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MT. HOREB STUDENTS LEARN ABOUT U.S.A THROUGH POSTCARDS

Submitted by Shannon Regan

Who doesn't love getting mail?

Keeping connections during Flexible Instruction Days can come in many forms. Mount Horeb paraprofessional Helen Moore initiated a creative way for students in grade 2 to learn about the United States of America with a special postcard project.

A postcard from one of the 50 states with three interesting facts and a colorful illustration was mailed to each student, their teachers, and Principal Scott Cook. Educators Kathleen Haydu, Stacey Lederman-Kroll, and Lindsay Rosenberg designed a unique social studies lesson to pair with the postcards.

"The students were so excited as they anxiously waited for their postcards, checking their mailboxes each day," according to Haydu.

Once the postcards from each appointed state arrived, the research and reporting began. The assignment required each recipient to uncover two additional fun facts about their state and record a video to the joint-class FlipGrid, an online platform for sharing short videos.

Some interesting facts shared with their classmates were: Alabama was once the Sock Capital of the World; the ice cream cone was invented in New York; and Kentucky was the home of Abraham Lincoln.

"All of the students kept their state a secret until they posted their Flipgrid. Then the teachers and students listened to all of the presentations

while learning some super cool facts! Students are now asking their parents to visit places they never would have thought of before! A fun, interactive, distance-learning experience for all," stated Lederman-Kroll.



(above) Cole Vieira received his Idaho postcard!

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(above) Alexander Chibwe learned about Maryland for the postcard project.



(above) Skye Battiste received her California postcard and shared fun facts with the class.



(above) Emily Bash with her Missouri postcard.

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WTEA RECEIVES A GRANT TO HELP WARREN TOWNSHIP

Submitted by Shannon Regan

Central School's very own school secretary, Mrs. Jane Auriemma, applied for a special grant on behalf of the Warren Township Education Association (WTEA) through the New Jersey Education Association (NJEA). Each year the NJEA provides grants for school districts to complete projects that support the community.

Auriemma was fortunate to receive five PRIDE grants which allowed the WTEA to provide lunch to local essential workers in businesses such as Kings, Acme, Walgreens, Warrentown Hardware, and the Warren Township Police Department.

Additionally, on behalf of the WTEA, Auriemma will be ordering lawn signs that will

express gratitude for essential workers for each school and 500 masks for community members in need.

"I am very happy to represent the Warren Educators in presenting a token of appreciation to some of Warren's essential workers. This is a small gesture to show we care about them during these challenging times. These essential workers are keeping us safe, healthy, and fed," Auriemma stated.

Mrs. Frances Blabolil, WTEA President, added: "I am thrilled that through the Pride grants, we are able to show our support to the essential workers who are working hard to support the Warren community."

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(above) Mrs. Jane Auriemma dropping off lunches and snacks to the Kings grocery store employees.

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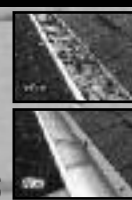
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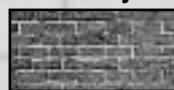
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WARREN TOWNSHIP SCHOOLS INTRODUCE VIRTUAL CLUBS



(above) Sydney Collman displays a rock carin that she created in the DIY club.

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The Warren Township Board of Education approved a list of supplemental virtual after school activities during its meeting on Monday, April 27.

Dr. Matthew Mingle stated, "I am pleased to announce 23 new after school activity options for students in grades PreK through 8! Beginning Monday, May 4 students will have opportunities to explore a variety of enrichment activities that extend learning and fun peer engagement beyond the typical Flexible Instruction Day. For the first time, these experiences will also create cross-school interactions as the distance learning environment allows us to break through traditional logistical challenges."

Staff members including substitute teachers were invited to submit club proposals which will be offered to all students. Clubs vary in topics from Creative Writing, Creative Building &

Architecture, DIY, Countries and Cultures Around the World, Warren's Got Talent, Yoga and so much more.

