Bishop Ireton Appoints Crooker

Stephen Crooker has been appointed to the newly created position of director of instruction at Bishop Ireton High School. In his new position, he is responsible for the day-to-day management of the school’s academic and student life programs and related personnel.

Crooker was born and raised in Alexandria. He is a graduate of Saint Mary’s Catholic School in Old Town, Alexandria and a member of the Class of 1988 from Bishop Ireton High School. He graduated from Mount Saint Mary’s University with a bachelor of arts degree in theology and a minor in secondary education. He received a master of arts degree from the Saint Francis De Sales School of Theology, formerly in Washington D.C., and has also been awarded Certification in Catholic School Leadership from Marymount University in Arlingon.

Crooker has served as the vice principal for academics at Bishop Ireton for the past three years.

Student Wins DAR Art Award

Lucy Medley, a student at T.C. Williams High School, won first place in the Daughters of the American Revolution Junior American Citizen National Art Competition. She is the daughter of Lisa and Howell Medley.

Lucy’s poster won first place in the Virginia District V JAC Art contest (27 Chapters) and the Virginia State contest (125 DAR Chapters). Her entry next won first place in the Divisional Contest compiled of six states and the District of Columbia (335 Chapters) Winning these awards enabled her poster to compete in the National Contest (3,000 Chapters in the U.S. and overseas) where it won first place.

Following the guidelines and this year’s theme of ‘Invest in America’s Future,’ Kate Elkins, Lucy’s art teacher, had students submit art work based on the theme. The Mount Vernon Chapter of the DAR sponsored T.C. Williams and several other schools in Alexandria.

Student, Lucy Medley, won first place in the National DAR Art Competition.

Croquet Day

Despite the rain, more than 200 people gathered on the lawn of the Virginia Theological Seminary in Alexandria on May 18, to enjoy SCAN’s inaugural Croquet Day. The new, family-friendly event — made possible by presenting sponsors AT&T and The Katz Family — included an official croquet tournament with 34 teams participating, as well as lawn games, refreshments and awards. The event raised more than $30,000 to support SCAN’s child abuse prevention programs. Guest judges at SCAN’s inaugural Croquet Day included ABC7’s Scott Thuman, Honorary Board Member Brian Moran, Del. Alfonso Lopez and Del. Vivian Watts. Pictured is the first place team in the tournament.

Attending Naval Academy Seminar

Natalia Barrow, student at Bishop Ireton High School was one of 2,550 rising seniors invited to Naval Academy Summer Seminar pro gram this year. Summer Seminar is a leadership experience for rising seniors in high school. This program helps educate, motivate and prepare selected students who are considering applying for admission to USNA.

Summer Seminar teaches prospective applicants about life at the Naval Academy. Each student will attend a six-day session and experience a glimpse of USNA life. They will experience first-hand what the Naval Academy has to offer through its exceptional academic, athletic, extra-curricular activities, and leadership training programs.

Summer Seminar has an academic focus, with each student attending eight 90-minute workshops, covering subjects from information technology, naval architecture and mechanical engineering, to oceanography, mathematics, history and meteorology. Students will also participate in seamanship and navigation classes and will take a cruise aboard a Navy Yard Patrol Craft to apply what they will learn in class. Naval Academy Midshipmen lead Summer Seminar with oversight by active-duty Navy and Marine Corps officers.