



### The Budget Challenge! What is the Budget Challenge?



The Budget Challenge is a well set-up, realistic simulation that can prepare you for your financial future. My class competed against 2,431 classes across the United States. We came in 26th place.

If we came in 25th place, we could have won a classroom grant. I went up against 54,000 students across the US and came in 322nd place. I was really close to winning a \$20,000 scholarship for college. You need to be able to budget your money, pay your bills, and be prepared for unexpected life events. Throughout the simulation, you have the option to change your bank account type and your 401(k) contribution. I was expected to be able to read bills, account statements, and paychecks. One of the struggles I faced quite frequently was making sure I had enough money in my checking account to pay my bills and to be ready for emergencies. Another struggle I faced was not going over my credit card limit. I enjoyed this simulation very much because it taught me the realities of what it would be like to live on my own. Overall, I would recommend this simulation to anyone who is interested in learning about finances in the real world.



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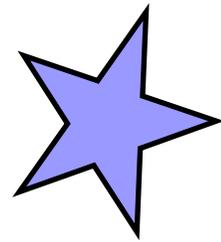
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# Reach For The Stars



By Christopher Alvarez



On April 5, 2016, the Seniors and the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students were invited to the 34<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Reach for a Star Luncheon, at the Crest Hollow Country Club in Woodbury, NY. The proceeds from the

luncheon support the after-school activities, clubs, adapted sports, recreation and weekend overnights where students have the opportunity to socialize with their friends. At the luncheon, a video named *Beautiful* produced by Mr. Marcello was presented. In this video, he asked students the question: “What does the word



Beautiful mean to you?” The video was so touching and powerful. The most motivating commentator was Angelic Matias as she described what was beautiful to her. It even changed my understanding of the word.

Next, Chilina Kennedy, the lead actress in the Broadway hit musical, *Beautiful-The Carole King Musical* performed a few songs from the musical and a few from her album, "What You Find In A Bottle." A special performance with Ms. Kennedy and the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students was the hit of the luncheon. After their great performance, 12<sup>th</sup> grader, Mariah Sepulveda presented a painting she made of Ms. Kennedy to her. A fabulous day was had by all who attended. The proceeds are much appreciated for our after-school activities.



## Patty Fischer's Class Writes About Luncheon

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Jayden  
4/2016

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Reach For A Star Luncheon

My mom and I ate lunch together. We sang two songs with Chilina Kennedy. We sang You've Got A Friend and I Feel the Earth Move. It was a magical big place. It was fancy. I wore my Barak Obama suit.



Shira  
4/6/16

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4/7/16  
 Reach for the star luncheon  
 On Tuesday we went to the Reach for the Stars Luncheon. I wore a white dress with a bow. Mommy came to watch me sing. A nice lady put makeup on me. I ate French fries. I sang two songs.

The Reach for a Star Luncheon  
 I had corn, chicken nuggets, and cake. I had so much fun. There were a lot of people dancing and singing. On the stage we were singing You've Got a Friend. I like singing. It makes me feel good. Everybody clapped their hands.  
 My blue dress had gold diamonds and a blue flower. It was a beautiful dress. I felt nice in the dress.

