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## DOANE STUART

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## Calendar News and Notes

## MAY/JUNE 2015

## UPPER SCHOOL RING CEREMONY

Members of the Junior Class will receive their rings from the Class of 2015, as we continue a favorite Doane Stuart tradition. Ring Ceremony will be held on Wednesday, May 6, at 9:10 a.m. in the Golub Interfaith Chapel. This is a dress uniform day for Upper School students.

## UPPER SCHOOL PROM

Prom will take place at the Albany Country Club on May 8 at 7:00 p.m. We want the 2015 prom to be a fun, safe and a beautiful memory for each of our students. Upper School parents are reminded that there are NO school-sanctioned after-prom parties. Parents are strongly encouraged to call the parents of any student who is hosting a party to ensure that there will be direct, consistent adult supervision of the entire event.
Please note that Upper School students have a half-day of classes on May 8 to allow time for preparations for Prom. Students are reminded that they are required to be at school on the morning of May 8.

## MOVING UP CEREMONY FOR EC AND KINDERGARTEN

A special ceremony to celebrate the successful completion of the school year will be held on Wednesday, June 3 to honor children in Early Childhood and Kindergarten. Parents and friends are invited to join us at 9:00 a.m in the Golub Interfaith Chapel. Parents, please note that there is no school following the ceremony.

## MOVING UP CEREMONY FOR GRADES I-I 2

The School community is invited to celebrate Moving Up Day for grades 1-12 on Thursday, June 4 at 9:00 a.m. in the Golub Interfaith Chapel. Dress uniform is required for students in grades 2-12; students in Grade 1 should come in dress clothes. All students and their families are invited to an informal reception immediately following the ceremony. Parents, please note that there is no school following Moving Up.

a he DS community gathered to celebrate the wonders of science during the $3^{\text {rd }}$ Annual Excellence in Science Day. Special thanks to the science faculty for organizing a day filled with experiments, speeches, presentations and lots of fun! The day started off with a special Celebration of Science Chapel. Highlights of the chapel include Kindergarten and Ms. Cassant spelling out SCIENCE, students Jack Ross-Pilkington '17, Emma Horvath '19, Josh Hunter '23 and Ariel Robinson ' 15 reading passages about the four elements, Hannah Nye '18 performing a song about the periodic table, a video about the wonders of science and closing reflections by seniors Eliza Henneberry, Liam Lunch, Noah Halle, Josh Bauer and Masharh Lipscomb.
Doane Stuart was also privileged to welcome Dr. Karyn Rogers, member of the New York Center for Astrobiology and an assistant professor in the Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences at RPI. Dr. Rogers discussed the feasibility of life on other planets and what is required to create/sustain life. She also shared her experiences travelling around the world - all made possible by her love of science and research.
Following Dr. Rogers' talk, the community went outside for a special rocket demonstration hosted by the Rocketry Club, led by Andrew Nakushian '16. All three launches were successful, though some tricky crosswinds forced the Thunder Chicken rocket into the trees!

The day concluded with a variety of experiments and presentations. Lower School students were visited by students from RPI and the Middle School heard from four current DS parents in different areas of STEM. A special thank you to the following parents for presenting:

## Dr. Kirsten St. George (Lachlan '17) infectious disease specialist

Mr. Mark Bagdon (Lydia '16 and Keith '19) - environmental engineer

Dr. Steve Smith (Abigail '15 and Caitlin '15) - Physicist

Dr. John DiPreta (Antonia '18, Lucas '18 and Joey '21) - orthopedic surgeon
Visit DoaneStuart.org for videos and more photos!

## NeWS AND NOTES



As part of the School's interfaith mission, and the enrichment of our chapel program, the Doane Stuart community learned about Passover and Holy Week at special All-School Chapels in April. Thank you to our guest speakers Ms. Mona Golub, Doane Stuart Board member and parent of Ira Golub-Ganz '15, for her presentation on Passover (pictured above, left with Quinn Hapeman '22), and to Reverend Gail Burger (pictured below, left) for her discussion of Holy Week. Reverend Burger is Doane Stuart instructor Larry Yakubowski's mother-in-law and a distinguished member of the Presbyterian Church and of the Interfaith community.

## Off and Running: DS Track and Field Starts Strong out of the Gate



The Thunder Rams (Doane Stuart and Rensselaer) kept their undefeated streak alive with a victory over Coxsackie-Athens on Tuesday, April 21. This brings the Thunder Rams record to 3-0, including earlier victories against Hudson and Greenville.
In addition to the undefeated start, numerous school records have also been set. Thomas Mathes ' 16 of Coxsackie broke his own 3200 m school record with a time of 11:39 (he broke the previous record 12:03 with an 11:51 earlier this year). Meghan Araldi '16 of Westerlo set the triple jump record with a distance of 29 ft (previous record 28 ft 8 in). Gawain Semlear '17 of Chatham established a new record in the 800 m with a time of 2:09.8 (previously 2:11.6).

