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Last Day of School! June 14, 2019

A Trip to the DECA Finals After Second Major Win, Triton Student Travels to International Business Competition

By: Joe Luciano

Editor's Note: The writer of this article placed first in the state version of the Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association's Stock Market Game last year, he went on to take the top prize again — this time in the Distributive Education Clubs of America's Collegiate Stock Market Challenge.

DECA (Distributive Education Clubs of America) is the club that brings the top business students in high school from across the country and even around the world. The people who make it the furthest are invited to ICDC (International Career Development Conference), this year in Orlando Florida.

At this year's ICDC in Orlando, there were a total of over 14,000 kids competing to hopefully win some DECA glass (trophy for first, second, and third place). The Chaos of having thousands of kids, all competing and most of them stressed out, creates an environment unparalleled to anything else in high school. That experience can only be described by someone who was there first hand.

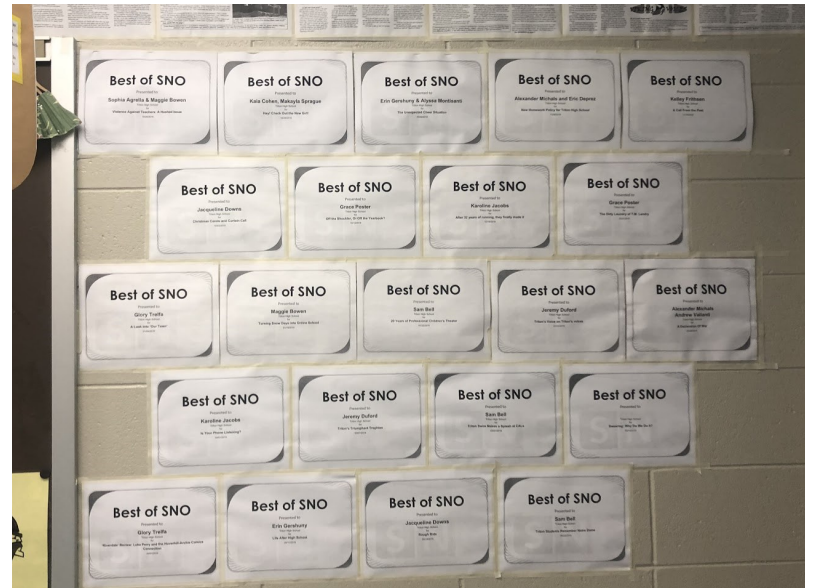
Benjamin Smith along with myself and Mr. Joseph Celia were all in attendance this
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DECA Stock Market Game winner Joseph Luciano is surrounded with advisor Joe Celia (left) and business teacher Richard Fisher (*Daily News* photo)

Best of Triton Voice, 2019

Newspaper Wins 21 Awards for Articles



The back wall of the journalism class displays the certificates won by the newspaper's student-produced articles (**Bell** photo).

By Sam Bell, Staff Writer

During the 2018-19 school year, the *Triton Voice* won 21 "Best of SNO" awards for outstanding articles on its website. Each week, eligible articles are sent to School Newspapers Online (SNO), the company that manages *Voice's* website. SNO then picks a few of the best articles from hundreds that come in, and publish them on their website. Here are all of the articles from this year, what they were about, their author(s) in order of when they were published to the Best of SNO:

