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Winter Concert



Irvin Bravo (above) plays solo piano at the Winter Concert. Read Irvin's article. (See page 8.)

Family Feud



Winners of the contentious Family Feud. Team Principal's List includes from left: Mr. O'Neill, Ms. DeBonis-Matica, Mr. Gojani, Mr. Bannister, Ms. Rivera and Principal Sherman. (See pages 4-6.)

English Honors



Twenty-two students were honored for outstanding studies in English. (See page 9.)

Film Club



Greg Ballantese is Club President of the impressive Film Club. (See page 2.)

From the Moderator of The Scroll Club

By Mr. William Sweeney



Find a color copy of this issue of The Scroll and previous issues on the Lincoln High School website.

All photos were supplied by The Scroll School Newspaper Club unless noted below or alongside the picture.

For the purpose of teaching students to indent paragraphs, I have chosen to indent paragraphs throughout this issue, despite the standard of block paragraphs typical for newspapers. I have been doing so for the entire time I have been producing The Scroll beginning in the Fall of 2013.

We have six student articles for this issue. Laylah Gordian (Junior) wrote two articles; plus, Jason Perez, Irvin Bravo, Ricardo Angel, and Brittany (Seniors) each wrote one article.

From the Moderator of the Film Club

By Mr. William Sweeney

Go to the Lincoln High School website to check out the videos that the Film Club produced.



The picture above shows Greg Ballantese explaining procedures to the Film Club Members .



The picture above shows the interview with two Lincoln High School teachers, Mr. Virga and Mr. Troy. Film Club President Greg Ballantese and Anthony Andraws are Lincoln students doing the interview. Surrounding them and sitting are students each using a phone on a mount to film the

Pep Rally



(Above) Mr. Steven Mulqueen and Mr. Drilon Gojani



((Above) Deborah Rodriguez, Gabriella Gjonaj, Fayann King, Dominic Wallen, Jeremiah Bray



(Above): (Science Teachers) Mr. Jebin Yehanan, Ms. Kathleen Mancuso, Ms. Millicennt Della Posta, Ms. Sunitha Howard



Above; Kayla Chowbay, Vanessa Figueroa and Ismael Flores



(Left) Lincoln High School students who are on the Yonkers Public Schools Swim Team includes Olivia Quinn and Mia Gordian

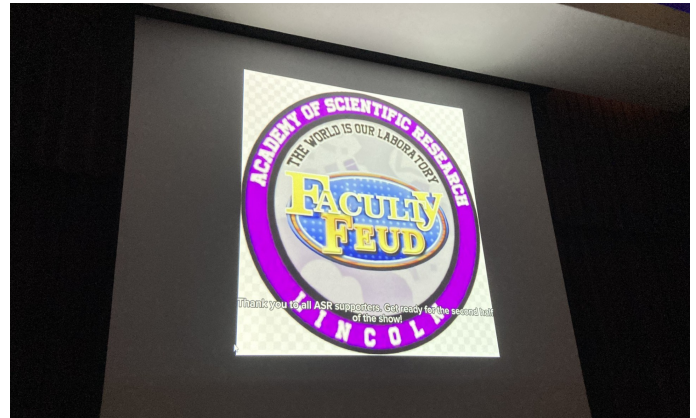


(Right) Jose Gonzalez plays the drum.

Family Feud



(Above) Team 2 Century Honors included Mrs. Smith, Ms. Della Posta, Mr. Barrientos, Ms. Curtis, and Ms. Chavez. Mr. Morano, AP



(Above) The Academy of Scientific Research 'Family Feud' logo flies at Lincoln High School.



(Above) Mr. Troy and Mr. Barrientos were facing off with the instruction from Mr. Morano, AP.



(Above) Team 1 Credit Recovery included Ms. Nilaj, Ms. Rodney, Mr. Virga, Mr. Troy and Mr. Minyard. Mr. Morano, AP (right) was the Master of Ceremony.

