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Curriculum News

News About Learning & Doing at Henry Ford Academy

What does Motherhood mean to you?

Students from Mrs. Cunningham's Life Skills class were tasked to look after "egg baby's" to learn about motherhood. Thank you to Tyler Bobbitt, Mira Bracey, David Abbott, Kathleen Johnson, Allen Kozlauskos, and Bryce Kilburn for telling us more about your egg babies. As a reminder, **Mother's Day is Sunday, May 8th**, make sure you take the time to show some appreciation to your mother or mother figure!



What was your egg babies name?

Twins - August & Eva (**Bobbitt**) | Malik (**Bracey**) | Eggdramida (**Abbott**) | Aria (**Johnson**) | Pete - deceased in Bungee Jumping Accident (**Kozlauskos**) | Sebastian Kilburn - deceased due to "natural causes" & lies in Molly Oliver's Backyard (**Kilburn**).

How did the assignment change your ideas of motherhood?

It's hard - especially with twins (**Bobbitt**) | Enjoyed caring for the egg and making sure it was safe (**Bracey**) | How important it is to hold the baby and provide protection against things that can harm them (**Abbott**) | Pay attention to your child. I left Pete in my car a couple times and he froze once, but I wouldn't do that with a real baby (**Kozlauskos**) | It made me realize how hands on being a mom is; it's not as simple as people make it out to be (**Kilburn**).

What do you appreciate most about your mom/mother figure?

Patience (**Bobbitt**) | Making sure that everything runs smoothly (**Bracey**) | Having a sense of purpose and the joy of taking care of something (**Johnson**) | I appreciate that she feeds me and gives me room & board. (**Kozlauskos**) | I appreciate that she takes care of me and puts up with my problems even the small ones (**Kilburn**).



What does motherhood mean to you?

Being there for your child (**Bobbitt**) | Providing care and safety for your baby, as well as doing what is best for them (**Bracey**) | Setting aside other things in your life to ensure you're giving your all to the baby. You are growing with the baby and learning about them and yourself (**Abbott**) | That motherhood is a neutering experience full of moments of personal sacrifice and growth (**Johnson**) | It means that you take care of something to the best of your ability to keep it alive and to make sure that it's in a health mental state (**Kozlauskos**) | It means being there always and to be a good role model to look up to (**Bryce**).





Interview with HFA Alumni Damien Fullerton

When did you graduate?

I graduated from HFA in 2020, salutatorian, after attending for 4 amazing years that most definitely changed my life for the better. I completed 27 credits at HFC while still in high school, focusing on medical classes such as: Anatomy and Physiology, Chemistry, and Biology.

Were you involved in extracurricular activities?

I was a devout member of the Gator Bots FRC team at the school. I owe an unpayable debt to the mentors and teachers that made it so amazing and taught me so much.

Is there anyone at HFA you'd like to thank?

I would like to particularly thank Ms. Goodman at HFA and Brian Moorhead at Quantum Whatever LLC for everything they do for the robotics team. Robotics really gave me direction in life and something to look forward to after school. I would also like to wholly recommend any student who is even remotely interested in Engineering, Software, or Data Analytics to give Robotics a try, they are my second family. I'm still helping out as a CSA (Control Systems Advisor) for FIRST at robotics events to this day.

Where did you go to college after graduating?

I'm currently attending the University of Michigan, pursuing a bachelor's in electrical engineering and biomedical engineering. I expect to graduate here in 2024.

How has HFA helped you pursue your career goals?

In the summer after 11th grade I took the opportunity to do my practicum with a mentor from the robotics team, working at Quantum Whatever LLC. I learned so much about battery management systems and gained a lot of experience I wouldn't have been able to get any other way. While I didn't see myself in the battery field at this point, I was able to continue the momentum after graduation to land an internship at ZDR Inc., a biomedical firm just outside of Ann Arbor, where I designed implants and custom tools for doctors to use during operations. While I don't have an official count of what has or hasn't been pushed to market, one of my first projects there that I did technical drawings and CAD for is currently being used to reduce the amount of bone that needs to be removed during toe joint replacements.

Interview Continued...

