



# Magnetic Force

March/April 2020

## Student Highlights

Magnet Academy students make an impact!



### STAR Student and Teacher

Each high school names the senior who achieves the highest SAT score in one sitting through the November test, and is ranked in the top 10% of the senior class as the Star Student. This student may qualify for scholarship money. This year the KMHS Star student is Sasamon Omoma (middle). As the Star Student, Sasamon selects one teacher -her Star Teacher- who made the most significant contribution to her academic development. Sasamon choose math teacher, Mrs. Susan Morlan (left), as her Star teacher. Mrs. Morlan was Sasamon's AP Calculus BC teacher when

Sasamon was a sophomore, and her Georgia Tech math facilitator during her junior and senior years. Congratulations Sasamon and Mrs. Morlan! Also, joining in the celebration was KMHS principal Mr. Nathan Stark (right).

## Governor's Honors Program 2020

We are excited to have six Kennesaw Mountain High School (KMHS) students selected as Governor's Honors Program (GHP) Finalists for 2020. These students will represent KMHS and the Cobb County School District during the Summer residency program. *More than 3,100 students were nominated to the state level competition and nearly 1,400 participated in this year's state interview/audition process.* Congratulations to the following KMHS Magnet students (all are juniors) who were chosen:



Valerie Barnhart: Finalist Communicative Arts

Destiny Kluck: Finalist Dance

Carolyn Tran: Finalist Music/Music Voice: Treble

Dasarath Katragadda: Alternate Engineering/Computer Programming

Jacob Lee: Alternate Science/Physics

## Magnet Student & Teacher of the Month

Congratulations to the **January** KMHS Magnet Student and Teacher of the Month: Makayla McGruder (left) and Ms. Karen Kline (right)



Makayla should be student of the month because of her quality of work in school and Mane Link. She was in charge of Hoopcoming this year and put on an amazing event. I was on court and saw how much work was put into the event as well as her collaborating with teachers and businesses in the community. Makayla stayed after school almost every day in preparation for the event, and was still able to balance her academic responsibilities. I'm truly amazed at her work ethic, diligence, and the way she cares about the school.

Ms. Kline always supports all students and organizations in the school. She is a wonderful person and an amazing math teacher.





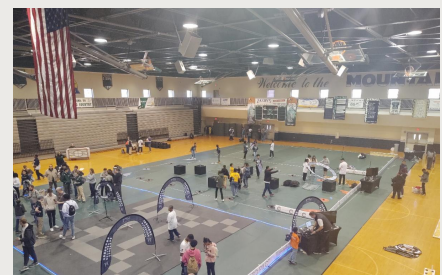
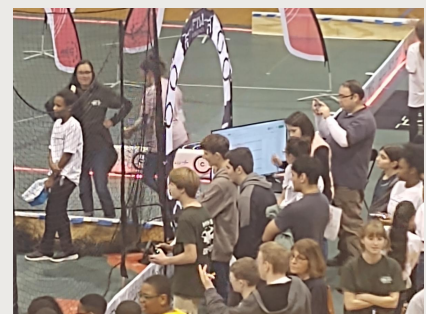
Congratulations to the **February** KMHS Magnet Student and Teacher of the Month: Camille Simmonds (above left) and Dr. Joanne Jezequel (above right)- joint photo not available due to school closing/digital learning.

Camille Simmonds never fails to make Quizlets for the entire freshman class to use for us to study for vocab tests. She started on the first unit, and since then I give her credit for the good grades I get on these vocab tests!

During the quarantine, Dr. Jezequel continues to provide full lessons for us while also narrating over her own powerpoints. She is available for questions and is willing to do anything in her power to see us succeed in the class and on the AP exam. Additionally, Dr. Jezequel hosts online meeting with us and asks us for feedback. She then implements our feedback and uses it to improve her online teaching. This makes it easier for all of us to learn the material while at home.

## Drone Competition at KMHS: March 7, 2020

For the second year, KMHS hosted the RTW REC Foundation Aerial Drones (RAD) competition.