Faculty Feud

By Laylah Gordian

When I stepped into the darkness of the school auditorium, my eyes were immediately drawn to the spotlight shining on Mr. Morano. The scoreboard flashed behind him as he introduced the two teams: Principal's List and Credit Recovery. I had arrived embarrassingly late as the first round had already concluded. But, I came just in time for Round Two. I sat in the seat my friends had saved for me and I watched as the competitiveness behind the Principal's List and the quick wit of the Credit Recovery battled for victory. I laughed at the ridiculous answers for first place shown on the big screen behind the action. Cheers flowed whenever a team made a correct answer. When the Principal's List team emerged as the reigning champions, I realized the evening was well spent.

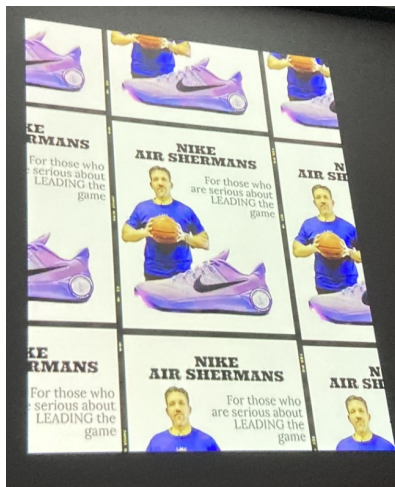
Family Feud Intermission Video



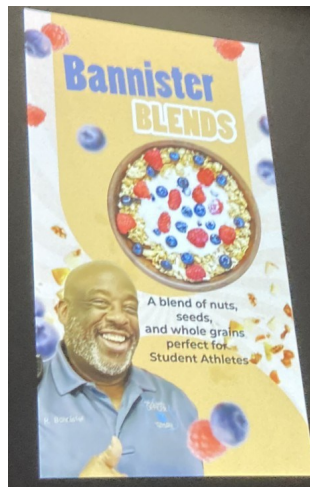
Jason Perez was hilarious! Michelle Villaranga is the interviewer.



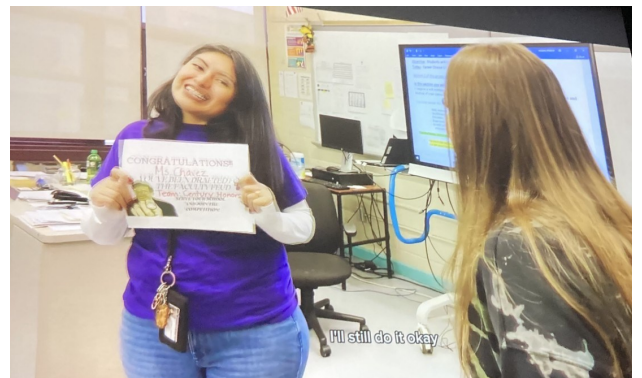
Mr. Gojani is spoofed as saying he can't help someone in need of money while practically drowning in dollars.



Sherman Sneakers (brand)



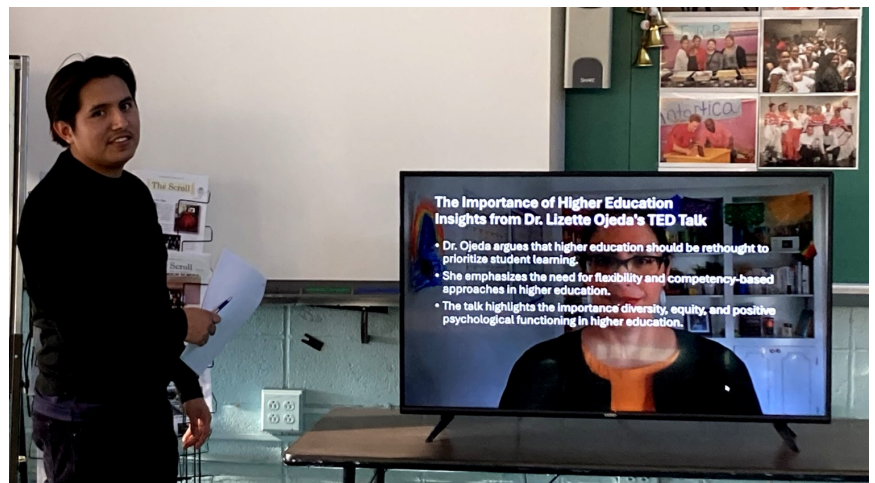
Bannister Blends (cereal brand)



