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Senior Internship Exhibit at Malden H.S.

Assistant Supt. Dr. Chase was on hand to greet MHS seniors and check out their experiences as part of the 2019 Senior Internship Program. *Steve Freker Photo/Malden Public Schools*



*Prom Season
at Malden
High School*



Superintendent John Oteri

SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings to all,

It is true when they say, in every end, there is a beginning. That is why in addition to calling the ceremony signifying the end of one's time at a school "graduation," it is also referred to as commencement. It really is a new beginning, for our high school graduates, all

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Salemwood students learn from the best: Krava Mag Yashir of Boston

Thanks to the efforts of the Phys Ed staff at Salemwood School, the Krava Mag of Boston group came to work with some of the students on the art of basic self-defense with discipline and character.



NEXT STOP... NATIONALS! : MHS Robotics team honored by School Committee & Superintendent



The Malden High School Robotics Team won the NEW ENGLAND CHAMPIONSHIP and earned a spot on the NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS this summer. Above, they were congratulated at the May Malden School Committee meeting with official citations by the members, Chairman & Mayor Gary Christenson and Superintendent Oteri. *Courtesy Photo*

SALEMWOOD SCHOOL UNVEILS NEW 'LITTLE FREE LIBRARY'

Ward Five School Committee member Tara Beardsley joined School Committee Chairman/ Malden Mayor Gary Christenson and a group of Salemwood School educators and students in a ceremony to unveil the new Little Free Library now available at the school. *Courtesy Photo/City of Malden*



She's headed to Harvard!

Known for her stellar record of civic engagement, MHS '19 graduate Birukti Tsige will matriculate in the Ivy League

By Rebecca Pereira

The Blue and Gold/ Student Newspaper of Malden High School

"I got into Stanford," were the words that undeniably and irreversibly changed the course of Senior Birukti Tsige's life as she spoke them to her father

"The hug he gave me was one of a lifetime," Tsige notes, and "his smile warmed me to my very core." Her father's outward validation of her accomplishment confirmed what she already knew: she was now one among the 1,044 nationwide who were awarded the coveted QuestBridge College Match Scholarship, a full ride scholarship, covering tuition, room and board, other expenses and sometimes travel costs— "the ultimate dream for any high school student wanting to attend college."

Her acceptance to Harvard University, though just as momentous, did not receive as enthusiastic a reaction— "over the years, [she] has learned that it is good not to be too reactive to decisions so [she] just forced her heart to calm down and patted [herself] on the back."

Once her acceptance from Harvard came through, Tsige was confronted with the fact that "half the battle was choosing between both institutions," a decision she did not solidify until the last possible moment by placing down her deposit on May 1, known as National College Decision Day, when she finally decided to commit to Harvard because of its "proximity to home."

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Known for her impressive record of civic engagement at Malden High School and throughout the community, MHS graduating senior Birukti Tsige will continue her education at Harvard University in the fall. *Courtesy/Blue and Gold*

Malden Public Schools Mission Statement

Malden Public Schools is a place where students are encouraged to follow their dreams and become well rounded members of our community. The Malden Public Schools prepare students to be independent thinkers and enthusiastic learners who: Work hard; Respect others; Cherish our diversity; Seek challenges; Discover and develop their individual talents; Strive for academic excellence; and Look to demonstrate personal and social responsibility. Malden Public Schools graduates are prepared to be active participants in our economy and democracy.

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the way to our "moving up" Early Learning Center "graduates". Let's not forget all of our "moving on" students headed from our five K-8 schools to the high school. For our high school Class of 2019, whether they are continuing their education in college, joining the working world or serving in the military, we wish all of you success in the path you chose to follow. Please represent us well and remember you will always be welcome here as a Malden Public Schools graduate. We already miss you! For our Malden Public Schools students who will return in August for the 2019-2020 academic year, we can't wait to spend another year of growth and learning with all of you. You are our inspiration and our strength.