These kinds of things make me extremely proud to be able to use my knowledge from HFA/Robotics to help others on a mass scale.

The next summer after my freshman year of university, I was contracted by ONE, a battery company in Novi MI, to work on battery charger system design. I was able to once again use my knowledge I gained from practicum and robotics to help ONE out with a project intended to lower their cost of operations by creating a low cost solution, for an expensive problem.



What have you been up to lately?

I recently signed an offer to be moved out for the summer to work for Nuro, an autonomous robotics company that is on the bleeding edge of autonomous food/grocery delivery, based out of Mountain View CA in Silicon Valley. I will be designing printed circuit boards for the robot battery team. While I think my college education has definitely helped me get here, I actually think HFA had a larger role in me finding success in the job market. I definitely feel under qualified to be working at Nuro just based on my time in college/age, but my experience in the field put me ahead, knowledge wise, of others my age.

What advice would you give to HFA Navigators today?

My advice for students at HFA is to exercise the immense amount of connections that sit in front of you to get experience in the workforce, whether that be through practicum, or building close relationships with teachers and mentors that can find you a way to get valuable experience.

**Thank you Damien for being our newest addition to the HFA Alumni Spotlights.
Congratulations and good luck on your future endeavours!**

Important Dates

May 1st

First Day of Asian Pacific Heritage Month

May 2nd - 3rd

Eid Holiday (No School)

May 2nd - 6th

National Teacher Appreciation Week

May 4th

Decision Day & Town Hall (Seniors Only)

May 5th

Cinco De Mayo

May 8th

Mother's Day

May 11th

Parent Meeting @ 5 PM

May 18th

HFA Board Meeting @ 9 AM

May 20th

National Pizza Party Day

May 23rd - 27th

Senior Week

May 27th

Standing "O"

May 30th

Memorial Day (No School)

April Classroom Happenings!



Visit from the League of Women Voters



Representatives from the L.W.V. came to Senior classrooms to help students register to vote. Thank you to our visiting representatives and the HFA students who assisted in the presentations and activities! Go to mi.gov/vote to check if you're registered.



Goodman's STEAM-2

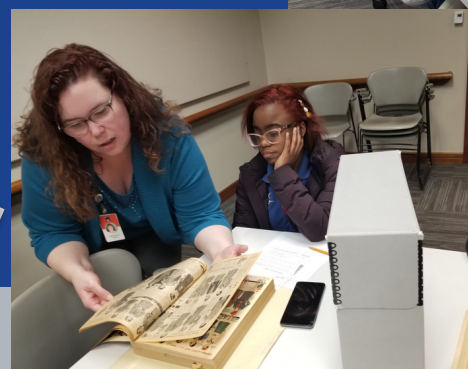
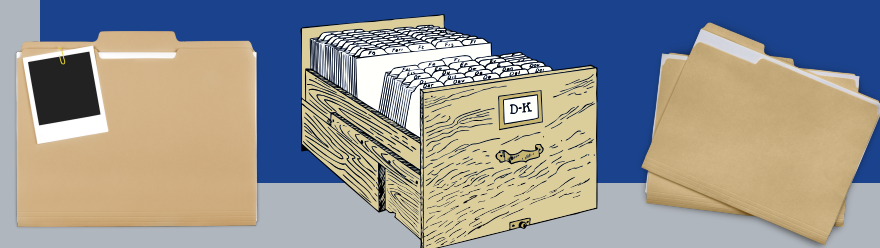
Can you do the Pringle Ring Challenge? Our Navigators can! As the sides of the ring get taller, gravity pushes down on the chips causing them to slide down. In order for the chips to not slide, there must be enough frictional force on the sides of the chips so that gravity can't push it down.

We believe asking questions throughout STEM challenges helps students think through the challenge and scaffolds the process so that they are able to come up with solutions on their own. Through this activity students learned the importance of determination, and perseverance to achieve their goals.



Village History with Kos

Navigators looked through Sears and Montgomery Ward's catalogs from the 1930's with help from Research Specialist, Stephanie Lucas to make a wardrobe on a budget.



April Activities!