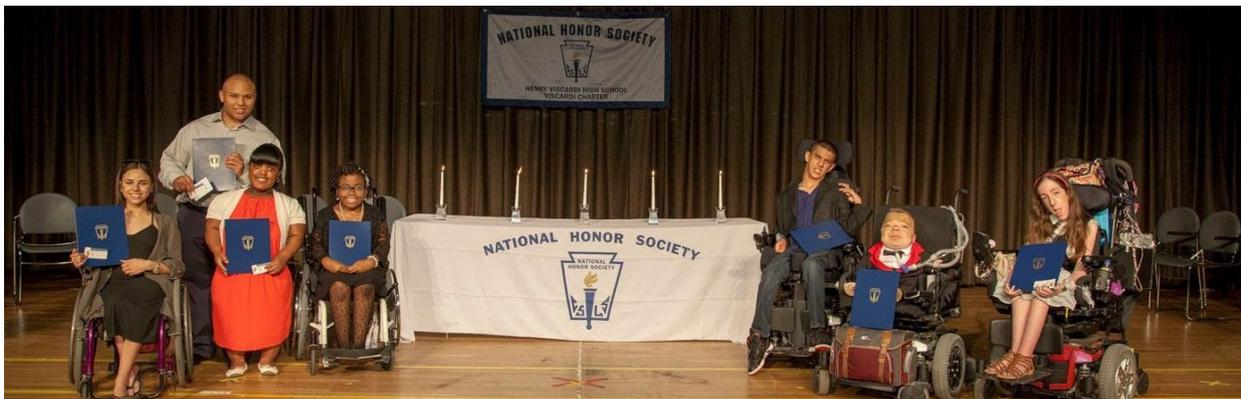
# The Cougar Chronicle Corner

Thank you to all our readers for a great school year.  
Thank You to Ms. Marlana for her editing skills.  
If interested in submitting an article, art work, pictures, poetry or anything else creative.  
Please See: Mr. Chris OT or Mr. Haviken.

Have a Great Summer :)



## National Honor Society's Viscardi Chapter



On May 26, 2016, the following students were inducted into the National Honor Society Viscardi Chapter. These members were chosen based on their accomplishments of scholarship, service, character and leadership.

Alexa Williams  
Christopher Alvarez  
Felix Perez  
Mya Forbes

Kristian Rosado  
Mariah Sepulveda  
Peri Finkelstein



Nassau County Empire State Games for the Physically Challenged

# VICTORY Challenge

Nassau County Executive **Edward P. Mangano**

On June 3, 2016, we will be participating in the annual state games for the physically challenged. The participants will be the HVS Varsity and J.V. Cougars, UCP Westchester, and the Westchester School for Special Children. I am so excited that I get to be part of the basketball game this year.

-Jared Connolly



Ice Cream

By: Preeya Sahadeo

I scream for ice cream,  
You scream for your scream,  
They scream for their scream,  
We all scream for ice cream.



## HVS VISITS DUTCH BROADWAY



# PROM 2016



# Will Cespedes stay on the Mets after this season?

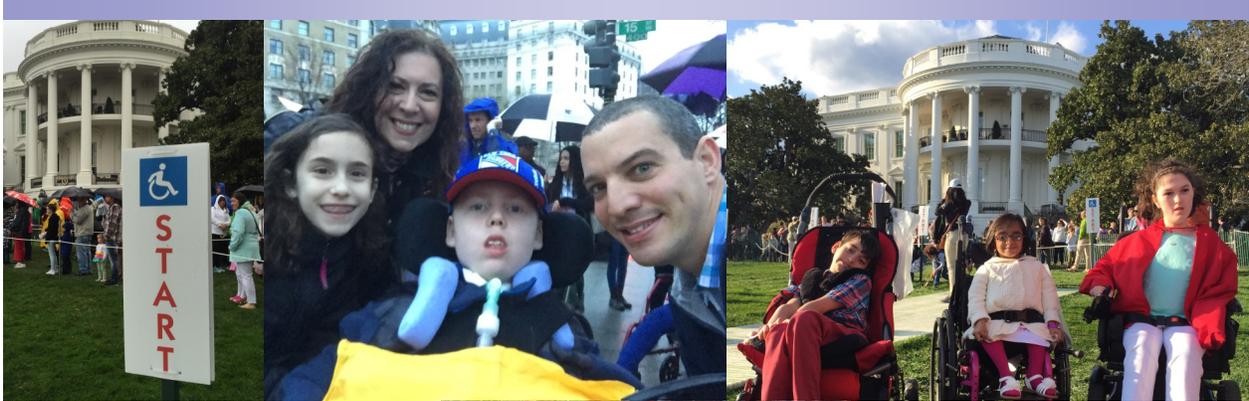
By Chris Scharrer

If you're a Mets fan, you know that the past year was the best year since the '86 Amazing Mets and the 2000 Mets. The past year was a crazy year. The reason why I said crazy is because it all started off with a trade that would impact the rest of the season. The Mets were in talks with the Milwaukee Brewers to trade Brewers center fielder Carlos Gomez for Mets