Students will participate with their peers and club advisors during these activities through synchronous and asynchronous videos, online games, and other digital platforms. Parents were provided a list of activities and a short description of each club along with a registration form to sign up.

Mingle is thankful to the staff members who with very little time developed an extensive list of virtual activities. "On behalf of all of us at the Warren Township Schools, I hope these new opportunities provide hours of engagement and enjoyment for your children," added Mingle.

As of May 12 over 200 students are enrolled and participating in one or more virtual supplemental after school activity.

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WHRHS MAY ATHLETIC COLLEGE SIGNING DAY

Nineteen student athletes in the Watchung Hills Regional High School (WHRHS) Class of 2020 who play interscholastic sports for the Warriors announced their intentions to attend next year and play intercollegiate sports at Division III colleges, on College Signing Day, held on Friday, May 1, at the school.

Two additional students who signed on May 1 plan to play at New Jersey community colleges. A third student plans to play at a California community college.

The WHRHS Athletic Department held a “virtual celebration” for the student athletes on “Twitter,” (@WHRHS_Athletics) according to Athletic Director Dan Root.

Root congratulated the students. “We are very proud of our student athletes who have decided to continue their academic and athletic careers at these amazing institutions of higher learning,” he said. “We wish you all the best.”

THE STUDENTS SIGNING IN MAY ARE:

- Tanner Ash of Warren Township, who plans to play Football at Kean University, Union;
- Jayden Baltuch of Warren, Basketball, Emory University, Atlanta, Ga.;
 - Jordan Belle of Green Brook Township, Football, Kean University;
 - Clement Carfaro of the Millington, Football, Rowan University, Glassboro;
 - Adam Claxton of Warren, Lacrosse, Kean University;
 - Thomas Dardis of Warren, Track and Field, Ramapo College, Mahwah;
 - Joseph DeNave of Warren, Lacrosse, Muhlenberg College, Allentown, Pa.;
 - Scarlett Glasser-Nehls of Watchung, Basketball, Arcadia University, Glenside, Pa.;
 - Elizabeth Killeen of Millington, Volleyball, Montclair State University, Montclair;
 - Maurice Kirchofer III of Green Brook, Volleyball, Ramapo College;
 - Anthony Leone of Warren, Lacrosse, Kean University;
 - Michael Morin of the Gillette, Football, Salve Regina University, Newport, R.I.;
 - Claudia O'Reilly of Warren, Swimming, University of Scranton, Scranton, Pa.;

- Tanner Rokosny of Green Brook, Lacrosse, Kean University;
- Julia Schinik of Watchung, Softball, Gettysburg College, Gettysburg, Pa.;
- Terryn Stephens of Green Brook, Football, College of the Desert, Palm Desert, Calif.;
- Jack Taub of Warren, Lacrosse, Muhlenberg College, Allentown, Pa.;
- Maya Zhang of the Stirling, Fencing, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Md.;
- Vivian Zhang of Green Brook, Swimming, California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, Calif.;
- Caitlin Bonnesen of Stirling, Basketball, St. Mary's College, South Bend, Ind.;
- Ryan Krug of Stirling, Baseball, County College of Morris, Randolph Twp.;
- Christopher Miller of Warren, Baseball, Raritan Valley Community College, Branchburg.

The County College of Morris (CCM) Titans and the Raritan Valley Community College (RVCC) Lions play in the Garden State Athletic Conference (GSAC). The College of the Desert (COD) Roadrunners play in the California Community College Athletic Association (CCCCAA).

THREE ANNUAL SIGNING DAYS

There are three College Signing Days throughout the high school academic year: In November, February and May.

Earlier in the year, the following students declared their intention to play sports at the following colleges:

On Wednesday, Feb. 5, three student athletes in the WHRHS Class of 2020 announced their intentions to attend next year and play intercollegiate sports at Division I colleges.

THE STUDENTS SIGNING TO MATRICULATE AND PLAY AT DIVISION I COLLEGES ARE:

- Teresa Rotolo, who plans to attend and compete in Track and Field at Villanova University, Villanova, Pa.;
- Chloe Mok, Fencing, Sacred Heart University, Fairfield, Conn.;
- Victor Odoliniec, Fencing, Yale University, New Haven, Conn.

