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The Wesleyan Academy Newsletter



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Senior Class of 2021 is ready to soar!!!

Fifty-four Wesleyan Academy seniors have been accepted to outstanding universities in Puerto Rico and the continental United States. Among our graduates, there are future accountants, veterinarians, fashion designers, social workers, nurses, sports managers, architects, health administrators, businessmen, psychologists, authors, visual artists, kinesiologists, chefs, attorneys, doctors, engineers, political analysts, performing musicians, entrepreneurs, and an actress. Approximately 52% will attend college in the continental US. Five were the children of alumni and 59% attended WA since PPK. We are very proud of our graduates!



Kindergarteners and 6th graders also celebrated

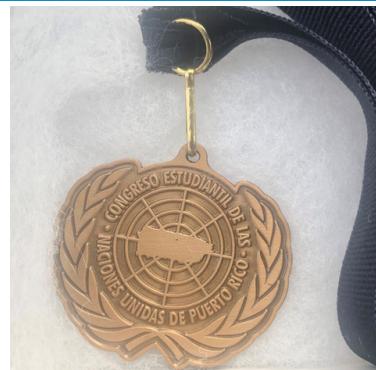
20 Kinder students graduated from pre-school while another smart bunch moved up from elementary school to high school. The celebrations began with each student receiving a congratulatory yard sign. When the special day arrived, each group enjoyed separate celebrations that highlighted their resilience and achievements during this atypical school year.



STUDENT LIFE - Clubs & Activities

Model United Nations

Mrs. Zulma Rivera mentored several pioneering students who dared to resume Wesleyan Academy's representation in Model United Nations competitions, Congreso League. These students' commitment is particularly noteworthy since it required an extraordinary effort to organize, prepare and compete despite the pandemic. Congratulations!



YEES!!! Foundation Workshops



During several weeks of this semester, 12 students signed up and completed after-school sessions as part of a workshop on entrepreneurship. Three teams presented their work to a panel of business professionals who gave them feedback and suggestions on their final projects. These included proposals for the sale of apparel, an app, and a website.

English Forensics Team



Under the mentorship of Mrs. Carol Bobbitt, our Eagle team competed and obtained several awards in the C Division for the categories of Oratory, Humorous, Drama, and Original pieces. They earned 3rd Place, overall. We are very proud of this wonderful comeback.

Girl Scouts Week 2021

Our amazing group of Girl Scouts took time to celebrate their week and model to the rest of the WA community the value of the scouting movement. These outstanding ladies remain focused to continue working towards their Gold Medal. Go, Lady Eagles!



EVENTS THIS SEMESTER

School Re-opening

On March 22nd, 2021, the hard work and financial investment made to re-open the school paid off.



Finally... 2021 Seniors' Entrance



Drive-Thru Events

- Valentine's Day
- Awards Day
- NJHS Induction
- Food Drive
- Junior Take-Over



At Home Senior Trip

A hardworking and creative class board and advisor were able to reinvent the traditional Senior Trip by planning a memorable stay at the Copamarina Beach Resort, in Guánica. The camaraderie was great and the memories were made. Kudos, Seniors!



ALUMNI HIGHLIGHTS

Allison Román

Promoted at Procter & Gamble, OH.

Laura del Mar Rivera

Selected for a General Motors Co-op.

Jimmy Cepeda, Entrepreneur

Inaugurates expanded high-end senior living complex, Casabella.

Dr. Rebecca Mayol

Featured in videos educating the Texas population on the COVID-19 crisis.

Dr. Julio Álvarez Cardona

Interviewed by Spectrum News about his experience during the pandemic.

Ángel Soto, Filmmaker

Chosen by Marvel Films to direct two of its movies.

Dr. Jonathan Clavell

Appointed to the University of Texas-Houston urology faculty.

Dr. Melissa Rodríguez

Graduated from Brown University's pediatrics residency, moving on to pursue a sub-specialty at Emory University next Fall.

