

## April 2010

### From the classroom

- Congratulations to Crystal Jackson '10 who has been awarded a Comcast Leaders and Achievers scholarship:
  - ["Scholarships awarded to Prince George's County seniors"](#)
- Congratulations to Shannon James '10 and Cynthia Hernandez '10 who were selected by the City of Bowie to receive an Excellence in Education Scholarship and City Arts Scholarship, respectively.
- Imani Jasper '12 has been accepted to and will attend the TASS session at the University of Michigan this summer from June 27<sup>th</sup> to August 7<sup>th</sup>.

### Faculty News

- Art teachers Mrs. Stehle and Ms. Johnson attended the National Art Education Association's National Conference in Baltimore, MD on April 14<sup>th</sup> -18<sup>th</sup>. At this National conference our teachers collaborated to get great ideas for Seton's Art Department curriculum and exciting new fundraising strategies for our Art Club.
- Math Teachers Ms. Gray, and Ms. Dandempally, along with Science Teacher Ms. Dorsey, all attended a Technology in the Classroom conference at the University of Maryland where all the teachers learned exciting new ideas and teaching strategies for their classes.

### Instrumental & Vocal Music

- Seton's Fine Arts Program was recently awarded Atlanta Heritage Music Festival's Top Prize! Two day-long bus trips and two whirlwind days in Atlanta, GA provided the Seton Music Program with bragging rights and a lot of trophies. Seven Seton ensembles competed against groups from nine other schools in the festival, and Seton was named the TOP SCHOOL at the festival for a combined score of points awarded to choral and instrumental groups. First-place awards in various categories went to Seton Chorale, Symphonic Band, and Chorus. Concert Choir, with Seton's highest individual score, won an Adjudicators' Award and an invitation to compete in an elite festival next year! Out of all performers at the event (twenty-four ensembles from nine schools), the festival's only two individual awards for outstanding performance were given to Cara Hamel '11 as the pianist for Seton's choirs, and Gabriela Sotomayor '10 as a vocal soloist.

Congratulations to all of our girls as well as Instrumental Music Director Ms. Debora Hood and Vocal Director Dr. Kathleen Vadala for this amazing accomplishment!

To read an exciting piece written by Dr. Vadala about the trip and our girls' performance, please follow the link below:

["So what was this music trip all about, anyway..."](#)

## Roadrunner News

- Nia Walcott '11 named to Trinidad and Tobago U17 National Team
  - ["Beltsville sisters picked for World Cup Squad"](#)
- Adenike Pedro '10 sets long jump meet record of 19 feet 11 inches at Crimson Tide Invitational
  - [County track teams spring into action](#)
- Seton's 4 x 400 relay team is named one of *The Washington Post's* "top relay teams"
  - ["top relay teams"](#)
- Winter All-Met Team honors:
  - Tyuanna Marshall '10 - 1<sup>st</sup> team basketball
    - [Tyuanna Marshall - 1st team](#)
  - Julia Weatherly '10 - honorable mention basketball
    - [Julia Weatherly - honorable mention](#)
  - Adenike Pedro '10 - 1<sup>st</sup> team track
    - [Adenike Pedro - 1st team](#)
  - Ambrosia Iwugo '10 - honorable mention track
    - [Ambrosia Iwugo - honorable mention](#)
- Seniors Samantha Colein , Ambrosia Iwugo and Alexis Martin all signed National Letters of Intent! Please follow the links below to read the press releases about each girl's exciting future in college athletics:
  - [March National Letters of Intent](#)
- Congratulations to Seton's Cheerleaders who recently won "Ashie's Wish for a Cure," a well recognized charity competition held at Good Counsel in Olney, MD
- Congratulations to Seton's 4 x 400 relay team members Tiana Teague '11, Ambrosia Iwugo '10, Briana Young '11 and Joi Johnson '10 who set multiple records at the 2010 Penn Relays! With a

time of **3:51:27** the girls clocked the fastest time in Maryland and the DC Metro area, and the 8<sup>th</sup> fastest time in the Nation! To watch video of the race, please follow the link below:

- [Seton's 4 x 400 Penn Relay Team](#)
- Mark your calendars for Fall sports try-outs:
  - **Volleyball:**
    - August 16<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> 9 a.m.-12 p.m.
    - August 18<sup>th</sup> 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.
  - **Field Hockey:**
    - August 16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> 8 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
  - **Cross-Country:**
    - August 16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> 6 p.m.-8 p.m. at Buddy Attic Park at Greenbelt Lake
  - **Soccer:**
    - August 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
  - **Tennis:**
    - August 16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> 4 p.m.-5:30 p.m.

## Clubs & Activities

- **Summer Camps!** There is plenty going on at Seton over the summer for students and community members to get involved in. Check out the link below to get all the exciting details and to download registration forms for our brand new Dance Camp, Sports, Soccer and Goalkeeping camps!
  - [Seton's 2010 Summer Camps!](#)
- **Prom Info!** Seton's 2010 Prom will be held on May 28<sup>th</sup> from 8 p.m. to 12 a.m. at the University of Maryland University College (UMUC) Inn & Conference Center by Marriott. The address is: 3501 University Boulevard East, Adelphi, MD 20783
- Over Seton's Spring Break French students and French Club members traveled to Paris, France for an amazing trip! Twelve students and two teacher chaperones traveled abroad including: Ray Rogers '10, Erica Ellis '10, Heather Curran '10, Nora Sweeney '11, Casey Moriarty '11, Mary Jo Rohrer '11, Nacny Rego '11, James Epps '11, Keturah Wallace '12, Arie Hayre-Somuah '12, Armani Young '12 and Karrin Butler '13; chaperones were Math teacher Ms. Forrester and French Teacher and French Club Moderator Ms. St. Louis.