## DS selected as Model School

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Doane Stuart has been selected as one of 104 "Mix It Up Model Schools" across the country by Teaching Tolerance Magazine for "fostering respect and understanding among students and throughout campus during the 201415 school year."
Mix It Up at Lunch Day began in 2002 and is designed to help discourage exclusivity and "cliques" by encouraging students to sit with someone they normally wouldn't sit with during lunch. As explained in Teaching Tolerance, "educators and students tell us that exclusionary social cliques can lead to conflicts, bullying and harassment, and that these cliques are extra visible in the lunchroom." During Mix It Up at Lunch Day, schools aim reduce the power of lunchroom divisions.
Doane Stuart held four Mix It Up at Lunch Days for Middle School students this year. Students also spent time in groups and participated in activities that prompted them to examine stereotyping and exclusion, finishing the day by developing and sharing action plans for their middle school community.

## FIELD DAYS

Traditional field day events will take place for students in each division in May and June, with games and good-natured competition between the Blue and Green teams to celebrate spring and the close of the school year.

- Upper School - Tuesday, May 12 at Saratoga State Park
(Please watch for more information.)
-Early Childhood and Kindergarten - Friday, May 22
-Grades 1 - 4 - Friday, May 29
-Middle School - Wednesday, June 3


## UPPER SCHOOL COURSE REGISTRATION

Following the distribution of the 2015-16 Upper School Course of Studies and course registration forms, students will have opportunities of meeting with mentors to discuss course selection. Mentors, along with Mrs. Brown and Mr. Russell, can offer guidance as students plan next year's courses. Parents are encouraged to call or email mentors, Mrs. Brown or Mr. Russell with any questions regarding the selection of courses. Next year's freshmen and their parents may call Mrs. Brown (ext. 227) with questions about course selection.

## MIDDLE AND UPPER SCHOOL POST-EXAM REVIEW

Upper School and Seventh and Eighth Grade students may review final exams with their teachers between 9:00-10:30 a.m. on Monday, June 8. This review is not required and is offered by the faculty to those students who may have questions about an exam. Teachers will be available in their classrooms to go over exams with students.


As semifinalists, Mackenzie and Willow will have the opportunity of constructing a model of their inventions and the models will be exhibited at the Museum of Science and Innovation in Schenectady May 2-21, 2015. A special reception honoring the one hundred semi-finalists will be held on Thursday, May 21 at 5:30 p.m. with an awards ceremony at $6: 00$ p.m., when the twenty-five regional winners will be announced.

Congratulations to Mackenzie and Willow and good luck with your models and the next step of the competition!

## NEWS AND <br> Notes

## College Admission Report

The Class of 2015 submitted 492 applications, all of which were personally proofed and packaged by Ms. Bracken. Over $50 \%$ of these applications were submitted through an early action or early decision plan. The Class of 2015 received over $\$ 5,000,000$ in offers of merit-based aid from colleges and universities! This staggering figure does not include offers of need-based aid.

## Juniors and Parents

Ms. Bracken has provided personalized colleges lists to nearly every junior, and enjoys hearing about your visits and tours. She will be available this summer to meet with families to provide guidance as you narrow down your list of colleges to those to which you will ultimately apply. Ms. Bracken is also happy to conduct mock interviews for any junior who would like a practice run before the "real thing."

## Sophomores and Parents

The conclusion of sophomore year marks the halfway point of high school, and is an excellent opportunity to check in with Ms. Bracken to discuss college. Although the counseling meetings begin junior year, Ms. Bracken welcomes the opportunity of meeting with all rising juniors sometime during the spring or summer before the 2015-2016 school year. Though this meeting is not required, it is strongly encouraged, so that students and parents may have the opportunity of discussing and gaining as much insight as possible into the college admission process. This meeting may also help to provide information about standardized testing, academic preparation for junior and senior year, and thoughts about visiting schools. To schedule a meeting, call Ms. Bracken at 465-5222 x210 or e-mail kbracken@)doanestuart.org

## Summer College Trips

Again, this summer, Ms. Bracken looks forward to making college visits with Upper School students. Information will be mailed to students and parents once the schools and dates have

## Important College Counseling Dates

May 1 - Deadline for seniors to send an enrollment deposit to the colleges of their choice

May 2-SAT for Juniors
June 6-SAT/SAT Subject Tests for Juniors

## DRESS UNIFORM DAYS IN MAY AND JUNE FOR STUDENTS IN GRADES 2-12

May 6 (Upper School only - Ring Ceremony)
June 4 (Grades 2-12-Moving Up for Grades 1-12)
Please consult your Student Handbook for information about dress uniform requirements.

