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President's Address

By Dr. Roy J. Blash

The month of October has passed by so quickly, it appears that a strong wind has swept away the days. As I sit and contemplate on the immediate past, many images come to mind. Your youngster became an ambassador and volunteer to assist children in need around the world by collecting money for UNICEF (The United Nations Children's Emergency Fund). As the small carton indicates donations provide the following:

.06 cents – water for a thirsty child, \$2.00 – food for a hungry child, \$44.00 – school supplies for 20 children \$112.00 – emergency blankets for 37 children, \$200.00 – immunizes 550 children from measles.

Their drive brings all of our grades together for a common cause that will benefit needy children. You, as a parent, should feel proud that your youngster is playing a role in this endeavor.

October saw the Academy's student council sworn into office. These fine young representatives are the eyes and ears of the school. October 7th's field day under

the direction of Mr. Quintanna, our Athletic Director was a huge success, a great time was had by all. The Academy added a lot of revenue to the Disney Corporation, since everyone came into school on the 10th sporting a Disney Costume or piece of memorabilia.

Mid month I met with the upper school parents and discussed College opportunities. This event will be followed up by a series of activities that will keep you informed and assist our seniors in their quest for a College seat.

We had a fine turnout of parents on parent-curriculum night. It is my hope you now have a better understanding of what is to be taught and how your youngster learns at Adelphi.

On October 18th and 25th, Michael Marlowe delivered a fourteen (14) hour SAT preparation course. He is simply the "best" in the industry of coaching. We are most fortunate to have his services.

Attendance was overwhelming at parent/teacher conferences. Thank you for coming in and speaking to the staff as well as

this writer. Halloween is in full view all around the school, it is such a festive event and your youngster enjoys the atmosphere.

The collaboration of students, staff, administration, parents and community all assist in the positive changes today at the Academy. One of the first lessons we learned is that all significant change begins with personal change. There is evidence each day that the entire Adelphi community is gaining a deeper understanding of who they are, and what they can be.

We are on the pathway to success because we are all on the proverbial "same page".

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

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Students of the Month

Lower School

Spencer Wong

Pre-K

Middle School

Tanacia Mitchell

6th Grade

Upper School

Virginia Loperena

12th Grade

From the Desk of the Dean

By Mr. Todd W. Marsh

November is upon us and the school year continues to move along at a breakneck pace. October has been a very busy month from an academic standpoint, from the first course of progress reports (sent home for all students the week of October 13th) to PSAT's being taken on October 15th by all 10th and 11th graders, as they begin the process of preparing for college.

Currently, seniors are deep into the college application process. Many completed Michael Marlowe's SAT Prep course on Oc-

tober 18th and 25th. Adelphi's annual *College Night* took place on October 14th, where Dr. Blash gave an extremely insightful talk on what colleges look for from their applicants. We at Adelphi Academy believe that all of these opportunities help to make the sometimes daunting process of preparing for college much less intimidating. After all we are a "college preparatory" school!

We also hosted several events this past month designed to maintain a level of communi-

cation between Adelphi and its families, which we believe is far beyond what any other school achieves. To those of you who attended Back to School Night (October 16th), Parents Day (October 16th), and Parent-Teacher Conferences (October 21st) over the past few weeks, it was great to see you. I would urge all parents to attend these events, since this ongoing communication among us is one of the most valuable assets in the

Good News!

By Mr. Albert C. Corhan '95

As many of you know, Adelphi Academy was founded in 1863. The Academy remains the oldest continuing coeducational school in Brooklyn and one of the oldest in the nation.

The year of Adelphi's founding was an extraordinary one in the history of the United States. Abraham Lincoln was the President of our country and the United States was in the midst of a war, a civil war Lincoln described as one "of unequaled magnitude and severity."

Despite the devastation of the time, in the autumn of 1863, President Lincoln chose to declare a national day of Thanksgiving. How remark-

able that this country's tradition of pausing to share with our neighbors and to give thanks was made a national holiday during a time of such great distress in our country.

Today is also a time of great challenge for all of us and for our country. During this time we pause to give thanks with a renewed appreciation for all that we have and for the values that we all share.

On behalf of our President, Dr. Blash and entire school community, we thank you for being part of our family. So many people share and contribute to the heart and the soul of this remarkable institution. Certainly, our Students, Parents,

Alumni, Faculty, Staff and Administration participate in the life of Adelphi every day but so many other people join in those efforts to help, to share and to hope.

We are thankful to each and every one of you for your thoughts and for your deeds. Adelphi Academy holds all that you have done close to her heart. We give thanks for our past, for our present and for the future we will build and share together.

It is our hope and prayer that you and all those that are dear to you enjoy a healthy and happy Thanksgiving Holiday Season.

Projecting Success

By Paul P. Iacullo

Art, knowledge, understanding schools, Faith based organizations and wisdom is the sum of all of our collective efforts when educating the child.

All of these areas are attainable in varying degrees by every student attending Adelphi Academy. When we encounter semi-scientific terms like mainstreaming, it is a good practice to stop and analyze the term. All individuals in all organizations be they

or the workplace is incorporated in this idea.

We learn academic disciplines, ethics, values and morals in all of our daily endeavors. However, each human being has their own best method of a learning style. One of the main objectives of project succeed is to determine student's learning styles and then to insure that instructional material is

presented in their format.

We are not all the same, we do not approach things all alike. However, when we know the different learning styles in a classroom and we provide a way to present materials that can be understood. It is in this fashion that we serve the needs of all children.