On Wednesday, Nov. 13, an additional seven WHRHS students announced their intentions to attend and play at Division I or Division II colleges.

AT DIVISION I COLLEGES:

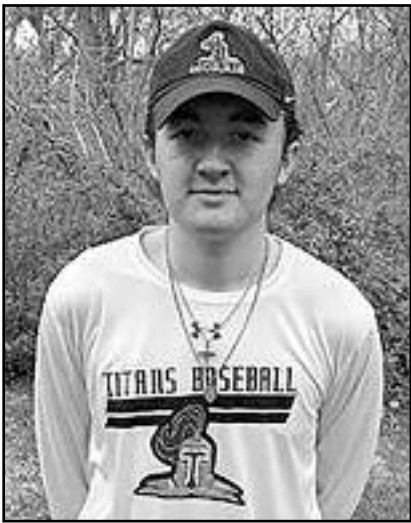
- Chloe Ferreira, Soccer, Monmouth University, West Long Branch;
- Laura Baeyens, Cross Country and Track & Field, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pa.;
- Bradley Jelmert, Track & Field, Arkansas State University, Jonesboro, Ark.;
- Mahogany Jenkins, Track & Field, University of Indiana, Bloomington, Ind.;
- Christopher Salkowski, Track & Field, Coastal Carolina University, Conway, S.C.

AT DIVISION II COLLEGES:

- Kaitlyn Gully, Field Hockey, Bentley University, Waltham, Mass.;
- Sophia Cicchetti, Softball, Adelphi University, Garden City, N.Y.



(above) Maya Zhang
Fencing, Johns Hopkins



(above) Ryan Krug
Baseball, CCM



(above) Elizabeth Killeen
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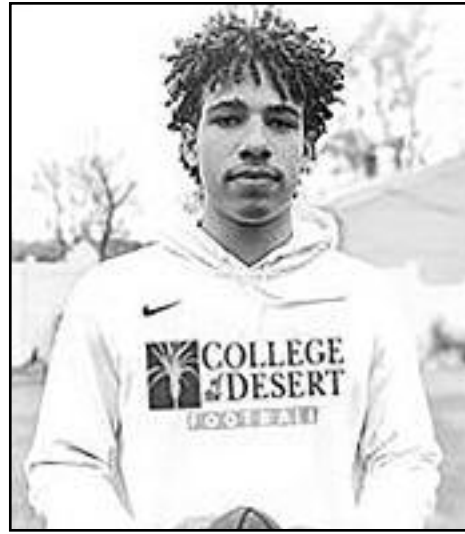
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*(above) Scarlett Glasser-Nehls
Basketball, Arcadia*



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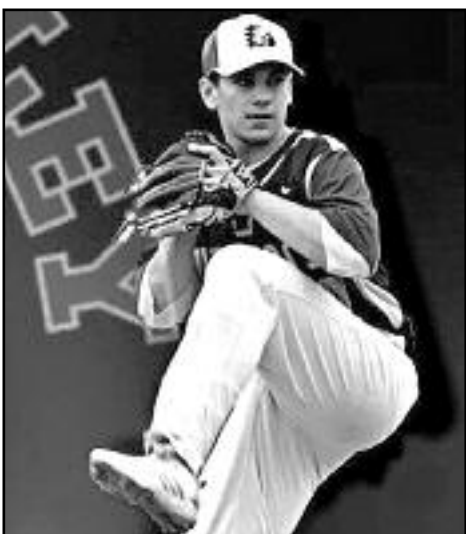
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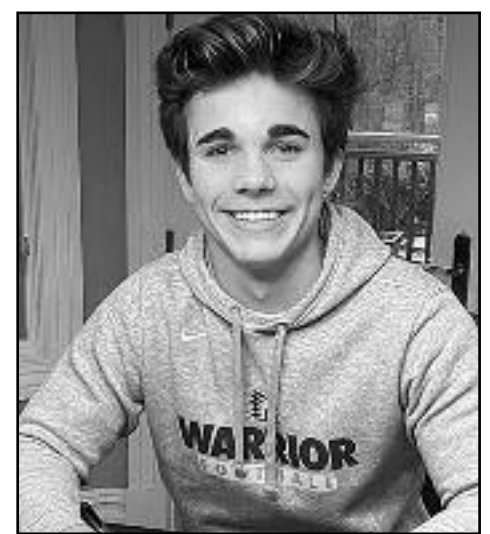
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Lacrosse, Muhlenberg*



