

AI4ALL Open Learning Platform



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ficial intelligence works and what its ethical implications are. The programmers on my robotics team (FIRST {For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology} Robotics Team 2881) were invited to pilot the curriculum and give feedback on how to improve it. We had about a month to watch a bunch of videos that explained what artificial intelligence is and how it will impact society and to look at a couple of sample artificial intelligence models.

AI4ALL is a non-profit organization dedicated to educating underrepresented groups in artificial intelligence (the development of computer systems that can accomplish tasks that normally require human intelligence) to increase diversity in the field. They currently partner with various universities like Stanford and Princeton to offer educational summer programs that introduce students to artificial intelligence.

In 2019, they will be launching the AI4ALL Open Learning Platform, which is a free, online curriculum that can teach anyone how arti-

Then, on October 20th, a representative from AI4ALL came to the building where we normally meet for robotics and taught a four-hour workshop in which we were able to start writing our own artificial intelligence models. Completing the AI4ALL Open Learning Platform curriculum has been an interesting experience for me. Artificial intelligence has always seemed super complicated and I never thought that I would be writing my own model, especially not in high school.

Violence in America



Tyler Allen
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Normally I don't watch much news. Especially if it does not effect me directly. Now it seems I can't avoid it. Most of my day is worrying about kid stuff. I love video games, watching television and talking with friends.

Also, my little brother is a lot of fun. Church shootings, people trying to bomb those they do not agree with are just this weeks news.

School shootings are the not on the front page this week. Yet bad stuff is happening all the time. Now most say if it does not involve more than three death's it don't make national news. I looked up violence it America. I found that overall violence in America is declining. The problem is the types of violence. It is unusual compared to other wealthy Democratic countries. One thing we have is so many guns. Especially high-powered guns.

The bad thing is after every mass violent killing we hear that "more guns is what we need". The only one who seems to benefit is those that sell guns. My grandfather has a song he often listens to is "Ball of Confusion". I don't know who made that song.

Softball Tournament



Ruby George
Cele Middle School

When I first joined softball, I knew that I would be out of the house for some hours. Well this weekend was my first softball tournament. I had a game at 3:30, against a team that was probably the best softball team in Round Rock. The last time my team played that team, we lost 10 to 1. This weekend, we lost, but we did a lot better.

After that game, my mom told me that I had

another game at 8:00! I was actually excited, rather than tired or worn out. I went to go eat after we left the fields. Then, we visited my aunt's house. I had to come home before the second game to freshen up. The next team that we played is a team that one of my friends is on, they had been at the field the whole day. When it was my turn to bat, the ball smashed my finger against the bat.

I knew it was a good hit because my coach was yelling for me to go to first base. It hurt so much that I fell on my knees and stayed where I was. I sat out and my mom got me ice. It still kind of hurts, but I'm okay. Even though I was injured, I still want to keep playing.

A Seussian Show



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Over the next week, I am formally inviting everyone to go see my school's production of Seussical, a musical that goes through the Dr. Seuss books, with Horton the Elephant being the main character, a small planet creating a lot of the conflict, and really good music. It takes place on November 2nd, 3rd, 8th, 9th, and 10th, all at 7pm at Del Valle High School.

Tickets are \$5 dollars a person, and there are concessions.

I personally, take the role of the Mayor of Who, the small planet in the Dr. Seuss literary universe. I have a few lines myself, and share a duet with Karen, who's playing Mrs. Mayor. However, you may hear my voice in the background of other iconic songs, as a lot of them are really catchy.

This entire production has been such a process, but I feel that the cast and crew grew really close to each other, and I can't wait to show what we've been able to do. The set looks amazing, everyone is really confident in their lines and voices, and we're all working like a well-oiled machine. I hope to see you when the curtain rises, and make sure to enjoy the show!

