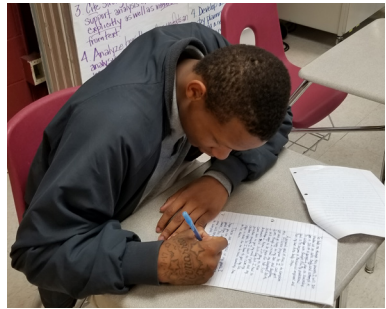
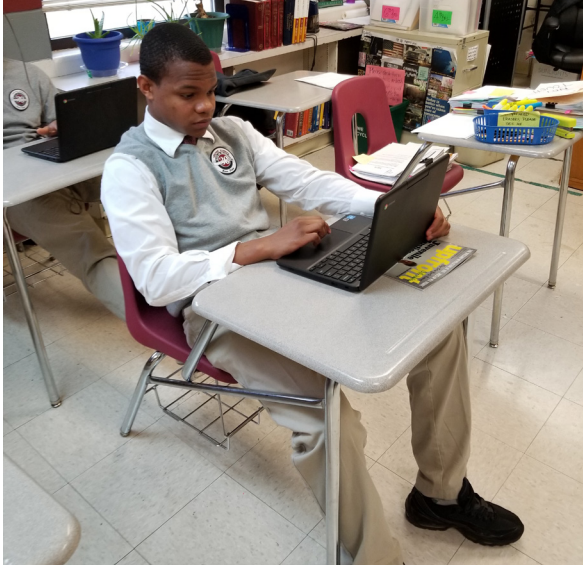

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Hillcrest Academy provides rigorous and relevant education through its normalized high school environment. Case in point: its annual Spelling Bee (sponsored by Hillcrest's English Department) in which students brought their "A" game to spell words like: juxtapose, phenomenology, hypochondriac and disingenuous.

For the past three years, competition has grown fierce among student-athletes for the distinction to "bee" the best in spelling. This year's competition saw the most student-athletes ever to sign up to be a contestant. The preliminary rounds were exciting, but only 10 contestants could advance to the finals.

The students battled vigorously, spelling words like "adduce," "mordacious" and "reconnaissance." Only three student-athletes survived the onslaught of Latinate words as contenders for the title "Spelling Champion."

The top three contenders were rewarded for their excellent performance with "an endless lunch" at a buffet. Additionally, the Champion and second place contender were awarded lunch from a restaurant of their choice. Finally, the Spelling Bee Champ was also awarded a pizza party.

Every year, Hillcrest students look forward to the annual spelling bee that uses vocabulary required in English class. The event has grown in popularity--enabling Hillcrest students to "unite" while the bad spellers of the world are left to "untie."