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Softball, Gettysburg*



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Football, Kean*



*(above) Thomas Dardis
Track & Field, Ramapo*



*(above) Adam Claxton
Lacrosse, Kean*



*(above) Claudia O'Reilly
Swimming, Scranton*



*(above) Jordan Belle
Football, Kean*

POETRY INSPIRATION CHALLENGE DURING DISTANCE LEARNING



Watchung Hills Regional High School (WHRHS) English Teacher Jana Battiloro and her students discovered the use of a different kind of chalk board and a “Poetry Inspiration Challenge” during the Covid-19 Pandemic. The exercise helped students explore one way to harness the power of their own inner poet while reaching out with words of inspiration for their neighbors and themselves.

Prior to their Spring Break, Battiloro gave her students a light assignment to complete during their one-week off from Distance Learning.

“The Tuesday before Spring Break, I left a ‘challenge’ for them on Google Classroom,” Battiloro explained. Her challenge coincided with National Poetry Month.

“My challenge for you is to not only begin our celebration of National Poetry Month,” she instructed her students, “but also to spread some love. So here is the challenge: Find a poem - any poem (even a verse of a poem) and write it on your sidewalk, driveway, window, front door, anywhere you can to show it to the rest of the world. The poem should somehow spread a message of positivity, optimism, hope, encouragement, or love. Then post a picture here so we can see what you did!”

Battiloro explained, “I found myself turning to poems each day when I started my day, trying to find some inspiration and some peace. Then, my daughter started to leave messages on our sidewalk and walkway each day, encouraging our neighbors. That’s how the idea was born: That I could merge these two forms of encouragement and that this is needed, but especially for my precious students who are feeling lost and unmotivated and missing their own lives. So, I offered them a poem of encouragement by Mary Oliver, and told them to take the ideas out to others in the form of sidewalk chalk or even post on paper on a tree!”

Battiloro said the student reaction was overwhelming, but she added, also, it was in line with what she and others have come to expect from WHRHS students.

“So, as Watchung Hills students always do,” she said, “they rose to the challenge and have been leaving messages on roads and driveways and sidewalks everywhere, since that day.”

Some of the selections the students shared included some written by other poets, and some written by them.

ALT STUDENTS SUPPORT PENNIES FOR PATIENTS

For many years Angelo L.Tomaso (ALT) School has been recognized as a top supporter of the Pennies For Patients program through the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society (LLS). Although the COVID-19 pandemic prevents the students from fundraising in person it won’t stop their efforts to help make a difference.

As a science-based service-learning program, Pennies for Patients connects schools with local blood cancer patients, provides tangible life skills to participants, and allows students to see the impact they’re making in the lives of others.

Through a coordinated effort between Ms. Christine Smith, ALT principal, Mrs. Nancy Andrews, grade 5 teacher, and the LLS foundation, students will be participating in a series of fun activities throughout this experience. For example, students were provided with instructions on how to create their very own superhero costume.

Collectively, the school has raised thousands of dollars over the years and their goal is to

continue to support LLS this spring with a significant donation. “Our school and families have made tremendous donations to help children fighting cancer and blood disorders. Each year, it is my students’ favorite philanthropic endeavor in the ALT Gives Back program,” added Andrews. This opportunity comes at a great time as students are home and able to pick up extra chores around the house to raise money to donate.

On May 18, 2020, both Smith and Andrews attended the Pennies For Patients’ virtual Awards Celebration in honor of their commitment to LLS while also representing ALT.