- 1. Hey, Check Out the New Girl! 10/26/18** — *Kaia Cohen and Makayla Sprague*
Follows Ms. Anna Pender, a new kindergarten teacher at Salisbury Elementary school as she tackles her first days.
- 2. Violence Against Teachers: A Hushed Issue 10/26/18** — *Sophia Agrella and Maggie Bowen*
Investigates the little-talked about issue of violence and threats against teachers, with first-hand sources such as Jennifer Scott and many surprising statistics.
- 3. The Unexpected Cheer Season 10/29/18** — *Erin Gershuny and Alyssa Montisanti*
Recounts the story of Triton's co-op cheer team with Newburyport, Triton's rival, described as "the biggest plot twist of all time."
- 4. New Homework Policy for Triton High School 11/8/18** — *Alexander Michals and Eric Deprez*
Captures the reactions both students and teachers had to Triton's new policy on homework
- 5. A Call From the Past 11/14/18** — *Kelly Frithsen*
Explains the story of Triton's pay phone, and discusses their future in America. Helped lead to the costly pay phone being removed.
- 6. Christmas Carols and Curtain Call 12/3/18** — *Jacqueline Downs*
Describes the frenzy of activity the Triton Arts Department goes through each holiday season
- 7. Off the Shoulder or Off the Yearbook 12/12/18** - *Grace Poster*
Investigates the controversy of Triton's banning yearbook pictures that feature girls wearing off-the-shoulder tops. The ban was later relaxed, partly due to the prominence of the article.
- 8. After 32 years of running, they finally made it 12/19/18** — *Karoline Jacobs*
Recounts the Triton Girl's Cross Country Team's undefeated and record-breaking 2018 season
- The Dirty Laundry of T. M. Landry 12/27/18** — *Grace Poster*
Explains the investigation into the scandal where the T. M. Landry School falsified records and went through other wrongful methods to get its students into elite colleges
- 9. A Look into 'Our Town' 1/9/19** — *Glory Trelfa*
Looks into the process of making Triton's successful production of "Our Town"
- 10. Turning Snow Days Into Online School 1/15/19** — *Maggie Bowen*
Describes and captures student's reactions to the idea of Blizzard Bags and online learning during snow days
- 11. 20 Years of Professional Children's Theater 1/22/19** — *Sam Bell*

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New Plum Island Kitchen Opens Family-Run Eatery Features Full Selection of Meals

By Alyssa Montisanti & Erin Gershuny, Staff Writers

"The place looks great, very 'beachy' and nautical," explains Triton teacher Ms. Jennifer Scott, when describing the new eating establishment, Plum Island Kitchen.

Those looking for a new restaurant to try out should look no further than the newly-opened (on May 18th) Plum Island Kitchen.,

Located at 134 North Blvd in Newbury, Plum Island Kitchen is right on the way to the beach. They offer a variety of grab-and-go options, including, coffee, breakfast, subs, pizza ect. If you are someone who enjoys spending the day chilling out on the beach this would be a great place to stop in and grab food for the day.

Our very own Triton English teacher, Ms. Erin Dempsey's father and her cousin own the Plum Island Kitchen, which is the result of several years of planning.

"They had been really thinking about what they wanted to do for about three years," said Dempsey. "Their whole thing is that they didn't want to compete with the other island businesses. They thought about what the island needed. They wanted some place you could go and grab sandwiches or coffee and muffins for the beach or if you're on vacation, a place where you can do takeout."

Along with having great food, the Plum Island kitchen is also a great place to socialize and see beautiful art. Inside their restaurant area, artwork by "the Plum Island Artist" is hung up, while jewelry made by locals is on display, and Plum Island Traders merchandise is also sold.

"I've only worked a couple times," explains junior Kerry Power, who is employed at Plum Island Kitchen. "The people are super friendly, and I love the beach atmosphere."

Being a new business, the kitchen is in fact looking to hire more employees. Already working here is, Kerry Power, Juliana Orlandi, Josie Smith as well as Jennifer Scott, who started working the day of the island-wide celebration, Plumfest.

"I have been working weekends until
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People can to enjoy to grabbing something quick or sitting down with friends and socialize. During occasions like Plumfest Plum Island Kitchen also put out what there specials were during that time (*courtesy photos*).

Top 3 Student Moments at Triton, 2018-2019

By Abbie Magee & Anthony Ostrander, Staff Writers

Here we are, the end of the 2018-2019 school year at Triton Regional. There have been countless memorable events over the last 180 days we have been together. Along with the great memories and good additions, there have been some crazy times we have all experienced together.

Flooding Fiasco

One of the first things that comes to mind when we look back on crazy things that happened this year was the flooding fiasco in the gym. In late March, freshmen Dylan Watson and his peers were enjoying a game of kickball in gym class when a stray ball hit a water pipe on the ceiling, causing a massive downpour all over the floor resulting in the flooding of the gym and evacuation of the school.

As those who were there probably remember, videos of the incident spread like wildfire and this was all that was talked about while walking through the halls in between periods the next few days. In fact, the video started circling around the internet even making it on well-known pages like *WTWmass*. By the next day the water was almost completely cleaned up and things were back to normal. The pipe was repaired shortly after, but the jokes and stories would live on in the Triton halls for months to come.

