

# Mostafa

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## We're starting College... Family visits... and Thanksgiving in Amsterdam!

### World visitors for Sophia's graduation, and lots of updates in all fronts.

As usual there are many news, plus way too many photos. Matias continues to do fantastic at school. He is a junior now. He also has a driving license now. So he could drive himself to Shaver's Creek over the summer for his Leaders-in-Training program. He has been inducted into the National Honor Society! All four wisdom teeth were extracted this year too. No more wisdom now...

As you've probably heard, Sophia graduated from high school. After some debate, she's decided to come to Penn State and major in biotechnology. As a graduation

present, she's spending both Xmas and New Year's day in Italy. She also spent a week with her close friends in Ocean City. Her first semester was very successful at Penn State, and she seems very excited about her chosen field. For her graduation she's got visitors from all over the world. Clarisa's sister came from Australia, Clarisa's mom from Bariloche, and also the surprise visit from her Italian family! It was really exciting for everybody.

Clarisa has been hired in a tenure-track position at State High now. She's very happy in this school. Obviously she's so busy that there's no photos of her there... She also got to travel to Argentina to celebrate her dad's 70th birthday.

So with Matias' volunteering, Sophia taking summer classes to get ahead, Clarisa's travel to Argentina, and dad's ... well, you

know dad, there was no single week for a summer family vacation. So we ended up going to Amsterdam in Thanksgiving week. Read all about it in page 5.

See you in 2020!

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This is our 13<sup>th</sup> edition.  
Bringing you our news since



# 2007

We started sending this electronic newsletter back in 2007. It was our second year in Utah. Matias was not even in elementary school yet! Back then, we thought that was the place... (inside joke)  
Two big moves, new family member, ... so many things happen in the last 12 years. The constant has been you!  
Happy 2020 everybody!





National Honor Society

## National Honor Society

Matias was inducted into the National Honor Society (NHS). The NHS is a nationwide organization for high school students in the United States. The selection is based on four criteria: scholarship, leadership, service, and character. Much more than an honor roll, NHS is a distinctive multifaceted learning experience that provides a solid and meaningful foundation for life.

## Other awards!

Matias also received the Top 10% and the Principal's Award for all A's Freshman and Sophomore years.



## Matias

Our junior has a driving license! (Yes, insurance up the roof...)

### 1. Tennis

This is Matias' second year in the tennis team at the high school.

### 2. Junior

He's now taking: AP Physics, AP US History, Pre-Calculus, Clinical Observations, AP English, and AP Psychology.

### 3. Clubs

He's very active (and passionate) about the Environmental Club, and he's also helping mom with the Spanish Club.

Wisdom out!



Awards Ceremony

## Leaders in Training

Matias volunteered again this summer for the Leaders in Training (LIT) program at Shaver's Creek. He managed groups of young children and led the activities while developing his leadership skills and serving as a positive role model.





# Sophia

## Our HS graduate is a Nittany Lion now!

### 1. Biotechnology major

After studying all the offers, Sophia decided to go to Penn State, and live at home. She's declared biotechnology major in the Department of Biochemistry & Molecular Biology.

### 2. First lab

Her first BMB lab she's got to present a poster at a conference!

### 2. Other activities at Penn State

Sophia played in the intramural basketball (they won in the Fall 3v3 tournament), she's taking a class on Italian culture.

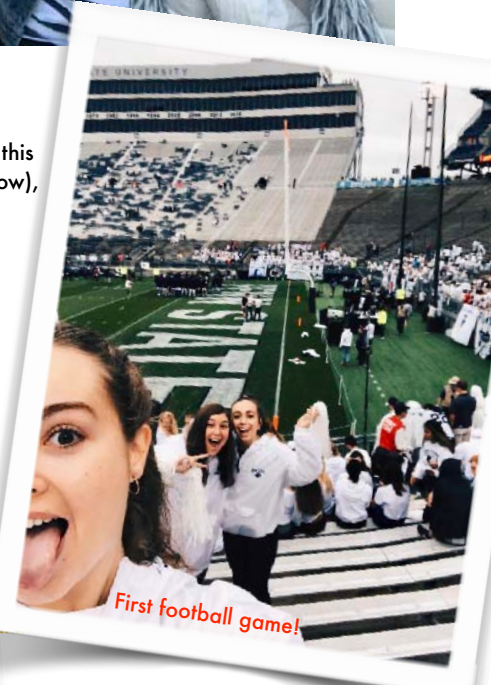


## We are!

As a freshman in college there were a lot of "firsts" this semester: first football game (right), first conference (below), etc. And many more to come!



First conference poster!



## Family from all over the world for graduation!

Aunt Sole came from Australia, nonna Gladis from Argentina, and papà Pasquale e fratello Gabriele from Italy!

## Graduation presents...

Sophia went to Chicago to the Lollapalooza concert with her best friend Chloe. She will also spend Xmas and New Year's in Italy! (Fortunately they graduate only once...)





Happy

70<sup>th</sup> birthday,

nonno



Both Clarisa's mom and sister came to visit us to be present for Sophia high-school graduation. Fortunately we could take a few days off and visit New York City with them (photos above and below).

## State College High

Clarisa is now tenure-track at the State College Area High School! She's teaching Spanish I and Spanish III this year. No need to say this, but everybody (students and teachers alike) love her!



## Nonno's 70th bday

Clarisa was able to travel to Argentina to celebrate her dad's 70th birthday. She could spend quality time with the whole Capone family.



Spread across the continent. While it's usually dad who's around, this time it was mom's turn. Clarisa was in Bariloche (below) while Sophia was in Chicago.





High school students visiting Penn State



We are! at SACNAS in Hawaii



Con Walter & Rober en Malargüe



Con Raylen & Grachu



Con Juni en  
New York



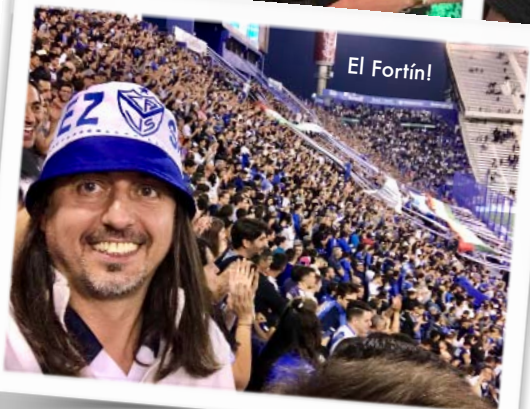
Summer Champions!



La banda de Liniers!



El Fortín!



somewhere in the Gobi desert...



Pierre Auger

The 3<sup>rd</sup> last time...





## Cities we visited together in 2019

**Washington D.C.**  
Watch the Capitol Steps!

**New York City**  
Tour the city with Tia Sole and La Nonna

**Amsterdam**  
Two museums per day...  
Spent Thanksgiving with The Schwarz, and  
the U.S. Ambassador to The Netherlands

