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*For the students, by the students*

The Rising Times is a student centered newspaper which aims to provide students with intellectually engaging news, op-eds, and student pieces of art and literature. The Rising Times aims to be the student voice in our community, offering thought provoking content and fierce discussion.

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### Quote of the Month:

“Life is an improvisation. You have no idea what’s going to happen next, and you are mostly just making things up as you go.”

By: Stephen Colbert

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### MEET THE STAFF MEMBERS:

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  - Ghaleb Awawda, 10th grade
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  - Fehmieh Mansour, 11th grade
  - Yusef Haddabah, 11th grade



## B.L.M



#BlackLivesMatter was founded in 2013 in response to the exoneration of Trayvon Martin’s murderer. Black Lives Matter Foundation, Inc is a global organization in the US, UK, and Canada, whose mission is to eradicate white supremacy and build local power to intervene in violence inflicted on Black communities by the state and vigilantes. By combating and countering acts of violence, creating space for Black imagination and innovation, and centering Black joy, we are winning immediate improvements in our lives. The BLM movement

is expansive, they are a collective of liberators who believe in an inclusive and spacious movement. They also believe that in order to win and bring as many people with us along the way, and must move beyond the narrow nationalism that is all too prevalent in Black communities. They believe that they must ensure we are building a movement that brings all of us to the front. Working for a world where Black lives are no longer systematically targeted for demise. The BLM movement affirms our humanity, our contributions to this society, and our resilience in the face of deadly oppression.

The call for Black lives to matter is a rallying cry for ALL Black lives striving for liberation.

## Ways To Remain Productive in the Summer

It is no lie that these past few months have been a struggle for everyone. Dealing with the trouble COVID-19 has brought, has been very scary and hectic, almost as if it is not real. But we must understand that our health is at stake here, along with the people around us, so it is very important to understand that you and your family's health comes first and to partake in necessary safety precautions, such as social distancing. The faster we all partake in the precautions that are necessary, the faster we'll be outdoors surrounded by family and friends, without fearing for each other's lives. Even though we may have to spend most of our summer social distancing and dealing with the struggles COVID-19 has brought, it does not mean we shouldn't use this abundance of time wisely and try our best to make it a very productive summer. It would be pointless to let it go to waste when one could learn something, such as a new skill! Here is a list of ways you can remain productive this summer, all while protecting you and your family's health.



- 1- Maintain you & your families health & well-being
- 2- Trying out a new sport
- 3- artistic (drawing, painting, coloring)
- 4- Creating a list of goals you want to accomplish by the end of quarantine
- 5- Start a resume for yourself either for college or a future job
- 6- Daily walks on sunny days while taking social distancing precautions, to make sure you are still getting vitamin D after staying home all day.
- 7- Catch up on your reading, whether it's summer reading for school or a book series you've been wanting to read.
- 8- Working on or staring long-term projects
- 9- Take a digital tour of a museum or a college your planning on going to with your family
- 10- Staying active as much as possible
- 11- Learning how to make your very own garden
- 12- Virtually check up on family and friends as much as possible

## 3 Kid-Friendly Summer Snacks

**-Strawberry salsa and baked cinnamon chips-**  
This is the perfect way to get everyone snacking on fresh fruit! And it's one they will request over and over again.



**-Peanut butter and Greek yogurt dip-**  
This dip would go perfectly with your fruit kabobs, with apples, or with any fresh fruit. And, of course, kids love to dip just as much as they love kabobs.

**-Fresh Fruit Pizza-**  
How fun are these fresh fruit pizzas made with watermelon? Everyone would love helping to top their slice.



## Corny Summer Jokes

- Q** What kind of water cannot freeze?  
**A:** Hot water.
- Q:** What kind of tree fits in your hand?  
**A:** A palm tree!
- Q:** What did the little corn say to the mama corn?  
**A:** Where is popcorn?
- Q:** What animal is always at a baseball game?  
**A:** A bat
- Q:** How do we know that the ocean is friendly?  
**A:** It waves!
- Q:** What do ghosts like to eat in the summer?  
**A:** I Scream.
- Q:** Where do sheep go on vacation?  
**A:** The Baaa-Hamas.
- Q:** And where do sharks go on vacation?  
**A:** Finland!