Ms. Chavez (left) is asked to participate in Family Feud!

English Research Talk

Yordi Gonzalez (right) presents a fascinating explanation of his research on The Importance of Higher Education while using his Powerpoint in the Elements of College Writing class at the end of the second quarter.



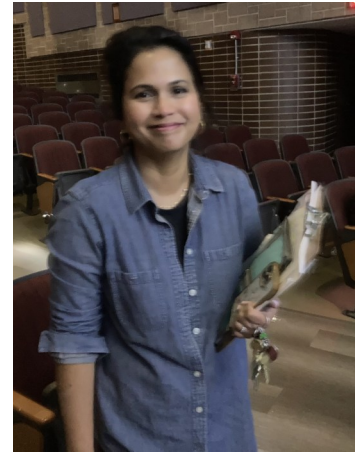
Family Feud Lincoln Style

By Mr. W.G. Sweeney

You know, I never liked the Family Feud shows on TV now or when I was growing up in the '60's and 70's. But I was interested in checking out the Lincoln High School production featuring teachers and administrators whom I have been associated with here for decades. I know these characters rather well. So I attended not as a player but as media, going for pictures and a story for the school newspaper.

Three teams competed. First, team 1 called Credit Recovery beat team 2 called Century Honors. Then, there was an intermission with an intriguing twenty minute comedic video. Finally, team 3 called 'Principal's List' (see picture on page 1) beat the Credit Recovery team. Principal's List is a repeat winner from last year.

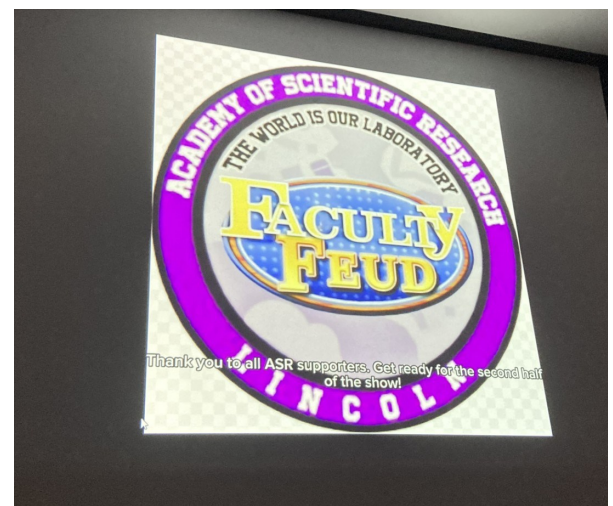
The Lincoln High School version of the Family Feud is in the second year of such productions. It has been produced by Ms. Howard and the Academy of Scientific Research (see logo below.)



(Right) Ms. Howard organized the Family Feud production for the Lincoln High School Science Research Program.



Team 2 named Century Honors includes (from left) Ms. Chavez, Ms. Curtis, Mr. Barrientos, Ms. Della Posta, Ms. Smith and Greg Ballantese (student and reporter) who did not play.



Above is the logo for the Academy of Scientific Research which is led by Ms. Howard who produced the Family Feud at Lincoln High School.