Students traveled for a total of six days and saw some of France's most incredible attractions, including: The Louvre Museum, Versailles - the former palace, a trip to the top of The Eiffel Tower, a boat cruise along the Seine river, Easter Monday Mass at Notre Dame cathedral, a shopping trip to the famous "Galeries Lafayette" department store, a city bus tour of the Sorbonne - the famous university, la Place de la Concorde, the Luxembourg gardens and the Opera House.

As a side trip of their own, thanks to the Daughters of Charity stationed in the Paris headquarters, students attended Mass at the Chapel of the Miraculous Medal and received medals from Sister Mary Jo, a former teacher at Seton!

In addition to doing a trip similar to this every year, the Foreign Language department is looking into unique opportunities for future French trips such as service learning trips, home stay programs with French host families and exchange programs with other French high schools. So stay tuned for more exciting news and events from our Foreign Language Department!

- At Seton's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration & Gala on April 24<sup>th</sup>, Seton's Art Club sponsored an incredible art show for its attendees. With over 78 works of art displayed from over 50 Seton students, guests had a wide variety of work to appreciate!

Prizes from the show were awarded by the faculty of the University of Maryland Department of Art. First prize, with an award of \$250, went to Caitlin Werle '12. Second place, with a prize of \$100, went to Corinne Libcke '11. Third prize, winning \$50, went to Katie Busch '11. Lastly, four Honorable Mention prizes, winning \$25 each, went to Mikkea Carter '10, Jasmin Silva '12, Izzy Bisese '11 and a collaborative piece by Stephanie Cheung '11 and Katherine Dudinsky '11 titled "KADSC."

In conjunction with the Art Show, Seton's Art Club offered an accompanying art sale that sold over 20 pieces of student work!

Also from our Art Department and Club: On Friday April 30<sup>th</sup>, over 65 pieces of Seton students' art work will be displayed at the First Annual Washington Area Catholic School Art Show held at Gonzaga High School in Washington, D.C. Congratulations to the following students who were awarded prizes from this awesome competition:

*Drawing:*

- 1<sup>st</sup> place - Caitlin Werle (\$90)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place - Katie Busch (\$20)

*Photography:*

- 3<sup>rd</sup> place - Katherine Dudinsky (\$20)
- 4<sup>th</sup> place - Katherine Dudinsky (\$10)
- 5<sup>th</sup> place - Katie Busch (\$5)

- In a joint effort between the Fine Arts Department and our Drama Club, Seton performed its 1<sup>st</sup> student-directed musical/operetta, *The Nifty Shop*, to a wonderful crowd on Thursday April 29<sup>th</sup>. The evening included two separate performances by two different casts as well as a performance by Seton's very own Improv Troupe. Thank you to everyone who came out and saw our student performances. We hope you enjoyed the night!
- We had a lot of fun at our NHS variety show this past Tuesday. We enjoyed all of the performances which included:
  - Meyana Thorne '10 - piano - "Invention 8" by Bach
  - Kat Jamolin '10 - singing/guitar - "Love Hurts" by Incubus
  - Gabrielle Landry '11 - belly dancing - "Ancient Ruins" by Issam Houshan
  - Simone Orjisson '12 - singing - "Pray" by Simone Orjisson
  - Lauren Ferguson '12 - comedical dance - "Fireflies" by Owl City
  - Julia Weatherly '10 - piano - "A Hundred Years" by Five for Fighting
  - Allison Colby '12 & Heather Curran '10 - singing - "Winter Song" by Ingrid Michaelson and Sara Bareilles
  - Alexis Martin '10, Tyuanna Marshall '10 & Janelle Murphy '10 - rapping/dancing - "All the Way Turnt Up"
  - Gabriella Sotomayor '10 - singing/ukulele - "Pennies from Heaven" by Billie Holiday
  - Dance Team - dance performance - House Mix

### Guidance

- Our guidance department has released an exciting list of summer programs for students to join and get involved in. Please follow the link below to check it out!
  - [2010 Summer Programs](#)
- Seton's Math Department is offering a summer Trig class at Seton. Please follow the link below to our guidance department web page to download the necessary forms:
  - [Summer Trig Informational Letter](#)
  - [Summer Trig Registration Form](#)

### Seton Advancement

- Seton's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala & Celebration on April 24<sup>th</sup> was an incredible success. With a sold-out crowd of over 700 guests, it was an amazing evening for everyone in attendance. We were able to honor 25 alumnae, future students and community supporters who live the mission of Elizabeth Seton every day.

We would like to offer a huge thank you to the parents and alumnae who were on the planning committee for this extraordinary event and who helped to make sure the evening ran smoothly.

To check out all of the photos from the night, follow the link below:

- [50th Celebration candid photos](#)
- [50th Celebration class photos](#)