## MIDDLE AND UPPER SCHOOL EXAMS

Grade 7 and 8 exams: May 29, June 1, and 2
Upper School exams: June 1, 2, and 3
Please watch your mail for exam schedules.

## 2015 GRADUATION

Congratulations to the members of the class of 2015, who will graduate on Saturday, June 6 at 3:00 p.m. There will be a festive reception immediately following the ceremony.

Details about Graduation will be sent to the parents of seniors. Please call Mrs. Brown with any questions.

County Champs and Regional Runners Up


The blue and green flag waved victoriously at the Rensselaer County Courthouse on April 15. Doane Stuart completed an undefeated run to the county championships, with victories over Emma Willard and LaSalle. DS then moved on to represent Rensselaer County at the Region III tournament held at the Albany County Courthouse. Doane Stuart, playing as defense, beat Canajoharie High School (Montgomery County champs) in the opening round, and then made it to the Region III championship with a plaintiff victory over Salem Central SD (Warren County and Washington County Champs). The team ultimately lost in the championship match against Potsdam Central SD (St. Lawrence County and Franklin County champs), giving DS $2^{\text {nd }}$ place in the northeast NY region. This new title also marks the furthest our Mock Trial team has advanced in recent memory. Congratulations Trialites!


## Taylor 'I5 Earns Eagle Scout

Kieran Taylor ' 15 of Glenmont has earned the Eagle Scout Award, the Boy Scouts of America's highest advancement award, earned by only approximately 4 percent of all Scouts. One of its requirements is a capstone community project, for which Kieran planned, raised funds for, and managed the construction of a dock on a pond at the Albany Pine Bush Preserve. The dock can now be enjoyed by anyone who visits the Preserve and hikes the Yellow trail from the Discovery Center on New Karner Road. In total, Kieran's project took over 150 hours to complete with the assistance of 33 volunteers, including six Doane Stuart students. Thanks to: Eliza Henneberry '15, Matt Maguire '15, Max Williams '15, Lexi Hans '16, Tom Geoghegan '16 and Patrick Henneberry ' 13 for their assistance.

rom March 25 through April 2 Middle School students and faculty immersed themselves in all things Ocean. Activities included a number of guest speakers presenting on topics such as Ocean species and diving; art projects with an ocean theme, including the creation of an impressive papier-mâché reef; and an exciting trip to Mystic, CT to visit the Mystic Seaport and Aquarium.


The Middle School Integrated Project provides students with the unique opportunity to delve deeply into a single theme with intensive study, while conducting independent research and undertaking collaborative hands-on activities. The Middle School suspends regular classes for a week to provide the time for students to experience a mode of learning that goes beyond the ordinary daily classroom routine, and to make connections to all areas of study, including math, history, art, music, science and more.


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## A well rounded education starts early and lasts a lifetime.

For more than 150 years The Doane Stuart School has been inspiring and educating students from the ground up. By graduation they are prepared to take their place as global citizens who pursue lives of meaning and purpose.

# Parent Association May / June Update 

Happy Spring! As the warmer weather, green grass, and flowers fight their way into our area, the Doane Stuart Parents Association continues our efforts to broaden our impact on the school, its faculty, and its families.

During the last month, we have 'surprised' the faculty with breakfast treats, supported the Middle School Illumination Fair, and have been actively supporting Darlene Gallagher's efforts with the gala. We have also participated as part of the last two Open House events to share parent's perspectives with prospective families. We look forward to becoming even more engaged in the admission process in the future. Looking forward, we have begun coordination for the annual Faculty Appreciation Day being held on Wednesday, May 13th. An email has been distributed by Suzanne Nye which contains a link to a Sign Up Genius event. If you have not received this email, please reach out to Suzanne Nye or Jenn Hess to have them resend. There are still open slots available for which to sign-up, so please help out with this wonderful event for our faculty.

We are pleased to announce that at the request of middle school parents, a brief morning session on Internet Safety is being planned for May 21 at 8:15 a.m. This session is being presented by Pamela Clarke and one of our students, Marco Crnkovic. This is the first in what we hope to be a series of sessions on topics of interest for our Doane Stuart families.

