

LaFayette Big Picture TGIF

2019

MAY 3

We are **STILL PRESENT, POSITIVE** and **PASSIONATE!**



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Reflecting on the week, it is hard to believe that it was only Monday and Tuesday that we had a visitor from Michigan! It seems like months ago! Walt, Erin and I were invited and are participating in a school improvement team committee with Junior-Senior High School staff. Our first meeting was on Wednesday night. I was not sure what to expect going in to the meeting. I was so excited as the meeting progressed and the dialogue, activities, conversations, and reflections were honest and collaborative. It was a great team of people and I could feel the positive energy. We were having difficult conversations, but with such respect and desire for positive outcomes for our students. It felt GREAT! Our next meeting is this coming week.

This coming week is exhibition week for us. Please let us know if you would like to attend an exhibition. It is also **TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK**. Be sure to take the time to show your appreciation for the educators who have made an impact on you/and or your children! Show the love!

REMINDERS:

Don't forget to RSVP to the Appreciation Event by May 10th.

The event will be held at the Onondaga Nation Fire Station on May 21.

Our final OPEN HOUSE will be held on May 14th from 6-7:30.

TGIF from Lenny:

I realize that I often begin my weekly communication with an observation of what a busy week it was. This week was no exception and it seems as though each year when we reach May, things at school actually accelerate.

In Living Environment we made headway with our Diffusion Through a Membrane Lab by making wet mount slides and testing substances with various indicators. Both sections were engaged and did a great job. RJ has also been assisting me with one of the sections and he has proven to be very helpful.

In ER we continued to tend to our hydroponic system and began plans for the outdoor garden. Walt's group joined us and we had some students working on garden boxes and a worm box while others germinated seeds for future plantings.

In advisory we had a wide range of objectives including preparing for the Accuplacer to Economics requirements. We also discussed the Career Plans and ACT/SAT testing dates. During independent work time, 301s were feeling the sense of urgency with our last round of exhibitions starting this week. A number of 301s took advantage of opportunities that April was offering by helping with Hunter's STP clean-up project on Wednesday and attending a courtroom reenactment on Friday. I'm sure April will elaborate in her section.

I had the opportunity to go on a couple site visits Tuesday. First I visited RJ working with STUDCO. I met with RJ and his mentor to discuss his LTI project on roofing. I then met with Tresah and her mentor at Blue Collar Doggy Daycare to discuss her work and progress on the photo wall she is creating for her site. Finally, I picked up Bri from Sit Means Sit Dog Training is



Cicero. Bri spent the day learning training techniques and observing how dogs interact with various obstacles as research for her STP next year.

By Friday, we were all ready for the weekend. The weekend doesn't necessarily mean downtime though. I had 301s entering the weekend with SATs, sporting events, Scout trips and work shifts ahead of them. Its busy, but it's a good busy. I am looking forward to a successful round of exhibitions, as they will be the last of the year. Have a wonderful week!



TGIF from David

I have returned to the TGIF. I have been absent since March 10th because my wife and I welcomed our first child, Everett. Since then, when it was time to write a TGIF I was engaged in my new responsibilities of a first time parent. Sitting down to write a TGIF felt impossible, but six weeks in and balancing out my responsibilities has become easier. Although, last night, my son decided that sleep would not be an option for everyone in the house. He even pushed out our dog from our bedroom as she was the one creature in the house that could choose to get away to get sleep. Dogs sleep about 20 hours a day, right? She jumped out of bed and told my wife and I, "You are on your own!" Then she nuzzled herself into a cozy ball in the spare bedroom to continue sleeping and dreaming what I am sure dogs mostly dream of: walks, belly rubs, dog treats, and the number one enemy in the Mailman.

Even with the loss of sleep, I love being a parent. Everett is smiling more and makes baby sounds with great zeal. I believe he will be a chatterbox when he gets older. He has two parents with a gift for the gab so his fate was sealed before he was born. Plus, I forced him to become a Batman fan with Batman onesies and outfits. There was also another added benefit of Everett being born around this time, he got to be exposed to Beyonce's Homecoming Documentary and Live Album. He is a lucky kid.

Speaking of lucky kids, we have a bunch at our school. Any day is lucky with me, right? We are counting down the final days of school, but new opportunities for students have not ended. Bri and Kyler went on shadow days this week with Kyler's turning into an internship for the remainder of the school year. SUNY Upstate came into the school to present on Medical Careers and what SUNY Upstate has to offer for students. We were able to discuss another opportunity for students to visit SUNY Upstate and I hope to have that planned before the end of the school year.

