Press Release

The Return of Zeitgeist to C-SD

When rumors began that Zeitgeist was coming back to Cambridge-South Dorchester High School, it sounded like a scene from a Sci-fi movie. Students and staff were all abuzz wondering what a zeitgeist was. According to Webster’s Dictionary, zeitgeist is the defining spirit of mood of a particular period of history as shown by the ideas and beliefs of the time. This year, according to Advisor and English Teacher, Heidi Cohoon, “Zeitgeist is revived after a long hiatus, a result of the unprecedented pandemic year in an effort to capture the thoughts and ideas of this odd period in history, as students and teachers have been forced to adjust habits and become accustomed to the ‘new norm’”.

The Literary Magazine has been re-born after a long, 30 year absence, and hopefully will continue for years to come. Principal, Jerome Stover, was filled with pride, when and said, “I am so proud of the work and dedication that went into reviving the ZEITGEIST this year all while in a PANDEMIC….it reminds me to expect the unexpected when the unexpected is expected.”

Students wanted to be part of the revival of the magazine, so they produced a great collection of original poems, short stories, photography, and artwork as well. This core group of students, reached out to other students at the high school and inspired several students and staff members to submit their own original work. When asked what the best part of reviving the magazine was, Ja’Nae Smith replied: “I definitely felt like having a C-SD magazine was well-overdue. The magazine creates new avenues for people to express themselves, share their creativity with their peers, and generate a safe place for a group of students that share the same interest, while also informing others of what’s going on within the school.”

Zeitgeist grew to 100 pages that truly reflects the “zeitgeist”, and this period of time in young adult lives. Contributing writers and artists were: Aamna Alvi, Kim Argueta, Jayonna Austin, Amanda Bair, Brittany Brown, Rip Cornish, Maclane Doty, Makayla Dockins, Tatyana Dugars, James Frazier, John Henry, Logan Insley, Ce’Zanne Jackson, Jaelyn Jenkins, Ethan Jones, Liam Jones, Abigail Kelly, Jaden Kozak, Laiba Nisar, T’Siah Rich, Gizelle San, Ja’Nae Smith, Mrs. Regina Jalon, Mr. Tom Schappert, and Advisor, Mrs. Heidi Cohoon.

Cambridge-South Dorchester High School’s issue of Zeitgeist is available virtually on CSD’S website at: <http://dcps.k12.md.us/schools/high-schools/cambridge-south-dorchester>