

NEWS BRIEF

NHSMUN

After taking a chance by bringing more novice competitors, Heritage won the Award of Excellence at National High School Model United Nations (NHSMUN) in New York. Select representatives had the opportunity to speak at the United Nations. Senior Satya Alagarsamy discussed climate change and equality for his allotted 45 seconds. "The 300 million people who will be displaced by climate change by 2050 are real people," Alagarsamy said in his speech. "They are mothers, fathers, brothers, sisters just like every single one of us."



ROLE MODELS: The team gathers outside the United Nations building after several students gave speeches inside the UN. (Photo submitted by Kenzo Kimura)

Humanities Conference

Mrs. Ashley Hendricks's AP English coordinated a Humanities Conference the last week of April. The event imitated Humanities Conferences in colleges, in which academics propose their papers for publishing. Seniors volunteered to lead discussion of specific aspects of humanities studies including poetry, comics and film.

"Mrs. Hendricks inspires me every day in her class, and I'd say she's successfully made me realize my love for literature through her class," comics chairperson senior Gavin Grnja said. "I'm just genuinely excited to expand on previous works I've written ... and learn other people's perspectives by attending the conference."



(Graphic/Olivia Lloyd)

FBLA

Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) attended the state conference March 22-24. "Everyone has their specific event. We know what we have to do, and honestly, we want to go in there and win," sophomore Daniel Di Marcoberardino said. "We want to do better than the previous year and enjoy the process." Seven Heritage competitors qualified for the June national competition in San Antonio.



FUTURE LEADERS: FBLA competitors assemble to take photos at the competition convention center. (Photo/Mr. Marc Shaw)

Chorus Goes to Carnegie

Mixed Chorus and A Capella performed at Carnegie Hall as the featured choir April 5-8. The group features students from all grades and due to their consistent delivery, the choir gets invited back almost every other year. "These trips impact me by giving me amazing memories with my friends and allowing me to have great experiences such as performing on stage at Carnegie hall," first-time Carnegie attendee sophomore Cole Holifield said.



BREAK A LEG: Following their performance, the singers get together on the Carnegie Hall stage located in New York City. (Photo submitted by Cole Holifield)

FAMAT State Convention

The Florida Association of Mu Alpha Theta (FAMAT) held its state convention in Orlando April 11-14. Students compete in a variety of topics in their specified categories, taking tests such as Alpha Applications to Differential Equations. "I've been going since high school so it's like a blast from the past," math teacher Mr. Daniel Ariew said. "It's the most fun of all year. It's a lot of math, but it's definitely the most efficient competition of the year." Heritage walked away with second place overall.



AMAZING: Following the award ceremony, the team displays the trophies it won over the course of the convention, with the seniors in front. (Photo/Joanne Haner)



ARISTOCRATIC: Senior co-presidents, Saaketh Vedantam and Vladyslav Oleksenko, execute their signature pose. (Photo/Joanne Haner)

