



# Magnetic Force

February 2020

## Student Highlights

Magnet Academy students make an impact!

### Magnet Students Excel at Internships

The Senior Research and Internship Capstone is a valuable and challenging experience. The internship experiences of magnet seniors **Sofia Castro** and **Katie Cauffiel** are highlighted in a recent Cobb Academic Division Newsletter. Please take a few minutes to read about their experiences: *[Click here to access online article.](#)*

### Magnet Students set Swim Championship Records



The KMHS Men's 4X100 relay broke Lassiter's 2013 record at the Cobb County's High School Swimming Championship meet on January 25. The relay was made up of four magnet students: Seniors **Connor Haigh** and **Zach Lowe** and Juniors **Ben McClain** and **Brett Reason**. The students also broke three school records: The 200 Medley record and 200 Freestyle relay record and the 400 Free relay.

## Magnet Students take on Technology Competition



*(L) Jacob Rippe & Dash Katragadda (C) Dash Katragadda, Bryan Plunkett, Dylan van Bunnik, Blake Phillips, Guy Broome, Ricardo Vazquez, Jimmy Cyganek (R) Dylan van Bunnik & Bryan Plunkett*

The Cobb Regional Technology Competition (CRTC) was held at KMHS on January 25. The CRTC is open to Cobb and Douglas students in grades 3-12. Six KMHS Magnet students earned 1st place and will advance to the Georgia Student Technology Competition on March 14 at KSU.

**KMHS FIRST PLACE WINNERS:** Blake Phillips ('20), *Video Production* Dylan van Bunnik ('20) and Bryan Plunkett ('20), *Digital Game Design*, Dash Katragadda ('21) and Jacob Rippe ('21), *Mobile Apps* and Jimmy Cyganek ('21), *Multimedia*

**KMHS SECOND PLACE WINNERS:** Guy Broome ('20), *Audio Production* and Ricardo Vazquez ('21), *3D Modeling*



Join us at KMHS on January 23, 2021 for the 5th Annual CRTC! It's not too early to start thinking about projects for next year. In addition to the above, categories include Animation, Device Modification, Digital Photo Production, Graphic Design, Internet Applications, Productivity Design, Project Programming, and Robotics.

## Magnet Singers Make Beautiful Music at All-State

Magnet students Jimmy Cyganek, Ashley Juhn, Morgan Johnson, Jaden Mosley, Camille Simmonds, and Carolyn Tran passed two challenging auditions and were selected to sing in the 2020 Georgia All-State Chorus. They'll travel to Athens this month to perform at the Classic Center. Jimmy Cyganek (*right*) recently returned from Athens, where he was honored to perform with the All-State Reading Chorus at this year's GMEA Conference. Dylan Burton, Jimmy Cyganek, Camille Simmonds and Carolyn Tran also sang in the GMEA District 12 Honor Chorus in January.



## Magnet Student & Teacher of the Month



Congratulations to the December KMHS Magnet Student and Teacher of the Month:  
Sam Dembowitz (Class of 2020)  
and Mrs. Suzanne Manahan!

Mrs. Manahan understands the stress of classes. She also tends to teach through a project-based learning format which pushes students to learn more. Mrs. Manahan is always willing to do anything she can to help her students be successful. I don't know where I would be

Sam has shown me that it is possible to be able to balance school and life. I met Sam a few years ago while he volunteered with Habitat for Humanity-this is just one example of his dedication to the community and to KMHS. Sam is a Mane Link (student government) officer. Sam

without the impact that Mrs. Manahan and computer science has had on me the past two years.

continuously strives for excellence; he is a kind and giving person in class and frequently helps his peers.

## Important Information & Opportunities

### Scholarship and Senior Information

#### KMHS Scholarship Bulletin:

Log-in to Naviance. Go to "Colleges home" then "Scholarships and Money" then "Scholarship List." Several LOCAL scholarships are listed for seniors.

**Midyear grades for college applications** – some colleges require or recommend a midyear report or midyear transcript that includes your fall semester grades. If you applied to one of these colleges, please request your midyear transcript in the Counseling Office. If you were deferred by a college, you will also want to request a midyear transcript to update your application. Cost is \$2 per transcript.

**Seniors - report your scholarship offers**, this includes any and all offers, including those you do not plan to use *Click here to access form*

### Read Edmodo to stay informed!

Each week Mrs. LaRoy and Dr. Ingle share information via Edmodo (Mrs. LaRoy typically posts on Tuesday and Dr. Ingle on Friday). If you are not reading- please do so to *avoid missing out on important information and opportunities!*



## Resources for Students

### Free Math Tutoring

Mu Alpha Theta (math honor society) offers math tutoring for students in room 523 every Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday from 7:45 - 8:10 am. Drop in - no appointment is needed to receive help

## MAGNET AT-A-GLANCE

### FEBRUARY

12 Magnet Coffee Talk:  
sign up via Edmodo  
17-21 Winter Break  
28 Magnet Treat Day

### MARCH

3 Showcase for accepted  
Class of 2024

with math.

## Free Writing Assistance

Drop by room 307 Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7:30 -8:15 am & 3:45 - 4:30 pm. No appointment is needed to receive assistance with writing assignments, class projects, and reading strategies.  
Computer access is also available.

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## Quick Links

Magnet Foundation  
[KMHSMagnetFoundation.org](http://KMHSMagnetFoundation.org)  
Magnet Website  
[KMHSmagnet.com](http://KMHSmagnet.com)  
KMHS Website  
[cobbk12.org/KennesawMountain/](http://cobbk12.org/KennesawMountain/)  
KMHS PTSA Website  
[kmhsptsa.membershiptoolkit.com](http://kmhsptsa.membershiptoolkit.com)  
College Board  
[collegeboard.org](http://collegeboard.org)

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4 Magnet Junior rising senior internship, research, and college application meeting (important!)

11 Early Release  
17 Quest College Fair @ Hillgrove High School  
18 Magnet Coffee Talk: sign up via Edmodo

## APRIL

6-10 Spring Break  
16 Honors Night  
20 Magnet Banquet

## May

4-15 AP Exams  
11 Magnet Senior Research presentations

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## A spectacular January sunrise over the Kennesaw Mountain High School Courtyard

Judith Hergert  
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### Magnet Foundation funds are used to:

- 1) enhance Magnet classroom education with additional supplies.
- 2) provide funding for additional training to Magnet Teachers.
- 3) provide enhanced opportunities for Magnet students to interact and engage in STEM activities.
- 4) identify and promote Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics programs to better equip students to face challenges of the future.

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