



MASS ACADEMY MATTERS

NEWS FROM THE MASS ACADEMY OF MATH
AND SCIENCE

45 MAMS STUDENTS HELP

THE COMMUNITY IN MONSON MASS



Approximately 45 juniors and seniors from Mass Academy travelled to Monson MA during their vacation on Monday October 17 and Tuesday October 18 to assist in the tornado relief efforts. The students were accompanied by Mass Academy Director Michael Barney, Humanities teacher David Ludt and Mass Academy's College Counselor Lisa Post. Mass Academy students perform community service hours as part of their graduation requirements, but in discussions with student leadership, Mr. Barney suggested that a group project like this would not only provide a way for students to perform service hours, but work together as a school team. The student leadership embraced the idea and the numbers of participants quickly grew, filling the bus to capacity. The community site was chosen because one of our Academy students hails from Monson, and the school felt it was

very appropriate to direct efforts to help the community of a classmate, who is also participating in the effort. Mr. Barney, Academy director comments that "many more students expressed interest in this trip but had already planned out of state college visits during this week, since it is our only vacation time before early action applications are due. I was overwhelmed with the positive response to this project. I am very proud of our students, their willingness to help and their spirit of teamwork". The volunteer coordinators and homeowners who we supported over the two days were very appreciative of our efforts. The team cleared over 3 acres, stacking brush and logs which will be chipped by a crew in the next week, and allow the homeowners to replant new trees and begin to landscape . Congratulations to all our students for a job well done!

See coverage of our students helping out in Monson on Channel 22 WWLP in Springfield (www.wwlp.com) and see how you can be a volunteer-they still need your help! Email monsontornadovolunteers@gmail.com

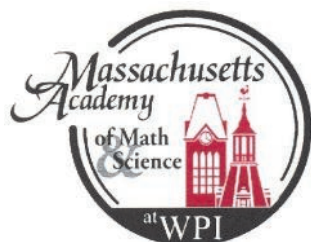
QUOTE OF THE WEEK:
Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire
-William Butler Yeats



MASS. ACADEMY STUDENT PERFORMS — Naveena Shanmugam, right, a student at Massachusetts Academy of Math and Science at WPI in Worcester, recently performed in a Bharathanaytam Arangetram (Indian dance solo performance) at Ashland High School. Naveena has been learning Bharathanatyam at Natyamani School of Dance in Westboro since the age of 10. She poses with her teacher, Sridevi Ajai Thirumalai. Naveena lives in Shrewsbury.

FINANCIAL AID NIGHT AT MAMS

Hello Senior Families!
If you missed MEFA's College Financing seminar at MAMS, you can still access all the great information and helpful resources by visiting mefacounselor.org - a one-stop resource for information you need to plan for and pay for college. Visit www.mefacounselor.org today to access the College Financing Ebook, download helpful worksheets and handouts, utilize interactive calculators and enroll in MEFA's emails to help you stay on track throughout the senior year.



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MATH TEAM SCORES BIG AT WPI MEET



Anish Athalye, Dhroova Aiylam, Conor Pappas and Amy Rockwood represented Mass Academy at the 24th Annual WPI Invitational Math Meet on Wednesday October 19th. They placed 5th out of 88 schools - a great accomplishment. Both Anish and Dhroova had perfect scores in the individual round. There were only 8 perfect scores in the individual round of approximately 360 students. Great job everyone!!!!

UPCOMING EVENTS

TUES OCT 25 TERM B BEGINS
*SENIORS TUESDAY IS A **FRIDAY** SCHEDULE

FRI OCT 28 HALLOWEEN DANCE 7-10

THANKS TO SILVER FOX MOTOR COACHES FOR THEIR DISCOUNT BUS RATES ON OUR TRIP TO MONSON, AS WELL AS THE PSG FOR PROVIDING THE TRANSPORTATION FOR OUR TRIP.

COLLEGE VISITS

TUE OCT 25	CASE WESTERN	8:30 AM
	U. RICHMOND	1:00 PM
WED OCT 26	COLLEGE OF N.J.	9:30 AM
THU OCT 27	FLORIDA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY	1:30 PM