shortstop Wilmer Flores and starting pitcher Zack Wheeler. When the trade was about to go through, Sandy Alderson, the General Manager of the Mets called it off. If you are a Mets fan, you might have thought that if we got Gomez we would turn things around. A couple of days later the Mets were in another trade with the Detroit Tigers for Yoenis Cespedes. The trade turned around the rest of the Mets season, making them the National League Champions! During the offseason, Yoenis Cespedes agreed to a three year \$75 million contract with a one year opt out which means if Cespedes wants to leave after the first year, he can. But, the opt out is both ways so the Mets have a say in it too. The Mets, in my opinion, have a stellar outfield with Yoenis Cespedes in center, Michael Conforto in left and Curtis Granderson in right. As a Mets fan I personally hope that Cespedes stays on the Mets after this season.





*This Just In*

HVS students goes to the White House Easter Egg Roll! Viscardi students & staff went on the White

House lawn to roll eggs. There were different characters from kids TV shows and movies like *Super Why* and *Star Wars*. There were special performances by Silento and Beyoncé. Our own Mr. Chris and Mr. Z took a picture with Curious George and we were laughing so hard that we couldn't even breathe. After we got off the White House lawn, we got our Easter eggs and went back to the hotel.

*by Dylan Cuevas*





Sports Night

On May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016, the Henry Viscardi School and The Viscardi Center held its 50<sup>th</sup> Sports Night. Sports Night was a big hit having over eight hundred guests and athletes including Eli Manning, Bryant Gumbel, Clark Gillies, Mick Foly and so on. The goal of Sports Night was to raise 1.8 million dollars but we went above that raising 4.4 million dollars. Throughout the night guests donated money. The biggest donor was Entenmann's who donated three million dollars.

Say Goodbye to



by M.A. Shaw



BY ENTENMANN'S

The American Idol season was excellent this year. The judges did a good job picking the contestants. Trent Harmon was the final season's winner. La'Porsha Renae was the runner up. This brings an end to American Idol.



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## Fun @ Sport's Night

By Jared Connolly

This year I was lucky enough to participate in the 50th anniversary of the Henry Viscardi School & Center Sports Night. This is a fundraising event to help the school and Center. Many athletes and celebrities attend it.

The price to get into the Sports Night event is \$500 per person. There was also an auction where the memorabilia and personal items were auctioned off that belonged to the celebrities. Whoever bid the highest won it. One of the grand prizes was a vacation and cruise to an exotic place. This year Entenmanns donated over three million dollars for the event.

I was so happy to meet all these amazing athletes, take pictures with them and have them sign my autograph book.

The students of the school entertained the audience by putting on a play and singing. They did a great job! I was lucky enough to be chosen for the play. I enjoyed the food. The steak was great and so were the appetizers. It was a memorable evening and I hope I get to participate again next year.



This year, I had the pleasure of working with an Occupational Therapy volunteer named Capri Pappalardo. Capri is a student at Hofstra University. She learned about the volunteer opportunity through a program that her university called "Reach for Teens". Capri started at HVS in May of 2015. Initially, she was excited and nervous. But she knew that everyone would be warm and friendly. Some of the things that she enjoys about watching and learning from our wonderful therapists are learning to modify and adapt. They have taught her that with a little help, any kid can perform any task. Speaking of helping kids performing tasks, with the help of Mr. Chris, Capri was able to adapt a Candyland board game and switch-adapt a Locka Larry toy for Ms. Burwell's class. She collaborated with the other therapists to help develop sensory bags, create a virtual guitar with a technology called Makey-Makey and is currently working on making an adapted Battleship. When asked about how she feels about HVS, Capri said "HVS has made an inspiring impact on my life." Capri is working towards a major in Psychology and a minor in Neuroscience. Some of Capri's favorite hobbies are baking (she's an extreme foodie) and being a part of her cross country team.