

Extra-Curricular Spotlight

Congratulations!

LFHS students recently participated in the Fairchild Challenge sponsored by the Botanic Gardens. The Challenge was a competition involving 10 different ways students share their knowledge of the environment. LFHS won the overall prize for the most points and **Ravi Mulani** won for the most points for an individual.

Congratulations also go to:

Ryan Sager—Public Service Announcement

Ravi Mulani—History and Economics; and Ethnobotany

Danny Chapman — the best t-shirt design

Debate Team

Congratulations to the LFHS Debate team president, **Mike Educate**, who placed first at this year's Tournament of Champions (TOC), the premier debate competition in the country. Out of a pool of the sixty best high school debaters in the United States, Mike made it through the preliminary rounds, semis, and "Super Congress," to finally come out winning first place. Mike, along with junior **Ravi Mulani**, traveled to Kentucky this past month for three days, with a total of 14 hours of debating today's most controversial and interesting topics, from airport security to disappearing bees. The team ended the year with a bang at their last two tournaments: the State Tournament of the Illinois Congressional Debate Association and the Spring Convention of the Junior Statesmen of America. The ICDA State Tournament took place on April 13th and 14th in Dekalb, on the campus of Northern Illinois University. This event included the upper tournament, in which the four top competitors from each member school competed, and the lower invitational, to which other promising members of the teams were invited. From LFHS, **Mike Educate, Mike Desnick, Ravi Mulani, and Andrew Koval** competed in the upper tournament, while **Nikhil Mulani, Anna Zhou, Danielle Pullan, Ellie Graham, Brad Weinberger, Giancarlo Jacobs, and Sahil Shah** were in the invitational. The team did well on the whole, bringing home two upper-chamber Critics Choice awards from **Mike Educate** and **Ravi Mulani** and an upper-tournament ranking of fourth in state. In the lower chambers, **Ellie Graham** earned a first place speaking award. The LFHS-sponsored bill, written by Elan Weisz, received two awards for Best Legislation. In the final competition of the year in Skokie at the Spring State Convention of JSA, the team made an impressive showing with twenty students attending. Of the participants, **Nate Balk, Ellie Graham, and Austin Lin** brought home best speaker awards, and **Bobby Graham** earned first place in the impromptu competition. The LFHS Quiz Bowl team, known as TeamVote Ellie, which included **Ellie Graham, Danielle Pullan, Nate Balk, Kelly Stevens, Kyle Flagstad, and Owen Chang**, won first place in the Quiz Bowl competition.



Pictured above is Mike Educate with his Tournament of Champions trophy.



Ellie Graham during her induction as JSA Illinois Senator



Mary Beth Nawor, Danny Chapman (left) and Carolyn Bielski (right) pose with the award presenter at the Fairchild Challenge.

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Student Services

LFHS Service Recognition Evening

Congratulations to the students who were honored at the recent Lake Forest High School Student Service Recognition Night on Tuesday, April 10. The following awards were presented:

Tradition of Service Award; **Vidush Talwar**

Spirit of Service Award; **Lauren Whalley**

Principal's Award for Service to the Community; **Sarah Mynhier** and **Dorothy Chantler**

Heart of the Community; **Kristen Hughes**

Excellence in Character; **Katherine Lukas**

Community Partner of the Year; **Elizabeth (Sissy) Peters**

LFHS Service Leadership Award; **Donnie Boyce, Jay LaVitola, Sissy Peters, and Kaitlin Schreiber**

LFHS Special Service; **Madeline Goodman, Taylor Koch, Katherine Moreno, and Jenna Stern**

President's Volunteer Service Award;

Gold recipients include: **Latif Alam, Taylor Koch, Christopher Moews, Sarah Mynhier, Sahil Shah, Catherine Utterback, Eunice Yu, and Geoffrey Zureikat.**

Silver recipients include: **Hayley Koch, Sissy Peters** and **Lauren Whalley**

Bronze recipients include: **Megan Bailey, Brigid Bower, Donnie Boyce, Rudy Dell, Ross Doree, Kimberly Glennon, Taylor Goddu, Andrea Hansen, David Head, Kristen Hughes, Jay LaVitola, Vanessa Lee, Katherine Lukas, Emily Meyer, Katherine Moreno, Catherine Napier, Kate O'Kane, Stefanie Petropolous, Megan Pratt, Sarah Quon, Anthony Reinert, Samantha Schulte, Jenna Stern, Michael Sternberg, Katherine Swanson, and Christina Thiel**



Students are shown in Mexico building homes.



Kudos to Youth for the Mission Program

Recently, students from LFHS participated in a trip to Mexico to build homes. The following is part of a note that was sent from a LFHS parent who attended with his child...

"I am the parent of Leah Tedesco who is a junior at Lake Forest High School. Leah and I had the opportunity to be able to participate in Andrea Wise's Youth for the Mission Program in Mexico with 37 other High School Students from Lake Forest High School this past weekend. It was just so fulfilling from a personal level of giving back to others and being able to build two homes for two Mexican Families. Andrea Wise and the 38 Lake Forest High School Students did an awesome job raising over \$12K to fund building the homes. The kids were so enthusiastic all weekend, they were well behaved, and interacted with each other and the local people very well. I was blown away by how fluent some of the Lake Forest High School Students could speak Spanish. The kids worked really hard for two days to complete two homes. The boys even played soccer with the local Mexican kids at night. I think the Lake Forest Kids actually won a game. The 38 Lake Forest kids that were on this program are incredible young people!"

~Jim Tedesco