"Everyone at school asked me about it. It all happened so fast, I didn't even know how to react," said Watson.

Breakfast, Take Two

The well-known "Second Chance Breakfast" that we have all come to love was one of the biggest fundamental improvements to students' school year. Parked around the halls after second period, breakfast stands served students a variety of different breakfast options that instantly became a hit.

"Second Chance Breakfast is one of the only reasons I come to school," said junior Andrew Maiuri.

Every day, students rush to the stand as quickly as possible before the line extends down the hallway. It never fails to satisfy students late morning munchies. Sadly, it ended abruptly last week due to the end of the year approaching. The stands served breakfast sandwiches, snacks, coffee, and other morning food items.

When the *Triton Voice* asked where the "Second Chance Breakfast" idea came from, Head of the Cafeteria, Mrs. Sharon Bolduc explained, "it's science statistics that teenagers do not wake up, until 9-10 o'clock. Even though you are physically up at 6 or 7, you are not ready to eat. We want you to eat when you are ready to eat."

Students agree with Bolduc, saying it's at a perfect time of day to serve "Second Chance Breakfast".

"I'm never hungry when I first wake up, or when I get to school. After second period, it's nice to have something to eat," said junior, Jacob Thissell. "I didn't expect it to be that popular that fast, so that was amazing."

With only three minutes between second and third periods, students are often seen bolting down the halls to get a good spot in line.

"We thought it was going to be hard with only the three minutes, but it turned out to be working out really well, with diversifying the carts, so that we now have four, we can get the students through during that period of time," said Bolduc.

Library Changes

As we all know, the library has significantly changed over the past two years, due to new administrators and librarians coming and going. Back a few years ago, couches and chairs were spread around the library, and it was common to see students walking around and talking freely. The library was much less a place of learning and much more a common place for students to relax. It was a time to get away from school work and spend time with friends you might not see much within classes. There were still many students finishing work they needed to get done, but you were also allowed freedom to spend your time as you wanted.

This year, the library has changed to produce more of a learning commons to help students have a quiet-place to get their work done. This has resulted in mixed reactions among the students and has been an ongoing debate throughout this school year.

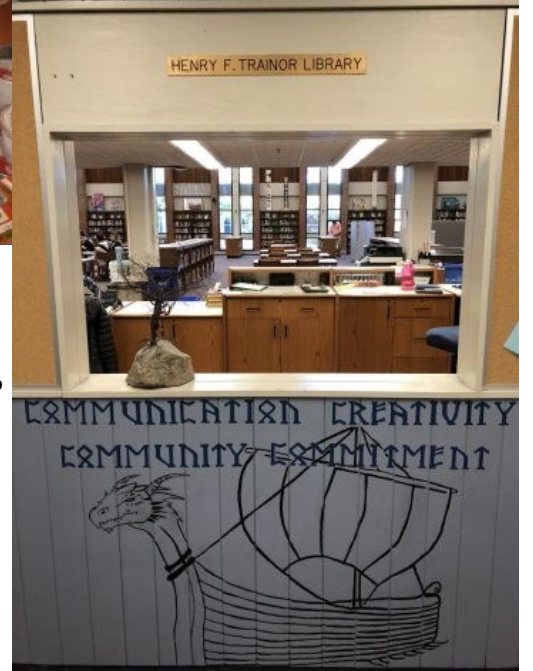
The *Triton Voice* interviewed the librarians in the Learning Commons and asked what has changed over this past year.

Head Librarian, Ms. Jennifer Jones said there have been "only two changes really. One is that there is no limit to the number of students who can sign in, and the other is that students who have more than one study in a day, sign in just for one period."

"The rules that we put in were to help the library be more of an academic, learning space," said Assistant Librarian Theresa Karol. "We also brought in the library track system this year, to sign in, to make it a lot easier."



Clockwise from above, a screenshot of a video showing the broken pipe in the THS gym; the THS library; the Second Chance Breakfast station in the English Hall (*Voice* archives).



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school is out, then I can work more during the week," explains Scott.