Lower School Lowdown

The excitement is greater than ever in the Lower school as we approach yet another spectacular month. It was a pleasure to see all of the parents who attended Back to School Night, Parent's Day and our first annual Parent / Teacher Conferences. The students have been learning so much! We will be beginning our bi-monthly trips to the Brooklyn Public Library so that the students can further explore the wonderful world of reading! Adelphi's first annual Disney Day was a great

success and Halloween was even more successful! The entire school enjoyed seeing the Lower School Halloween Parade and had fun giving treats to all of the children dressed up in costumes. Our trip to Green meadows farm was a wonderful learning experience. The children picked pumpkins, milked a cow, and had a ball on the tractor hayride.

Adelphi Academy believes in incorporating real world experiences into the curriculum. Nature walks, field trips,

By Ms. Iphigenia Romanos

and role playing are some of the ways we bring these real world experiences into the classroom. As wonderful as these approaches to learning are, we must not forget to reinforce good study habits at home. Please encourage your children to complete their homework independently, read as much as possible, study daily, and tell you about what they learned that day in class. Your child's day is filled with so many activities and I know if asked, he/she will be eager to share! Enjoy the Thanksgiving Recess!

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In the Middle

Now that we have progressed several weeks into the school year, I find that the Middle School is "firing on all cylinders." All students are being stimulated by a rigorous academic program, as well as a host of activities and special events. Halloween kicks off the season of Holiday celebrations that include our Haunted Halloween Movie Night, Halloween Parade, Turkey-Trot, with many more Holiday activities to follow in December.

As we embark on this time of year, I urge that students be reminded of

two things. First, all holidays really come down to sharing and giving. It is this attitude that we want to stress at Adelphi at all times. Second, they must not lose focus on what they are really here for—to get a superior education. While the holiday season winds up, the first trimester continues, so it is important that all students remain focused. Assignments need to be completed, and students should arrive for school rested, nourished, prepared, and in proper dress code. These are the essential ingredients for a good day at school.

By Ms. Iphigenia Romanos

As the semester rapidly progresses, we have already had Back-to-School night, Parent-Teacher Conference night, and our first round of progress reports. The next progress reports are just around the corner. I believe that what truly makes Adelphi Academy special is the fact that communication is so strong. With that said, let me once again reiterate that we are here for you—so if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

**Congratulations to our
November
Employee of the
Month
Mr. Robert Assante
and
Parent of the Month
Mr. and Mrs.
Joseph Butera
Thank you for all of
your hard work
and dedication
to the Academy!**

Uppermost Matters

November is the time we give thanks to the founding fathers for having the vision and foresight to establish this beacon of freedom – America.

In this light we in the upper school will take the opportunity during the month of November to be thankful to our students, parents, teachers and administration for fashioning a creative, caring, safe learning environment for which we are very grateful.

Students, teachers and parents are encouraged to identify and implement any "small" way of expressing appreciation to/for each other.

In keeping with our aim this year to give back and to reinvent ourselves; in November the Upper School will focus on excel-

lent instruction, scholarship and community.

Our students, Grades 11 and 12 will visit the American Museum of Natural History on November 24th to view the Climate Change exhibit. Also in November Grade 9 thru 12 grades will take part in our annual spelling B.

Upper School students have started preparing for Varsity Boys Basketball and we are thrilled to welcome Paris McCants 6'0" guard to the team. Scouting reports herald this student athlete an able ball handler and perimeter shooter. In tandem with seniors, Reshat K, Tavon R and Xavier H and I have been told by reliable sources that Usman Khan (The Deputy Commissioner of

Intramural Basketball) is trying out- we anticipate plenty of opportunity to cheer. 'Let's Go Panthers; Let's Go'

Finally on behalf of the Upper School I would like to express heartfelt thanks to all the families who came out to our College Night and Parent/Teacher Night. I look forward sincerely to implementing the strategies we discussed for enriching your child's educational experience.

"There is no better time than now. The time to live is now. The time to dream is now. The time to imagine and forget the past is now. The time to shine is now. The times to bleed, sweat, and determine yourself for the things you want most is now."

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					Aviation Month Begins Good Nutrition Month Begins National American Indian Heritage Month Begins	1 All Saints' Day November Parent Newsletter On Line SAT Tests
2 All Souls' Day Daylight Savings Time Ends <i>(2:00am)</i>	3 <i>Winter Dress Code Begins</i>	4 Election Day School Closed	5 Unicef Drive Ends <i>Annual Salvation Army Holiday Food Drive Begins</i> Registration Deadline for 12/06/07 SAT	6 PK-8th Grade Grandparents Day <i>Periods 1 & 2</i> Employee Meeting <i>4:00pm</i>	7 Annual Adelphi Crazy Hat Day 	8
9	10	11 Veterans Day School Closed	12 NYS 5 th Grade Social Studies Exam Part I Annual Adelphi/World's Finest Chocolate Drive End	13 NYS 5 th Grade Social Studies Exam Part II "Mix It Up" @ Lunch	14 Faculty Enters Progress Report Comments	15
16	17 Progress Report #2 Mailed Board Meeting <i>6:30pm</i>	18 Late Registration Deadline for 12/06/08 SAT All Copy for December Parent Newsletter Due	19	20 Senior Pictures 	21 Annual Adelphi Art Auction <i>7:00pm-10:00pm</i>	22
23	24 <i>Annual Holiday Food Drive Ends</i>	25 Annual Thanksgiving Turkey Trot Annual Employee Thanksgiving <i>4:00pm</i>	26 Thanksgiving Recess Begins School Closed	27 Thanksgiving	28 Thanksgiving Recess School Closed <i>Dr. Dodson's Birthday</i>	29