Café d' Artist

By Laylah Gordian



The second Café d'Artist kicked off to begin the Winter Season on December 4th. I had been invited to perform in the auditorium after school to sing songs, read poems, dance or whatever they wanted. Cookies and hot chocolate were sold during the performances on December 4th for everyone to enjoy. The afternoon was full of fun times and wonderful performances. Perhaps most notable, Abel Garcia who recently graduated returned to perform with his friend and current senior, Mathew Ramos. There were also plenty of duets, solos and even entire groups performing. The event was orchestrated by Mr. Zion and the Arts Committee, a student-led group representing the Arts Academy of Lincoln High School.

The next Café d' Artist is estimated to happen in mid-to-late January. If you feel like performing then talk to Mr. Zion or keep your eyes peeled for the QR codes to sign up!



(Left) Matthew Ramos on piano and Abel Garcia ('24 alumni) on guitar



(Right) Irvin Bravo and Michelle Villaronga



Sunshine Luncheon 1/2/25 Period 5 in the Library

From Left: Mrs. Dolgetta, Ms. Nogueira, Ms. Chavez, Ms. Rodney, Ms. Lacen, Mr. Marinello, Mr. Sherman, Principal, Ms. Pinto, Mr. Galella, Ms. Swanson, AP, Mrs. LaBarbera, Ms. Nilaj

Winter Concert

By Jason Perez

The 2024 Winter Concert was extravagant! I loved every second of it, from the choir to the dancers. Although there were some singers slightly off-key and some dancers off-beat, you could truly see that they put their all into it. Mr. Zion, Ms. Cass and other staff members who made this possible did a fantastic job.

Christina Rijo is the
Security Elf (right)



Die With A Smile

By Irvin Bravo

The Winter Concert lights were dimmed, and the air was thick with anticipation. It was on December 19th and I could feel everyone's eyes on me. My heart pounded in my chest as I walked onto the stage and in front of the entire student body of Lincoln High School. The piano sat there, its glossy black surface reflected the faint stage lights, almost inviting me to sit down and begin. I had practiced this piece for weeks, pouring my emotions into every note. But now, with all eyes on me, doubt began to creep in. My fingers trembled slightly as I placed them on the keys, but I reminded myself that this moment was a culmination of all my hard work and determination.

As I pressed down on the first note, the familiar sound of the piano filled the auditorium. The music began to flow from me, each note carrying my nerves, my excitement, and my passion. I was no longer aware of the hundreds of eyes watching me; the music became my sole focus. The piece was a mix of fast, intense sections and slow, reflective moments, and as I played, I felt the rhythm of the music weaving into my very being. Every note felt like it was meant for this moment, and I let the melody guide me, pushing away any remaining doubts.

When I finished the final chord, a rush of relief washed over me. The silence that followed felt like an eternity, and I wondered if I had made a mistake somewhere along the way. But then, applause erupted, and my heart soared. The support and appreciation from my classmates and teachers filled me with pride. In that moment, I realized that performing on stage was not just about the music or the technique; it was about sharing a part of myself with the audience and feeling connected through the power of music. The nerves had been overwhelming, but standing there, taking in the applause, I knew it had been worth every second.

Track

by Ricardo Angel.

Editor: Matthew Ramos

Everyone lined up at the starting line. The gun set off, and the first legs of the boys 4x800 meter relay started, and the running was fast! It was a cold evening when this track meet happened. Everyone had already warmed up, so the breeze from the windy day had little to no effect on us. I had felt uneasy since I had been put as the anchor of the relay team, after I had already run an 800 meter individual race, and a 2-mile race moments before this relay. This was the 56th Annual Glenn D. Loucks Games on May 11, 2024.

I was pretty much used to last place and getting lapped in every relay race. However, on that fateful day this was not the case. Our first runner, Justin, a Mexican runner who is a friend and teammate of mine took off fast and put us into position for first place. After the second and final lap of the 800 meters, he closed out and handed the baton (stick) in second place, neck and neck with the first place runner. My brother, Alejandro, is also a teammate and he took the baton even faster. Halfway through the first lap he put us into first place. He handed off the baton to our third runner, Daniel, and we got one placement down as Bronxville's team passed us with the second lap. Finally, I received the baton in my hand as the final leg of the relay race. It was up to me to win. Feeling more confident, I put out all I had left as I was so fatigued and closed out in second place.

