

A Slice of Rye

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Good Weather and Good Grades



Pictured above: Felicity, Kylie, and Zoe working on their Photojournalism projects during journalism class

Purple card students took a fieldtrip to Colorado City park.

On the first of May, students

who earned a purple card all three quarters, traveled to the Colorado City park to enjoy a day off from their rigorous studies. Mr. Hale headed the operation, bringing 24 high achieving students to bask in the 70-degree weather. In order to be awarded a purple card, students must attain a 3.6 or higher grade point average. Felicity Phillips added, "It was a nice way to start the month of May. As seniors, we have a lot going on this month and it was great to be able to spend time with good company."

While at the park, the group took advantage of the weather playing games like kickball, softball, capture the flag, volleyball, frisbee, and groundies. Snacks were available, and although they may have not been the healthiest, the students took the day to let loose and enjoy a little delicacy for all of their academic efforts. Mr. Hale, along with Mr. Pigg, grilled hotdogs and hamburgers for lunch and of course the barbeque ended with cookies. Good fun, for some great students.

A Year in Review - School Year Coming to an End

By: Max Cassidy

This past year has been an amazing time, here is a rundown of all the events and activities that went down this year.



Pictured above: Seniors Jordan Berger, Danielle Cooper, Andy Mallo, and Kyle Colbert selling hot chocolate at the homecoming carnival

August 14th was the first day school. Homecoming week began October 16th, and October 20th was the homecoming parade. October 20th was also the FFA BBQ and the PowderPuff

game. Winter Sports week began January 22 and January 26th speech and debate went to state where Maurica Runnels placed 5th. February 15th-17th wrestlers went to state, Mikey Atenico took 3rd place. February 22-24 was the TSA state competition, where Anna Montalbano took 3rd for the state and also the festival of winds was



Pictured above: Ashlynn Romine receiving a certificate at the National Honor Society Induction and Academic Assembly

the same weekend. March 8th was the art show and band concert. April 12th Austin Gookin signed his intent to play at Baseball in Kansas and April 16th Dalton Stricklin signed his intent to play soccer at Otero. April 30th, a class full of students were going on field trip to the Denver museum when the bus broke down on the way there and they were forced to come back to the school. May 1st, purple card students went on a field trip to the park. Monday the 3rd of May was the K-12 talent show and May 7th was the final band concert of the year. May 8th was year book signing and May 10th was the drama play.

This entire year has been full of good times, and awesome memories, I want to personally thank the seniors for being the leaders of the school and I wish all of you the best of luck.

The Death March at Rye High School

By: Asia Musselman-Moe

Dr. Lettenmaier of Rye high school teaches a unit on the book *Night*, by Elie Weisel, a holocaust survivors autobiography of his life as a Jew in Nazi Germany. Lettenmaier says "2006-2007 school year is when I started having the students experience the death marches, I was inspired to attempt to have a creative lesson plan while the students were reading the novel *Night*." In order to fully submerge the students in their reading experience, Lettenmaier regularly allows the students to be put into situations that are depicted in the book. This last month, Lettenmaier organized for her class to go on a death march, in the snow, to experience what author Elie Weisel went through.

With the help of Mr. Bailey who acted as an SS guard, the students of Lettenmaier's English 3 accelerated class were led out into the misty morning without jackets or sweaters. Participant Jami Ortiz repeatedly mentioned how cold she was



Pictured above: Students doing wall sits during the death march, in the snow (Photo by: Julissa Tapia)

and the fact that this was occurring while she was sick. A regular, but silent, occurrence during real death marches that took place across Europe. From here the students were lined up against a wall and were forced to do wall sits with their hands held up in the air. Roughly three people had "died" by now and were instructed to follow the group in single file as the death march continued. The marching students started to run around the back of the school to the football field where Bailey instructed them to do the exercise he called "know your

field." This contains a series of short sprints across the width of the field, on the yard lines, and do pushups once they reached the end.

This is where the majority of the students were killed off and only two remained. Sam Goodman and Ben Squire were the only survivors of the simulation. Lettenmaier says, "There's no comparison between our experience and death marches because the students of Rye High School didn't experience any pain or torture or horrific circumstances." This was a great experience for the students to learn.

Rye High School's 2018 Yearbook Signing

By Dalton Scott

This year's yearbook signing party was held on Tuesday, May 8th, 2018. All of the school's coolest kids came to sign each other's yearbooks. The students bought the books from the school for \$55, and they are still available to buy. The yearbook signing happened for the duration of homeroom that day, and about 70 people attended.

