



NEWS FROM THE NEST

January 9, 2015

Greetings Osprey Community,

We're glad to welcome everyone back from the Holiday Break. It was *particularly* great to see so many alumni at the Nest this week visiting with seniors to share the real deal about life in college. Our alum agreed that their AHS education has prepared them well for college, sharing that they were particularly grateful for the expertise they had in public speaking, working with others, thinking critically, communicating effectively with professors and writing college-level papers. We captured a few of our alum on video and invite you to hear **their reflections** about how it's going as they stretch their Osprey wings.



Alumni Interview with Robin Austin, Class of 2014



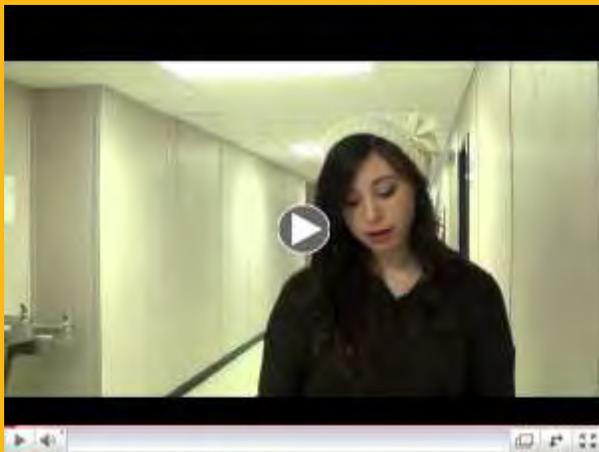
Join us next Tuesday evening for the **Chemistry "Shark Tank" Exhibition** from 6:00 to 7:30 at the Powerhouse Science Center, where students turned entrepreneurs, researchers and authors will seek to convince you that their projects warrant your support. All attendees at the exhibition will be given "Osprey Bucks" to invest in the ideas

and projects you believe are most likely to succeed. It's a fantastic example of the relevant, engaging, project-based learning we celebrate at AHS--and a great opportunity for the community to see our education in action. If you have friends who are thinking about joining AHS next year, we'd love for you to invite them to attend.

Enrollment for the 2015-16 school year is now open! Current Ospreys do *not* need to fill out the **Intent to Enroll form** at this time; you will receive your enrollment packet in the spring and are guaranteed a spot for next year. Enrollment for new students closes March 12th, and we will be hosting multiple **AHS Information Sessions**, welcoming students to campus for **Shadow Days** on Thursdays and offering **Parent Tours** between now and then. If you would like to help with enrollment by becoming a **Parent Ambassador** who will serve as a resource for prospective families, please read the full description of the role below and contact parentambassadors@animashighschool.com for more information.



Alumni interview with Shannon Etz, Class of 2014



Alumni interview with Riley Woodford, Class of 2014

We are still in need of parent volunteers to **serve catered lunch on Thursdays and Fridays**. Please contact Laurel at mainoffice@animashighschool.com if you're available to help. Join us at the **Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) meeting next Tuesday morning** if you'd like to learn more about what's happening at the school, share your ideas or get more involved. Read minutes from past PAC meetings [here](#).

Thanks for all you do to help the Ospreys soar!

Upcoming AHS Events

- [Parent Advisory Committee Meeting](#): Tuesday, Jan. 13, 8:30-10:00am at Carver's
- [Chemistry "Shark Tank" Exhibition](#): Tuesday, Jan. 13,

In This Issue

[Upcoming AHS Events](#)
[Ospreys Soaring](#)

- 6:00-7:30pm at Powerhouse Science Center
- **Durango School Fair:** Wednesday, Jan. 14, 5:00-7:00pm in Fort Lewis College's Student Union Ballroom
- MLK Day--No School: Monday, Jan. 19
- **AHS Board Meeting:** Tuesday, Jan. 20, 5:30-7:30pm at AHS
- **STAC Talent Show:** Wednesday, Jan. 21, 1:30-3:15pm at AHS
- **AHS Information Session for Mountain Middle School Families:** Wednesday, Jan. 21, 6:00-7:00pm at MMS
- **Professional Development Day--No School:** Monday, Jan. 26
- **Parent Advisory Committee Meeting:** Tuesday, Feb. 3, 8:30-10:00am at Carver's
- **AHS Information Session:** Tuesday, Feb. 3, 6:00-7:00pm at Durango Recreation Center
- **Senior Graduation Meeting for Families:** Tuesday, Feb. 10, 5:30-6:30pm at AHS

Ospreys Soaring

Congratulations to sophomore Osprey **Emily Vierling** who was selected for All-State Orchestra in her first year of eligibility. Emily will travel to Fort Collins February 12-14 to play violin with the Orchestra. Bravo!

Osprey Appreciations

We are so, so grateful for **Durango Orthopedics'** donation of ten brand new desktop computers! Generous community support like this is simply invaluable in helping us to be an excellent school.

Many, many thanks to **PAC** for the festive, yummy Teacher Appreciation Lunch and gifts in December!

Parent Ambassadors

You've probably heard about Student Ambassadors, who represent the school in the community, give tours to guests and host prospective students when they come visit.

Now, we are building a team of **Parent Ambassadors** to help with enrollment. Parent Ambassadors will be trained to give tours of the school, help with AHS Information Sessions and other events, explain Animas' principles and mission statement and answer questions prospective families have about the school. When parents visit the school on Shadow Days, our Parent Ambassadors will accompany the Student Ambassador-led tour and then meet with prospective parents at the end of the tour, when students begin shadowing classes. We'll have Parent Ambassadors follow up with prospective parents after the school visit on the phone, so that new families have a chance to ask questions and learn more from a parent perspective about what makes AHS an exciting, unique educational option in our community.

We are also looking for Animas **parents who would consider hosting a gathering at their home for friends**

Support Our School



For More Photos and Updates...

who want to learn more about AHS. These small social events, lasting about 2 hours, provide a casual setting for your friends who are considering enrolling at AHS to speak with families, staff and students about the school. AHS staff will share an informal presentation and answer questions. This is an excellent way to share information and help people truly understand what AHS is all about.

Interested in learning more about either role? Contact Sue Lawton
at parentambassadors@animashighschool.com.



To Stay Abreast of the Most Recent Student News, "Like" the Animas Quill!



Community Opportunities

Joseph Prekup (husband to our ESS guru Heather) will offer a **stress management course for students** beginning this month. "Reaching the Summit" is an 8 week group for young adults, designed to help them cope with the transitions and stressors of life. The group will meet Wednesday evenings and registration is \$50. Contact Joseph at (970) 382-2680 x3 or josephprekup@gmail.com.

Wish you had signed up for the **summer trip to Panama with Janae?**
You still can! Enrollment will remain open through March, check in with Janae if you have questions. ¡Vamos!

Contact Us

Phone: (970) 247-2474
Fax: (970) 247-2483
www.animashighschool.com



Animas High School Values:

- Rigorous academics, where all students are prepared for college success
- Culture of excellence, where students are held to high expectations
- Strong faculty-student relationships, where students are well known
- Engaging learning, where students see the relevance of their education