Malden Public Schools teachers join funding rally



Following is courtesy of the Massachusetts Teachers Association (MTA)

Following an afternoon of political theater and chanting that reverberated through the marbled halls of the State House, more than 3,000 educators, parents and students, including a large contingent from the Malden Public Schools rallied and marched around the building on May 16, demanding passage of legislation to increase state funding for public schools and colleges by more than \$1.5 billion a year. MTA members took buses to the rally from more than 50 locations, including Leominster, Fall River, Haverhill, Framingham and Revere. Similar rallies were held in Springfield and Pittsfield, bringing together MTA members and other supporters of the Fund Our Future coalition. Speaking to a sea of cheering supporters wearing red Fund Our Future T-shirts and blowing red Fund Our Future whistles, MTA President Merrie Najimy said, "We stand unified and strong ... in front of the statue of Horace Mann — the founder of our public education system — to remind you that education is the cornerstone of democracy. But the cornerstone is crumbling without equitable funding!"

Malden High School 2019 Prom Night



Sean and Manny having a great time on the dance floor.



Franklin and his date are all smiles!



Tyler Martineau and Izzy Richard make a fantastic couple at Prom. **ALL PHOTOS COURTESY/ JIM VALENTE**



Gustavo and Amelia are very excited at Prom.

This year's Malden HS Prom was held at the Renaissance Hotel-Boston

Creativity of our students on full display at the Annual Art Show @ the Ferryway School



Spring Sports honors aplenty!

Malden HS spring athletes reap awards, recognition



From left, Sarah Whitehouse was named to NEC All-Conference Softball Team; Ari Cohen was an NEC Baseball All-Star and MHS sophomore Lisette Curran was named an NEC All-Star in Softball.



The MHS Tornado Girls Tennis Team earned a spot in the MIAA Division 1 State Tennis Tournament this season.

SHE'S HEADED to HARVARD! CIVIC-MINDED MHS SENIOR BIRUKTI TSIGE WILL MATRICULATE in the IVY LEAGUE in the FALL

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Tsige plans to major in Biology on a pre-med track and minor in Creative Writing at Harvard, where she will be enrolling in the fall, an eclectic choice which reflects the myriad interests she pursued throughout high school.

Tsige is heavily involved in local government and civic engagement. As the First Chair of the Malden Youth Civics Council, which she founded with MHS class of 2018 graduate Harrison Zeiberg, she lead members in voter registration drives, voting workshops, Malden City Council attendance and local activism, which recently has included advocating for the Vote 16 initiative. Last year, Tsige served as the student representative on the Malden School Committee, treasurer of the Speech and Debate team and Vice President of National Honor Society. This year, she has continued to serve both of the latter student organizations as President of NHS and Vice President of Speech and Debate, which she has won various accolades for, including a first place win for poetry at the Garcia Burkill regional tournament.

Her interest in creative writing has also manifested itself throughout her life in various iterations, both academically and extracurricularly. Tsige created and maintains a Facebook writing group with more than 1,500 members from more than 50 countries and was awarded the National History Club Lessons of Leadership award for her historical writing. Tsige has written on Wattpad, a publishing platform, since she was 14 years old and has garnered a loyal readership with more than 20 million total reads and 88,000 followers, a network which allowed her to publish and query her book in November of 2018, an accomplishment she never believed possible. “[The book] is a sappy, cliché, young romance novel, but it’s [hers] and [she] gets to hold it in [her] hands,” Birukti states with pride.



SHE'S ALSO A 'SIS — Harvard-bound Birukti Tsige is shown above with her two younger brothers. *Courtesy Photo*

My advice for the underclassmen: There are opportunities at Malden High School. They are everywhere. Find them. Take advantage of them. Become leaders in them. Don't settle. —*Birukti Tsige*

Tsige acknowledges that many students face the same hurdles as she has faced and suggests that they take advantage of the resources Malden High provides. “Attend workshops, become close with leaders in the community,” she advises, “they open doors for you.”

