

MASS ACADEMY MATTERS

NEWS FROM THE MASS ACADEMY OF MATH AND SCIENCE AT WPI

COMPUTER SCIENCE EDUCATION WEEK HAS MANY ACTIVITIES AT MASS ACADEMY

During the week of December 6, Ms. Lang and her computer classes participated in a myriad of activities to celebrate National Computer Science Education Week. Several students traveled to Fitchburg State University to compete in their bi-annual programming competition. The American Computer Science League sponsors four contests throughout the year, of which the first was this week. We achieved perfect scores in both the classroom and senior programming divisions. Ms. Lang also contacted several Mass Academy alumni to speak to her classes either in person or via Skype to discuss careers in computer fields. Joining us were Tom Armstrong (Wheaton College), Mark Sherman (UMass Lowell) who appeared in person and Liz Zalman (Media Armor), Mason Tang (Google), Jason Maas (Disciple Makers) appeared via Skype. Also Ariel Hathaway from Google skyped in the following week because she couldn't make it during the initial presentations. The nightly challenge consisted of a question being posted every night, with the first responder submitting the correct answer receiving a prize. The winners are pictured to the right (Tom Devlin, Abby Yu, Jeeva Jacob and Adam Carrier).



SENIOR ACHIEVES NATIONAL FINALIST AWARD IN NCWIT ASPIRATIONS IN COMPUTING

Amy Rockwood of Walpole was recognized as a finalist in the National Center for Women and Information Technology Award for Aspirations in Computing. This award honors young women at the high-school level for their computing-related achievements and interests. Awardees are selected for their computing and IT aptitude, leadership ability, academic history, and plans for post-secondary education. Congratulations Amy.



STUDENT ENTERS BOSTON GLOBE SCHOLASTIC ART AWARD CONTEST

Divya Satishchandra has entered her water color painting (above) entitled "36 Hours" into the Boston Globe Scholastic Art Award Contest. We wish her well in the judging, which takes place in January.

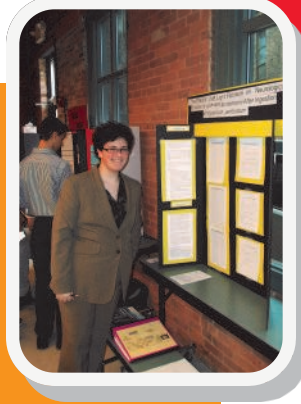
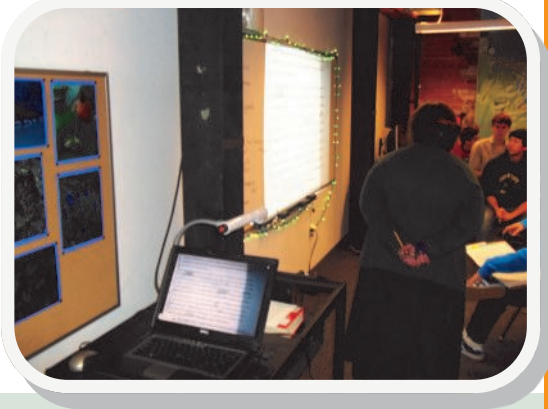
QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"I'm not afraid of storms, for I'm learning how to sail my ship."

-Louisa May Alcott.

**THANKS TO THE PSG FOR
THE NEW SENIOR LOUNGE
FURNITURE AND ELMO
DOCUMENT CAMERA**

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Thanks to the PSG for their generous support so we could purchase a document camera (pictures above in use in our technical writing course with Dr. Sumner). This allows projection of printed work on a screen so students can proof and peer edit each others work in a collaborative setting. Pictured below is our new senior lounge furniture (in use by Jeff Copeland), providing a comfortable place to work.



UPCOMING EVENTS

TUE JAN 3	MASS ACADEMY REUNION 5-8
WED JAN 4	JUNIORS RETURN
WED JAN 11	MANDATORY SENIOR MEETING 9 AM BRICKYARD
FRI JAN 13	DAY OF DIVERSITY

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

- Amy Lynn Rockwood** - Yale
- Rebecca Church** - University of Vermont, Rutgers University, University of Connecticut
- Christian DiMare** - Case Western University
- Susmitha Saripalli** - Case Western University
- Kathleen Ross** - WPI, University of the Sciences, University of Notre Dame

Congratulations Seniors!



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