Groups of friends gather at tables to sign each other's books while having conversations. Some

staff attended as well, but weren't quite as engaged in the activity as the students. Yearbooks were sold during the event as well and are still for sale now for \$55. Some staff members also bought yearbooks and even signed a few. The event lasted most of homeroom, about 30 minutes. It was held in the lunchroom. There was ice cream served to all who attended the party.

Overall, another successful sales season of yearbooks. The organization of this event allowed students

a good chance to sign whoever's yearbooks they wanted.



Pictured above: Rye high school's star students getting in spirit

Vaping Epidemic at Rye High School



Pictured above: The liquid that goes into the vapes and Juuls known as vape juice/oil

By: Makele Reed

The vaping epidemic at Rye High School has caused a number of students to be suspended and lose other privileges as well. The problem has been increasing and there needs to be a change.

Vaping is bad for many reasons for minors. Vapes that have nicotine are illegal for everyone

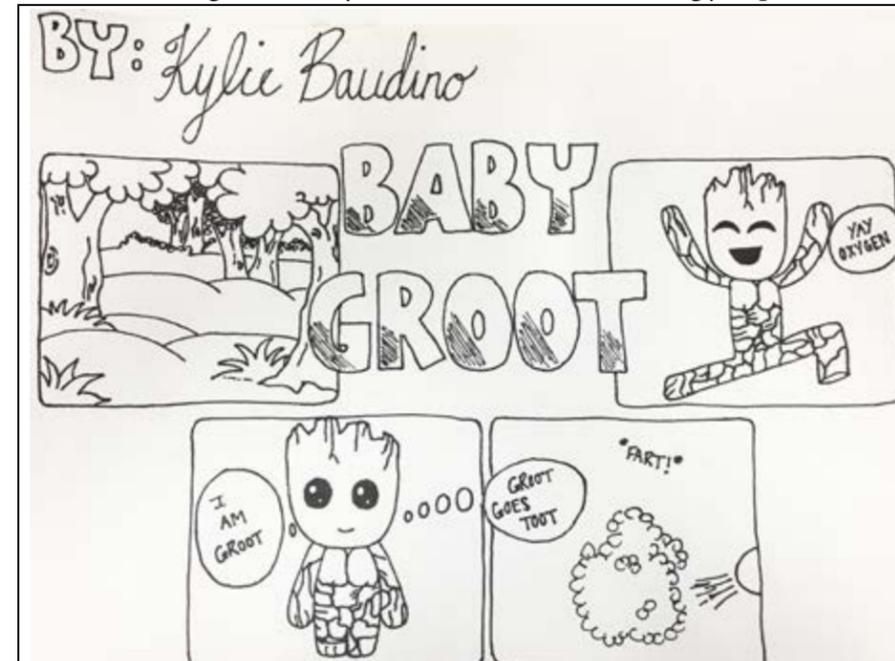
under the age of eighteen to both possess and use. Even if someone is eighteen, as long as they are still on school campus, it is illegal to be used anywhere on campus. This is because nicotine affects the prefrontal cortex in developing brains. Your brain is developing until you are about 25 years old. Vaping before your brain is fully developed could increase your risk of developing psychiatric disorders and cognitive impairment later in life. It can also increase your risk of developing attention deficits.

When asked why vaping has become a problem at Rye High School, Michelle Mann stated, "I am unsure exactly why it has become an epidemic, but I do feel the companies who make the vapes, especially Juuls, are marketing to people under the age of 18. Many of the vape oils/juices are marketed by looking like candy. Also, the new vapes called Juuls, are created to look like a long jump drive - and

the batteries in them even charge by being plugged into a USB." Mann also said that the punishment for students possessing and using vapes on school grounds including buses, bus stops, and school sponsored events will be issued a five day out of school suspension and will be referred to the District 70 Director of Student Services for possible expulsion. Although the high school can only have your suspension on your



Pictured above: Vape pen and Juul that was confiscated on school property



BY: Kylie Baudino

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record for a year, when you apply to colleges, they will ask if you have been suspended and expelled.

The only way we can stop this epidemic from spreading to more people is by educating people. If we can continue to spread information about the consequences, both educational and physical, we can stop the epidemic and less high school students will be harmed by vaping.

