

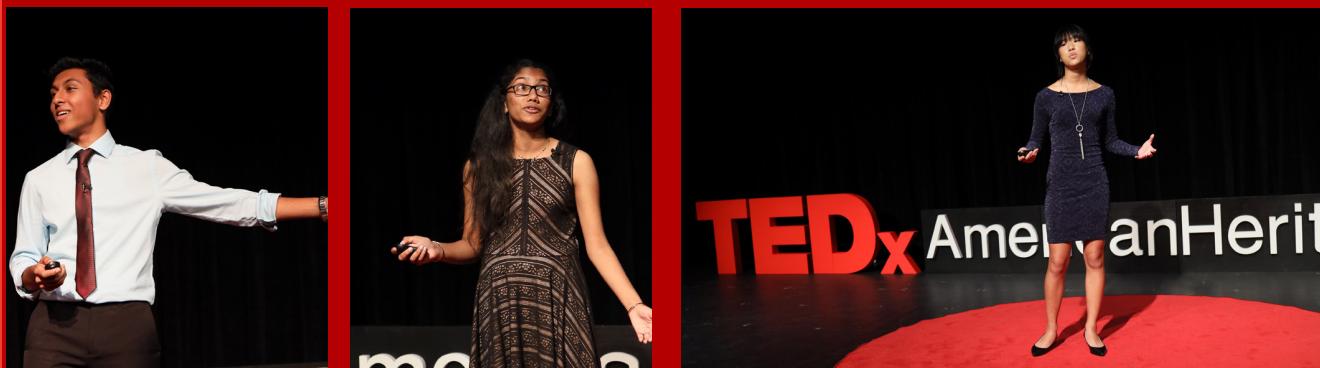
# NEWS BRIEF

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## TEDx

While many may have heard or seen TedTalks in class, a new twist to the organization came to the school in the form of a night of student-produced TEDx presentations Nov. 13. Following the theme of “Breakthrough,” each of the eight presentations ran 10-15 minutes, with students in grades seven through 12 auditioning beforehand to secure a spot.

Organized by senior Theodore Rackauskas with the help of Mrs. Melanie Hoffman, the event cost \$20 per ticket and was only open to Heritage students and staff and their families. With a more informal atmosphere, attendees had the opportunity to listen to speeches written and delivered by sophomores, juniors and seniors.



(Photos/Joanne Haner)

**SPOTLIGHT ON THE CIRCLE:** Eight students, including junior Aryan Ranjan (left) and sophomores Emilin Mathew (center) and Shana Xia (right) took to the theater stage to speak at the inaugural TEDxAmerican Heritage.

## Holiday BOZaar

Every year, the Upper School PTO (USPTO) hosts the Holiday Bazaar, a themed indoor mini-market where attendees can shop at booths set up by vendors. The Holiday Bazaar will take place Dec. 10 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the gymateria, with around 50 vendors setting up shop.

This year, the USPTO voted “The Wizard of Oz” as the theme, making this the 12th annual Holiday BOZaar.



## UVAMUN

The Model United Nations (MUN) team spiced things up by traveling to a conference members haven't attended before: University of Virginia's MUN conference (UVAMUN). Traveling to Charlottesville, Va. from Nov. 15 to 17, 33 MUN delegates competed in a high-level conference, bringing the team's top members.

“As great as UVAMUN was, the best times on the trip came outside of committee sessions,” co-President Logan Kaptit said.

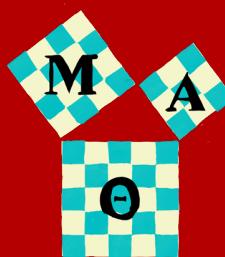


**SWEATER WEATHER:** Braving the cold, 33 members of MUN competed at University of Virginia. “This trip was reserved for our experienced ‘All-Stars,’ so all spots are filled with our best of the best,” Lacewala said. (Photo/Cinzia Baracco)

## JH Math Invitational

Junior high (JH) students with an affinity for math in Broward and Miami-Dade counties will come to compete in the American Heritage JH Math Invitational. The competition, which will occur Dec. 14, features two individual tests, one multiple choice and one free response, with content written by Mu Alpha Theta members.

“I really enjoy the test writing process,” Testing Coordinator senior Connor Gordon said. “So often we take tests written by teachers, so it's a nice change to write our own.”



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