

Fontbonne Hall Academy

Parent NEWSLETTER

2018 - 2019

*Grateful for an
exceptional school year!*

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we close the 2018-2019 school year, we are so grateful to have had such an exceptional school year. I think it is only fitting to use our final communication with our parents to present a few reasons why our students have made us so proud.

- One of our Science Research seniors was the only Catholic high school student to be invited to present at the New York Junior Science and Humanities Symposium Final round. She finished fifth in New York state and was invited to present at the national competition in Albuquerque, New Mexico.*
- Another senior in the Science Research program, because of the high quality of her research project, will be presenting her research at the Alzheimer's Association International Conference in Los Angeles in July.*
- Five of our ninth grade students, as an assignment in our freshmen science course Practical Engineering and Advanced Physical Science, participated in the Cornell University LIVES Challenge, which is an engineering contest, and finished in second place overall.*
- Our Brown University Women in Engineering Program had a record breaking number of students participating this year. Twenty-nine of our students qualified to be in the program, and were able to learn introductory engineering from a professor from Brown University. They were also able to collaborate on a project with students at the American School in Paris.*
- The entire Fontbonne Hall Academy Speech team qualified to attend the national competition this year, half of them advanced to the elimination round, and one of our seniors finished fourth in the nation in the category of Original Oratory.*

- *Fontbonne was the only Catholic school represented in the citywide Barcoding Research Symposium held at the New York Academy of Medicine. Our students sequenced genes in a species of frog and a species of fish.*
- *Five of our art students won awards at the LaSalle Academy Art Expo including a third place award in Black and White and a second place award in photography.*
- *Our Junior Varsity softball team won the Brooklyn-Queens Girls Catholic High School Athletic Association Softball Championship.*
- *Two of our sophomores were accepted into the National Institute of American History and Democracy summer pre-college program at William and Mary College.*
- *Five of our sophomores participated in the Hugh O'Brien Youth Foundation State Leadership Seminar, and have been invited to return as counselors next year.*
- *This year our musical performance students put on an amazing performance of Hairspray, and four members of the cast were each awarded a \$10,000 scholarship to the New York Conservatory of the Dramatic Arts.*
- *The Tablet newspaper awards their annual High School Press Awards, and this year Fontbonne's Broadcast and Print Journalism Program won in the new category of "Best Multimedia Package" for an investigative journalism piece.*
- *We are very excited to be invited to be a partner of Long Island University. We are in the process of creating an advanced health professions major with the university so that our students may graduate early, saving one year, with a health professions degree as a Physician's Assistant in 3 years, or as a Doctor of Physical Therapy in 4 years. And finally.....*
- *This year we proudly graduated 106 students. Collectively as a class, the Class of 2019 earned \$32.5 million dollars in college scholarship money and were accepted to many fine colleges and universities.*

We are grateful to our parents for sending your daughters to Fontbonne knowing that our faculty, filled with trained and talented educators, will challenge her to become her best self. We are also grateful that as Catholic high schools close around us, Fontbonne remains strong because of our exceptional academic programs and nurturing supportive environment. Next year we are honored to welcome a number of transfer students who will bring many gifts and talents to our student body, and who will join Fontbonne's continued effort to be an exceptional all-girls Catholic school.

On behalf of the administration, faculty, and staff, have a summer filled with rest, peace, and lots of fun. See you in September!

Best Regards,

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