Praise Party



Zaila Pearl Rowland
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This past Saturday the children and youth group from Simpson UMC (My church) attended a Youth praise party at Wesley UMC. A Praise party is when young believers get together to Praise God. Our choir sang "Hang on" by GEI and "Break every chain" by Tasha Cobbs. Four of us including myself danced to "There's a leak in this old

building" by LaShun Pace. I was the lead in the dance. I had never danced the lead part at a church that wasn't my own. I was a little nervous but it was really cool. We wore big fancy church hats and red shaws, I wore a blue dress. I enjoyed watching all the different groups showing their love for God in their own way.

There were mimes, praise dancers, poetry and the Wesley Childrens/Youth choir. We also had Praise breaks that I really enjoyed. Praise breaks are when we get up and praise God through dancing, clapping and singing. I thank Wesley for inviting us. It was a lot of fun and I hope we can go next year.

Anne Of Green Gables



Kennedy George
Weiss High School

I have recently re-read one of my favorite books, Anne of Green Gables. Orphaned as a newborn, at age twelve her life takes a turn for the better when she is taken in by the Cuthberts of Avonlea. But like a dream too good to be true Anne's hopes are nearly dashed as the Cuthberts explain that they had been expecting a boy – to help with the running of the farm – and are dismayed

by the mix-up that caused Anne to arrive in his place. She eventually wins the hearts of everyone.

Anne is a very good role model for all girls. She fervently disapproves of anything that leaves 'no scope for imagination'. Adults are sometimes threatened by Anne's extensive vocabulary, but she doesn't dumb herself down for anybody.

Through fascinating twists and turns, we learn about Anne's past and all the awful things that led her to end up at Green Gables, living with the Cuthberts. We watch Anne attend school and learn how with mystery, danger, and excitement she grows to be accepted by those around her and make some wonderful friends. The story is moving and timeless.

Pink Out Week



Alyssa James Winn
Manor H.S.

The week of October 22- 26 Manor Senior High School, celebrated Red Ribbon Week and Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Red Ribbon Week is a say no to drug Week, it was founded fare a woman got killed in a drug cartel. Manor Senior High School takes Red Ribbon Week very

seriously because so many kids are affected by it at home, School, and out in the world.

On Friday October 26, 2018 was Manor High School and Manor Senior High School pink out day for Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Many students came in pink and showed their support. There was a prep rally to get us ready for the pink out football game and we showed our school spirit. The high steppers, dancers, and cheerleaders performed. The band also played and they did very well. Manor ended their day with the football game against Georgetown High School although we lost we showed out support.

The Hate U Give



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Hendrickson H. S.

This past weekend I went to see "The Hate U Give" directed by George Tillman Jr. The Hate U give is about a female named Starr Carter that is constantly switching between two worlds, the poor mostly black neighborhood where she lives and the rich, mostly white, prep school she attends. The uneasy balance be-

tween these two different worlds is shattered when Starr witnesses the fatal shooting of her childhood best friend Khalil at the hands of a police officer. Now, facing pressures from all sides of the community, Starr must find her voice and stand up for what's right. This movie is based on a critically acclaimed New York Times bestseller by Angie Thomas and stars Amandla Stenberg. I really liked the movie because it showed a movement when she spoke out about her situation regarding her friend and how she overcame her tragic loss and making it into a positive situation. I would rate it an 8 out of 10.

Maryland's Red Storm Takes a Knee



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Pop superstar Rihanna made headlines this week when it was reported that she declined an invitation to perform at the Super Bowl because of her support for former NFL quarterback Colin Kaepernick, who regularly took a knee during the playing of the national anthem.

Kaepernick's protest brought national attention to police brutality and other injustices in Black and minority communities.

Though less heralded, but arguably just as important, the Capital Christian Academy Red

Tide, a high school football team of young African Americans in Prince George's County, Maryland, has grabbed headlines for also taking a knee before games this year.

Established in 2013 as an African-American operated prep school, Capital Christian Academy's mission is to develop young men and women of moral integrity who will be responsible leaders and citizens in a diverse and ever-changing world.

"A lot of people love football," said 17-year-old Josiah Gill. Gill and his teammates said they too want to bring light to the social issues facing African Americans.



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