

Hughes Newsletter

5-12 AUGUST 2023

Abstract

In the interplay between academic pursuit and cultural immersion, the week of August 5–12, 2023, stands as a testament to the multifaceted experiences of Thai scholars at Brewster. Encompassing both intellectual growth and cross-cultural engagement, the week witnessed an array of events, from the vibrant Cultural Night that showcased Thai heritage to exhilarating hiking and climbing expeditions. Amid academic rigors, the camaraderie of shared ice cream, the visual spectacle of a laser show, and the contemplative aura of a local temple deepened their connection to each other and the cultural fabric of their host country. College visits and meetings with school counselors also pointed towards future horizons. Together, these events formed a cohesive narrative of holistic growth, unifying academic aspiration and cultural appreciation in a unique tapestry of experiences.

Keywords: Academic Pursuit, Cultural Immersion, Thai Scholars, Cross-Cultural Engagement, Camaraderie, Educational Experience

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The Hughes Dormitory

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Sunday

THAI CULTURE NIGHT

On the 6th of August, With collaborations between TS66 and Sugar Hill Retirement Community. TS66 performed various activities to spread knowledge about Thailand, the Thai way of life, and HAVE FUN!



Thai Poem
Niras USA

Thai Language
Greeting phrases

Thai Dance
Budsaba Sieng Tien

Thai Traditional Game
Pao Gob

Thai Country Song
Jee Hoi

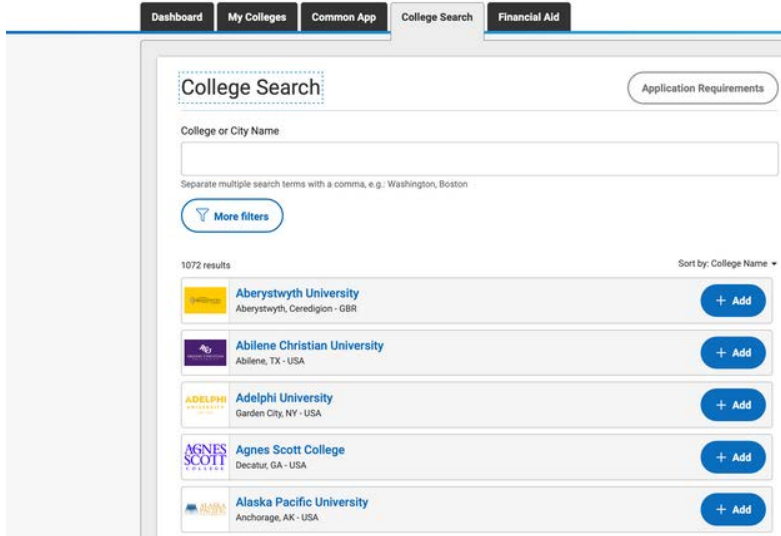
Thai Traditional Festival
Songkran Festival

Thai Pop Song
I'm sorry (Sida)
Tua Rai Tee Rak Ter

Perform by Thai Scholar 66



Common App Workshop



On Monday, we worked on putting information into our Common App. We put many things in, such as personal information, family information, activities, honors and others.

We, then, did an activity. We had to decide who we accept among three candidates: Mandisi, Monica and Sergei. Everyone agreed on Mandisi! Congrats to Mandisi!

Mandisi - Accepted

poor
Potential Occupation: Social service
Sat Score: 460 650 520 (nah)
Secretary: 3hr/w
Sport captain: 10hr/w
varsity sport: 3hr/w

Short answer: care of others.
Additional information: study to improve africa
Personal statement:

pro: strong determination, social, athletic skills, relatively good academic performance (compared locally.) Good recommendation from teachers.

con: score
Lack of academic achievement
SAT score
English proficiency
GPA

Monica - Wait list

Details:

Do both sports and academic

- State champion for soccer - Most meaningful activity
- Math team
- Tutoring
- French Honor
- Science Honor
- Math Honor

Mother: Lawyer, unemployed

Father: Science teacher

- Mostly interested in sport: passionate about football
- No sign of interest in the intended major
- Academic is not amazing but not bad
- No community services experience
- Leader and mentor for class
- Activities (most meaningful): no deep reflection on how it impact her life
- Improvement in accepting bad result
- Loved by friends
- Bad at social and english
- Play instrument
- Just above average learning skills?

