STARS to our Staff, Parents and Students

Each week, individuals will be recognized for their contributions to the school. Staff members are encouraged to submit accolades that are worthy of the General’s Star. Our staff and students strive for excellence on a daily basis. The comments listed below represent some of the recognition for our staff and students.

★ STARS to Marian Chaprnka for all of her dedication and hard work in making sure the LPP Magnet Testing Event was a success!

★ STARS to Tom Blair, Eze Chappin, Ben Cohen, Elaine Coletta, Lindsay Dugovich, Linda Esterson, Ed Faya, Paul Faya, Jackie Freeburger, Linda Freeburger, Lauren Hanley, Eileen Hardesty, Officer Fiedler, David Hoefler, Jonathan Holtzman, Matt Jochmans, Shayna Kirschenbaum, Laura Kogelschatz, Donna Lauten, Dan Miller, Blair Muneses, Teresa Needer, Scott Olson, Kate Santavenere, Geri Savage, Ronald Schneider, Peter Skeels, Kirsten Surak, Jennie Tarantola, Laurie Taylor, Mary Tehran, Melissa Warrington, Karen Waters, and Alison White for their efforts on a Saturday in making sure the LPP Magnet Testing Event was a success.

★ STARS to Randall Ainsworth for making All-County Jazz Band.

★ STARS to Randall Ainsworth for being an amazing student role model and the leader of the Brother to Brother Group at Towson High!

★ STARS to Julie Kromsky for all of her hard work to make the LPP Magnet Testing Event a successful event!

Remember to check the BCPS website or local radio or TV stations to find out if school has been delayed or cancelled due to weather.
There are a host of buzzwords and phrases that accompany our system’s quest to create a student body that is prepared for the 21st century. At the top of the list is the mantra, “we are preparing our students to be college and career ready.” In no department is that mantra more evident than with Baltimore County’s Career and Technology Education (CTE). Across the county, CTE programs like Interactive Media Production, and Business Management and Finance, are providing students with educational experiences that focus on hands-on learning and can result in professional certifications.

At Towson High, one element of the CTE program consists of our School to Career program (STC). The STC program is responsible for managing both our Internship and Work Study programs. The Internship is for students interested in gaining experience in a professional field, and the Work Study program is a completer program that provides real, paid job experience. Both stand as a testament to our commitment to create students who are both college and career ready. Internships in law are also part of the magnet offerings.

Our interns spend part of their school days out of the building gaining experience in professional disciplines. While not usually paid, these placements provide our college bound students with opportunities to explore the many facets of a field of interest. For example, for our students interested in the medical profession, be it nursing, medicine, or healthcare in general, our partnership with St. Joseph’s Hospital provides a myriad of placements that can certainly help students decide if medicine is for them.

Additionally, while these opportunities might be considered academic in nature, they also help students develop their soft skills. Our placements afford students the opportunity to interact with professionals and peers alike, understand the importance of being a team player, and develop interpersonal skills all in a practical setting.

Our seminar sessions compliment the program, affording our interns the opportunity to further develop those skills with activities and lectures that are the foundation for further introspection and self-awareness. For some, this has been a healthy alternative to packing a senior year schedule with AP classes that in-
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crease the difficulties of senior year with further academic development when workplace experience in a desired field may be as rewarding.

On the other side of the STC equation is the Work Study program. No less challenging, it offers students an acute understanding of the work world while, at the same time, providing the gratification of getting paid. For many, this program provides an alternative to the traditional early release that may result in “couch-time” at home.

At Towson, the Work Study component is part of the 4 credit graduation completer that includes Introduction to Career Research and Development (1cr), Advanced Career Research and Development (1cr) and Work Based learning (2cr). The classes compliment the 2 credit Work based learning class which is taken in the senior year. As an independent study, the class requires students to find a job, adapt and learn the skills to keep and maintain employment with a minimum hourly requirement of 270 hours per academic year.

Like the Internship Program, Work Study offers a practical approach to learning that a classroom just cannot provide. Many participants are anxious to get started with a life beyond the walls of Towson High and the program allows them to do just that. They can make money, learn the soft skills of the work world, get a grade (on the way to graduation) AND apply 3 articulated credits to CCBC. It is a win-win situation for everyone involved.

Should a student be interested in either program, they are encouraged to stop in to room 138 and speak to Ms. Bonnie Gray or Mr. Jeff Brotman. They would be happy to speak with students and parents about both programs. They can also be reached at bgray@bcps.org, or jbrotman@bcps.org respectively.
Senior Information

CAP AND GOWNS

Attention all seniors!!!
Have you ordered your cap and gown yet? If not, you need to order before January 30th before prices go up!

You can order online at www.nrpatlantic.com
✦ Enter Towson
✦ Click on Packages—and the basic package for $9.90 should be there.

