



# INSIDER

## NEWS FROM CATS BOSTON

February 2019

### STUDENT LAUNCHES OUR FIRST EVER ECONOMICS CLUB



CATS Academy welcomes a new club that focuses on the education of Economics, Finance, Business and the Stock Market, set up by our student, DoHa from Vietnam. DoHa is one of our student ambassadors and has always been actively involved in activities, trips and events at the school. Now he takes his ambition a step further, by setting up his own economics club to encourage students to build their knowledge of the financial world.

“Unlike an ordinary academic club, the CATS Economics Club focuses on spreading the awareness and knowledge in these subjects in a fun and interactive way. We help members engage in our lessons with minigames, quizzes, debates and stock market simulators. Having partnerships with organizations such as the Massachusetts Council on Economics Education, the Global Association for Economics Education and the International Associations of Economics, the club is able to provide valuable assistance, materials and many great opportunities such as participating in the National Economics Challenge in May and connecting with junior economists around the world.”

“The Club is linked with CATS London, CATS Canterbury, CATS Cambridge and CATS pupils in China with the ultimate goal of establishing a “cross-college economics club” as a way to connect and exchange among CEG schools. Members of all Economics Clubs within CATS Colleges will have access to shared powerful tools such as Bloomberg Business Lab and Stocktrak.”

*DoHa from Vietnam*

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## FROM PROJECT RUNWAY TO CATS ACADEMY BOSTON OUR NEW FASHION TEACHER

CATS Academy welcomes Sam Donovan, our new fashion teacher, who brings extensive experience and was once runner up on the famous US TV show, Project Runway.

Before his appearance on the show, Sam focused on sustainable design techniques such as zero waste pattern drafting, which he used designing his thesis. Whilst studying at Parsons, New York, he also interned for numerous designers and design companies, including Anna Sui, Gap, and Eileen Fisher, where he contributed zero waste designs to the company's cut and sew line. Sam has freelanced for Macy's and the Hamburg-based sustainable denim line Bridge & Tunnel, and now designs for private clients. He's excited to work with the burgeoning designers at CATS Academy, and can't wait to see what they can do!



## VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS ENRICHMENT PROGRAM BE AN ARTIST, PERFORMER, DESIGNER

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PERFORMING  
ARTS

In addition to Sam joining our Arts team, we have also launched a new program designed to prepare students for success in the Arts.

Our Visual and Performing Arts Enrichment Program allows students to explore their passion for art, design, music or theatre, whilst benefiting their overall college application to top colleges in the US.

Our partnership with Cambridge School of Visual & Performing Arts allows you to benefit from experts in the creative industry, gaining insight into studying at a top art school. On successful completion of the program, you are eligible to receive a guaranteed place at Cambridge School of Visual & Performing Arts in the UK.

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## STUDENT OF THE MONTH

ALEKSANDRA FROM RUSSIA

Aleksandra has demonstrated amazing intellectual curiosity, passion and work ethic throughout her time at CATS Academy. She recently presented a project at Harvard CS50 tech fair, an event for Harvard undergrads to present their projects for CS50 class (an online course on computer science run by Harvard). She also attended the MA Hackathon at the Prudential Center and made a sophisticated website in under 24 hours. Her teachers have highlighted that her passion, presence and participation in class brings a unique and important perspective.

Alex has been described as a well-rounded individual and an impressive multitasker who can manage any undertaking. English is her third language, trailing Russian and French. She joined CATS in the fall and right away was accepted into the Scholars Program and L-3 Innovation Challenge, a seven-week club where students design projects and present them in a competition before a panel of distinguished judges. Alex is a member of the CATS student government and the Innovation Lab. She writes for the school newspaper, and as part of her after-school activities, plays basketball for the CATS girls' team. Across our community, she is described as a well-respected individual and someone who has gained a reputation as a kind and thoughtful person. She also supports and mentors other students, helping them with problems in Math or Computer Science.

## LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AT CATS ACADEMY

ELECTIONS FOR STUDENT PRESIDENT ARE NOW OPEN

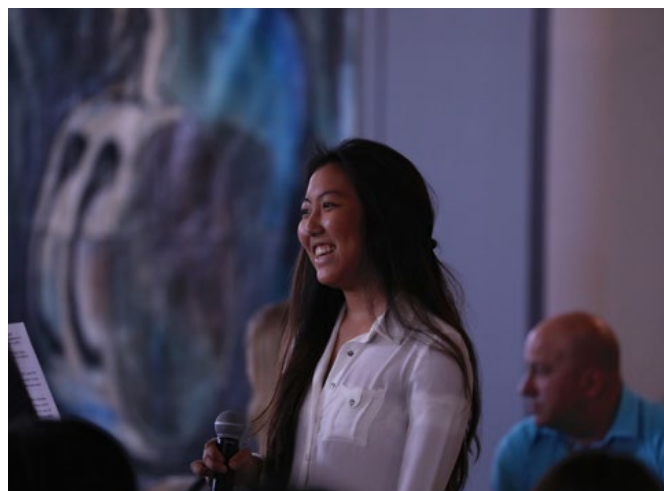
At CATS Academy Boston you will have the opportunity to take part in leadership initiatives unlike any other preparatory school in New England. The focus is to develop your abilities as a leader, such as – learning how to communicate your ideas effectively, improving your organizational skills and increasing your confidence.

This month was the start of our elections for the student president, vice president and treasurer. These roles are excellent opportunities for students to gain leadership, communication and teamworking skills, and will help to build their college application.

In order for a student to qualify for one of these roles, they must join the Student Government, be dedicated and willing to put in hard work, and explain and demonstrate why they feel they would be a good candidate.

**Deadline for potential candidates: March 2, 2019**

**Elections: May 6th, 2019**



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## WATCH THE SKI TRIP VIDEO CREATED BY OUR STUDENT ALIM



## STUDENTS HIT THE SLOPES

### THE CATS ACADEMY ANNUAL SKI TRIP

Every year, students are invited to go on a ski trip to Mount Wachusett, the highest point in Massachusetts east of the Connecticut River.

“Sitting right outside of Princeton, Mount Wachusett offers a beautiful scenic view. The resort has created more than 4 medium to high level runs under one lift, and they also offered high-quality beginners gear for rental too. I spent most of my time on the main Polar express lift, which offers the longest and most challenging runs. Afterwards, me and my friend Pavlo enjoyed a drink in the lodge near the foot of the mountain. Overall the trip was very exciting and I hope to go on more.”

*Shawn from China*

## STUDENTS EXPERIENCE THE LATEST SNOW SPORT CRAZE

### SNOW TUBING EXPERIENCE

Students had the opportunity to cruise the slopes at Nashoba Valley's Snow Tubing Park to enjoy one of the fastest-growing winter recreational activities at the largest tubing park in New England! They had their choice of eighteen lanes to speed down. The park provided ideal tubing conditions for all our CATS thrill seekers. Students also enjoyed the on-site lodge where they could sit, relax, and reenergize with food from the snack bar.



## LET THE GOOD TIMES ROLL

### ROLLER SKATING TRIP

Students had the chance to brush up on their roller skating skills at the nearby Carousel Family Fun Center's Roller Rink. They grabbed their skates and took to the floor with disco lights and music, whilst enjoying a fun way to exercise and keep fit too. Our students were able to beat the winter blues with a bit of fun and fitness rolled into one.

## SPORT HIGHLIGHTS

### WINS FROM OUR CATS ACADEMY BASKETBALL TEAMS

#### BOYS VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM

Win against International School of Boston | 66-41  
Win against Brimmer And May | 69-40  
Win against Marie Phillip School | 60-52  
Win against Bradford Christian Academy | 71-66

#### BOYS JUNIOR VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM

Win against Yeshiva Ohr Yisrael | 50-47  
Win against Brimmer and May | 33-16  
Win against Boston University Academy | 66-58

#### GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM

Win against Boston University Academy | 29-25  
Win against Marie Phillip School | 44-32  
Win against Bradford Christian Academy | 35-13

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