She expresses her gratitude for the staff members who pushed her to excel during her academic career, citing her particular appreciation for Damian Aufiero, who “inspired [her] to go against the grain,” Kate Haskell, who kept “her Crying Closet open to [Tsige] for hard days” and Julie Jones, “whose room I could walk into and just exhale.”

Malden Reads & Tufts Univ. sponsor Mini Writer's Den for Eighth Graders



Many Malden eighth graders participated in a recent activity held at Malden High School hosted by Malden Reads and Tufts University called the “Mini Writer’s Den”. Students received individual and group instruction from professional writers, instructors and others. They also interacted with MHS students who participate in The Writer’s Den at the school as well. Mayor Christenson, above, center, was on hand to observe the event along with representatives of Malden Reads and Tufts University personnel. *Courtesy/Malden Reads*

BEEBE PTO ICE CREAM SOCIAL

The Beebe School Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO) hosted their annual Ice Cream Social for students. It was well-attended and everyone had a wonderful. Taking part as a key “scooper” was Malden Mayor Gary Christenson, shown at right with PTO members. *Courtesy/ City of Malden*



THANKS and ACKNOWLEDGEMENT are in Order for those who participated in the Five District Partnership (5DP) Educator Showcase. Malden was well represented with various poster displays highlighting the exciting work that happens in Malden. Thank you to the educators who shared their knowledge and expertise with the larger 5DP community! **Key participants in this event:** Lianne Joy Mokfienski-Ramos and Christina Rosenthal - Sustainable Development Goals. Becca Playford - Skype with an Astronaut. Lisa Hanifan - Writing with Colors. Wendy Yaakov and Allana DiNapoli - Differentiated Games! Kim Gibbs and Laura Degelmann - Growth Plan System. Kim Gibbs and Justin Umlah - Math Ninja Program

**MALDEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
2019-2020 SCHOOL CALENDAR**

AUGUST 2019				
(2 Days)				
M	T	W	T	F
26*	27*	28	29	X

8/26* First Day for Teachers
8/27* Prof Dev Day - All Grds
8/28 First Day of School for Grades PreK, 1-12
8/28-8/29 Kindergarten Orientation/Screening
8/30 No School

SEPTEMBER 2019				
(20 Days)				
M	T	W	T	F
X	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27
30				

9/2 Labor Day
9/3 First Day of School for Kindergarten

OCTOBER 2019				
(22 Days)				
M	T	W	T	F
	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
X	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30	31	

10/11 PD Early Dismissal PreK-12
10/14 Columbus Day
10/21 Late Entry Day MHS

NOVEMBER 2019				
(17 Days)				
M	T	W	T	F
				1
4	5*	6	7	8
X	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	29

11/4 Late Day Entry MHS
11/5* Prof Dev Day-All Grds
11/11 Veterans Day
11/27 11:00 Dismissal - Thanksgiving
11/28-29 Thanksgiving

DECEMBER 2019				
(15 Days)				
M	T	W	T	F
2	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
X	X	X	X	X
X	X			

12/9 Late Entry MHS
12/20 11:00 Dismissal
12/23-1/1 Winter Vacation

JANUARY 2020				
(21 Days)				
M	T	W	T	F
	X	X	2	3
6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
X	21	22	23	24
27	28	29	30	31

1/2 School Resumes
1/6 Late Entry MHS
1/10 PD Early Dismissal PreK-12
1/20 Martin Luther King Day

FEBRUARY 2020				
(15 Days)				
M	T	W	T	F
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
X	X	X	X	X
24	25	26	27	28

2/10 Late Entry MHS
2/7 PD Early Dismissal PreK-12
2/17-21 February Vacation

MARCH 2020				
(21 Days)				
M	T	W	T	F
2	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13*
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27
30	31			

