't fit the stereotype of what a killer was at that time. Alayna Campbell (11) voiced that, "it surprised me that Ted was able to live such a normal life, even having girlfriends, all while he was going on killing sprees." Ted Bundy was a college educated man who was said to be good looking and charming, and that is why he is portrayed that way in both the Netflix tapes and the new movie.

Regardless of all the controversy surrounding the Netflix release, the tapes have received a lot of positive feedback from viewers as it included ample information about the Ted Bundy crimes. The ominous series leaves the audience satisfied, as it provides every detail about Bundy's crimes, his escapes from prison, the trials and his time in jail. The *Ted Bundy Tapes* are available now on Netflix!

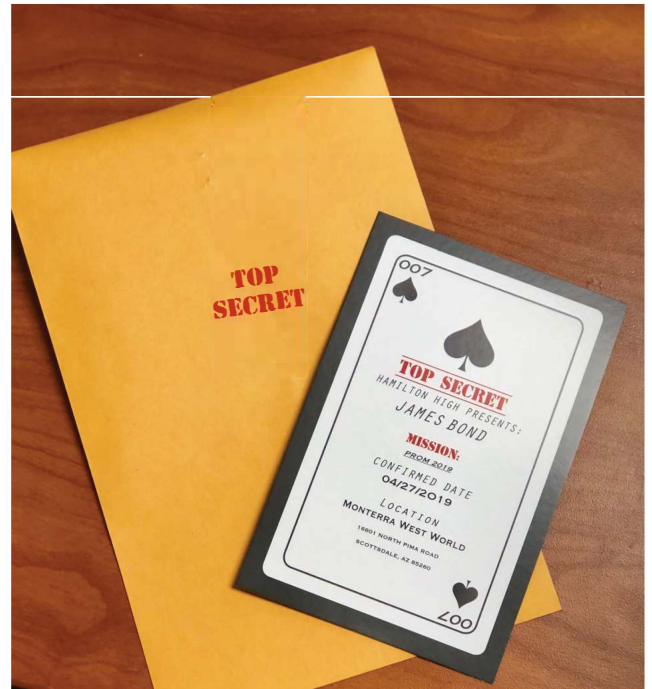
- Alexis Brady, Staff Reporter



Hamilton Paw Print Spring Brain Games



Prom 2019



Sudoku

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Pisces
February 20-March 20
You forgot Valentine's Day because you've been too busy planning world domination.

Aries
March 21-April 20
You fall in love with the cashier who was just being friendly, after buying yourself flowers to carry around school.

Gemini
May 22-June 21
You start planning Valentine's Day gifts to give your significant other in June.

Leo
July 23-August 22
You call in sick with the "flu"

Virgo
August 23-September 23
You vomit everytime you see a couple in the hallway.

Taurus
April 21-May 21
Your terribly high standards had you sitting at home with an entire box of chocolate on Valentine's Day.

Cancer
June 22-July 22
You are still crying from your kindergarten breakup.

Capricorn
December 22-January 20
You post entire relationship and Valentine's date on social media.

Libra
September 24-October 23
You have an entire bag of gifts for your... friends.

Scorpio
October 24-November 22
"You love me? Oh okay. Cute."

Sagittarius
November 23-December 21
"My mom said I can't go anywhere, sorry."

Aquarius
January 21-February 19
You find black nail polish to put on before school and hide from your feelings constantly.

- Payton Smith, Marketing Editor

Husky Art



"This piece is supposed to be silly; there isn't a lot to it. It's just supposed to be a creative piece. The hands represent people robbing a bank." - Jackson Wessling (11)



"I created this piece about a girl getting lost in her thoughts, as she's creating her own patterns. It took me about a month to finish it." - Gensy King (11)

Softball

The dust is swept off the plates, and the green grass is cut to an even point. As the leather bound gloves and cleats break in, so does the start of the 2019 softball season. With many seniors on the team this year, they are ready to take charge and lead the rest of the girls to a state championship.

Recently recognized as a player for the 2019 Junior Women's National Team, Macy Simmons (12) is ready to lead Hamilton softball this season. She's thrilled to start representing her school for the last year and exclaims that, "I expect for myself to help the team by leading in home runs, and I expect as a team to make it to state! We have a great group of talented girls, so overall it should be a fun season and I am looking forward to spending my last season with all of them."

