

# THE TECHNOCRAT & CHRONICLE

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## Dates of Interest:

- 3/25-4/1—Spring Break (No classes)
- 4/15—Marking Period ends.
- 3/25 - 6/13— Extended Day for students seeking extra help in any core subject (Monday-Thursday 3:00-5:30\_
- 4/22—Superintendent's Conference Day (No School for students)

## Edison Celebrates Black History Month

By Joshua Wood

Edison Tech High School offered a cornucopia of opportunities for educators, students and members of the community to celebrate and observe Black History Month in February.

There was a “Celebration of Black History Door Decorating Contest,” organized by Ms. Burney. An original production of poetry, called “Poetic Justice,” was put together by Ms. Wesh and was well-received by the students. The staff had a luncheon. We even saw the return and performance of The Up-state Cats at the end of the



**Edison's Pan African Summit brought together community leaders, students, and staff.**



month. The tent pole of the month was the Pan African Summit, spearheaded by Edison teacher Mr. Steiner, with the assistance of many staff members, like Mr. Carden and Ms. Waller, and students. Every day of the

week, leading up to February Break, was filled with presentations and panel talks featuring members of the community on topics such as Afro American music, the history and cultural background of African diaspora, healthy living and violence prevention. According to the literature created to promote the week, the “...summit was an event curated by students and teachers of Pan African studies. The goal of the summit, and Pan-African Studies, was to bring together bright minds to give talks that are idea-focused, and on a wide range of subjects, to foster learning, inspiration and wonder that provoke conversations that matter. As an elective course, Pan-African studies aims to educate our students about the rich cultural heritage of Africa and the African diaspora, helps students to embrace their cultural identity, and fosters ways to empower themselves.”

I caught up with Mr. Steiner after the event to get a read on how he thought

the week –and month– went from his perspective.

**Q:** Who came up with the idea of the Pan African Summit and why? **A:** I did because it a time to look back on the past

and future and reflect on projecting the future.

**Q:** How did you feel when it took place? **A:** Overwhelmed and

[happy with] the quality [and quantity] of response of the [community].

**Q:** Do you think the conference should be annual? **A:** Certainly. I want it to spread to other schools. If we keep it here, the [purpose isn't served]. It needs to be a district-wide initiative.





**POEM: "EX-BOYFRIEND"**  
BY ALEXIS THOMAS

At first, the bubble gum  
tastes so sweet  
  
Burst of flavor  
  
In my mind, I wish it could  
last forever  
  
So I chew and chew,  
thinking the flavor will last  
  
In reality, with every chew,  
the gum is running out of  
rich flavor  
  
Oblivious.  
  
I chew and chew  
  
No taste left  
  
I spit it out.

*"SkillsUSA is a student run organization that focuses on leadership skills, community service, and competition with career and technical skills.."*

## Justin Reviews...Deadpool

By: Justin Jackson

Please Note: Deadpool has received a "R" rating from the MPAA. No one under age 17 may see it without the accompaniment of a parent or guardian. On my birthday, I got a group of my friends to go see Deadpool. It was excellent. It's about Wade Wilson (Ryan Reynolds), a cancer-stricken man who enters an experimental lab that promises him a cure. Ajax (Ed Skrein) the scientist who runs it, causes him extreme suffering—in hopes his genes will mutate enough to destroy the cancer and, incidentally, release any superpower. Sure enough, Wilson becomes self-healing. But when he learns he's being turned into a super-slave to be sold to the highest bidder, he escapes and reinvents himself as Deadpool. He can't go back to his beloved Vanessa (Morena Baccarin) looking like Freddy

Krueger, so he pursues Ajax and his super-strong assistant, Angel Dust (MMA fighter Gina Carano). The X-Men's Colossus and Negasonic Teenage Warhead lend help along the way. Deadpool succeeds as a clever change of pace for the superhero movie genre. It doesn't take itself too seriously and throws in a ton of clever easter eggs, pop culture references, and meta-gags to enjoy. Still, mutant abilities aren't wasted as Ajax, Angel, Colossus, and Negasonic Teenage Warhead all get to show off their powers. Deadpool's speedy parkour-like sword and gunplay, as well as the Merc's infamous mouth are given ample time to shine, kill, and offend. For some viewers,



**Reviewer Justin Jackson saw Deadpool on his birthday.**

certain jokes will be too crude to enjoy, but even when Deadpool crosses the line, the shock is its more comedy than action. This Deadpool is different. He's talkative, quick-witted and has a fondness for breaking the fourth wall and talking to the audience. Overall I think Deadpool is a perfect movie for people who love action, super heroes, comedy, drama, and Marvel comics. Deadpool is in theaters now.

## Edison HS Running Extended Day Through June!

By: Joshua Wood

Still need to pass that Global exam? Does the Common Core ELA test run shivers down your spine? Edison High School will be running an "extended day" program after

school, Monday through Thursday, until June 13th (3:00 pm to 5:30 pm). There will be bus transportation from school at 5:30. The program is open to students in any grade and all the core

subjects will be represented. Signs and posters with additional information are posted throughout the school. Call 324-9770 for more information.