Keegan had his curated Photo Exhibition at the Syracuse University Warehouse on Saturday. I have worked with him along the way as he came up with a theme, contacted local schools for entries, gathered those entries, picked winners, printed pictures, and organize the final

exhibition. Unfortunately, I was unable to attend on Saturday, but he told me it went really well. This project could not have happened without SU Lightworks and SU Art Galleries. Keegan will also be attending Syracuse University this coming Fall. I helped Keegan look over his classes that he will have to take his first year. I am very excited for him and very proud that he will take his talents to Syracuse University.

Our students taking classes at SUNY Morrisville had their last week of classes and will soon take their finals in the coming week. The district's partnership with SUNY Morrisville and STEP has allowed students to take college classes in many different backgrounds from Auto Technology, Chemistry, Math, Coaching, History, Psychology, and much more.

I ended my week feeling a bit under the weather, but there were a bunch of students this week that had far worse colds than what my body experienced so I have to be grateful for that. I am grateful for my son and that he gets a Beyonce concert to start his first weeks of life. He can learn from Beyonce that I Dream It, I Work Hard, I Grind 'til I Own It...I'm a Star.

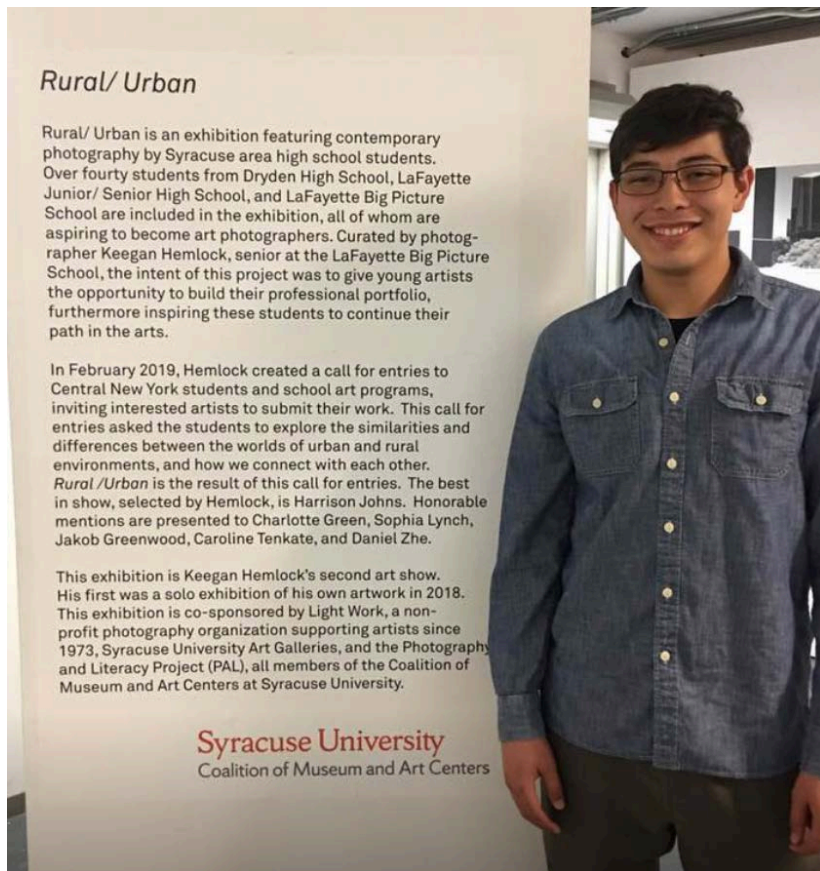
Rural/ Urban

Rural/ Urban is an exhibition featuring contemporary photography by Syracuse area high school students. Over forty students from Dryden High School, LaFayette Junior/ Senior High School, and LaFayette Big Picture School are included in the exhibition, all of whom are aspiring to become art photographers. Curated by photographer Keegan Hemlock, senior at the LaFayette Big Picture School, the intent of this project was to give young artists the opportunity to build their professional portfolio, furthermore inspiring these students to continue their path in the arts.

In February 2019, Hemlock created a call for entries to Central New York students and school art programs, inviting interested artists to submit their work. This call for entries asked the students to explore the similarities and differences between the worlds of urban and rural environments, and how we connect with each other. *Rural/ Urban* is the result of this call for entries. The best in show, selected by Hemlock, is Harrison Johns. Honorable mentions are presented to Charlotte Green, Sophia Lynch, Jakob Greenwood, Caroline Tenkate, and Daniel Zhe.