This season is sure to be memorable with many seniors ready to make their last season the best. Senior, Danielle Cole, has high expectations: "I think we're really gonna come together as a team and go get some big wins this year, as we have the talent and the team chemistry. Our loss in the state championship last year has only made us work harder and we have really improved as a team. I see us going all the way again this year!" With the loss of the state title last year, all of the girls are ready for the comeback and to take back what's rightfully theirs.

Sophie Boerst (12), is a former player on the team and won't be joining her last year due to focusing on school and work. However, she still supports the team, saying "I expect the team to be going to state, and even though I'm not playing this year, I will be supporting the girls from the sidelines." The softball team this season is sure to pack the stands and give the audience exactly what they came for: dubs. Hamilton is excited to see what these players have in store this year!

- Miranda Rothchild, Managing Editor



Baseball

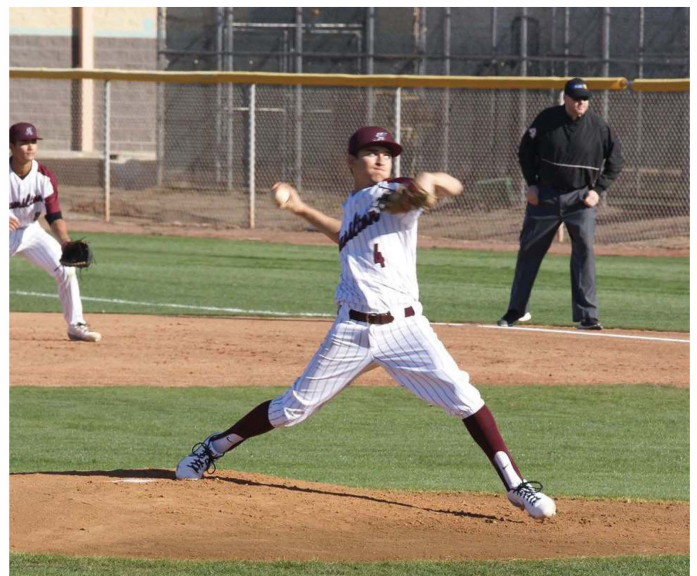
The 2019 edition of Hamilton Baseball has officially kicked off. With a squad led by returning seniors Jose Valenzuela, Shane Murphy, and JD McLaughlin, the Huskies are primed and ready for a deep run in the playoffs this season. Star outfielder JD McLaughlin is just one of many players who will be continuing their baseball career at university. When asked about the season and Oregon State in the fall, McLaughlin responded by stating, "I know that it's easy to think about how I'm just a few months away from college, but right now I've got to focus on the season and finishing out strong."

The Huskies will play in three tournaments, along with eight tough divisional games against Basha, Perry, Brophy, and rival Chandler. "Nothing is going to be easy this year. We just got to work hard and keep getting better, and the games will take care of themselves.", said Junior varsity player Brock Spade. The Huskies will once again be led by longtime head coach Mike Woods, who is also a history teacher here at Hamilton.

The season started off in dramatic fashion, with Michael Bruiser (12) crushing a 2-run homer in extra innings to oust rival Mesquite in Game 1 of their opening tournament. They unfortunately followed it up with a loss to Desert Vista, but the Huskies will see them again. They were also supposed to play

Basha, but the game was cancelled due to inclement weather. Next up on the schedule is Sandra Day O'Connor February 28th followed up with a long trek up to Peoria for Liberty on March 1st.

- Connor Manning, Staff Reporter



HDC

Hamilton Dance Company is composed of some of the best dancers at Hamilton. High expectations are in place to keep these athletes winning streak alive. They have won many competitions and awards in the past and are expected to have more in the coming future. They are coached by Daniel Milbauer, or 'Mr. D' as many call him. He has been dancing for 30 years and teaching at Hamilton for 19 years. Most girls on the HDC team have been trained in many different styles of dance, having been dancing at studios for many years.