On Track for State - The Race to Qualify

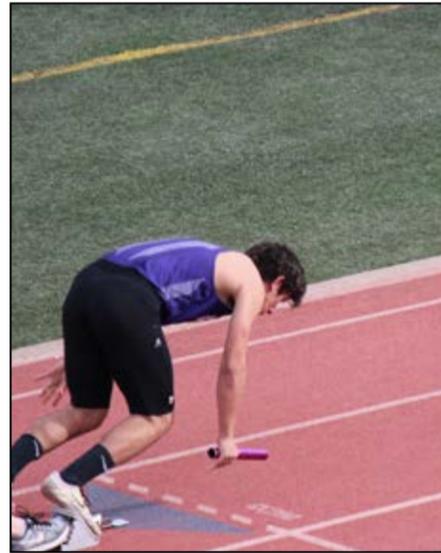
By: Jansen Hildreth

With State track just around the corner, Rye High School is working harder than ever to qualify as many athletes for state as they possibly can to continue a history of success in Rye's track program.

To get a more inside look at the track team, their goals, and what athletes they have qualifying and almost qualifying for state, I spoke to one of the track coaches, Conner Pigg. Coach Pigg says that, "this weekend was a big one across the state. Tons of movement in the top 18. Our current individual qualifiers are Kylie Baudino in the 300m hurdles, Felicity Phillips in the discus, and Ben Squier hanging on at 18 in the 200m open. Additionally, we currently have our boys 4x400

qualified (Will Goos, Ben Squier, Gabe Slade, and Colton Sims). Our other relay teams are hanging on and are hoping to PR (personal record) this weekend. The boys 4x800 is 16th which consist of Ben Squier, Gabe Slade, Colton Sims, and . The girls 4x800 which consist of Makayla Rodriguez, Faith Paquette, Emma Lesser, and Jolee Ortiz is 17th and the top 18 go."

Coach Pigg thinks his athletes have a really good chance at placing at state. Coach Pigg also believes he can have one other senior qualify for state, Jensen Brower, a thrower, who is just outside of qualifying for state. Coach Pigg believes his team might have an upper hand because of outstanding leadership from the leaders on the team, and his team



Pictured above: Will at the beginning of the 4x400 race ready to get the team going

is used to running where the air is thin. State takes place Thursday through Saturday (May 17th- 20th) at Jeff Co Stadium in Denver.

Playoff Strong? Boys' Compete in the First Round

By: Robert Buford

The (12-7) Rye High School Thunderbolts have their first playoff appearance in the 2018 season. The 'Bolts have battled through their very tough season and have finished 17th in the regular season for 3A baseball. The twelve players that started the season have now completed the regular season and will now move on to play Buena Vista in Greeley, where University is hosting the first 3A round of regionals.

If Rye moves on and beats Buena Vista, they will then play the winner of University and Basalt game. It's a single elimination game, if they lose their season is over. The pressure is on, Bryce Benz, a soph-

omore, at Rye High says, "we plan to move on into the next round of the playoffs... we want to send our seniors off on a high note as they move onto college, hoping to give



Pictured above: TAbove Bryce Benz swings and attacks the incoming baseball

them a grand 2018 baseball season...".

This will be Austin Gookin's and Zach Richardson's, both seniors, last regional round of the 2018

baseball season. We need to show our love and support for these Rye High School Thunderbolts' as they make their way into a make or break situation. Come to the game this Saturday and bring everyone you can. These Rye Thunderbolts are ready to create a storm in the playoffs!

Until Next Season

Wrapping up girls' soccer

By Julissa Tapia

"This season went by too fast, it was actually the first season I think that we played as a team. It made my senior year worthwhile, and I extremely enjoyed it," said leaving senior Zoe Harris.

The season started two weeks before our very first game Saturday, March 17th. The ladies played against a very competitive team, Vanguard, losing in double overtime 2-3. This made the season feel a lot more competitive and made the ladies as a team want to strive to win. The next game was against Pueblo Central, "we won that game simply playing our hearts out having fun," said senior Zoe Harris.

The goal of the season was to not only improve, but to make an experience that could benefit the girl's future. This took role in senior

Andy Mallo as she accepted the opportunity to playing college soccer after high school. "The season was definitely the best season I have had, having my childhood coaches coach the last year of soccer for me was great, but also really sad because this will be my last year playing for them. It was a great season, we played extremely hard and had lots of fun while doing it. We also had our moments as a team but recovered and came back even stronger. I will defiantly miss the long bus rides with the girls and just laughing all around. Thank you, girls, for making my last season the best! I am going to miss you all," said senior Julissa Tapia.