## Literary Competition at KMHS: March 7, 2020



KMHS students competed in the GA High School Association (GHSA) Regional Literary Meet and once again are the Region Champions! Congratulations to the following magnet students:

Javier Rodriquez (Magnet senior)– 1<sup>st</sup> place in Argumentative Essay  
 Ethan Percell (Magnet junior)– 1<sup>st</sup> place in Extemporaneous Speaking – Domestic  
 Townsend Amick (Magnet senior)– 1<sup>st</sup> place in Oral Performance – Humorous  
 Tatyana Mompount (Magnet junior) – 1<sup>st</sup> in Girls Trio  
 Dylan Burton (Magnet junior) and Jimmy Cyganek (Magnet junior) – 1<sup>st</sup> in Boys Quartet  
 Isabelle Day (Magnet junior)– 2<sup>nd</sup> place in Rhetorical Essay  
 Valerie Barnhart (Magnet junior) – 2<sup>nd</sup> place in Extemporaneous Speaking – Intl.  
 Anna Roberts (Magnet junior) – 3<sup>rd</sup> place in Essay – Personal  
 Maddox Newell (Magnet sophomore) – 4<sup>th</sup> place in Oral Performance Duo

## Important Information & Opportunities

### Scholarship, College, 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.

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

Follow the Counseling Office on Twitter @KMHS\_counseling

We all have many questions, especially about college admissions. I have listened to more webinars in podcasts and read more admissions blogs in the past several weeks than ever before, trying to keep current and to be able to answer your questions. Here are some great pieces of advice I have found, that also humanize the current situation. While they are written by



college admissions offices, their advice is not so much institutional specific;  
their words apply across the board and include general advice to keep us sane.

*Click on the underlined portion to access website.*

- **Class of 2020: Great Minds Think Differently** – everyone should read this; while somewhat geared toward seniors, there's great advice for all of us
- **An Open Letter to Juniors and Sophomores** – advice from an admissions director
- **Being Seen – This One is for the Juniors** – blog and short podcast
- **Strange Days** – from an admissions director and dean
- **Change is the Only Constant** – blog post and short podcast

**Colleges are closed, how else can I “visit” or learn more?**

- Visit the website for colleges you are interested in. (Check the homepage, admissions page, or where they are posting COVID updates). Many colleges are offering virtual tours, and are starting to add webinars/
  - panel discussions. Some are pre-recorded, others are live
- Follow the colleges you're interested in on social media
- Take it a step further and follow the organizations within the colleges you're interested in on social media
- Email the admissions office with questions you have; with no one travelling, you may receive a response quicker than in the past
- Subscribe to the admissions blog of colleges you are interested in.
- Also consider subscribing to others who just offer great advice that's
- not institutional specific. (Georgia Tech is a great one to follow)

**Career exploration** - this is a great time to do some career exploration! You may be undecided on how to tie your skills and interests, or maybe just are not sure what careers/college majors may be good to consider.

- **YouScience** is a series of online assessments that allow you explore aptitudes, review personalized career matches. It's a fantastic, useful tool!
- If you are interested email Mrs. LaRoy for your custom code

**It is important to be proactive about your mental health during uncertain times.** If you or someone you know is struggling, please use this information to seek help. **Download Atlanta Resource Flyer**

## Help is also available 24/7 to assist those in crisis!

Trained counselors are available to help you! Connect with a counselor via one of the crisis lines below.

Text line: text HELLO to 741741

Georgia Crisis & Access Line: 1-800-715-4225

National Crisis Line: 1-800-273-TALK (1-800-273-8255)

Suicide Prevention Hotline: 1-800-SUICIDE (1-800-784-2433)

LGBTQ Youth - The Trevor Project - <https://www.thetrevorproject.org/>.

TrevorLifeline - 1-866-488-7386. TrevorText - text START to 678678

## Required Naviance Activity for Seniors

please complete the following tasks: the Senior Bridge Law Activity AND Complete Graduation Survey by April 14

- Login to your Naviance account <https://tinyurl.com/CCSDNaviance> using your Office 365 credentials
- Under "Important To Do's and Tasks" on the home page, click on each task to complete.
  - *In Step 2* of the Graduation Survey, you must mark the admissions decision for each college to which you have applied. If you did NOT apply to any schools, please mark "incomplete" under final decision
  - *In Step 3*, leave the "Scholarships" info blank. (Instead, you will submit
  - your offers via <http://bit.ly/2020schol>

## 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

### Coming Soon: Online Peer Tutoring

Thank you to Magnet junior Dash Katragadda for organizing and finalizing details this week. Dash and Dr. Ingle will share details on Edmodo.

## MAGNET AT-A-GLANCE

### APRIL

14 Magnet Coffee Talk: Parents must sign up via link on Edmodo

### May

11-22 AP Exams online  
[Click here to read more](#)

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[KMHSMagnetFoundation.org](#)  
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[KMHSmagnet.com](#)  
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## Magnet Foundation funds:

- 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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