Many of the HDC members have been a part of Hamilton's Pomline and other dance companies the school offers; some are 3-4 year veterans for HDC. Alex Pomroy (12) has been a part of the dance company since 2017, before which she was on the Pom team. She credits Pom for helping her grow as a dancer: "It taught me how to control, stop and stick my motions, and pull strength from my back and shoulders to conserve energy during routines and performances!" The dancer she has become was heavily influenced by Pom. HDC provides a home for these outstanding dancers to leap out of their comfort zone and broaden their horizons. Mr. D has most definitely contributed to making these girls the strong athletes they are, now more than ever since competition season has begun. The girls won first place in Hip Hop and first runner up in Jazz at UDA's Cactus Cup a few weeks ago. HDC traveled to Florida for Nationals on February 16th and won their 6th Jazz title and won Hip Hop. Courtney Sandnas (11) mentioned her "hope to keep our winning streak and make it a 6-peat this year!"

With competition season started, Mr. D reflects on his favorite moments of the season. "The best part of competition season is cleaning. I personally love working on every

detail of a performance to make it be the best it can be for the audience and judges." It allows for the athlete themselves to be more confident, but also band closer together as teammates.

Catch your Hamilton Dance Company perform before the season comes to a close!

-Adison Johnson, Staff Reporter



Hamilton Pom

"Pommies" are the dancers on the sidelines of every football game and every basketball game, focusing all of their energy into making sure the crowd and the players stay motivated. They are the ones yelling out peppy chants, leaping and turning. However, being a part of a high school pomline means not only cheering on the sidelines of games, but also being on a team that competes.

We've seen them out on the field hyping up the crowd and cheering on the football team all season long, but now they are the ones competing. The Hamilton Pommies took 1st place at the UDA Cactus Cup and won the Overall Crowd Appeal Award. They were also invited to perform at ASU's dance team send off, which included ASU's own competition routines and routines from schools throughout the valley.

These girls have worked hard all year and deserved the win. Team captain, Erin Gerson (12) said what she loves about her team is that "we are all close and we can all depend on each other and motivate each other to be our best selves." Being a smaller team compared to most high school sports teams gives the girls a chance to really connect with one another.

Co-captain, Jaden Stubbs (12), says their practices are "really intense." She said that "pom is very different from cheer or dance because you have to hit every motion really sharp and it has a very different energy and demeanor." They have to practice their own competition routines and practice the cheers for the sidelines.

Pom is very different from many other sports. Megan Besch, the Hamilton Pom coach says, "what makes it different in a coaching perspective, is that once they are out there, there's nothing I can do so it's not like a basketball or football game where the coaches can communicate throughout the game." She has to "be able to prepare them and have them confident so that when they go on, they don't need [her] anymore." Our Hamilton Pommies have worked hard this year and are continuing to put all of their effort into going out strong. Good win at State, Pommies!

- Chloe Dickinson, Staff Reporter



Boys Soccer Playoffs

The Hamilton Boys Soccer team has been dominating this season so far in search of a national championship. With a 20-4 record and 2-0 record within their division, the Huskies are the class of the state and showed that every single time they walked on the field this season.

Entering the playoffs, Hamilton was a three seed, so the odds were stacked in their favor when it came to favorable matchups. They started off their postseason run with a convincing 3-1 win over 14 seed Tolleson High School. In the second round, they went up against a fierce challenger in Perry High school. Even though the Pumas were not as highly ranked, the Huskies were ready for a competitive matchup that would come down to the wire. That ended up being the case as the game came down to an overtime goal from Thatcher Cooper (12) to avoid the upset and advance to the semifinals.

With just one game left to go before a shot at the state championship, Hamilton was focused on advancing, no matter who was in their way. Unfortunately for them, that competition came in the form of two seed Desert Vista who was dominating every opponent they had faced. In what was a grueling matchup with high tension, Hamilton was able to defeat Desert Vista, 2-1, giving them a chance to win the state title in the finals against Brophy College Prep.

The State Championship game took place on February 21st at Campo Verde High school where the Huskies faced the Broncos in freezing temperatures and pouring rain. It seemed that the Huskies were overmatched as an extremely talented Brophy came in and shut out Hamilton, winning the state title. Even though this team came up just short, this season had plenty of success and glory to be remembered for quite some time.

- Kyle Coffee, Sports Editor

Boys Basketball Playoffs

The Hamilton Varsity Boys Basketball team finished out the year 17-9 and your Huskies made it to the State Semi-Finals! This season was pretty successful as the Huskies went on a five game tear earlier this season against Alhambra (68-19), Highland (54-44), Mesa (58-54), Desert Ridge (69-53) and a 2OT thriller against Tolleson (56-49).