As a special celebration for all families and friends, we are pleased to announce an Ice Cream Social immediately following the moving up ceremony on Thursday, June $4^{\text {th }}$. This will be our chance to kick the summer off as a community and to celebrate our children's accomplishments from the school year. Volunteers are needed to assist with the set-up, serving of ice cream, and clean-up. We anticipate this gathering to run no later than noon. We look forward to celebrating with you all!

As the end of the year approaches, we have one more all hands Parent Association meeting to be held on Wednesday, May $20^{\text {th }}$ from 8-9 AM in the Corning Conference room. We will be discussing the end of year activities, reflecting on our first year as the newly formed Parents Association along with succession planning. We hope you can join us! We will provide regular updates through class representatives and through the DS newsletter, so please look for those. If you have any questions, comments, or other feedback, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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## Next PA Meeting:

Wednesday, May 20 8:00-9:00 Aм

## Sneak Peek into the Spring Gala \& Auction

Here are just a few of the items


Don't miss your chance to bid on these amazing items. If you have questions about these items, or would like an absentee bidder form, please contact Darlene Gallagher at (5I8) 465-5222, ext. 203 or (5I8) 928-9596 or via email at dgallagher@doanestuart.org.

## Join us for our Spring Gala \& Auction May 9, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. The Albany Country C1ub



## - CONGRATULATIONS Class OF 20|5 -

## The 51 members of the Class of 2015 applied to a group of schools as diverse as they are. Acceptances include:

Note: Schools in BOLD indicate a school that one ore more students has chosen to matriculate to in the fall (as of 4/28/15)

Alfred University
American University
Arcadia University
Assumption College
Babson College
Bard College
Barnard College
Baruch College of the CUNY
Bates College
Bennington College
Binghamton University
Boston College
Bowdoin College
Brandeis University
Brooklyn College of the CUNY
Bryant University
Bryn Mawr College
Buffalo State College of SUNY
Case Western Reserve University
Cazenovia College
Champlain College
City College of New York CUNY
Clark University
College of the Holy Cross
Columbia College Chicago
Concordia College - New York
Connecticut College
Cornell University
Drew University
Drexel University
Eckerd College
Emmanuel College
Emory University
Fairfield University
Fordham University -
Lincoln Center Campus/
Rose Hill Campus
Franklin and Marshall College
Goucher College
Guilford College
Hamilton College - New York
Hampshire College
Hartwick College
Haverford College
Hawaii Pacific University
Hobart and William Smith Colleges
Ithaca College
La Salle University
Le Moyne College

Lehman College of the CUNY
Lewis \& Clark College
Long Island University, Post
Loyola University Maryland
Loyola University New Orleans
Lynn University
Manhattan College
Manhattanville College
Marist College
Maryland Institute College of Art
Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts
Michigan State University
Middlebury College
Mills College
Moore College of Art and Design
Mount Holyoke College
New College of Florida
North Carolina State University
Northeastern University
Occidental College
Pace University, New York City
Pennsylvania State University, Berks College
Pennsylvania State University, University Park
Philadelphia University
Pratt Institute
Providence College
Purchase College State University of New York
Purdue University
Queens College of the CUNY
Quinnipiac University
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Ringling College of Art and Design
Rochester Institute of Technology
Roger Williams University
Rollins College
Salve Regina University
School of Visual Arts
Siena College
Simmons College
Smith College
Southern Methodist University
St. Lawrence University
State University of New York
-Plattsburgh State University of New York at Albany

State University of New York
at New Paltz
Stonehill College
Stony Brook University
Suffolk University
SUNY College at Geneseo
SUNY College at Oneonta
SUNY College at Potsdam
SUNY Fredonia
SUNY Oswego
Swarthmore College
Syracuse University
The American University of Paris
The College of Saint Rose
The George Washington University
The University of Scranton
The University of the Arts
Trinity College
Tufts University
Union College
University at Buffalo The State
University of New York
University of California, Davis
University of California, Irvine
University of California, San Diego
University of California, Santa Barbara
University of Connecticut
University of Hartford
University of Maine
University of Massachusetts, Amherst
University of Miami
University of Michigan
University of New Hampshire
University of New Haven
University of Rhode Island
University of Rochester
University of San Francisco
University of Vermont
University of Wisconsin, Madison
Villanova University
Virginia Commonwealth University
Wells College
Wentworth Institute of Technology
Wesleyan University
Western New England University
Wheaton College MA
Whittier College
Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Xavier University of Louisiana