This exhibition is Keegan Hemlock's second art show. His first was a solo exhibition of his own artwork in 2018. This exhibition is co-sponsored by Light Work, a non-profit photography organization supporting artists since 1973, Syracuse University Art Galleries, and the Photography and Literacy Project (PAL), all members of the Coalition of Museum and Art Centers at Syracuse University.

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TGIF from Walt

This was a very busy week at Big Picture. I spent most of my time working in the shop trying to finish up projects for Exhibitions. I made a good amount of progress, but there is still much more to do next week.

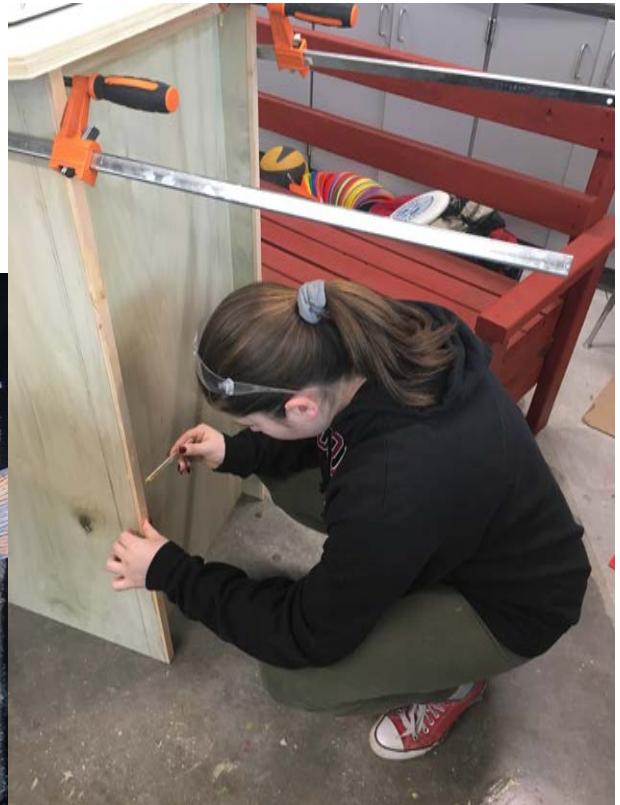
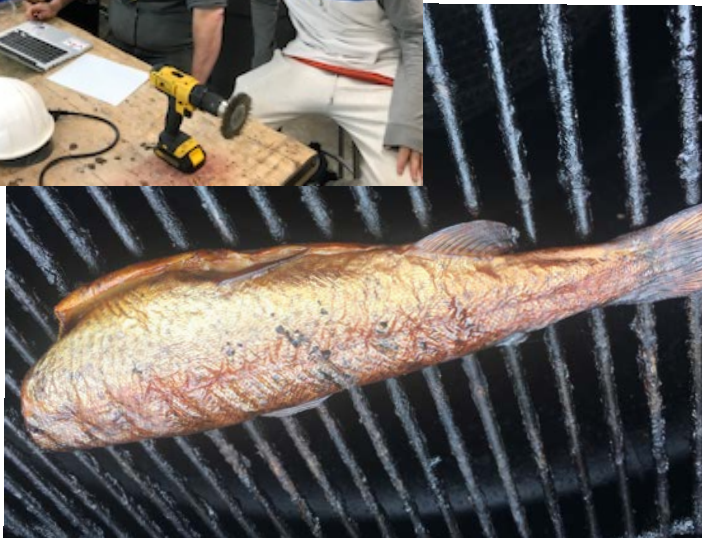
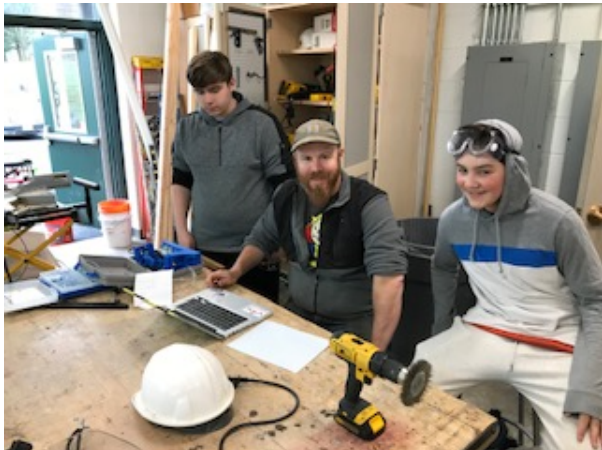
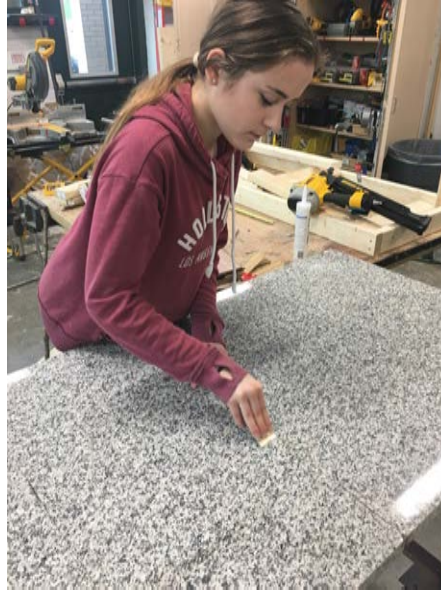
This week's highlights:

Ryan, Nikki's husband, came in on Thursday to help with Dawsun's coffee cart project. He donated four pieces of granite for the counter top, and he helped us epoxy and secure everything together to form one piece. This was a great help, and things went very smoothly. We finished the top and are hoping to attach the side panels next week.

I worked with Adam on creating a fish tank stand for the CNYSPCA. We are making this for the cat room in order to provide them with some more stimulation. This week we created the frame out of 2x4s. Next week we are hoping to sheath the sides and make cabinets.

Morgan and I worked on making a lectern in the shop this week. She is making it for her advisory to use for exhibitions. We finished the structure and just need to stain it. We are hoping to have it all done by Tuesday so that she can show it at her exhibition.

On Thursday, I taught Kyle and Sam how to smoke fish. RJ brought in 5 trout that he caught, so it gave me an opportunity to show students how to use a smoker. They came out great, and we shared this with the school.



TGIF from April:

Yay Keegan!! Keegan Hemlock hosted his photography show: Urban/Rural where he displayed photography work sent in by students from school districts across CNY. I am SO proud of him!! This is his second show as a curator and he is right in his element! The art is on display at the Syracuse University Warehouse on Fayette St. downtown Syracuse until June 2. Please stop by if you missed his opening and see some beautiful art created by high school students. Keegan's desire to help bring attention to young artists lead him to create a Senior Thesis Project that definitely has a positive impact on (our) community. It was awesome to see teens from across CNY come and revel in their art being displayed for their families and the outside world to see. Their joyful faces certainly must have pleased Keegan. Mark my words; Keegan will continue to do amazing things as he studies at Syracuse University in the fall, and then beyond his college career. Keegan is a true Big Picture success story: he found his passion and he followed it! Congratulations Keegan! A huge Thank you to SU Light Work and Keegan's mentors for all their support and their help in getting Keegan to deliver a successful Senior Thesis Project!



meet Attorney Teams and Judge Baxter. Each member of the Attorney Team told the students their journey to becoming part of the team. Judge Baxter explained his role in the judicial system and how he runs his courtroom. Judge Baxter was very engaging and the students enjoyed interacting with him!

This week the United States District Court for the Northern District of New York held a Civic Education and Public Engagement Law Week 2019 program at the Syracuse James M. Hanley US Courthouse and Federal Building. The topic was: The First Amendment Free Speech, Free Press, Free Society.

I took a variety of students from each advisory to participate in the program. Students were able to



Judge Baxter then went on to discuss the First Amendment and how it impacts society, then venturing specifically to how the 1st Amendment impacts students within the school system. His discussion was very relevant to information that is so critical to the US History course and exam; it was GREAT!

Just as exciting to me was the fact that 4 of our students were able to participate in the trial reenactment of Russo v. Central School District No. 1.

Kaia M. did an OUTSTANDING job as Susan Russo! There were students from other school districts present in the courtroom, so playing a part in the reenactment was a big deal. I am proud of Kaia, Brandon Leet, who was a lawyer for the school district, Alyssa, who was the high court Judge, and Sam who was the court clerk. Without their participation the program would not have been as successful. They played their parts along with 4 students from Citi BOCES, and it was impressive. They represented themselves and school very well! I look forward to our continued participation on these programs in the future.



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