Mid-Year Grades

Seniors: Mid-year grades will be sent to the colleges that you have applied to at the end of January. All your schools will receive mid-year grades so there is no need to request them. If you have any questions, please see your counselor.

FAFSA Information

Do you need help completing the FAFSA form online? There is assistance available at CCBC in February. Talk with professionals for one-stop help. Attend a financial aid presentation and learn how to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

Saturday, February 20, 2016, from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
CCBC Essex Student Services Center, First Floor Lobby

Saturday, February 27, 2016 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
CCBC Catonsville Library, First Floor Lobby

Important Message for Parents of Seniors

The deadline to include a recognition ad in the yearbook for your graduating senior is February 1. Please visit www.jostens.com to place your recognition ad before that date. The Sidelights staff appreciates your continued support!
# Math Help Calendar

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Winter Blood Drive

On February 24, 2016, the SGA will hold its annual Winter Blood Drive. Students and staff, 17 and older only, will be allowed to sign up to give blood during the week of January 25th. Sign-up sheets will be available through SGA officers and in the nurse’s office on the second floor.

In October we collected over 30 pints of blood for area hospitals! Let’s try to triple that in February. You can donate traditionally or do a double donation. Look for information around the building and listen to the morning announcements for more details.

Internship Program

Interested in a Towson High Internship? Here’s one example of why you should be…

www.powtoon.com/online-presentation/cyLZStcRDZA/internship-promo/#/Publish/Details

PSAT Information

PSAT scores are available online. Please go to studentscores.collegeboard.org to access your scores. You will need your College Board log in information to access your scores. If you do not have a College Board account, you will need to click on “sign up” and create an account. The number to contact College Board for account related questions is 866-433-7728.
What are you doing this summer?

Would you like to host a student from Spain? Several students between the ages of 14 and 16 need host families from June 28-July 25. You can go on exciting trips to NYC, the Naval Academy, Washington D.C., Hershey Park, Arundel Mills, Baltimore to see the Orioles, and more. Make lifelong friends in another part of the world.

Our very own Claire Bolster has hosted in the past and she enjoyed her student and the other students in the group, loved NY and Hershey trips, and still maintains contact with her sister from Spain. All classes for the exchange students will be held at Towson High this year. See Mrs. Nash in room 302 today for more information or email enash@bcps.org or erikalnash@gmail.com for more information.

This program is not associated with Baltimore County Public Schools.

It’s Academic!

Well, it was a nail biter of a Saturday! We played Glenelg and Wilde Lake in our playoff match, and it was tough! It was Towson and Glenelg from the start, and for a while, they had the lead. Our boys came through strong, winning the bonus and turning the game for the better. In true Towson fashion, the boys came out of top for a final score of 360-360-450. Wilde Lake and Glenelg tied, we won!

Semis are April 30th at 10. We practice every Wednesday in room 305. Come give the kids a little competition!
Look What Our Students Are Doing!!

Towson High School students are always achieving important milestones! See what our current and former students are up to!!

Vicente Iglesias Boy Scout Eagle
Vicente was inducted as an Eagle Scout the weekend of January 9th. Several dignitaries, including Councilman Marks and Delegate Lafferty were in attendance.

Marc Nagib
Marc has been named a semifinalist in the 75th annual Science Talent Search. Only 191 high schools in the United States have a student(s) who was named a semifinalist.

Marc will receive $1,000 and Towson High School will also receive $1,000 to be designated to further support excellence in science and math.

Leo Sarbanes
Leo has earned the Young Soloist competition for the Baltimore Symphony / Orchestra Competition. Thirteen students from around the county tried out for this position - only 1 is selected!

Congratulations

Pictured left to right: Mr. Rhen, Leo Sarbanes, and Mr. Stewart, Supervisor of Music Programs for BCPS.
Latin 3 Students - Medicine: Old vs. New

Latin 3 students pursue mastery of the Greek and Latin roots of modern medical terms in pursuit of one of two Student Learning Objectives. A Comparison of modern and ancient medical practices is also present in the lesson (ACTFL Standard Cultures 2.2).

Latin 2 Students: Sports: Roman vs. Modern

Latin 2 students Bryan and Ariel display a replica of a Roman Colosseum before writing a description of the competitors inside. (ACTFL Standard Cultures 2.1).
**Students’ and Teachers’ Use of THS Library at Record Levels!**

In only the first four months of school, the THS library saw over 15,000 student patrons visiting either individually or with a classroom teacher to take advantage of the available educational resources and technology. Additionally, teachers collaborated with the Library Media Specialist, Mr. Ickes, to co-teach nearly 100 classes and close to 3,000 students.

The two tables below give a more detailed breakdown of library usage. Library statistics are compiled with a web-based system, LibraryTrac, which BCPS high school libraries began using this year. Students scan into the library with their ID badges for individual visits and classroom visits are entered into the library calendar by the Media Specialist. Visit this website to view the library calendar: https://www.librarytrac.com/view/calendar/public/266/3gwehb9vdkm6a507rqn2px8scty4f1/

Congratulations to THS students and teachers and keep up the good work!