May 2015

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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|  |  |  |  | Annual 7th Grad | Trip To Boston <br> 8:20 AM LS Morning Mtg. <br> 10:00 AM MS Chapel | SAT I \& II |
|  | 10:30 AM Admin. Team Mtg. | 9:10 AM All-School Morning Mtg. 12:30 PM MS Faculty Mtg. 4:00 PM Campus Ministry | 9:10 AM <br> Upper School <br> RING CEREMONY <br> (Dress Uniform for <br> 12:30 PM Student Gov't. <br> Upper School students) <br> 10:00 AM LS Chapel <br> 11:30 AM LS Faculty Mtg. <br> 3:45 PM Science Dept. Mtg. | 9:10 AM US Chapel <br> 12:30 PM US Faculty Mtg. | UPPER SCHOOL <br> Half Day of School MS Community Service <br> Upper School PROM <br> Albany Country Club | 6:00 PM ANNUAL SPRING GALA \& AUCTION Albany Country Club |
| MOTHERS' DAY | 11 10:30 AM Admin. Team Mtg. | UPPER SCHOOL FIELD DAY Saratoga State Park 9:10 AM All-School Morning Mtg. 12:30 PM MS Faculty Mtg. 4:00 PM Campus Ministry | TEACHER 13 APPRECIATION DAY 11:30 AM LS Faculty Mtg. 12:30 PM Student Gov't. 3:45 PM History Dept. Mtg. | 8:00 AM Finance Comm. 14 Mtg. 9:10 AM US Chapel 12:30 PM US Faculty Mtg. $\quad$ Admission Reception 4:00 - 5:30 PM 5:30 p.m. All-School Music Recital | 15 8:20 AM LS Morning Mtg. 10:00 AM MS Chapel |  16 <br> 10:00 AM  <br> Lower School  <br> Saturday Club  |
| 17 | 10:30 AM Admin. Team Mtg. | 9:10 AM All-School Morning Mtg. $\quad 19$ 12:00 PM Middle School Athletic Luncheon Admission Reception 4:00-5:30 PM | 10:00 AM LS Chapel 11:30 AM LS Faculty Mtg. 12:30 PM Student Gov't. | 9:10 AM US Chapel <br> 12:30 PM US Faculty Mtg. 4:00 PM <br> BOARD MEETING <br> JOHN B. ROBINSON, JR. BOARD ROOM | Early Childhood and Kindergarten Field Day Community Service Celebration 10:00 AM MS Chapel |  |
|  | MEMORIAL DAY NO SCHOOL OFFICES CLOSED | 26 9:10 AM All-School Morning Mtg. 12:30 PM MS Faculty Mtg. 4:00 PM Campus Ministry | 10:00 AM LS Chapel 11:30 AM LS Faculty Mtg. 12:30 PM Student Gov't. Admission Reception 4:00 - 5:30 PM | 9:10 AM US Chapel 12:30 PM US Faculty Mtg. 4:00 PM Exec. Comm. Mtg. | Grades 7 \& 8 Exams <br> Grades 1-4 Field Day | Har 50 |

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|  | Grade 7 \& 8 Exams <br> Upper School Exams <br> 10:30 AM Admin Team Mtg. | 2 <br> Grade 7 \& 8 Exams <br> Upper School Exams 4:00 PM Campus Ministry | 3 Upper School Exams 9:00 AM Moving Up Ceremony Early Childhood and Kindergarten Middle School Field and Class Day Upper School Class Day | 9:00 AM <br> Moving Up <br> Ceremony <br> Grades 1-12 <br> (Dress Uniform) <br> NO AFTERCARE | US $4^{\text {th }}$ Quarter grades due LS/MS $3^{\text {rd }}$ Trimester grades due <br> NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS OFFICES OPEN | SAT I \& II 3:00 PM GRADUATION Golub Interfaith Chapel |
| 7 | $\qquad$ FACULTY <br> 12:30-1:15 PM LUNCH | MEETINGS <br> 12:00 PM <br> End-of-Year Lunch <br> for Faculty and Staff |  10 <br> 10:00 AM  <br> Admin. Team Mtg.  <br> Admission  <br> Reception  <br> 4:00 $-5: 30$ PM  | 8:00 AM Finance Comm. Mtg. M. |  | 13 |
| FATHERS' DAY | 15 |  16 <br> 10:00 AM 16 <br> Admin. Team Mtg.  <br> Admission  <br> Reception  <br> 4:00-5:30 PM  <br>   | 10:00 AM 17 <br> Admin. Team Mtg.  |  | 19 | 20 |
| 21 | 22 |  23 <br> 10:00 AM <br> Admin. Team Mtg.  <br>   <br>   |  24 <br> 10:00 AM <br> Admin. Team Mtg.  | Admission Reception 4:00-5:30 PM | 26 | 27 |
| 28 | 29 | 30 |  |  |  |  |

