

A note from EcoNinja

Dear Smath,

Nice to meet you! All of you! My name's EcoNinja, and I'm here to help NCSSM go green. I'm here representing your Accept the Greener Challenge (AGC) club and the brand new Green UNitiative Committee to give you the scoop on what's green and going on around campus!

I'll write to you guys in each issue of the Stentorian this year to give you updates on activities, ideas, and events that can help make our campus more sustainable. Make sure to like the "NCSSM Accept the Greener Challenge" Facebook page for regular updates and

tips as well! Look for AGC at the club fair on Saturday, August 18th, and I'll see you at the Sustainability Project kickoff event on Aug 20, 2012; however, you won't see me-- I'm a ninja, remember? I want to see everyone on campus get involved (even in a small way) to lower our energy "hoofprint," Unis! Have a great first few days of classes, and remember to THINK GREEN!

Sincerely,
EcoNinja

P.S. Make sure you recycle and compost; I'll be watching!!



Seniors give advice to incoming juniors

BY: CARL YIN AND JAY BUCHANAN

The transfer of advice from seniors to juniors is an annual but unrecognized tradition at NCSSM. The advice often stays the same but changes slightly by perspective.

We asked seniors, "If you could give the juniors one tip, one major thing to focus on, what would it be?"

Some seniors focused on the importance of building strong relationships with adults on campus.

Keerthana Velappan, Student Ambassador, says, "Get to know as many people as possible on campus, not just the students, but also your teachers, counselors, the Registrar, Dr. Warshaw, Mr. Clayton, Rob and the Admissions Staff, Dr. Roberts, Clinic staff, IT, Dr. Boltz and Library Staff, SLIs, and even the PFM staff; you'll never know when those connections will come in handy!"

Jenny Wei, Residential Life Assistant, agrees. "Never underestimate the impact your teachers can make," she says.

"Last year when I was a Junior, I wasn't too concerned about what my teachers thought of me. I mean I wasn't

a bad student, but I didn't try to stand out or be a shining star in their classes. However, when it came time to ask for recommendations, though I had teachers who were glad to write them for me, I was a little worried that I didn't stand out enough for them to write a glowing rec. So juniors, try and stand out to your teachers! Make them impressed with you! But don't be obnoxious and kiss their...well you know..."

Others stress the serious importance of organizing resources. "Learn time management! Learn time management! Have time management!" says Alex Elder, Residential Life Assistant.

"Without it, you will find yourself doing things way off topic from what you need to be doing. Also, get your priorities straight. Do what's most important to you and what will make you succeed. Oh, and then have fun and make the most out of everything!"

Nina Ondona, State President for the Technology Student Association, tells juniors the same. "Learn how to manage your time and

organize the things you need to do with something works for you: Google calendars, an agenda, or whiteboards," she says. Make sure you give yourself breaks from studying every once in a while. And lastly, don't be afraid to ask for help! Everyone has different strengths around our school."

Joey Lew, Biology Teaching Assisant, feels that fostering friendships with seniors is a very important facet of succeeding at NCSSM.

She says, "Juniors, you will find a couple of seniors that mean the world to you. You can sleep on their couch when your roommate pisses you off. You can do physics in their room until 2 a.m. even if they're asleep, and you can trust them implicitly." She goes on to say, "Find them quickly because the rest of the seniors are crazy."

Perhaps the best advice, though, comes from Bryant Su, Residential Life Assistant, who says, "My best advice would be to really get out and try new things. While this school calls itself a school of challenges, I really see it as a school of opportunity."

Organizations

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CLUB / ORGANIZATION	CONTACT / OFFICER(S)
Percussion Ensemble	
Philosophy Circle	Jessica Gao, Katherine Walker
Photography Club	
Potterwatch	Jay Buchanan, Kristen Bagley, Sravya Kaniti, Tischan Wade
Quidditch	
Quiz Bowl	Jason Liang
Random Acts of Kindness	
Science Bowl	Calvin Deng
Science Days	
Science Olympiad	Anne Kelley, Amy Xu, Jason Liang, Jin Yoon
Sector S	Austin Jenkins, Emmanuel Assa, Evan Chu, Zac Burnett
Secular Student Alliance	Carl Yin
Spectrum (GSA)	Coleen Kinen-Ferguson, Jordan Harrison
Speech and Debate	Alexander Jacobson, Lisa Fan, Jamie Smith, Shaza Gaballah
STAND	
Starcraft Club	Tony Li
Stentorian, The	Carl Yin, Jay Buchanan, Jordan Harrison
STUD MUFFINS	Anabel Medrano, Haley Erickson, Willie Park
Swing Dance	Zachary Brown
Team Fortress 2 Club	Jackson Thompson
Technology Student Association	Bryant Su, Nina Ondona, Willie Park
UHOO: United in Helping Others Out	Kelly McCarthy, Luke Fernandez
Ultimate Frisbee (SMuf)	Edward Foyle, Jordan Clark-Brown, Trevor Howarth
Unichords	Christie Jiang, Elizabeth Carbone, Luke Fernandez, Rosalia Preiss
UniFilms	Alex DeChant, Cooper Blazek, Jaehyeong Lee, Jay Buchanan, Wes Darling
Unis Fighting Hunger	Jojo Drake
UNItY	Zac Burnett
Volleyball Club	Jenny Wei
Whooligans	Waverly Wolff, Elizabeth Lilley
Women in Science and Engineering (WISE)	Fiona Lynch
Year-End Slideshow	Devin Finney
YoungLife	Alexa Gregory, Casie Jingle, Davis Atkinson, Haleigh Baxter, Kelly McCarthy, Reid Watkins
Youth and Government (YAG)	Brooke Whitfield, Emily Stark
Yu-Gi-Oh Club	Justin Finkelstein
Zumba Club	Suzanne Phillips