#eaglesflyhigh



STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS: Students of the Year 2020-2021



Ivanna Lizardi

2021 Senior girl selected by Wesleyan Academy's Faculty for her outstanding academic and personal achievements.



Evin Lugo

2021 Senior boy selected by Wesleyan Academy's Faculty for his outstanding academic and personal achievements.

Student Exchange Program was a success!



Exchange Students Ariadna Toro and Raquel Cordero returned home on March 31st, 2021, after having an amazing time during their visit to Houghton Academy. Their experience was memorable as they traveled the region and made new friends from around the world. Applications available soon!



Debora Acevedo, Social Worker

Meet our new social worker! Mrs. Acevedo joined Wesleyan Academy on March 15, 2021. She graduated from the University of Puerto Rico, having completed her degree as a Social Worker. She further pursued a Master's in Guidance and Counseling; and is licensed by the Puerto Rico government. Debora is also a hostess in a local radio show and brings years of experience and many new ideas to our school. Help us WELCOME her!

Karla Díaz, Assistant to Principal

Mrs. Díaz has been appointed to support our School Principal to further develop our school's academic offering. We are excited about the knowledge and creativity that she brings to the position and how this will benefit our students. Karla has previously served as a high school technology teacher and class advisor. Best wishes, Karla!



Our Faculty & Staff finished the school year with flying colors. Both students and parents had plentiful words of appreciation and acknowledgment for the titanic effort carried out by these outstanding professionals to optimize the educational experience despite the virtual format. Almost overnight, they completed Google certifications, learned new technology, redesigned their lesson plans, and created new content that was better suited for remote learning. There are no words to express our admiration and appreciation for their hard work. God bless them, all!

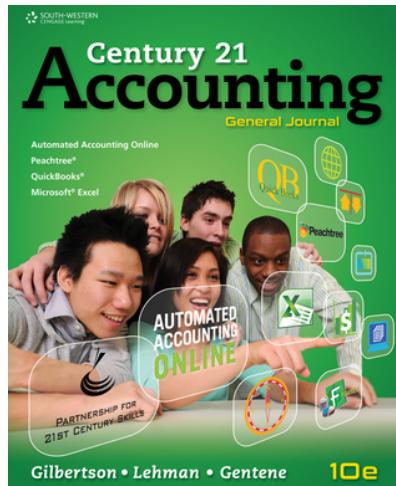
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Starting next semester...



Additional courses and clubs available

Student services and school activities are back!



To meet the needs and demands of our students, the Administration and Faculty have evaluated our current curriculum and resources are being allocated to diversify and strengthen our course offering. Among others, the accounting-focused Business Math course will be reinstated. Additionally, Biology II will again be available as an additional choice for science. Lastly, the dates are set for Guajataca School Without Walls and arrangements are in progress to have cafeteria, tutoring, child care, and after-school program services available from the first day of school.

Hydroponic Gardening Club

Students and faculty have expressed an interest in learning how to grow organic roots and vegetables. As a result, we will be refurbishing the old greenhouse and installing tower gardens to be planted and maintained as part of this new club. Parents and friends will also be invited for periodic lectures to learn this valuable skill.



VHS Learning Partner School for AP Track

 **VHS
Learning**

Wesleyan Academy is becoming an Advanced Placement curriculum partner school with VHS Learning, the most reputable online school in existence. As a result, students will receive discounts on their enrollment while being able to easily register for courses that allow them to enrich their credentials while advancing course credits for college.

...more good news!

Educational travel resumes

Sponsor meetings have already begun. Plans are being made to schedule the traditional trips to participate in programs like Space Camp at NASA, Close Up to Washington DC, and BEO/Masters to London.



Top Score SAT Review is coming to WA!



The legacy and expertise of Mr. Roberto Colón is now available to our students. After reaching an agreement with this local provider, our students can register for this service at a 50% discount of the published rate. Make sure to choose the name of our school at Checkout. Among other redesigned college counseling services for next year, we have prioritized our students' easy access to professional preparation for the PSAT/SAT tests.

A new Season!

Enrollment Now Open!

School Year 2021-2022

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