Wrapping up the season was the last game against CSS, where the team lost in overtime. The girls' soccer team worked hard this year. Coaches have arranged the soccer



Pictured above: Rachel, Rachel, Chloe, Ella, Ashlynn, and Alessa having a snack during halftime, while the coaches give them some tips for the next half banquet May 11th 5pm, at Greenhorn Park. They will be celebrating their season, giving out rewards and coming together one last time as a team. Be sure to congratulate the girls team as left their season hard, and until next time girls soccer, good luck to all the seniors and congratulations to them on graduating!

Girls Golf Road to State Two Qualify

By: Johnny Marquez

Rachel Shaffer and Emiree Sutton both qualified for state golf after a long successful golf season. The two alternates are Alexis Cortez the number one runner up and Lauren Gallegos the number two runner up.

Rachel Shaffer makes it to state again (shooting an 86) joined with her teammate Emiree Sutton (who shot a 102) two golfers for the Rye High School Girls Golf team. The state tournament will be held at Elmwood Golf Course in Pueblo, Colorado on May 21st and 22nd. Rachel is the number one golfer on

her team with Emiree being second, Alexis being third, and Lauren being fourth. The varsity team consists of Rachel, Emiree, Alexis, and Lauren. The junior varsity team consists of Anna Montalbano, Cameron Mallo, Morgan Voss, and Havilah Pitzer. There were no seniors on the golf team this year so there is a good chance that they will make it again next year.

All in all, they have had a very successful season and they are planning on doing even better at state. They are also going to try to get the whole team to qualify for state next year.



Pictured above: Emiree Sutton hitting the ball up the course

Springing Into Advanced Placement Testing

Earn College Credit at RHS

By: Kye Nielsen

There are many kind of different students in High School. Some are there literally only because they have to be and some are there so that they can learn and achieve as much as possible. As the school year comes to an end there are many students who take AP tests to earn college credit. These tests happen the first few weeks of May at Rye High School and all tests our individual to a specific class you take in college. The stress is high

around this time and the anxiety is ever present.

These AP tests range from two and half hours to four hours and take place in usually two to three different sections. The reason students take the tests are, so they can get credit for those classes in college. The tests are scored in a range from 1-5, with 5 being the best. All colleges will accept 5's and 98% will accept 4's with about 75% accepting 3's, but none accept 2's or 1's. The test costs money since they can count for college credit.

The cost is \$85 for each test taken. There are about 20 AP classes in the United States that you can take and get credit for, while Rye offers six of those 20. The last thing these classes do is boost your class grade by .1 or one letter grade.

These tests are an opportunity to get college credit and improve GPA in high school. Students lots of times don't realize this and don't take the opportunity to get college credit.

"A great opportunity should not go to waste." -unknown.

Kings, Queens, and Teens! Prom 2018

Rye High School has one "shell" of a time at Prom

By: Felicity Phillips

Rye High School's Junior and Senior Prom took place on May 5th, around 100 students attended to dance the night away! The junior class was in charge of putting together the whole shebang with the help of their class sponsors, Dr. Lettenmaier, Mr. Carter, and Ms. Robles. The theme, Under the Sea, was the highest voted choice for the Junior class and was nicely displayed at the prom assembly, prom itself, and at after prom.

The prom assembly took place earlier that week on Wednesday, May 2, where the royalty candidates were introduced, and shown off, to give their peers a chance to decide who was best fit for King and Queen. The candidates, voted in by their class, were Liz Hamler, Zach Richardson, Rylee Fox, Rebecca Stinson, and Bowen Clerkin. The night of the dance began at 8:00pm

and lasted until 11:00pm. During this time, students boogied, line danced, slow danced, and created memories to last a lifetime. Senior attendee, Kylie Baudino commemorated the night by the following memory. "Me and Colton Sims (also a Senior attendee) did synchronized back handsprings at prom #micdrop." At approximately 9:30 that evening, at the Old Towne Carriage House, Zach Richardson and Liz Hamler were crowned 2018 Prom King and Queen. After the last dance, students had an hour to get back to Rye High School for a fun-filled night of after prom activities from 12:00am to 2:30am. During this time, Rye High School was filled with laughter, games, and an assortment of snacks. Prizes were given to every person that attended. "My senior prom was amazing and I am glad I went. After prom was definitely the highlight of the night. The food and games were great and the prizes were awe-

some!" says senior attendee, Felicity Phillips.

