The Viscardi Ambassadors (VA) program was created to raise disability awareness. Our goal is to ultimately create a world where disabled people are not only understood but accepted. The Viscardi Ambassadors program today consists of about 20 students from 10th to 12th grade. We travel to different schools located on Long Island. We speak to and educate students ranging from elementary school to college. Some examples of schools that we've traveled to are Lynbrook High School and Adelphi University. The Viscardi Ambassadors have even gone as far as Albany! Usually a total of 5 students travel on each trip starting from 10 am to 2 pm. The VA program is such a rewarding experience not only for the students we speak to but for those who are speaking as well. This program gives Viscardi students the opportunity to tell their unique stories and educate the youth to hopefully build a positive future. The VA program also gives our students loads of confidence especially knowing that people want to hear what they have to say. During each trip students are encouraged to share their stories and what they've learned from their experiences to hopefully inspire. This program has enabled me to further my public speaking skills and my confidence as well. I've been a part of this program for 2 years now and every trip I attend is more rewarding than the other.
SENIOR’S FAVORITES LIST

Name: Pat McCarthy
Here since: 2014
Favorite Subject: History
Favorite Teacher: Ms. G, Mr. Havo
Favorite Therapist: Mr. Tom, Ms. Ahmee, Ms. Fran and Mr. Chris
Favorite T.A: Joe W. and Mr. Gill
Favorite Nurse: None
Favorite Cafeteria Food: None

Name: Angela Lawson
Here since: 2007
Favorite Subject: English
Favorite Teacher: N/A
Favorite Therapist: Miss Angela
Favorite T.A: Miss Linda (Not Here Now)
Favorite Nurse: Miss Maura
Favorite Cafeteria Food: Nothing! :(

Name: Alexa Diyarza
Here since: 2013
Favorite Subject: Independent Living
Favorite Teacher: Mrs. Kim A.
Favorite Therapist: Mrs. Angela, Mr. Chris and Mrs. Pat
Favorite T.A: Mrs. Diane
Favorite Nurse: None
Favorite Cafeteria Food: None

Name: Emma Greenfield
Here since: Kindergarten, 2005
Favorite Subject: Always been English
Favorite Teacher: Mrs. Sigurdsson
Favorite Therapist: Mrs. Ahmee, O.T.
Favorite T.A: Mrs. Cristina, Basketball
Favorite Nurse: Mrs. Maura
Favorite Cafeteria Food: Soup
SENIOR’S FAVORITES LIST

Name: Desitini Mitchell– Murray
Here since: 2008
Favorite Subject: Social Studies
Favorite Teacher: Ms. Kim
Favorite Therapist: Ms. Debbie
Favorite T.A: Harriett
Favorite Nurse: Ms. Judy
Favorite Cafeteria Food: Quesadilla

Name: Kristian N. Rosado
Here since: 2005
Favorite Subject: Math
Favorite Teacher: Miss Kim
Favorite Therapist: Miss Debbie
Favorite T.A: Miss Virginia
Favorite Nurse: Miss Roe
Favorite Cafeteria Food: Chicken Patty

Name: Ariel Rampersad
Here since: 2005
Favorite Subject: Art
Favorite Teacher: Mr. Tim
Favorite Therapist: Miss Ahmee
Favorite T.A: Miss Laurie
Favorite Nurse: Miss Leona
Favorite Cafeteria Food: Quesadilla

Name: Alexa Williams
Here since: Kindergarten
Favorite Subject: Social Studies
Favorite Teacher: Mr. Haviken
Favorite Therapist: Miss Ali
Favorite T.A: Miss Diane
Favorite Nurse: Leona
Favorite Cafeteria Food: n/a
SENIOR’S FAVORITES LIST

Name: Isaiah Cudjoe
Here since: 2006
Favorite Subject: Social Studies
Favorite Teacher: Miss Graffeo
Favorite Therapist: Miss Kate
Favorite T.A: Miss Susan
Favorite Nurse: Miss Judy
Favorite Cafeteria Food: Chicken Patty

Name: Marcus Montanez
Here since: 2004
Favorite Subject: Art
Favorite Teacher: Mrs. Graffeo
Favorite Therapist: Ms. Kerri
Favorite T.A: Mr. Adam
Favorite Nurse: Miss Roe
Favorite Cafeteria Food: tuna fish sandwich

Name: Samuel Tavarez
Here since: 2004
Favorite Subject: Tech.
Favorite Teacher: Mr. Hullstrung
Favorite Therapist: Ms. Stephanie
Favorite T.A: Ms. Jackie
Favorite Nurse: Ms. Maura
Favorite Cafeteria Food: Chicken Nuggets

Name: Lenny Tobie
Here since: 2004
Favorite Subject: Gym
Favorite Teacher: Mr. Tim
Favorite Therapist: Miss Janet
Favorite T.A: Frank
Favorite Nurse: Miss Maura
Favorite Cafeteria Food: Baked Ziti
SENIOR’S FAVORITES LIST

Name: Christopher Allen
Here since: 2004
Favorite Subject: Independent Living
Favorite Teacher: Kim Morovich
Favorite Therapist: Chris Marotta
Favorite T.A: Jackie Gismundi
Favorite Nurse: Maura
Favorite Cafeteria Food: Bacon Chicken Quesadilla

Name: Felix Perez
Favorite Teacher: Mr. Cardenas
Favorite Therapist: Josh
Favorite T.A: Miss Lori

NBA Finals

I think the Cleveland Cavs and Golden State Warriors are going to be the last two teams standing this year in the NBA Playoffs. Although I feel it will be close, I think the Warriors are going to win it all this year. Kevin Durant is a big asset to the team. Combined with Curry, I think Golden State will come out on top this year. My prediction is Warriors in 7.

-Jamar Johnson
Wrestlemania 33 Review

By Jio Rodriguez

On April 2, 2017, the WWE held their annual 8 hour spectacular known as Wrestlemania. The event was headlined by Brock Lesnar vs Bill Goldberg and Roman Reigns vs The Undertaker. The show was disappointing but better than last year. The best part of the night was when the legendary Hardy Boys returned to win the Raw Tag Team titles in a ladder match. The crowd went nuts when the Hardys made their surprise appearance. The worst part of the night was when Mojo Rawley won the Battle Royal with the help of New England Patriots Tight End Rob Gronkowski. Most of the crowd had no idea who Mojo was and just stared at him like, “who are you?” The night ended on a sad note when The Undertaker wrestled in what would be his “last ride” and retired from wrestling after his match. Overall, I give Wrestlemania a 4 out of 10.
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Publishing Editor: Phillip Mayer  Chief Editor: Ms. Marlana Lipnick

Happy Summer

There are currently positions available for the school paper including editor, photography, graphics, and writer positions. If interested see Mr. Chris OT or Mr. Haviken.