# Class of 2020



Nuralhoda: Rutgers; Behavioral Science (pre-law)



Sarah: Rutgers; Political Science (pre-law)



Merna: Bloomfield; Cosmetic Dermatologist



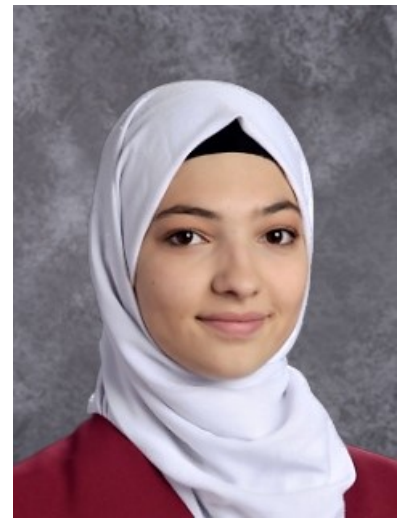
Ruqayyah: Montclair; Undecided



Nabiha: Saint Peters; Undecided



Salma: NJCU; Biology Diagnostic



Wessam: NJCU ; Psychology



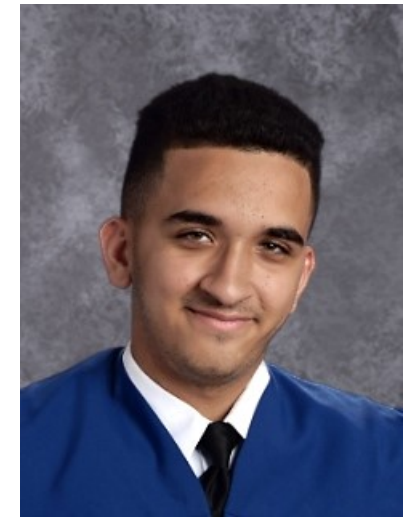
Ahmed.R: NJIT; Marine Biology



Ahmed.E: Seton Hall, Biology (Pre-med)



Hadier: NJIT; Biochemistry, (pre-med)



Muaaz: NJIT; Engineering



Ali: Montclair; Sports Medicine



Ismael: Rutgers; Business



Ezz: Saint Peters; Undecided



Saleh: HCCC; Nursing



## Staff Farewell

This was a very challenging year in so many ways, yet *The Rising Times* staff has proved to be hardworking even in the most trying of times. Alhamdulillah for another successful year of *The Rising Times*. Thank you, Amina for your unique layout and design! Thank you Fehmieh, Manel, Yusuf, Qasem, Boushra, Abdallah, and Salwa for your amazing writing pieces. Special thanks to the Editor-in-Chief, Nuralhoda, for making sure it gets put together! We will miss you!

Till next year...

**-Sr. Fadia, Advisor**

It has been an absolute pleasure being the Editor-in-Chief of this year's newspaper, to my staff, it has been amazing working alongside you all and listening to all your incredible ideas and issues you've all shed light on, to the readers I appreciate you reading every issue and providing feedback when needed, and to everyone who contributed to the newspaper thank you and always understand the power you allow yourselves by using your words, happy writing!

**-Nuralhoda Elsaid, 12th grade**

It has been a great honor in designing the newspaper this year, I did not only learn more about developing and creating new methods of design but also the true meaning of teamwork. I thank my amazing peers for their dedication and determination to the newspaper, I hope to work with you all once again.

**-Amina Mohdi, 10th grade.**

The newspaper committee was the first extracurricular activity I've ever been a part of and I've had a great time. It was a pleasant experience and it was really fun to work with a team and all come together to create a school newspaper. It was very gratifying seeing the newspaper we all worked hard on being handed out in school and read by our peers. It was an amazing experience that I can't wait to continue next year.

**-Manel Boualdja 11th grade**

As part of the staff of the newspaper, I've learned how to write better and learn new experiences by doing it. Writing the newspaper for RSA is a big accomplishment and I hope many others will try it too.

**-Abdallah Alkhatib, 8th grade**

It is an understatement to say I had an amazing time being a part of the *Rising Times*' staff. I have not only understood the value of teamwork but the value of hard work. Seeing the newspaper come to life, after weeks of hard work was fulfilling and rewarding. It was an experience like no other, and it really made you appreciate every moment and detail that was made. It was a pleasure, and I can not wait to continue next year.

**-Fehmieh Mansour, 11th grade**

I learned how to research and write about interesting topics. It also gave me a better insight on how to write good hooks for essays. I will be coming back next year, thank you for the opportunity.

**-Qasem Alkhatib, 10th grade**

Thanks to all RSA students who read all our hard work. The Newspaper committee is something you all should consider in any year of school. You learn multiple new skills and you'll grow as a person by working with these amazing people.