That night, we learned that our team had placed top twenty-five out of over one-hundred schools in New York State, which was progress for us. But with such a competitive race our team got bumped down to later placements. However, this meet gave our team a new mind-set that we were not the worst anymore and we could always achieve something great.



The Yonkers Public Schools Cross Country Team members from Lincoln High School were smiling at the Pep Rally. (From left) Emmet Tucker, Ronald Williams, Ricardo Angel, Dillon Brown, Ali Zerka, Leonardo Tejada, Lincoln Mun-tanez, Michael Sanchez, Isabella Alongzo

English Honors

(from page 1)

(From Left, back row): Mr. Rozon, AP, Ms. Debonis-Matica, Eng. Department Chair, Sam Rodriguez (Valedictorian), Allison Cruz, Anthony Andraws, Greg Bellantese, Alyssa Cancel, Kristen Fortuniewicz, Brenda Garcia, Geovany Grant, Erick Hernandez, Ayla Hildebrand, Mr. Morano, AP

(From left, front row): Albiona Husaj, Kayla Meceda, Penelope Marte-Aguilar, Nashelly Mendoza, Oyebowale Oyekola, Logan Roman, Jeff Shubert, Wilkania Sosa, Aldijana Srdanovic, Emmett Tucker, Ali Zherka

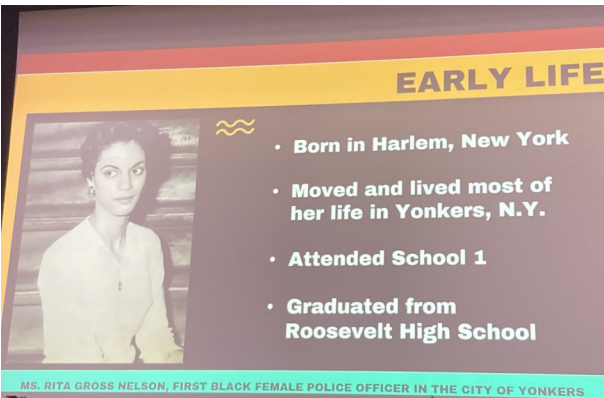
Black History Month



(Above) Ms. Maria George speaks at the request of the Diaspora Club organized by Ms. Kwazi and Ms. Norman. (Below) Ms. Rita Gross Nelson



(From Left): Ms. Chavez, Ms. Singleton, Ms. Maria George and Ms. Kwazi



(Below) The servers of the Black History Month Teachers' Luncheon include (from left) Tamara Nornam, Adubwuen A. Blessing, Karla Silva, Mercellina Essian, Lucia Garay, Marie Abreu, Jason Perez



Lincoln High School Celebrates Black History with Inspiring Guest Speaker

Ms. Catalina Chavez

Ms. Maria George shared the powerful story of her mother, Ms. Rita Gross Nelson, who made history as the first Black Female officer in the city of Yonkers. Through her daughter's voice, students learned about Nelson's journey, the challenges she faced in a segregated city during the 1960's, and the impact of her groundbreaking achievements.

