



JUGHEADS

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JJ18: “We the Jugheads...”

Out of many kids, ONE (company, production, etc.)

“...in order to form a more perfect comp’ny...” In both the Preamble to the U.S. Constitution and in “The Pre-Juggle” to JJ18, I deem an operative word in the first line to be “more,” and the means to get there is the word “we.” Our country and our company are both designed to gather much democratic input toward the end of *more* perfection and *more* blessings that affect all involved. One of my recent grads from 2015 commented that he got tears in his eyes even during our Grand Opening, “**Rock This Town.**” While that song is not normally a tear-jerker ;-), I believe that sentiment indicates the special nature of our annual extravaganza—even the exciting and silly moments. It goes without saying that the **Senior Presentation, Slide Show** and “**Reach**” all move the hearts of many Jugheads & audience members, but far from mere nostalgia, these emotional highs represent deep connections among us to make one company that is a special place for a brief season—or half of a young lifetime.



Sophomores Daniel Van Hoomissen and Laura Schroeder personify poise, fun, and confidence in a candid by Diane Schroeder at JJ18 on May 20, 2016.

Unscientific reports indicate that for yet another year, there was not a weak link among all six club-based JJ18 group routines. Monday Rec. continued our occasional “storybook” theme with the creative and goofy “**The Very Hungry Caterpillar;**” Friday Rec.’s “**Into the Woods**” featured 26 distinct characters with rhythms, juggling, and lighting effects in that conglomerate fairy tale; Thursday Rec. well-represented the JJ18 logo by a polished and endearing tribute to the animated classics of “**Schoolhouse Rock!;**” Elite & Advanced packed a one-two punch of rousing, feel-good musicals to end Act One with “**High School Musical**” and “**How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying,**” respectively; and Ultimate Club showed amazing poise in the first student-

led routine since 2007, showing why the **Reigning IJA Teams Silver Medalists** are a premier juggling team in the world.

Each specialty act (reprising their routines from our Showcase) had unique qualities and was *somebody’s* favorite. Eight-time Showcase soloist **Eli K.** capably led off after “Rock This Town” with his prodigious skills; **Catch and Ri-Lise** combined voiceovers, silly characters, and high-level teamwork; **Catch My Drift** had technical passing skills exceeding those of many IJA medalists any given year; **Mirrandra M.** mesmerized with the simple complexity of intricate three-ball work; **Daniel V.** showed why he earned IJA Juniors bronze last year and looks to equal or better that feat in El Paso ‘16; **The Lemonheads** juggled like brothers in a technically creative duet; **Andy O.** redefined flow prop excellence with a professional-quality senior solo; and the **Jack of Hearts** built on past success with a rousing trio worthy of widespread praise.

Special thanks go out to “**Master Peter**” Hedberg for being our “Deca-Dad” club volunteer, and to our eight new grads **Nick, Carolyn, Riga, Andy, Henry, Max, Eric & Chris** for enduring ‘til the end, averaging seven years invested as Jugheads.

PAUL’S NOTE: The seniors, led by words from Carolyn, Max, Chris & Andy, touched us deeply with the “Thank you for helping us GROW!” flowerpot. We also thank the entire JH family for your gift to us, but more importantly, for keeping alive the dream of “this founding father” and his “Martha” to mentor youth through juggling skills, even after 22 years.

WENDY’S NOTE: This week I planted the rose bush that was presented by this year’s senior JH class. It is a beautiful reminder of the love and support we have in our JH community. As the years go by, working with youth and putting on this annual production doesn’t seem to get easier, and honestly, it’s often hard and exhausting. But hearing the reflections of the graduating seniors of what JH has meant to them, and hearing ongoing appreciation and encouragement from parents, help to confirm our calling. Thank you!

Officer Voice by Carolyn Liddle: “Generosity”

When thinking about what I was going to write for my final “Officer Voice,” a flood of ideas came to mind. I’ve had many wonderful experiences at JH and have learned a wide variety of life lessons. So when the time came to write my last column, I felt like a deer in the headlights. How could I possibly try to pick the most meaningful thing to me from my seven-year JH career? I want to share so many of the amazing experiences I’ve had and the invaluable life lessons I’ve learned. But alas, I only have 400 words to say what is on my heart. I want to share something that has recently been reaffirmed for me over this past JJ18 weekend.