3/9 Late Entry MHS
3/13 * Prof Dev Day-All Grds

APRIL 2020				
(17 Days)				
M	T	W	T	F
		1	2	3
6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
X	X	X	X	X
27	28	29	30	

4/6 Late Entry MHS
4/10 11:00 Dismissal - Good Friday
4/20-24 Spring Vacation

MAY 2020				
(20 Days)				
M	T	W	T	F
				1
4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
X	26	27	28	29

5/1 PD Early Dismissal PreK-12
5/4 Late Entry MHS
5/25 Memorial Day

JUNE 2020				
(10 Days)				
M	T	W	T	F
1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19

6/5 PD Early Dismissal PreK-12
6/12 Last day w/o snow days - 11:00 Dismissal
6/19 Last day w/five snow days - 11:00 Dismissal

First Day for Teachers – Monday, August 26, 2019

Please note that five (5) additional days are built into the calendar in case of inclement weather

- Early Release PreK-12
- Late Entry Dates for High School

The Malden Public Schools: 'Our Diversity is Our Strength'

The Malden district is near the top as one of the most diverse in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts with Malden High School rated the #1 most diverse secondary education school statewide. We continue to dedicate ourselves to becoming more culturally proficient and understanding of our students background. Throughout the district, we embrace our diversity and strive to progress as one!



The Malden Middle School Volleyball Champions were recently crowned. Above, the Salemwood School girls.

A POSITIVE SCHOOL CULTURE

IS REPRESENTATIVE OF THE COMMON

LANGUAGE USED, EXEMPLIFYING

THE BELIEFS, VALUES, STRENGTHS IN RELATIONSHIPS

AND RESPECT FOR DIVERSITY IN THE COMMUNITY



The First FUTURE TEACHER SIGNING DAY!

The Malden Public Schools launched a new recognition ceremony this year for members of the MHS Senior Class of 2019 who have declared their intention to pursue a professional career in the field of education through their college studies. Taking part in the First Future Teacher Signing Ceremony, which was held at the Ferryway School, were members of the Class of 2019 seniors, along with Superintendent Oteri, Mayor Christenson, MHS Principal Mastrangelo as well as a few Malden High School educators and department heads. *Courtesy Photo*

PARENTS of MALDEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS STUDENTS EARN ESL CERTIFICATES



Congratulations to Malden Public Schools parents on earning their English as a Second Language (ESL) Certificates!



The Wackadoo Zoo

Linden S.T.E.A.M. Academy students put on a fantastic production!

'WALK for COLLEEN': The Early Learning Center (ELC) had a bunch of MPS staff participate in the "Walk for Colleen" recently. We would like to thank everyone for coming out for an activity outside of the school day and supporting such a great cause. We also would like to recognize Rebecca Marin for organizing two days of a Career Fair here at the ELC. This has become an incredible tradition for our school and the students and staff love it! Thank you Ms. Marin!

FORESTDALE TEAM/ ABOVE & BEYOND!: Thank you to the Forestdale School Guidance Counselors/ Adjustment Counselors Alexandria Teiri, Vanessa Bryer, Melissa Hambley, and Assistant Principal Karie Carpenito for their their continued outstanding work supporting students and families that have needed lots of support in and out of school. Thanks to Grade 5 teacher/Producer Ashley Bratsis for successfully producing the Forestdale School's first ever student play "Back In Time". Ms. Bratsis used students across all grade levels. Great job Ms. Bratsis and the student performers. The play and performance was outstanding.



LINDEN STEAM ACADEMY UN 17 PROJECT: Students from the Fifth and Seventh grades participated in UN 17 Project on Sustainable Development Goals. On hand to congratulate the students and acknowledge their hard work were, among others, Superintendent Oteri, below, second from left, Mayor Christenson, third from left, Malden Public Schools STEM Director Dr. Dias, at right, and Linden Interim Principal Ray Garcia, second from right. *Courtesy Photos*