This being her first year, Booster Club President, Jody Pool, was the leader behind the after-prom activities. Rye High School Students thank Mrs. Pool for her outstanding efforts in making this year's after-prom one to remember!



Pictured above: Prom Queen, Liz Hamler, and Prom King, Zach Richardson

Over And out For The Class of 2018

By: Tristan Fry

The Rye High School graduating class of 2018 is wrapping up the year with a big future ahead of them! Hard work and dedication has paid off after many of the students have received immense amounts of scholarship money from the community, along with their future schools. Both athletic and academic scholarships have been given to these hard-working students.

Athletic scholarships go to Austin Gookin, attending Wesleyan University for baseball next year, and two of our soccer players Dalton Strickland and Andy Mallo, attending Otero Junior College.

We are proud to announce that two of our Rye High students have received the Kane Scholarship. This scholarship awards 40 selected students who are eligible for in-state tuition up to four years for a bachelor's degree and up to two years for an associate's degree. Each of these scholarships will pay the full cost of tuition, books and any fees for selected students who maintain scholarship eligibility through graduation. The Kane has been awarded to two of our remarkable students Dalton Strickland attending Otero, and Kylie Baudino who will be attending Colora-



Pictured above: Class of 2018

do State University-Pueblo this fall.

Jordan Berger, Kyle Colbert, Katelyn Jessop, Rebecca Stinson, Julissa Tapia, Wyatt Willis, Kylie Baudino, Nicholas Lewis, Felicity Phillips, Dalton Strickland, Zachary Richardson, and Makayla Rodriguez all earned a scholarship from the Pueblo Hispanic Education Foundation. While there are plenty more community scholarships that have been given to these students, more will be announced on senior award night; May 15th at 6:00p.m. at Rye High School.

On May 25, 2018, the countdown will end for our graduating seniors as they walk across the stage to receive

their high school diplomas. Sharing this moment of success with them, the senior class has asked Sue Moore; Rye Elementary School Principal to be their 2018 guest speaker. This year's speakers from the senior class includes student body president and valedictorian Kylie Baudino, salutatorian not yet determined, class president Tristan Fry, and student body vice president Makayla Rodriguez. The graduation ceremony will be held at 7:00p.m. at the Rye High School gymnasium.

Congratulations class of 2018, your hard work and dedication has paid off; we can't wait to see what the future has in store for you!



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A Valley Full of Talent K-12 Talent Show



Pictured above: Tristan Baker, the MC for the night, handing out awards to the winners of the night
By: Zoe Harris

Rye High school hosted the 6th annual K-12 talent show. There were amazing acts that performed on May 3rd. Those who performed

this year were, Mason Gonzalez, Nicoline Larson, Kalena Barnes and Hannah Dawson together, Cecilia McDonnell, Taylor Kenny and Jocie Holder together, Cecily Larson, Courtney Proctor, Timmy and Tommy Blackhurst together, Caitlyn Proctor and Carissa Rains together, Paige Fox and Audrey Himmelberg together. There were also Alexi Gibson, Reese Simpson, and last but not least, Ellisyn Boncore.

Although all of them gave their best effort to their talent, there had to be winners. For the elementary school, the winners were, Timmy and Tommy Blackhurst. The middle school winner was, Alexia Provenza. For the high school, Kalena

Barnes and Hannah Dawson. The overall best act was Taylor Kenny and Jocie Holder, and the cutest act was Cicily Larson.

When asked about the talent show and how she felt everything went, Mrs. Anglin said, "I think the acts went really well. Everything went smooth and as expected. We had 3 judges that helped this year and they judged to their best ability. They were fair and judged with no biases attentions. The money I used towards the sound system was great because it really made everything crystal clear. Over all, I was really proud of the students who came up on stage and blessed us with their talents." We hope to see more great acts next year.

FFA Members Compete at State CDE's in Fort Collins

By: Abigail Bennett

The Rye FFA took 12 members to the Fort Collins April 29th-May 1st to compete in CDEs. CDEs stands for Career Development Event. They competed in Meat Judging, Land Judging, and Vet Science.

The meat judging team consisted of Abigail Bennett, Hunter Palmer, Aiden Dennison, and Zach Ruiz. This was a newly formed team, so Bennett was the only one who had competed at state before. She received individual bronze award. The team hopes to improve throughout the next year in hopes for a metal.

The land judging team consisted of Logan Kirkendall, Carson Crain, Tyler Allee, and Connor Voss. This was the team's third year compet-

ing. Kirkendall and Voss both got individual silver and the team got a bronze placing.