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2016 Maryland All State

Maryland Junior All State Chorus

Tim Paulis  Bass
Liam Jones  Tenor
Akaolisa Nwadiogbu  Tenor

Maryland Junior All State Band:

Luke Guonjian-Pettit  Trumpet
Vincent Igusa  Bassoon

Maryland Senior All-State Groups

Band
Zachary Jablow  Trumpet
Andrew Schuck  French Horn
Yuzhu Shi  Flute

Orchestra
Naomi Element  Violin
Luke Powers  Trumpet
Leo Sarbanes  Oboe/English Horn
Rey Sasaki  Violin
Felicia Zvagelsky  Piano
Rosemary Wonnell  Viola (alternate)

Chorus
Lillian Blank  Soprano
Samantha Bothwell  Alto
Cristen Hall  Alto
Brennan Hula  Bass
Ashley Longo  Soprano
Mason Miller-Breetz  Bass
Aisling Murphy  Alto
Anne Zappas  Soprano
BCPS Honors Jazz Band / Chorus

The following students have qualified for the BCPS Honors Jazz Band or Chorus. The concert will be held at the Walter’s Art Museum stage on Saturday, February 6th at 7:30 pm. Admission is free.

Anne Zappas ........................................ Soprano
Brooke Henderson ......................... (Soprano alternate)
Ma’Issa Wright-Kerr ......................... Alto
Cristen Hall ..................................... (Alto alternate)
Emma Balkoski .............................. (Alto alternate)
Peter Demestihas ......................... Tenor
Will Kelly ................................. (Tenor alternate)
Terry Smith ................................. (Bass alternate)
Vaughn Parts ......................... 1st Alto Saxophone
Micah Herman ......................... 2nd Alto Saxophone
Chris DeMallie ......................... 1st Tenor Saxophone
Jack Morgan ......................... (Saxophone alternate)
Zachary Jablow ......................... 1st Trumpet
Matthew Vorsteg ......................... 2nd Trumpet
Luke Guonjian-Pettit ................. 3rd Trumpet
Nathaniel Lechtzin ......................... 4th Trumpet
Vicente Iglesias ......................... (Trumpet alternate)
Ryan Foretich ......................... (Trombone alternate)
Liam Jones ........................................... Piano
Randall Ainsworth ......................... Guitar
Graham von Briesen ......................... Bass
Jakob Coburn ................................... Drums

BCPS Honors Jazz Band Concert

Saturday, February 6
7:30 pm
Walter’s Art Museum

FREE Admission!
TOWSON HIGH MUSIC BOOSTERS

BASKET BINGO!

February 19, 2016 - Friday
7 to 10 pm
Tall Cedars of Lebanon - 2501 Putty Hill Ave, Parkville

NEW HANDMADE BASKETS THIS YEAR! FOOD AND DRINK FOR SALE!

Some baskets were made locally. Some baskets support artisans worldwide who sell through SERRV International.

CHANCES TO WIN 50/50 AND OTHER RAFFLES! BRING YOUR FRIENDS!

DETAILS: All sales while they last. Each ticket buys an 18-game packet of bingo cards! Bingo basket winners receive a fabulous basket filled with valuable items! Only one winner per game. In the event of multiple winners per game, a tiebreaker will be used.

THANK YOU FOR HELPING THE BOOSTERS SUPPORT TOWSON HIGH MUSIC!

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TICKET ORDER FORM

_______ of Individual tickets @ $20 each ($15 when ordered by Feb. 7)
_______ of Tables at ten people per table -$150/table ($135 by Feb. 7)
_______ of tickets at $7 per THS student who serves or plays music at the event

Total Payment Enclosed - $______________

Your Name: _________________________________________________________________

Mailing Address: ______________________________________________________________________

Your Email address: _______________________________________________________________

Student’s Name (if volunteering): _______________________________________________

Student’s Email (if volunteering): _______________________________________________

Please mail your check payable to THS Music Boosters (memo Bingo 2016) and this completed order form to Towson High Music Boosters Bingo, 69 Cedar Ave., Towson, MD 21286.
UPCOMING EVENTS

January

22  General Nathan Towson’s Birthday
23  Magnet Assessment Snow Date
28  Tri-M Coffeehouse - 4:00 pm, Cafeteria

February

  4  Distribution of Report Cards (2nd Quarter)
  15 Schools and Offices Closed - President’s Day
  16  Edible Art Exhibit - 6:00 p.m., Cafeteria
  18  AVID Information Night - 6:00 p.m., Library
  19  Music Boosters Basket Bingo - 6:00 p.m., Tall Cedars of Lebanon
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FAX: 410-583-1375