“As the building principal, it always makes me proud to witness the empathy of the ALT students and parents shining through initiatives like this! We are grateful for the kindness and extra effort that Mrs. Andrews exemplifies by creating school-wide experiences such as Pennies for Patients. These experiences afford our students the valuable lessons of considering others, working together, and giving back in various ways,” Smith added.

Andrews, a longtime supporter of LLS states, “it brings me such joy to see children helping other children. Pennies for Patients is a tremendous program that gets our students excited to give back.” Andrews continues, “You can see the pride in their faces as they drop coins into their class jars, knowing they are making a difference in the lives of other children fighting cancer and blood disorders. While superheroes can be found in hospitals and on the frontline, at ALT, superheroes walk our hallways every day.”



(above) Kindergarten student, Hailey Jurista dressed as an ALT superhero.

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(above) Kindergarten student, Victoria Bodajlo and her brother, grade 2 student Benjamin Bodajlo dressed as ALT superheroes.



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STUDENT COORDINATES LETTER WRITING CAMPAIGN TO SENIORS IN COMMUNITY DURING CORONAVIRUS

Alexandra “Lexi” Jacobson, a Freshman at Watchung Hills Regional High School, organized a group of more than 80 people to write letters to the residents at the Chelsea in Warren, a nursing home in Somerset County.

Jacobson said she was inspired to act from “seeing the amazing things that our state and community has done to help those in need during this time” of the pandemic.

“Because of these amazing people I had been inspired to help people as well!”

Jacobson recruited others for her letter writing campaign by texting, emailing, and reaching out via instagram and Snapchat. “I really wanted to try to get as many people involved as possible,” Jacobson said.

Jacobson’s group wrote enough letters for all of the Chelsea residents, about 75, as well as the staff. Said Jacobson, “Each letter had kind messages, inspirational quotes, poems, jokes, or even activities such as how to play card games, or recipes that are fun to make at home.”

After delivering the letters, Jacobson received a call from the Chelsea about how much the residents appreciated the letters.

Jacobson would like to encourage others to reach out to seniors during the pandemic. She hopes that “more people will hear about it and write their own letters so we can help cheer up even more people!”



(above) Alexandra “Lexi” Jacobson, a Freshman at Watchung Hills Regional High School, organized a group of over 80 people to write letters to the residents at the Chelsea in Warren, a nursing home in Somerset County.

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Each weekday evening at 7:30 p.m. the Warren Township Schools' librarians are taking turns hosting a virtual storytime session called, "Late Night @ The Library." All interested Warren students and their siblings are encouraged to listen along each evening.

Late Night @ The Library was thoughtfully created by the Warren Township Schools' librarians, Ms. Christine Burkhardt, Ms. Cynthia Cassidy, Mrs. Susan Jackson, Mrs. Lindsay LaNeve, and Mrs. Amanda McGrath. Just like Warren Township teachers, the librarians understand the need for students to feel connected to their school community while learning from home. The hope is that this program brings some comfort, joy, and relaxation to the children.

Students are able to submit comments or questions about the books that are read and the librarians will review and respond back. If a student is late to the program or misses a story they have the ability to view a recording of each story that is read.

According to the feedback that the librarians have received, students are grateful for the experience, happy with the book choices, and very entertained by the different voices the librarians are using while reading.

On the flip side, the librarians are enjoying the experience just as much as the students. "I had no idea how much I've missed reading picture books aloud, and hearing from my students about how much they enjoyed seeing me again has meant the world," added LaNeve.

Be sure to check out the Late Night @ The Library. Jackson reminds us, "reading takes us to other places when we can't get there right now. So, the libraries might be closed, but the books must still be opened."