Sergei - Rejected

Pros

1. Extremely bright students across academic fields within a very strong school of faculty support
2. Real passion for learning and mathematics
3. School official wrote generally positive and very strong letters of recommendations
4. High aspirations to contribute to academia
5. Maintain extremely strong academic rigor and performance despite repeated moves and possibly family conflicts
6. Very strong alumni interview report with good supporting details and encouragement of admissions

Cons

1. While Sergei are generally active in out of class activities, he demonstrated little actual support in regards to his claimed goal of change in the essay
2. Second recommendation raised multiple red flags regarding personal qualities, how he contributes unevenly in classrooms, repeatedly displayed intellectual arrogance and inability to compromise with others.



ICE CREAM! →

P'Ice taught us how to make
vanilla ice cream together!



P'Ice's slide



Delicious!



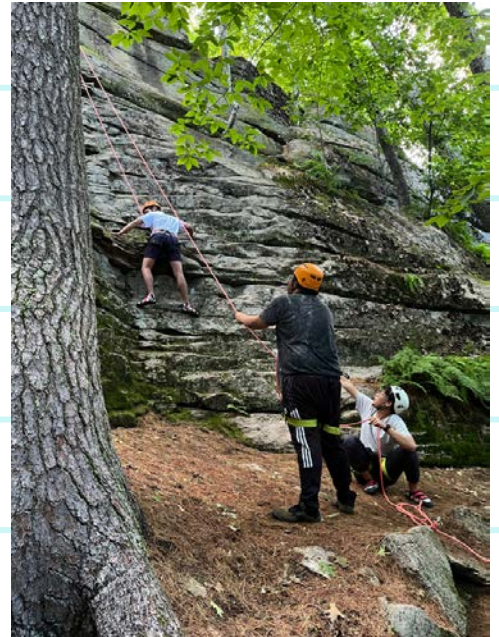
This is P'Ice!



Recreation - Climbing



On Thursday, we climbed in the climbing barn to practice skills before climbing outside on Friday, when we hiked in nature to a gigantic rock. We enjoyed this adventurous experience and finally returned to Brewster Academy safe and sound.



College Representatives

This week, there are also visits from representatives of the following universities:



UNIVERSITY
of
VIRGINIA

University of Virginia

Bucknell
UNIVERSITY

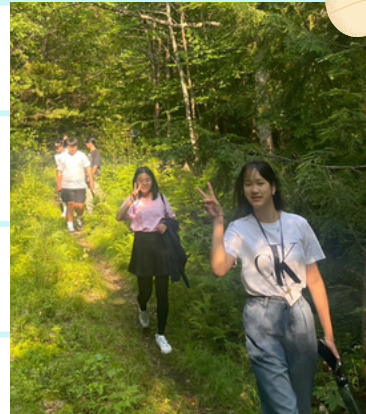
Bucknell University



**Rochester Institute
of Technology**

Thank you for taking your valuable time to see us!

