

“THE ADMISSION GAME”

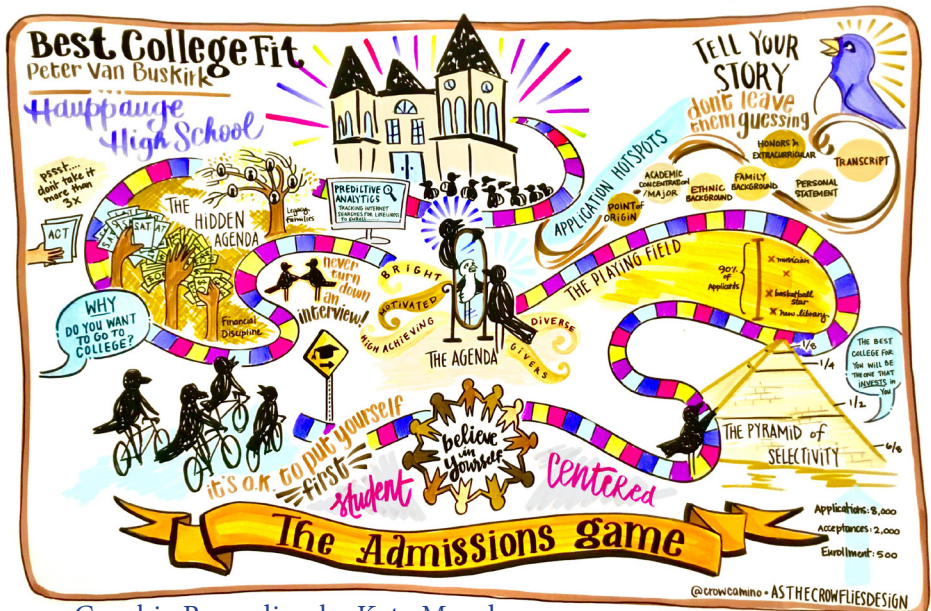
HAUPPAUGE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ENJOY INTERACTIVE PRESENTATION OF THE COLLEGE ADMISSION PROCESS

On Wednesday evening, November 14th, Hauppauge High School hosted Peter Van Buskirk, for “The Admission Game.” Mr. Van Buskirk is an author, motivational speaker and former Dean of Admissions from Franklin and Marshall College. He now travels the country to speak about college admissions. High School students were able to learn what will happen to their college applications behind closed doors.

“The Admission Game” is an interactive introduction into the selective college process and captures the perspectives of both “Dean” and “Dad” in a presentation that informs and motivates.

Mr. Van Buskirk brings candor and humor to what can otherwise be a grim and clinical process, especially at a time when economic uncertainty has changed many of the assumptions about access. His unique approach has helped more than 100,000 students and parents worldwide create productive and less stressful strategies for finding and getting into college.

By transforming the audience into an admission committee at a mythical college, Mr. Van Buskirk revealed the “back room” logic that often determines who is accepted and who is rejected at colleges every year. During this interactive session, he provided insight and



Graphic Recording by Kate Morales



instruction regarding course selections, essay preparation and the role of standardized tests.

Mr. Van Buskirk introduced the audience to four fictitious candidates. A spirited discussion about the candidates ensued and the audience was able to weigh in on the relative merits of each applicant, only one of which will be admitted to the fictitious college. As the participants learned about the context for decision making, they were left with practical strategies for competing successfully in a field of equally qualified applicants. They learned how the choices students make in the classroom and in life have a bearing on their competitiveness as candidates and they learned how to reveal their “hooks” and tell their stories in a manner that will give them the competitive

edge in the college admission process.

We asked some of those who attended what their impressions of the program were. Christopher Cook, Hauppauge High School Principal, said, “Clearly, Hauppauge is taking the college access game really seriously. Being informed about the college process is probably the most important element of the whole college access game. I was so excited to see so many students and families present for the presentation. Having deep knowledge about the college process will enable us to support students and families to access and then select the right post-secondary option!”



Kevin Giachetti, HTA President, said, “Peter Van Buskirk is an outstanding presenter. He is very engaging and super energetic. He offered up his 25 plus years of experience of this behind the scenes game called ‘College Admissions.’ Every parent and student should follow his lead when applying for college and making the difficult decisions when it’s time to select the right school!”

Joseph Wieckhorst, Hauppauge High School Assistant Principal, said, “It was a great experience for those who came. It allowed all of us to get a more in-depth look at the college admissions process. Most importantly, it taught all students how to tell their personal stories to colleges and help build a strong resume.”

Board of Education Member, Michael Buscarino, also attended this presentation. He said, “The insight into the college application process from the perspective of an admissions officer was enlightening and I believe will be very useful as my children prepare for college.”

Finally, Board of Education Member, Gary Fortmeyer, said, “Mr. Van Buskirk provided an insightful look at the college application process and the factors college admissions officers will focus on. He highlighted the importance of various aspects of the process that may easily be ignored or overlooked, yet could have a significant impact on a student’s acceptance. I believe that following Mr. Van Buskirk’s guidance could well provide students an edge in a situation that is so highly competitive.

During the presentation, we were joined by a graphic recorder, Kate Morales. Kate created a really incredible visual representation of the presentation that will be displayed in the high school.

This presentation was extremely informative and helpful to students as they navigate the college application process.