The vet science team consisted of Catie Woyln, Jessie Hastings, Madison Gookin, and Paige Fox. The team competed very well this year. Woyln got top in the state, with Hastings at second. Gookin

and Fox both got silver placing. The team overall took second in the state.

All the teams have huge hopes for next year. The event couldn't have happened without the help of Ethan Beeman, the Rye advisor. He would like to say, "Thank you to all the participants."



Pictured above: SCompeting members in front of the CSU-Fort Collins mascot

Student of the Month - Gabe Slade

Gabe Slade excels in every class

By: Alexis Rose Cortez

This month at Rye High School Gabe Slade was nominated by a variety of peers and teachers to be student of the month for May. He is a junior this year with a lot going on not only in school but after school too.

Gabe Slade is hardworking and admired by many students for his intelligence. He takes pride in his outstanding GPA of a 4.28. Most students dream of even having a 4.0 but Gabe takes it a step further to go above and beyond the advanced. He has been taking AP (Advanced Placement) classes since he was a freshman and every year since. Yet, this year alone Gabe has taken three AP classes and taken seven overall which is incredible since most students only take a couple and struggle to keep their grades balanced. These classes have loads of homework and require hours of

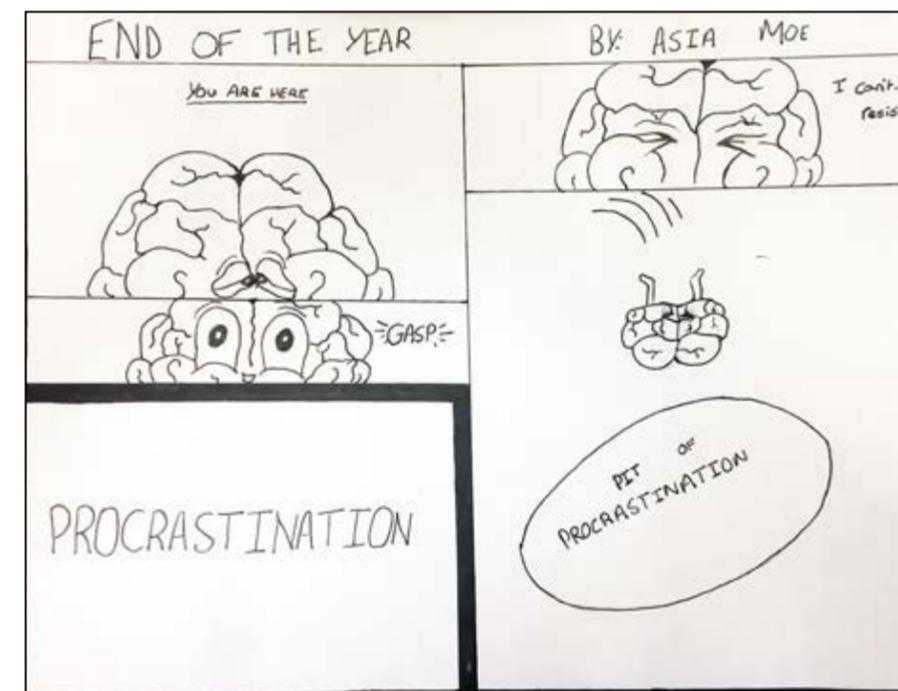
studying to maintain an advanced grade.

Even with all the constraints theses classed hold, they don't stop Gabe Slade from playing sports and participating in other extracurricular activities such as going to seminary at six in the morning. He enjoys playing soccer in the fall and track in the spring and is considered by Zoe Harris to be one of the best soccer players on the Rye High School Team. Even in easy classes like gym, he gives a 110% while participating in activities.

This student of the month is most definitely in the running to be a Valedictorian or Salutatorian for the class of 2019. He even scored a 1570 on the SAT which is almost a perfect score. Gabe Slade has been contacted by some of the most prestigious colleges in the America such as Harvard and Stanford. While speaking with him he stated, "I don't really want to go



Pictured above: Gabe during soccer season getting the ball up the field to any of those schools, I may be looking at School of Minds but I'm not sure yet." Gabe Slade demonstrated great academic success for Rye High School and this is why he was selected to be the May student of the month.



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Pictured above: Akash Patel earning his spot as the winner of the Socrates Contest. Akash went up against Gabe, Alana, and Rachel. The four students were the top of the class through several rigorous tests and then competed in front of the whole school to show who knew the most about the worlds finest philosophers.

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