The Huskies finished the regular season 4-4 in conference games and tied for second with Brophy in the 6A Premier Basketball Standings, as they ended up one game behind Chandler and Perry (5-3 in conference games). The Huskies have performed well in conference play with their wins coming against Brophy (44-39), Perry (55-41), Chandler (47-46) and Basha (37-31) in the regular season.

Although the Huskies fell to Chandler earlier this season (47-50), they had the home crowd on their side as they faced the Wolves at home on January 22. They ended up winning a nail biter (47-46).

In the playoffs the Huskies faced Westview who they beat 48-45. Next up was the Chandler Wolves at their place; Hamilton ended up pulling out the win 54-45! The 2018-19 Hamilton High School Varsity Boys team reached the Final Four, as a 6 seed no less! Out of the four teams Hamilton was the lowest seed (Pinnacle #1 seed, Chaparral #2 seed and Perry #4 seed). Unfortunately the Husky boys' clock struck midnight and their Cinderella magic rained out as they lost to 2 seed Chaparral 53-47. All in all, this season was a major success for Coach Harris, his Husky legacy, and the 14 young men who wore Hamilton across their chest.

- Justin Rombough, Sports Editor

Girls Soccer Playoffs

After a successful 2018-19 campaign, finishing with a 13-7-2 record, the Lady Huskies Soccer team made it to the semifinals of the 2019 State Tournament. They rolled past Shadow Ridge 4-1 in the first round, and then they defeated the Desert Ridge Jaguars in overtime, 2-1. In the semifinals, they took on the number one team in Arizona, the Chaparral Firebirds and after a grueling game, unfortunately lost in penalty kicks.

Senior Captain, Kaitlyn Giordano, commented on what it meant for the Huskies' seniors during their tenure: "I think that since we've gone through two different coaches, and we've always been so close, that it was an amazing four years here at Hamilton. Although we didn't get what we wanted [State Championship] this year, I feel that we have left our mark here." Giordano was a significant part of their playoff run as she scored a goal in their 4-1 victory over Shadow Ridge and was also awarded Player of the Game honors after a tremendous performance against Desert Ridge.

Gabrielle Gruenewald (11) also commented on the close defeat saying, "We were focused and we all put together a complete effort, but at the end of the day, they were able to score more goals in penalty kicks than us."

We look forward to another successful season from the team next year!

- Connor Manning, Staff Reporter

Girls Basketball Wins State Title

Hamilton Girls Basketball finished the regular season 26-5, ranked number one in the state, and entered playoffs as the #1 seed. Raelin Denning (12) said "I think the season is going well and we are working well as a team to get wins. We need to keep up our intensity at practice and in games to keep winning." The team members kept this in mind as they started the 2019 playoffs.

On February 13th Hamilton annihilated Sandra Day O'Connor by a score of 72-42 in Round 1 of the playoffs. The girls went on to defeat Mountain Pointe in nail-biting fashion with a score of 52-50 in the quarterfinals. In the semifinals the girls defeated Pinnacle 50-43 and advanced to State!

After facing Xavier in the State Championship game on February 26th, the Huskies came out on top, 45-33, winning their second state title in four years. Amyah Reaves (10) led Hamilton with 12 points. Raelin Denning (12) scored 9 points and grabbed 10 rebounds.

Congratulations on a great season Huskies!

- Adam Worthy, Staff Reporter



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Wrestling

The Hamilton Wrestling team had an amazing season this year, earning their first ever Sectional Championship in school history. Additionally, they qualified 12 of their 14 boys for the State Tournament, another first for the team. Along with the boys team, Anika Barker (9) took second place and Jennifer Curry (12) took first place in Girls Wrestling.

The wrestlers went on to compete at the AIA State Tournament where they placed 4th as a team. Underclassmen Isaiah Valenzuela (11) and Jonah Muhammad (10) fell just short of their goal of winning a State Championship by finishing runner up. Donovan Corn (12) and Freddy Latu (11) both bounced back from painful losses in the semifinals to finish third in their respective brackets.

Hamilton made history this year by crowing the first ever Girls State Champion, Jennifer Curry. "Jennifer has scrapped with the boys since day one and has dedicated herself to the sport. There's no doubt she will continue to be a force to be reckoned with in the future as she looks to continue her wrestling career in college," said Coach Bartlett.

Congratulation wrestlers on an amazing season!

- Blake England, Staff Reporter




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