## Inside Story Headline

SkillsUSA is a student run organization that focuses on leadership skills, community service, and competition with career and technical skills to ensure the country has a skilled workforce. Edison's chapter recently competed with students from around the state. The latest competition took place in March, and Edison students enjoyed success! The list of winners are:

**First Place**, Advertising Design competition: Luis Placeres

**First Place**, T-shirt Regional T-shirt Design Jose Rivera

**Second Place**, Masonry Competition Corkey Swails

The team consisted of: Caroline Velasquez, Electrical  
Ricardo Marrero, Electrical  
Matt Sanford, Masonry  
Kameron Bu'fearon, Chairperson  
assistant for precision machining  
Andre Beal, Carpentry  
and Htoo Ler, Auto  
Julio Pimentel, Advertising Design .



**The SkillsUSA group returns to Edison in victory**



## Edison Sophomores Experience and Learn From Partners



**Edison sophomores took tours of many businesses and sites.**

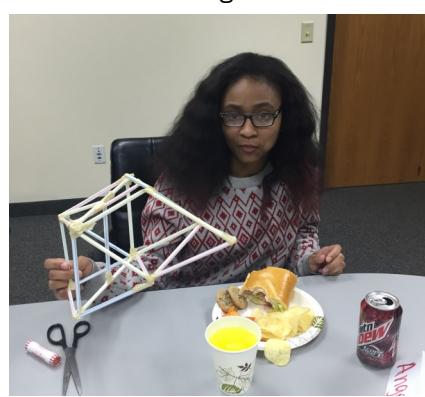
Last week, our Edison sophomores took to the community, with visits to over 30 firms and organizations. Our students experienced an array of real-world working environments—from touring

construction sites with construction managers, to testing bridges with architects and civil engineers. All school's partners made a special day for our students—including personalized discussions,

interactive activities and lunches with company staff and leadership. Edison students are growing on their career journey—with more awareness and



**They were able to get some real world knowledge.**



**Food and design...a new class?**

real-world focus in their portfolio now! A huge thanks to our community and employer hosts for making this a meaningful day!

**Senior Prom will be held at Artisan Works on Friday, May 13th.**

Save the date: **Senior Prom** Friday, May 13th 6-10pm at Artisan Works on Winton Rd. See Ms. Adams and Mrs. Felton for details.

**Cookie Dough Fundraiser:** All money and order forms are due Monday, April 4th when we come back from break Sell, Sell, Sell! 40% of what

you sell can be applied to the prom, senior trip or the senior jackets.

If you placed an order for a customized senior jacket, please stop by room 1D6(A) to pay your balance. Jackets are \$80.00.

Don't forget to stop in to make your weekly payments for the senior trip to Cedar

## ATTENTION SENIORS!

Point, which is scheduled for Memorial Day weekend. The cost is \$400.00.

Please ask Mr. Curran or Ms. Gartrell about the cap and gown information so you will have the proper attire for graduation.



**Mr. Smith plays a tune with Edison's horn section.**

## Edison's Band and Choir: March- Music in Our Schools Month

Edison's Band and Choir participated in the March-Music in Our Schools Month.

On March 23rd, the Edison Band & Choir performed a concert for schools #7, #43, and #54. Mr. Line-man and Mr. Smith were the primary organizers of the event. The concert featured Disney songs, as

well as music from Russia and Ireland, and will have several interactive moments to promote literacy with our students.

On Wednesday, March 16th, and Thursday, March 17th, they hosted groups from Eastman School of Music as part of the Music For All program. The music majors performed with

Edison music students, answered their questions, and gave them a glimpse of music school at the college level.



**Edison hosted a Spring concert in the library.**



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**Edison's collaborative project with Habitat for Humanity**



## Edison Participates in Model UN Conference

By Justin Jackson

The first weekend in March marked Edison's return to the New York State Model UN Conference, at St. John Fisher College. This year, Edison represented the country of Colombia. The Model United Nations Conference is an authentic simulation of the U.N. General Assembly and other multilateral



**Debeli Andrade presenting a referendum at St. John Fisher College.**

eral bodies. The Model U.N. Conference is a successor to a student-directed simulation of what preceded the U.N. itself. It promotes student knowledge and interest in international relations and related subjects, increases the capacity for students to engage in problem solving, teaches

aspects of conflict resolution, research skills, communication skills. The students prepare for the conference independently and at after-school meetings. They work really hard! The students spend a lot of time researching their country and recording data that will help them assume the role of a representative for Colombia when they are in a vote/debate/referendum situation. The Model UN conference was two days -Friday and Saturday- and the students collaborated and worked with students from over 70 different schools (spanning New York), using actual UN



**MUN Group: Debeli Andrade, Ricardo Marrero, Anthony Dash, Naisha Rivera, and Luis Maldonado.**

parameters. The conference hosts an actual United Nations member as an "ambassador" to the event. Bela Hovy, Chief of Migration for the actual United Nations, gave this year's keynote address and visited each committee for a talk and a Q&A session. Interested in getting involved with the Model UN? See Mr. Konecny in room 1C26 for details!



**Our MUN Team, 2015-2016**

## Finally

### A Poem By Katie Roberson (Class of 2016)

Hidden like the darkened shadowed corner  
Her place in this world has become erased  
Into the blackness she has let hold her  
A past, a destiny, cannot be traced  
She blames no one for what has come to be  
That maybe her leaving is for the best  
No one knows that she has gained her freedom  
And now her soul can finally rest

Flying high in a sky no one can see  
Her spirit soars here and there  
Hovering like the moon over a tree  
Without a doubt, a thought, a single care  
No longer in chains that took and bound her  
No more tears and screams, only love surrounds her

