

Fairfield Ludlowe High School
HEADMASTER'S MONTHLY REPORT
December 2016

Student and Teacher Achievements

- **Rachel Keleher**, Family and Consumer Science department liaison, reports that the Connecticut State Department of Education has recognized Fairfield Ludlowe High School as the **#1** ranked Connecticut Secondary School in the Textiles and Design area of concentration. FCS teacher **Donna Huber** teaches textiles and design.
- Headmaster **Greg Hatzis** coordinated the second LGBTQ+ Forum for students for open discussion regarding gender identity, expression, and/or sexual orientations. The students met with a counselor from the Triangle Community Center to share stories of what life is like for them at FLHS. The counselors then attended the next faculty meeting and shared insights on fostering an inclusive, supportive community in our classrooms.
- English teacher and Drama Club advisor **Fran Kondziela** directed *The Bridge of San Luis Rey*: The production's fame extended beyond FLHS walls. This article was posted at the official Wilder website: <http://wildermoments.com/2016/12/02/performing-wilders-the-bridge-of-san-luis-rey-at-fairfield-ludlowe-high-school/>. In addition, Fran received a personal email from Thornton Wilder's nephew to share with the cast and crew before opening night: "From the Wilder family to our FLHS community, I want to acknowledge and thank Fran and her team for all of the hard work, dedication, and talent that was brought to this production."
- Warner House Dean, **Kim Longobucco**, has been appointed Assistant Principal of Newtown High School, and FLHS environmental science teacher, **Luigi Volpe**, has been named her successor.
- Photography teacher Michele Hermsen reports that **Jackie Berens'** photo, "Standing Alone", and **Emily Scimeca's** photo, "Haddy", are both winners of the highly competitive Drexel University High School Photography Competition hosted by Drexel University. There were approximately 1,500 entries, and 75-100 photos were selected to exhibit in the Drexel Gallery during the month of February. These students, acknowledged on the Drexel website, are considered the top 2016 high school photographers nationwide. Both students are in the running for one of the top five monetary prizes which will be announced in mid-January.
- The RAAFT (Raising Abuse Awareness For Teens) Club collected winter clothing for the Center For Family Justice. Its residents are battling domestic abuse and violence. Advisor **Tim Morris** brought "two very big boxes of clothing to the Center.
- Falcons of the Month for December are: **Kaleigh Brown, Leila Mishalani, David Bates, Lauren Bigonette, Emily Cheung, Matt Grabowski, Bridget Paulmann, Emily Dwelle, Nitya Sridhar, and teachers Diana Rainho, Ellie Zach, Katie Poole, and Erin Golrick**. The trait we focused on was LEARNING (encouraging and engaging in learning beyond the daily classroom).