(above) Top row: Mrs. Amanda McGrath, Ms. Christine Burkhardt, and Ms. Cynthia Cassidy
Bottom row: Mrs. Lindsay LaNeve and Mrs. Susan Jackson

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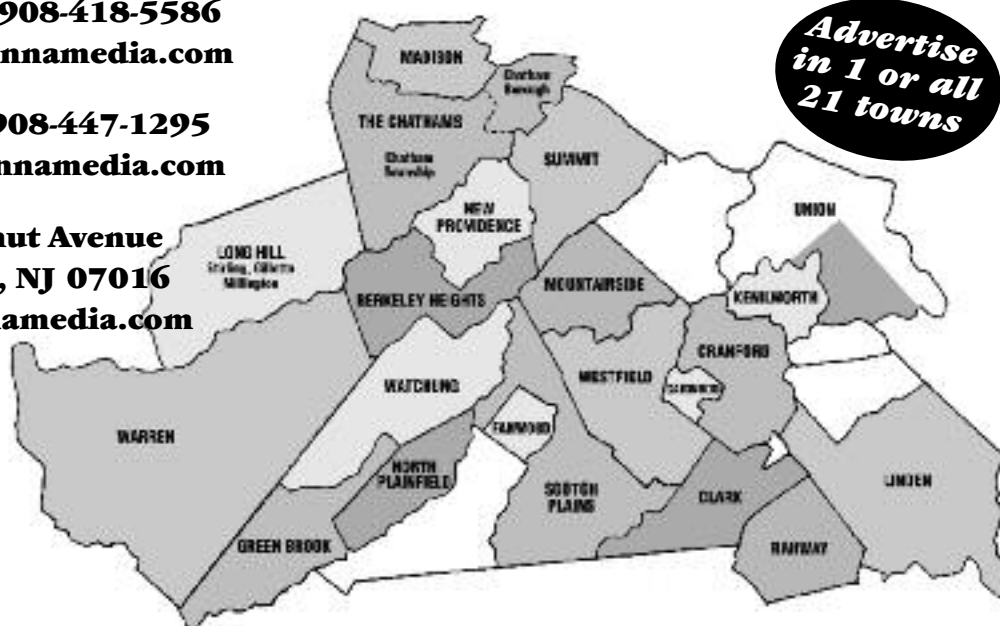
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I highly recommend doing an independent audit of your website!

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to 300 to 500 news outletsBudget choice from \$300 to \$500.

Website / SEO services

- Website Audit/Analysis and recommendation plan:\$250
- Website creation/update:.....\$2,400
(Cost for average website: 12 pages,
contact form, SEO friendly, responsive design)
- Website Hosting:\$300 per year
Includes website hosting, software updates,
monthly website content updates
- SEO Services:.....average cost \$1,000 - \$2,000 per month
Custom tailored solutions:
Google Ranking, Local SEO, Social Marketing

Video advertising

Production:

- Product placement \$250
- 30-second commercial \$500
- 3-minute spot \$1,000
- 30-minute show \$1,500
- 3-hour shoot - \$2,000

Do not commit to a service unless you have a solid marketing plan and budget.

Your plan should work on paper before you spend dime one. Don't waste money just trying something. There is no magic bullet.
Call Joe for a free consultation.

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if you want your business featured on line and in print. See sample show below.



JENNIFER ALARCON - THE INSPIRATION BEHIND MEXICAN SPICE

I was born and raised in Mexico City, and now a happy resident of Chatham NJ for the last 13 years, I have searched for what I would call authentic and delicious Mexican food. Disappointed with my local findings, I decided to start my own little catering business to my friends and neighbors.

Business took off amazingly! In a matter of 3 years I went from making Salsa Verde in my own kitchen, to setting up a commercial kitchen, growing the team (or better said, building a team), participating in local Farmers Markets and catering countless events and parties.

We are now at two brick-and-mortar locations, and have exciting plans for continuing to grow.

Oh and did I mention the super-chic-amazing-fun-classy-fabulous Food Truck? Mexican Spice has a Food Truck which is the cutest little thing and we take it around New Jersey to cater special events like birthdays, weddings, and of course, to the local Food Truck Festivals.

I am passionate about the Mexican culture, the infinite flavors, colors and traditions, and I love that I am able to share "A little taste of Mexico" with the community.

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