



The Governor's Academy Report Card - Academic Year 2010-2011

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Reporting Period:	Quarter 4, 10-11	GPA - CT:	4.12	Honor Roll:	High Honors

	GPA	Absences - Ex	Absences - Unex	Tardies - Ex	Tardies - Unex
Q1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Q2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Q3	4.12	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Q4	4.12	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Semester 1

Course	Teacher	Q1	Q2	Exam	S1	U Abs
No records found						

Semester 2

Course	Teacher	Q3	Q4	Exam	S2	U Abs
AB-Calculus/AP	Hunt, Mathew	A+	A+		A+	0
AP Physics	Moore, David	A	A+		A+	0
Art History	Brace, Geoffrey	A	A		A	0
Macroeconomics	Werner, Peter	A+	A	B+	A	0
Senior English	Wann, Paul	A	A	A-	A	0

Advisor Comments - Doggett, John

Gonzalo has been Argentina's gift to Byfield. Our ESU scholars are usually quite good, but Gonzalo was spectacular in every sense of the word. He vaulted into his academic work with conscientious enthusiasm and produced a record of achievement. His work in Calculus, Physics and Economics, in particular, was distinguished and suggest a platform for success in college. Gonzalo's teachers all spoke highly of his engagement and interest in the subject matter. This is a young man who is committed to learning.

Part of the opportunity of a gap year is to immerse oneself in a different culture. Gonzalo has done this. He displayed his independence with his travels to New York and Washington DC. He showed his adventurous side by signing up to play lacrosse. Remarkably, he picked a rather complicated game up rather quickly, and by season's end, was one of the most reliable contributors to the squad. Gonzalo went to concerts, lectures, art openings, major league baseball games and a host of other activities. He made many friends and was well liked and respected in the dormitory.

He was a wonderful advisee and a terrific ambassador for the ESU. He is always welcome in the Doggett home. I wish him much success and happiness at University next fall. .

Teacher Comments

Course: AB-Calculus AP

Teacher: Hunt, Matthew

Grade: A+

Gonzalo, what a remarkable semester it has been for you in Advanced Placement AB Calculus. Your previous math teachers obviously did a remarkable job, as you had no trouble stepping into our class in the middle of the year. While you tended to stay fairly quiet in class, you showed a fine understanding of Newton's calculus on each of our assessments and our practice AP Exams. You write with direction and focus. I hope that you enjoyed your brief stay with us here in Byfield, and wish you the best in your future endeavors.

Course: AP Physics

Teacher: Moore, David

Grade: A+

It has been my distinct pleasure to work with Gonzalo this past semester. He was always well prepared for class and I was particularly pleased with his daily contributions to the class. I wish that he would have taken the AP exam in May, as I am sure that he would have done very well on it. He certainly aced this course. I wish him a restful vacation and all the best back in Argentina.

Course: Art History

Teacher: Brace, Geoffrey

Grade: A

This quarter we finally were able to finish up on the Renaissance, and move through Baroque, Rococo, and French Romanticism, and were even able to touch very briefly on Impressionism. Unfortunately with 4 full classes lost due to this and that, and my taking waaaaay too long in Italian Renaissance, we did not get to spend the time with Impressionism that I wanted (and here it is my favorite "ism" of them all), but it was my hope that by working on recreating an impressionist painting that you gain a glimmer of an inkling of an understanding about the artists of that period, and try to produce what they valued in art.

Gonzalo, what a joy it was to have you in class this semester. You seemed to have a real passion for the history of art, and it showed in both your written and verbal comments...not to mention your domination of the Jeopardy games. Your paper on Michelangelo was wonderful, and I enjoyed the correlation you found between Plato and Michelangelo; this was exactly the type of paper I was looking for when I gave the assignment. I hope you have enjoyed listening to me ramble on as much as I have enjoyed having this opportunity of working with you. Best wishes to you as you continue the next stage of your journey.

Course: Macroeconomics

Teacher: Werner, Peter

Grade: A

Gonzalo, I am so glad you joined the Macroeconomics class. Your curiosity, insights, questions and excellent sense of humor added much to class. You earned an A+ average on the reading quizzes, an A on your trading log, and a B+ on your presentation concerning Argentine export taxes, and a B+ on the final essay. Best wishes for a wonderful summer and for a great experience at university. I hope there will be some economics in your future. Buena suerte!

Course: Senior English

Teacher: Wann, Paul

Grade: A

Monday May 30th, 2011, Moody House, Middle Road, Byfield, Massachusetts

Gonzalo, amigo, congratulations on your beautiful graduation yesterday and thank you for your engagement in our senior English course in which we asked questions about love and about what defines us as humans or post-humans. A few days ago at Kenyon College, Jonathan Franzen, a novelist and writer spoke to the graduating class. He published some of his talk in the *New York Times* yesterday. He speaks as if he had been a member of our class all semester. He begins by talking about how much he loves his new Blackberry which is way better than his old one. He then goes on.

"Let me further point out how ubiquitously the word 'sexy' is used to describe late-model gadgets; and how the extremely cool things that we can do now with these gadgets- like impelling them to action with voice commands, or doing that spreading-the-fingers iPhone thing that makes images get bigger- would have looked, to people a hundred years ago, like a magicians hand gestures; and how, when we want to describe an erotic relationship that's working perfectly, we speak, indeed, of magic.

"Let me toss out the ideas that, as our markets discover and respond to what consumers most want, our technology has become extremely adept at creating products that correspond to our fantasy ideal of an erotic relationship, in which the beloved object asks for nothing and gives everything, instantly, and makes us feel all powerful, and doesn't throw terrible scenes when it's replaced by an even sexier object and is consigned to a drawer.

"To speak more generally, the ultimate goal of technology, the telos of teche, is to replace a natural world that's indifferent to our wishes- a world of hurricanes and hardships and breakable hearts, a world of resistance- with a world so responsive to our wishes as to be, effectively, a mere extension of the self.

"Let me suggest finally, the world of techno-consumerism is therefore troubled by real love, and that it has no choice but to trouble love in turn."

Gonzalo, you could have written Franzen's words. You always think carefully and deeply about spiritual matters. You are a passionate reader and a dedicated student. You engaged this conflict between love and technology from our first class discussions. You are always alive to the paradoxes of time and point of view. You know from experience that a machine will never be able to think with its heart because you revere the human heart. I have learned much from you. Many blessings on your future explorations! I will not forget.

Course: Third Boys Lacrosse

Teacher: Mandel, Aaron

Grade:

The 2010-2011 Thirds Lacrosse season was outstanding with the team boasting a 5 and 3 record; by far the best record in the last several years. Not only did the team finish with a winning record they scored 43 goal in the season which is the most goals a 3rds lacrosse team has scored in my 13 years coaching; Kudos to the boys for their perseverance and tenacity. The highlight of coaching 3rds lacrosse is the players we attract and retain. This year we had a core of four senior who helped lead productive practices and also made sure that the spirit of 3rds lacrosse was maintained on and off the field. We look forward to seeing some of our players return next year and as always encourage others to move up o the JV or Varsity levels.

One of our four seniors, Gonzalo was new to the game but his work ethic and coachability helped him grow quickly. When everything clicked gonzo had the hardest shot on the team and his speed was unrivaled. I wish Gonzalo the best of luck in all his endeavors beyond Byfield.