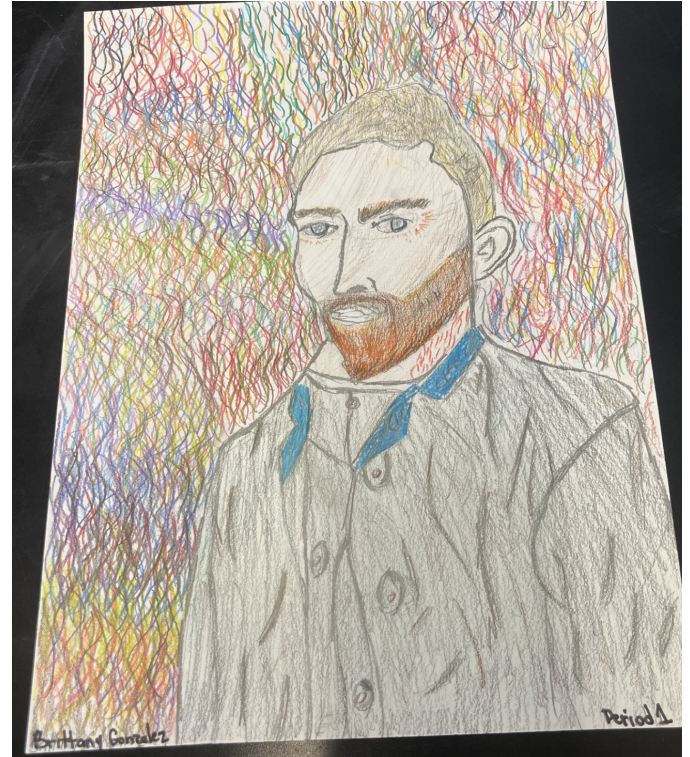
Ms. Chavez reflected on Ms. Rita's story and saw parallels to *A Raisin in the Sun*, the classic play by Lorraine Hansberry not only for the resemblance she saw with the characters, but also with the ripple effect desegregation caused in the City of Yonkers.

Art

Vincent

By Brittany Gonzalez

This image is my version of drawing which is a famous portrait of Vincent van Gogh, characterized by his signature brush strokes and vivid color palette. The portrait depicts van Gogh wearing a blue jacket with swirling patterns in the background, adding movement and emotion to the piece. His face is painted with bold, contrasting colors, including greenish tones which give it intensity and colors that lightens the picture. I think it is a good drawing and I was able to draw it with my own hands.



Boy's Junior Varsity Basketball Team

(Back row, from left) Coach Taney, Michaelangelo Nazar, Timothy Jackson, Julian Sanchez, Daviel Ledesma, Sebastian Hernandez, Jeremy Blagman, Joshua Chisholm, God's Love Agyarko, Jhadnel Vincente

(Front row, from left) Ethan Joy, Michael Perez, Jameel Alsaidi



Sports



Track

Lincoln High School senior Ricardo Angel (Captain) runs in a relay race for the Yonkers Track Team. The photo was supplied by Riccardo Angel. (See page 9.)



Boys Basketball

(From left) Amaury Salcedo, Armani Aponte, Wayne Lowe, Ali Zherka, Lawrence Concepcion, Dilion Brown, Darius Brown, Chauncy Gordon, Russell Zalaya, Junior Mendoza Absent –Michael Micelei



Girls Soccer

The Girls Soccer Team posed as a team at the Pep Rally. (Back row, from left) Angie Melo, Mischa Holmberg, Yaretzy Garcia (Captain), Heidi Tovar, Victoria Flores, Michelle Sanchez, Makayla Gonzalez, Kylo Gonzalez (Captain), Yaileen Romero, Vianey Caballero, Ashely Saavedra, Anastasia Gagliano

Front row, from left) Seanaann Montague (Captain), Ava Anglala (Captain), Yuritzy Bello, Brittany Gonzalez, Cynthia Cruz,



Boys Soccer

Coach Fortuniewicz stands with his skillful team. They won a tournament at Roosevelt High School in September. Sebastian Bello, Alexy Bernal, Giovanni Campos, Bryan Castro, Adwin Cruz (Captain), Diego Cruz, Miguel Fernandez, Jonathan Figueroa, Brandon Gonzalez, Alex Hernandez, Bryan Hernandez (Captain), Diego Luciano, Alex Luna, Michael Micelli, Jeffrey Molina, Leonard Moura, Alex Ortega, Felix Ortiz, Dylan Ramirez, Gael Sanchez, Hector Sanchez, Justin Serreno, Jestin Serrano, Danien Sierra, Jeter Zambrano, Victor Zequeira (Captain)