



Delaware Military Academy



On March 2, 2018, twenty-nine cadets from the Class of 2020 attended a once in a life time event hosted by Delaware Technical Community College, Stanton Campus. The MIA/POW Flag is currently on a journey to go to all 50 states; Delaware is the 39th state in the tour, with Virginia being the first. A host of great speakers were present at the event, including co-founder of DMA, retired MCPO Charles Baldwin, retired Major General F. Vavala, and Mrs. Rosely Robinson, the leader of the event, along with Delaware's Patriot Guard. Upon completion of the 50-state tour, the MIA/POW Flag and sign-in book will be on display in our nation's Smithsonian Institute in Washington D.C.

March 5, 2018

Good Afternoon, Seahawk Nation,

Thank you to everyone who has completed the survey we sent out last Friday. Currently, we have 189 families who chose to participate. Your opinion is very important to us, especially when it comes to the safety and welfare of our DMA family. We will leave the survey open until the end of the week, and then begin compiling the data, so we can see what more we can do to provide the safest campus for all.

- ❖ Congratulations to the DMA Science Olympiad Team! On Saturday, March 3rd the DMA Science Olympiad team attended the state competition at Delaware State University. **Mrs. Averell and Mr. Holland** would like to thank the cadets, their families, **Mrs. Cristina Welch, Mr. Paul Marzulli, Ms. Sadarie Jones** and the entire DMA Staff and administration for their steadfast support of our team. Special congratulations go out to **Sophia Gambacorta**. She is the first DMA freshman to medal in four events during her first year of high school competition. Well done Sophia! The following cadets are to be commended for their outstanding performance on Saturday:

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Sophia Gambacorta – 3rd place in experimental design, 10th place in helicopters, 7th place in herpetology, 6th place in mousetrap vehicle; *Elena Rice* – 2nd place in ecology, 3rd place in experimental design, 7th place in herpetology; *Elise Buonopane* – 3rd place in experimental design; *Olivia Farris* – 8th place in helicopters; *Henrietta Riverson* – 8th place in helicopters, 7th place in mousetrap vehicle; *Julia Bacci* – 10th place in helicopters; *Brooke Justison* – 10th place in herpetology; *Jimmy Sidlowski* – 10th place in herpetology, 6th place in materials science; *Justin Malone* – 3rd place in hovercraft, 10th place in thermodynamics; *Owen Brinker* – 3rd place in hovercraft; *Thomas Pisklak* – 2nd place in materials science, 3rd place in optics, 10th place in thermodynamics; *Maddy Kuennen* – 2nd place in materials science, 2nd place in ecology; *Radha Mistry* – 6th place in materials science; *Larissa Conte* – 6th place in mousetrap vehicle; *Russell Smith* – 7th place in mousetrap vehicle; and *Collin Green* – 3rd place in Optics. BRAVO ZULU to all the Science Olympiad Team!

- ❖ Last call! If you have a 9th, 10th or 11th grade cadet who is interested in attending a United States Service Academy, we encourage you and your cadet to attend our service academy trip on April 16 & 17. We will be visiting the United States Merchant Marine Academy, the United States Coast Guard Academy and SUNY Maritime Academy. Admission to a service academy is an involved and complicated process so we encourage each cadet to bring a parent on this trip. Permission slips were handed out on February 20th, but additional copies can be picked up from Mrs. Certesio. All permission slips (and money) are due by Friday, March 9th. There are only a few spots left!
- ❖ All final payments for Junior Class Rings are due on March 7th. Our Balfour rep will be in the mess hall during lunch to collect payments. Please contact Balfour if you have any questions.
- ❖ The Red Clay Consolidated School District will be hosting a college and career fair at Dickinson High School on March 13th from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. There will be over 70 colleges, multiple employers, and trade schools in attendance. In addition, workshops will be offered for students and parents. Workshop topics includes preparing for the SAT, Making College Affordable/Scholarships and Workforce In-Demand Skills. This is a great opportunity for 9th, 10th and 11th grade cadets to explore college and trade options. More information about the event can be found on the DMA school calendar.
- ❖ We will begin scheduling cadets for their 2018-2019 classes immediately following annual inspection. Mr. Grant will be meeting with all current 9th graders, Ms. Urquhart will be meeting with all current 10th graders and Mrs. Certesio will be meeting with all current 11th graders. We will publish the 2018-2019 course catalog on the DMA Guidance website by Friday, March 9th for review. Please take some time to talk with your cadet about what classes they are interested in and be sure to look at the course prerequisites and requirements. The 11th grade meeting will also include a discussion about post-secondary plans so now is the time to start having those conversations at home.

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❖ Sports Report:

- Spring Sports started March 1st and registration is now open at www.FamilyID.com. Physicals and payments must be uploaded, along with your registration, prior to being approved to participate. No hard copies will be accepted.
- The Ice Hockey team defeated Bonner in the first round of the ICSHL playoffs and then lost to St. Marks in the Championship game. Congratulations on a great season. They continue their post season in the Flyers Cup on March 12th. Good luck.

We hope you have a great week, and continue to instill Pride and Ownership in your DMA cadet.

Kind regards,

Anthony Pullella
Commandant

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