Recreation: Hiking



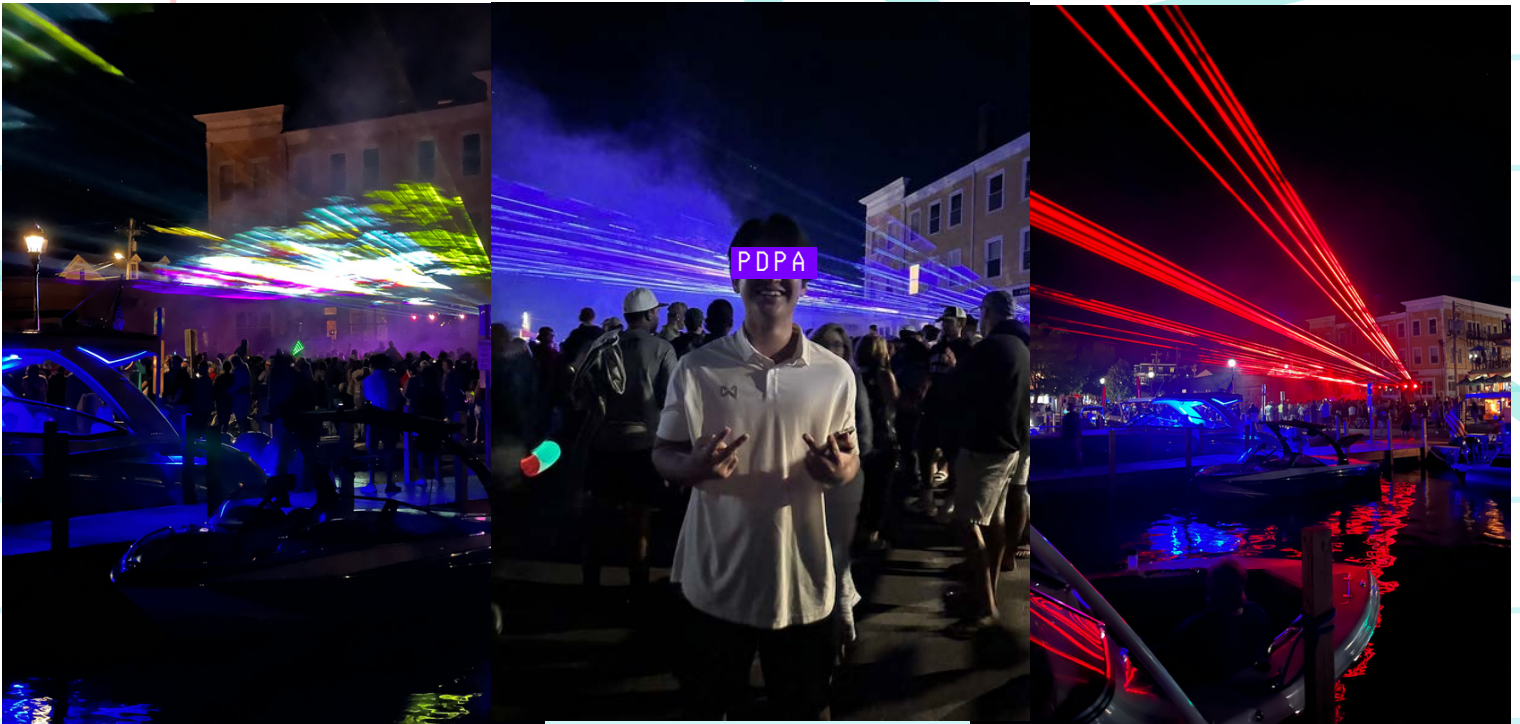
On Wednesday, we went to [Woody Mountain](#)

with Coach Browner and TAs to do hiking



or nature walking

Lazer Show



In Lake Winnepesaukee Day, Friday
11th 2023, Wolfeboro hosted a
lazer show in the town dock.

Monastery Visit!

On Saturday morning, we departed for the Temple Forest Monastery, a Thai Buddhist monastery in New Hampshire.



ONE OF THE BUILDINGS



The Inside!



Thank you the monastery for providing us with a delicious meal!



We also had a meditation session with a monk there. It was soothing.



Us with the Buddha Statue

○ Picture of the Week



SLAY
THE
DAY

fun

Good
vibes



○ Auto is waiting for the library to open for 30 minutes.



CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION

Join us every end of the week!

NEWSLETTER NIGHT

Sunday 7:30pm - 11pm

MAMA PARTY



ALBERT EINSTEIN
 Creativity is intelligence
 having fun.

FURTHER STUDIES

Your Turn! (Literally everyone else)

Looking forward to your newsletter next week!

MASON & BROWN

are having a

NEWS LETTER!

Mason & Brown are

engaged!



**HUGHES
 GANG
 SIGNING
 OUT**



CHEERS!