National Honor Society Blanket Making



Members of the National Honor Society made fleece blankets for local homeless shelters. If you have a community service opportunity, email nhs-officers-2021-2022@hfa-dearborn.org.



Visiting the University of Michigan

Select students from 9th & 10th grade visited the University of Michigan campus with Gibbs, Gatling, and Haney.

Music Matters Program showed students aspects of the UofM campus which focus on music and student life.

Go Blue!

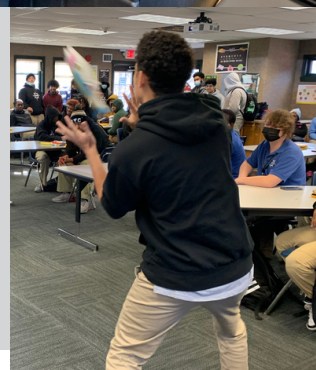
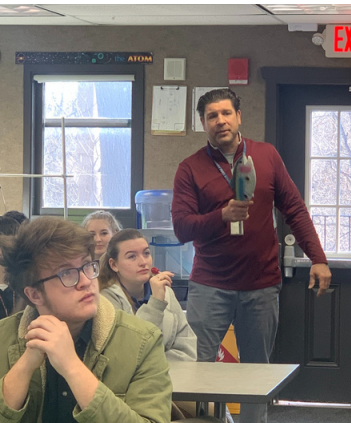


Senior Fish Awards

The HFA Staff Senior Team, led by Mr. Pazur, conducted the Class of 2022 Senior Fish Awards which recognized the personal and academic achievements of members of the senior class. We're so proud of you!



Congratulations to our Seniors who received fish awards and who were selected to participate in our "fishy" games!



April Athletics!



Baseball



Never underestimate the underdogs! HFA Baseball has been working hard and showing that true HFA grit to achieve 22nd in the state. Season stats are 4-2. Keep up the dubs!

Softball

Lady Navigators are on FIRE!! Recently beating Star 15-4 with 4 homeruns from Emma Mullinax (1), Kamryn Brown (1), and Anaiz Morales (2)! Bringing their season stats to 2-1.
GO GATORS GO!



Track & Field

Congratulations to Jordan Hammond and Julian Bailey who both received full ride scholarships to Oakland University!



Welcome to HFA!

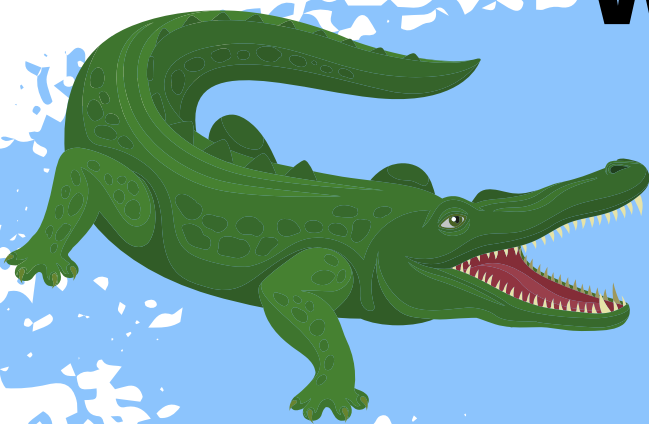
Sahar Kayat (Chemistry)

Philip Bloom (ELA)

Chris Bass (Monitor)

Angel Magee

(Building Substitute)



Class of 2022 Calendar of Events



May 18th

Last Day for Uniforms for Seniors

May 19th

T-Shirt Toss during AC
College T-Shirt

May 24th

Senior Picnic - A Day
(Block 3 & 4, Seniors dismissed 5th block)

May 25th

Review Day

May 26th

Blocks 5, 4, 3 Finals
Dismissal @ 12:25 PM

May 27th

Block 1 & 2 Finals
Dismissal @ 11:10 AM - 'Standing 'O'

June 1st

Cap & Gown Pick Up (Museum Campus)
A-M (10-11:30 AM) N-Z (1-2:30 PM)

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**Virtual
Homework Lab**

Every Tuesday &
Thursday 5-6 PM

Join using this link:

<https://meet.google.com/ndb-bquh-hgv>

**Don't wait,
come for
help!**



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