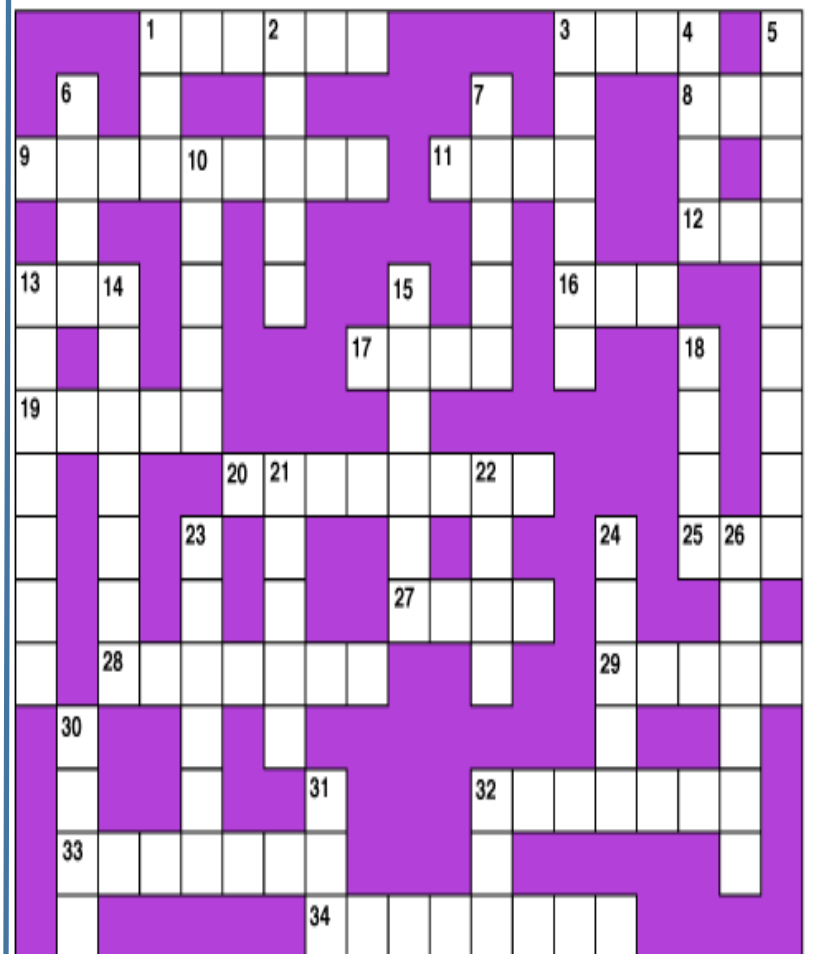
**-Ghaleb Awawda, 10th grade**

I enjoyed being part of the newspaper staff this year, I enjoyed seeing people read the articles that I wrote and I really felt the teamwork when we all had to edit a lot of articles.

**-Boushra Elsaid, 10th grade.**

This year's *Rising Times* newspaper meant more to me than just paper and ink. What it meant was a platform that enabled me and my peers to write pieces that allowed us to express ourselves while also keeping others informed. It gave every student at RSA a voice and for that I am more than appreciative! **-Yusef Haddabah, 11th grade**

## SUMMER CROSSWORD



### ACROSS

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|--------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. Light rain                  | 28. Step back              | 10. Capture                 |
| 3. String _____                | 29. Very humid weather     | 13. Leisure activities      |
| 8. Single                      | 32. Warm weather foot wear | 14. Follows a car           |
| 9. Jumping & hopping game      | 33. _____ storm            | 15. June 21                 |
| 11. Summer month               | 34. Thrilling              | 18. Always do your _____    |
| 12. Have lunch                 | <b>DOWN</b>                | 21. Pools are full of this  |
| 13. Very warm                  | 1. Short form of sister    | 22. Birds home              |
| 16. City home for wild animals | 2. Time piece              | 23. Suntan _____            |
| 17. Summer month               | 3. Cool wind               | 24. Hot & _____             |
| 19. Sandy spot                 | 4. Musical symbol          | 26. Summer month            |
| 20. Water sport                | 5. Summer month            | 30. Better _____ than never |
| 25. Used to pave roads         | 6. Go it alone             | 31. _____ you sleeping?     |
| 27. Relax                      | 7. Weather word            | 32. Take a seat             |

## Art Gallery



By: Bidour Elsaid