



Maiden Lane Times

January 2021

Happy Birthday!

- **Farkhod Bektukhamedov** - Jan 1st
- **Stevii Marshall** - Jan 2nd
- **Hyeri Kwon** - Jan 4th
- **Scarlet Clemente** - Jan 5th
- **Roxana Paunescu** - Jan 6th
- **Brian Carroll** - Jan 7th
- **Laura Borba** - Jan 13th
- **Florence Zu Dohna** - Jan 20th

Important Dates

- **Jan 1st** - New Years Day
(School closed)
- **Jan 18th** - Martin Luther King Jr.
Day (School Closed)
- **Jan 20th** - Unit 3 Exam (AM & PM)
- **Jan 23rd** - Unit 3 Exam (Weekend)

Did you know ???

- January in Other Languages:
 - Chinese (Mandarin) - yiyue
 - Japanese-Tsuki
 - Italian-gennaio
 - Arabic-kanun alththani
 - French-janvier
 - Spanish-enero
- The start of the New Year for a long part of early European history began in March.
- January 1st is also known as Polar Bear Plunge Day: a day when people jump into frigid cold water just so they can say they did.

From the Director

Happy New Year NYEA!

Let's hope for many great things in 2021, including an end to this pandemic! Meanwhile, get some inspiration from this month's NYEA student writing about dreams and goals for the future.

Student Spotlight

Simin Lee

Hi all. I'm honored to be a spotlighted student. I'm SIMIN LEE from South Korea. I'm here to be a musical performer. Besides I really like this city. Maybe I can tell that even if I can't enjoy it as much as before this Pandemic, still I love New York. I think that's why everyone who reads this newsletter is here supposedly.



I've been here for almost a year. And I'm still struggling with learning ENGLISH. Although we're still taking the classes by ZOOM, I'm happy to be here and to meet good teachers and students. And I'm really hoping to meet you guys in person someday when this Pandemic is gone. Until then, BE SAFE and don't give up whatever it is.

Student Writing

Powerful Goals for 2021

I would love to learn the English language very, very well. I've always dreamed of traveling, and I would love to go to Shanghai. My first wish is to go back to my country in Georgia this year with my children and my family. - Veronika, Georgia

I hope to go back to China to meet my parents and friends. I really miss them. I've always wanted to travel to Japan. I miss the good food there, and I hope my English gets better in 2021. - Haojie, China

On my bucket list for 2021, I want to take a trip on Route 66 in California, go back to doing a sport like Muay Thai or boxing, improve my English and create the habit of meditating everyday in the morning. - Laura, Brazil

My bucket list is made up of several objectives that can lead me to a good future. First, I would love to get a degree in nursing, to work and to earn money. Next, I have always wanted to buy houses to live, rent, and even sell to others. After that, I have fancied getting married and having children. Last, I would have a great desire to travel around the world. - Nawinska, Haiti

What I want to do in 2021 is to visit all the museums and parks in New York if the number of coronavirus infections decreases, and we can act more freely than we are now. Plus, I will read more than 20 books in English next year. I'm still reading and finding a lot of words, so it still takes a lot of time to finish the book, but I hope that by the end of 2021, I will achieve my goals. - Yunji, South Korea

2020 has been such a difficult time for a lot of people which is why, for the next year, my bucket list looks a lot different than usual. This year, I am hoping we get a new vaccine, and I am able to get back to my experiences. I would like to be able to travel to France in the summer, eat a more healthy diet, and get back to my ballet classes. I would also like to see all of my friends and family again and celebrate all of the important dates and anniversaries we weren't able to celebrate properly this year. - Samy, Mexico

I've always wanted to go to Miami. I don't know why. When I came here, I decided to go to the beach in Miami but as you know, it's hard to go during this pandemic. That's one of them on my bucket list: going to the beach and spending time. - Simin, South Korea

Before I kick the bucket, I would love to visit as many countries as I can. I love to meet new cultures, try new foods, learn new languages and visit places. I've always dreamed of having my own dance studio to help and teach kids through the beautiful art of ballet. I've always wanted to have and sell my own hair product brand from scratch- homemade with the highest quality of raw ingredients. Finally, I've always fancied skydiving because I have a fear of heights. - Silmi, Dominican Republic

I would love to go to Paris next summer. I've always wanted to study in the USA. I've always fancied having a company of my own. I've always dreamed of becoming a dentist. I'm dying to try to help other people by giving them some inspiration because this is a burning ambition of mine.

Going to Hawaii would be right up my alley. Making pizza by myself is one for the bucket list. I would jump at the chance to participate in a final football game.- Begench, Turkmenistan

I'd love to keep having new experiences until I die. For example, I want to go skydiving to see our world from the sky. I've always wanted to see the Northern Lights. I want to dive into the deep sea. I want to know what I don't know about the world and keep experiencing new values like that, and then I will reflect them in my art work. And, I would be happy if people who see my work could indirectly share new experiences with my works. - Ayako, Japan

My bucket list for the next year includes a lot of things that I would like to do, but I think there are two important things I would like to complete or at least mostly complete. First, I would like to start my medical residency in order to start practicing in this country and keep doing what I love the most. Secondly, traveling to all the parks in the United States is on my list. I have visited five, and it was a great experience.- Adrian, Ecuador

There is a line from the movie "The Bucket List" that reads... "We live to die another day." Life and death are very simple. If I were to make a list of my last wishes, the first thing I want to do is go parachute jumping. I've always wanted to try and feel being able to fly as free as a bird. The second thing I want to do is go to Africa where there is an annual migration, and the magnificent scene is the most primitive beauty of nature. The third thing is that I want to cross the sea, enjoy the sunrise and sunset on the sea, and feel the ocean scenery in different weather so that the endless ocean shows one's significance. Thus, I have experienced the sky, land and sea. Finally, I want to go with my family and enjoy dinner together, and then keep everyone's smile in mind forever. - Kai, China