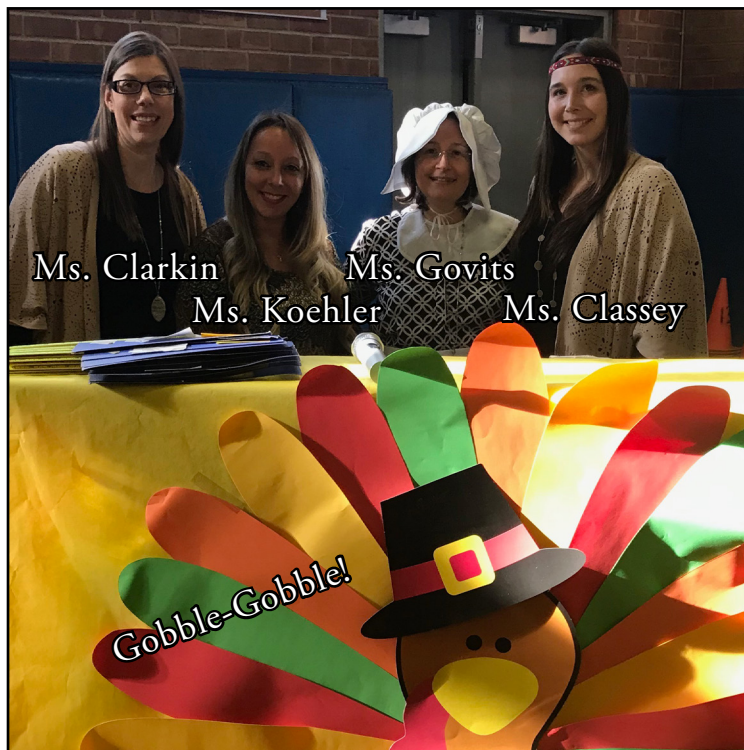
To view the outline of the presentation, [please click here.](#)

FOREST BROOK'S FIRST GRADERS GIVE THANKS AT THEIR "THANKSGIVING SHOW"

Forest Brook first-graders in Ms. Clarkin's, Ms. Classey's, Ms. Govits' and Ms. Pagano's classes held a very special "Thanksgiving Show" on Friday, November 16th. Ms. Clarkin, Ms. Classey and their students dressed the part as Native Americans, while Ms. Govits', Ms. Pagano and their students dressed as Pilgrims. The students have been learning about Native Americans and Pilgrims and family traditions.

The "Pilgrims" sang "Pilgrims Parade" and the "Native Americans" sang "Ha Ni No." Then they all sang together "Indians and Pilgrims," "Let's Be Thankful" and "Things I'm Thankful For."

Parents were in attendance and very much enjoyed this wonderful performance!



HAUPPAUGE HIGH SCHOOL THEATER EDUCATOR ANNOUNCES THIS YEAR'S SCHOOL MUSICAL! IT'S "TWELFTH NIGHT!"

Hauppauge High School Theater Educator, Ruthie Pincus, has announced the title of this year's spring musical. They will be performing "Twelfth Night."

"Twelfth Night" is a comedy which was written by William Shakespeare. It is believed to have been written around 1601-1602 as a Twelfth Night's entertainment for the close of the Christmas season. The play centers on twins, Viola and Sebastian, who are separated after a violent storm causes them to be shipwrecked off the coast of Illyria.

We look forward to this wonderful play performed by our High School Drama students. The performances will take place on Friday and Saturday, March 1st and 2nd at 8:00 pm in the high school auditorium.



HAUPPAUGE HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR IS "COCA-COLA SCHOLARS" SEMI-FINALIST!

Lily Johansson, a senior at Hauppauge High School, has been named a Semifinalist for the 2019 class of the "Coca Cola Scholars Program."

There were 1,896 high school seniors selected as Semifinalists from a pool of 95,715 applications from across the country based on their academic excellence, leadership and service demonstrated in school and community activities. These Semifinalists are in the running for 150 college scholarships worth \$20,000. Lily will now move on to the next round of the selection process.

"Coca Cola Scholars" is one of the largest corporate-sponsored, achievement-based scholarship programs of its kind. With the addition of the 2019 class, the "Coca Cola Scholars Foundation" will have provided more than 6,150 "Coke Scholars" nationwide with over \$69 million dollars in scholarships over the course of 31 years.

Semifinalists will now be asked to complete Phase 2 applications, which include essays, recommendations and transcripts. An independent selection committee will review the applications and select 250 Regional Finalists by the end of January to participate in online or in-person interviews. In March, 150 "Coca Cola Scholars" will be named to come to Atlanta in April for a celebratory banquet and Leadership Development Institute facilitated by program alumni.

Congratulations Lily on this well-deserved accomplishment! We wish you good luck and success in becoming a "Coca Cola Scholar!"



HAUPPAUGE HIGH SCHOOL SOPHOMORE ATTAINS THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT!



On November 16th, Hauppauge High School Sophomore, Jake DiVilio, earned the rank of Eagle Scout. Jake is part of Troop 3333 of Hauppauge.

Jake's Eagle project is a pondless waterfall. Jake, along with the scouts in his troop, built this project at Calvary Lutheran Church. Jake held a car wash at the High School to raise funds for his project.

Congratulations on this wonderful and well-deserved achievement Jake!



IN CASE YOU MISSED IT.... OUR "NEW" ELECTRONIC SIGN IS UP AND RUNNING!

Our school district's new electronic sign is up and running at the high school. The sign is located on Townline Road. Important announcements and reminders can be found there. When you are at the traffic light by the sign, or happen to be walking by, be sure to take notice!



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