

AAS HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

The Official Newsletter of the High School



AQUINAS SCHOOL MISSION

Aquinas American School is a Catholic, college-preparatory school that promotes superior academic achievement, mastery of skills and content, and fosters moral citizenship. Aquinas American School offers the U.S. school curriculum as well as the International Baccalaureate Diploma Program, preparing students to further their education either in Spain or abroad.

From Ms. Lamas **(12th Grade Advisor)**

We only have a few weeks left and the pressure is increasing. That is why I want to encourage you to work with perseverance and enthusiasm, so that you will be able to reach the end of this school year successfully.

Go Bears!

WORLD BOOK DAY

On Friday, 23rd April, 2nd Period, Grade 9 will celebrate World Book Day by reciting their original poems. For Ms Omapa's Art class, students will make drawings to illustrate the poems. A selection of the poems with the accompanying illustrations will be exhibited around the High School.

For more information, please contact one of the teachers below:

Ms Almendro, Mr Aparicio, Mr Bok, Mr Gigante or Ms Omapas

Important Dates:

- April 6th - First day of school
- April 9th - Online Alumni Event
- April 15th - Virtual College Fair
- April 23rd - Senior Final Semester Exams begin
- April 23rd - World Book Day

STUDENT ARTISTS!

A selection of paintings is being showcased for their outstanding creativity and use of technical skills. Carmen Pérez (G10) is the author of this lively landscape scene done on the cover of a wooden box. On the cross section of a tree branch, Eva Orts (G10) painted her self-portrait and Paula Fernández (G11) presented a colorful floral still-life. (Ms. Omapas` Art Class)



Elections for 2021-22 Student Council

This month High School students will be voting for the next Student Council which includes a President, a Communications Coordinator, a Treasurer and a Head of Social Media for the 2021-22 school year. If you are a Junior and are interested in one of the positions mentioned, please email Ms. González or Mr. Gigante. By Monday April 12th, candidates will be invited to a meeting, either in person or via Google Meet, to receive further details about the campaign protocols, etc...The winners of the elections will be announced on Wednesday, 22nd April.

Bears Spirit Week April 12th to April 16th

The AAS Student Council is organizing a Bears Spirit Week. Each day will be an opportunity to win the competition for the most original outfit! For each category the winner will receive a bag of goodies! The winners will be announced every day via Instagram ([we.are.aquinas](https://www.instagram.com/we.are.aquinas)).

The themes are:

- Monday, April 12: Monochromatic Monday
- Tuesday, April 13: Pop culture Tuesday
- Wednesday, April 14: Decades Wednesday (20's, 60's, 70's...)
- Thursday, April 15: Twins Thursday
- Friday, April 16: Dress to Impress Friday (business suit...)

Pay 5€ by April 9th and register for the whole week (contact Ms. Izaguirre or Mr. Gigante.) Proceeds will be given to Fundación Theodora.



MUSIC ACADEMY LIVE STREAMING CONCERT AND TALENT SHOW!

Despite the many challenges imposed by Covid, the Music Academy has been working online every week since the beginning of this school year. The members of the Academy are now ready to share their performance with the rest of the AAS community! The Music Academy students will offer a live talent show at the Aquinas Campus in June! Due to the Covid restrictions, some precautionary measures have been put in place: the audience will NOT be allowed to attend face to face BUT teachers, family and friends will be able to watch the show via a live stream! Stay tuned for more information about this event. Now, more than ever is the time to SHINE!

Our High School Campus "Spring Concert and Talent Show" will take place on June 8th

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Recycling Campaign Speeches

The Recycling Campaign initiated by the Grade 12 Writer's Workshop class, has picked up speed this month. Several Senior students presented the main aims and targets of their campaign, which builds on a prior CAS initiative to promote food recycling in the cafeteria. While visiting the classrooms the students showed a power-point presentation accompanied by a video on the importance of recycling. The final aim of this campaign is to prevent littering and promote recycling through raising awareness about the students' natural environment. Students hope to see a positive change for the rest of the year and leave a legacy for future AAS students. Let's recycle together, for a greener and healthier Aquinas American School!



Lecture on the Holy Shroud

On March 23rd, as an immediate preparation for Easter, Father Mario organized the conference "The Holy Shroud: the mystery of an image", Mr José Luis Pérez Díaz, professor of Mechanical Engineering at the University of Alcalá, helped us learn, understand and get closer to the surrender, death and resurrection of Jesus.



Women scientists' role in STEM

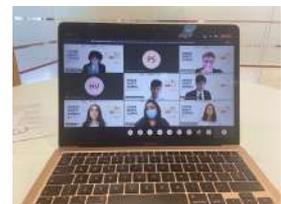
In celebration of the International Women's Day, Candela Pons, Ana Charrière and Teresa Del Aguila wanted to draw attention to women's role in STEM, specifically in the fields of Physics and Computer Science. STEM is an approach to learning and development that integrates the areas of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM). For this event, Dr. Rodriguez invited a series of speakers who currently work in one of these scientific domains. Grade 12 students were able to ask them a series of questions about their career, specifically about their experience as women in male-dominated disciplines. The speakers were: Ana Negrodo, a professor and researcher on Computational Geophysics at the Complutense University of Madrid, Carmen Diez, a particle physics researcher at Universitat Seigen, and Sara Díez, a senior product manager at Lana. The students ended the day with a presentation on the historic role of women in the world of science and a Kahoot competition.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

The Madrid U16 women's hockey team was crowned champion of Spain this month, winning the final against the team from Catalonia. Fátima Sotero (9th grade) is a member of this winning team so we can say that AAS has a national champion on board!

MUN - SEKMUN Conference

Aquinas students participated last month in a Model United Nations event with several schools from all over the world. Our students defended the promotion and protection of Human Rights in Venezuela, the elimination of racial discrimination, and the measures to prevent the trafficking of falsified medical products.



SL Entrepreneurial Challenge

IB1 students Yousef Amirghofran, Diego Arévalo, Juan Mediavilla, Diego Torres and Hua De Wu have been selected for the final round of the BSL Entrepreneurial Challenge! The Business School of Lausanne has selected our students from hundreds of teams to make their Business Pitch in front of a live jury in Switzerland. In true Shark Tank fashion our students will be placed in front of investors to try to get the proper financing for their idea. We wish them all the best of luck in this endeavour!