Upon asking around to see how the food was, nothing but remarkable reviews were voiced. With it being busy all the time, the food is fresh, but the pizza is the best in town according to Orlandi. Ms. Dempsey told the *Triton Voice* that all of the pizza is homemade from scratch, and tastes like Flatbread pizza with its crispy thin crust

"They have a lot of different options, but the pizzas are amazing.

They remind me of Flatbread's kind of. It's like that thin crust that you want to eat a bunch of."



In addition to savory home-cooked meals that can be eaten in or taken out, Plum Island Kitchen also features sweet treats for desserts (courtesy photo).

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year and here's how it went. "ICDC was a great experience, there was a lot to do and some great performances," said Smith. "The guest speaker was good and he was followed up by the Blue Man Group on opening night."

ICDC lasted four days, the first was mostly getting everything together and the opening ceremony. The second day was full of competition briefing and written essay entries. The third and fourth days were competition or presentation days followed by an awards ceremony and a grand awards ceremony.

"This year I was fortunate enough to go for my category, The Stock Market Game, in which I qualified as a finalist," said Smith.

Mr. Joseph Celia was our advisor on the trip, "Advisors are given a work schedule that includes supervising competitive events and chaperoning field trips. They are also responsible for making sure their students are aware of their competition schedule," said Celia.

"I would definitely recommend the experience," said Smith, "There were a lot of opportunities to meet new people and I enjoyed being around kids from all over the country."

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Celebrates the 20th anniversary of local children's theater program "Theater Workshop"

12. Triton's Voice on Triton's Voices 1/23/19 — *Jeremy Duford*

Showcases many of the singers and vocal artists of Triton's music scene

13. A Declaration of War 1/28/19 — *Alexander Michals and Andrew Valianti*

Describes Triton's "War on Vaping," this article inspired articles in the *Newburyport News* and the *Boston Globe* and led to students who wrote the article to be interviewed.

14. Is Your Phone Listening? 3/1/19 — *Karoline Jacobs*

Investigates the creepy but plausible theory that phones and other devices are always recording and watching you.

15. Triton's Triumphant Trophies 3/7/19 — *Jeremy Duford*

Describes the purchase and new location of Triton's trophy case

16. Triton Swim Makes a Splash at CALs 3/7/19 — *Sam Bell*

Recaps and investigates Triton's co-ed swim team.

17. Swearing, Why Do We Do It? 3/14/19 — *Glory Trelfa*

Investigates the reasons behind high school students swearing

18. 'Riverdale Review' Luke Perry and the Haverhill-Archie Comics Connection

4/1/19 — *Glory Trelfa*

Reviews and compares the CW's "Riverdale" with the *Archie* comic book series

19. Life After High School 4/11/19 — *Erin Gershuny*

Interviews Triton alumni about whether or not what they learned in high school was relevant when they went to college and beyond

20. Rough Ride 5/15/19 — *Jacqueline Downs*

Investigates Boeing's plane crashes and their causes after speaking with experts.

21. Triton Students Remember Notre Dame 5/22/19 — *Sam Bell*

Recounts Triton's French Exchange trip to Notre Dame the day before the famed cathedral was burned.

For those hoping to win their own "Best of SNO" next year, here's what some of our winners had to say for advice.

"Tell it like it is," said Andrew Valianti, who won a Best of SNO for his article 'A Declaration of War.' "We didn't hold back, we were honest, and people liked what they were hearing."

"Get good interviews, get a lot of details," said Karoline Jacobs. Jacobs won Best of SNO for her articles 'After Thirty Two Years of Running, They Finally Made It' and 'Is Your Phone Listening?' "Find something that you're extremely passionate about [...] I noticed that when I was passionate about something I wrote a lot better articles."

"If you don't put the work in, you probably aren't going to get chosen. Have facts, background information, multiple sources; anything to give your piece more depth," said Glory Trelfa. Trelfa won a Best of SNO for her articles 'A Look Into 'Our Town'', 'Swearing, Why Do We Do It?' and 'Riverdale Review'." Luke Perry and the Haverhill-Archie Comics Connection

"Try not to go overboard, though; it's really easy to do," said Trelfa. "The only other thing is to make sure you're proud of what you're doing regardless and have faith that someone will like what you're doing."