Receiving close to 100 hugs after “Reach” on Saturday night, I realized that I made an impact in the lives of at least a few Jugheads. I felt so much love and support from my JH family,





and I thought about why they were all so loving to me. It came to me that their actions may well reflect the way I have treated them over the years.

Proverbs 11:25 says, "A generous man will prosper; he who refreshes others will be refreshed." Throughout my JH career, I have tried to be generous and giving of my time, energy, and skills to serve others. I have tried to give support to those who need it, and have genuinely put forward kindness and respect. I have strived for deep and personal relationships with others. I feel that my experiences can testify to the truth of Proverbs 11:25. In giving of myself, I have been much more blessed by what I have received in return. Giving to others blesses them, and I've found that they will, in turn, bless you. When a person gives out kindness and support, that is what they receive. From this, I have found myself more blessed than I ever could have been by just seeking things for myself.

Thank you to my JH family for teaching me the value of giving and the feeling one gets in return. I challenge all of you, whether parent, coach, or Jughead, to live in a generous way that uplifts and supports others. Give greatly of yourself, and you in turn will be blessed.

—**Carolyn L.**: 7th Year Jughead, Officer, Thursday Rec. Assistant, Showcase Student Director, U.C. & Elite member, H.S. Senior

Coming Attractions: 2016-2017!

- **1st Semester Registration:** The enclosed form details signing up for next school year (specifically, the entire 1st Semester). All clubs will fill first-come, first-served starting **Friday, May 27**; the earlybird discount for next school year's 1st Semester is good through Friday, July 1.
NOTE: As a kindness to the SLT, coaches, and me, please encourage your kids to depart gracefully if not returning next year. We appreciate the closure of a formal yet simple parting. Thanks! —Paul Arneberg
- **Juggle Jam 19 dates set!** Friday & Saturday, May 19 & 20, 2017 at Hopkins HS; all-cast Dress Rehearsals will take place on two consecutive Tuesdays: **May 9 & 16, 2017.**

Bulletins & Birthdays

- **SUMMER CAMP FORMS** are available in our St. Stephen's office and online for four (4) weeks of juggling camps June 6-July 1. Same-day reg. is fine, but pre-reg. is preferred.
- **JH FAMILY PICNIC:** Wed., 6/15 @ Edina's Utley Park.
- **PARKTACULAR PARADE:** Sat., 6/18. Sign up via email.
- **THE EDINA PARADE** is 7/4 @ 9 am. Sign up via email.

Paul's Platform:

"American Ideals and JH, Part 6: Under God"

Considering that my understanding of our country's founding is interpreted through my Christian worldview, it's no surprise that this heading would be one of my 10 ideals highlighted in this 2016 series. Like our nation, I believe that JH is "under God," and here's a glimpse into these parallel ideals, starting with two of my favorite quotes from our founding fathers:

John Adams, 2nd President of the United States:

"Our constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other."

Gouverneur Morris, the widely-credited author of the Preamble (and large sections of the U.S. Constitution):

"[F]or avoiding the extremes of despotism or anarchy . . . the only ground of hope must be on the morals of the people. I believe that religion is the only solid base of morals and that morals are the only possible support of free governments. [T]herefore education should teach the precepts of religion and the duties of man towards God."

As for the phrase "Under God" in our Pledge of Allegiance, that wasn't incorporated until a Joint Resolution of Congress in 1954 (on Flag Day), but it was largely inspired by a quote in **President Lincoln's** Gettysburg Address: "...the nation shall, under God, have a new birth of freedom."

This American ideal, while non-sectarian and admittedly controversial in its origins and scope, is one of my personally most precious aspects of our country. It corroborates with our First Amendment and religious freedom, and it acknowledges a power higher than our nation itself as a "super-power."

As for JH, I daily acknowledge God's sovereignty over myself, my marriage, and my company. I give Him glory for authoring, sustaining, and making "more perfect" this mini-government of the Jugheads, (proportionately) by the Jugheads, and for the Jugheads, and I'll continue to lead here for as long as He wills.

Thank you all for a great year, and may God bless JH as a principled place within the ordained and established Constitution-led United States of America!

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Jon O'Connor, 11-year U.C. Specialist, is relocating back to Seattle this summer and needs to retire a student loan following the passing of his wife, Stephanie. Go to youcaring.com/StephanieOConnor to donate.