The Towson Pride

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 Ms. Berman, Mr. G. Collins, and Mr. Sonneborn for serving as a District VI Sports Director during this past athletic season.

★ STARS to the student editors of the Colophon - Anna Henderson, Morgan, Hylton, Hannah Weinstein, and Rosemary Wommell for their recent accomplishment with the highest award from NCTE.

★ STARS to Mr. Belt, Mr. Busselman and Mr. Freeburger for their outstanding guidance and support for our writers of the Colophon.

★ STARS to our SGA and staff that participated in Towson’s Spirit Week.

★ STARS to Vincent Igusa for being recognized as a 2018 Young Arts winner announced by The National Young Arts Foundation.

★ STARS to Rey Sasaki for being chosen as the 2018 BCPS Young Soloist for the BCPS Side By Side Concert March 13, 2018.

★ STARS to Mr. Tregaskis for his efforts with our exchange students.

★ STARS to Ms. Richmond, Ms. Jacobs, Mr. Briggs, and Ms. Lear for greeting our exchange students.

Great News!! THS parents, students, and staff now have the opportunity to purchase Under Armour spirit wear for discounted prices!! It is only available until January 31st.

Go to this website: https://thankyoutowsonhs.itemorder.com and show your spirit!
A Small Department that Packs a Practical Punch

Towson High’s School to Career department may be the smallest department in the building, but it packs a proverbial practical “punch” that is unmatched. The official program is two fold in nature, catering to the needs of students looking for general employment opportunities outside of the building (the CRD program), or those looking to sharpen the saw, so to speak, with experiences in specific fields that often require a deep dive into higher education (the Internship program). This month’s spotlight focuses on the latter.

Our group of interns has found great success across the board. Amelia Genus is currently interning with Dr. James Overduin in the Department of Physics, Astronomy and Geosciences at Towson University. While it is true that she should be proud of her initial efforts to single handedly secure the internship, her continued persistence to get the most out of the experience should also be noted.

Ms. Genus’s experience with Dr. Overduin has taken her outside the theoretical laboratory and put her in the heart of the astronomical community. Recently she found herself at the 231st meeting of the American Astronomical Society, held in Washington, DC, where she presented a poster in the poster session.

The meeting is referred to as the “Superbowl of Astronomy” because peer attendance hovers somewhere around 10,000. According to Dr. Overduin, Ms. Genus “held her own” with her poster presentation. There is little doubt that she was most likely the only high school student giving a presentation at the meeting.

When reflecting on her experience Ms. Genus found that presenting her poster to an audience of scientific peers was somewhat anxiety provoking. She recalled that her presentation took place later in the day and the anticipation was nerve racking. Needless to say, she did an excellent job and gained an experience that most Graduate students don’t get until their latter years in their Graduate programs.
Another intern who has found great success with the program is Hannah Preston. After a rough start securing an internship site, Ms. Preston has proven her worth in the field of public health. She is working with the Baltimore City Health department and has become an integral part of their research and policy drafting team.

Occasionally, Ms. Preston will spend her time in policy and legislation sessions in Annapolis and Baltimore City where she is privy to the inner workings of public/health policy. Her hard work, focus and dedication have made her an important part of her team. Some may have even seen her recently on the local news in attendance at a health policy news conference for Baltimore City.

Another intern who is getting the most from his experience is Mohammed Jamil. Mr. Jamil is getting a hands-on approach to engineering at the local office of the engineering firm, Whitney, Bailey, Cox and Magnani (WBCM).

Towson High’s internship program has been fortunate to have WBCM as an internship site and we are indebted to the efforts of Senior Vice President, Phil Han who takes his role as a site mentor very seriously. It is clear that he views this experience as a means of showing future engineers what the profession is all about. He works diligently with our interns to introduce them to the everyday responsibilities of engineers as well as the long-range, bigger picture of the profession.

Mr. Jamil has been fortunate to have Mr. Han as his mentor. The resulting experience has been invaluable for Mr. Jamil. He has been invited to planning meetings, introduced to the basics of CAD and exposed to the rudiments of structural design and analysis. When asked about his experience, Mr. Jamil is the first to say that Mr. Han and WBCM work hard to provide a realistic, practical engineering experience. Although still a novice in the field, Jamil is expected to have the same work ethic, curiosity and drive that others at the firm have.

Regardless as to the level of success and involvement that our interns have at their sites, the experience always teaches them something. While some may have more comprehensive experiences than others, everyone will walk away with something. For some it may strengthen their resolve to continue in a field of interest, for others it may help them refine their interests, and for others yet still, it may have them change their focus all together.

There are certainly more success stories for this year’s group of interns, but these three exemplify what our program is all about.
On the following pages are Scholarship opportunities. Please check with the Counseling office if you need an application or have any questions.

The School Counseling Office will send out your mid-year transcripts to all the colleges that you have applied to around the end of January. There is no need to request that your mid-year transcript be sent. We will send mid-year transcripts to all the colleges that are listed in Naviance.

Please make sure to check the scholarship list on Naviance for the latest scholarships. Go to Naviance, click on the “colleges” tab. Click on “scholarship list” to access all the scholarships!

See your counselor if you have any questions.
COLLEGE FAIR 2018

Co-sponsored by Baltimore County Public Schools and the Community College of Baltimore County

TUESDAY, MARCH 6
6-8 p.m.
CCBC ESSEX
Wellness and Athletics Center
7201 Rossville Boulevard
Baltimore, MD 21237
443-840-2110

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7
6-8 p.m.
CCBC CATONSVILLE
Jack Manley Wellness and Athletics Center
800 South Rolling Road
Baltimore, MD 21228
443-840-4894

In case of inclement weather, call 443-840-1711 or visit ccbcmd.edu

VISIT A COLLEGE MARKETPLACE
showcasing more than 100 universities, colleges, proprietary and military schools.
Senator Jim Brochin's 42 District Senatorial Scholarship is now open. [http://jimbrochin.com/scholarships/](http://jimbrochin.com/scholarships/)

The application is on the scholarship list in Naviance and additional copies are available in the school counseling office.

**Who may apply:**

Residents of District 42 who are current high school seniors and full-time and part-time, degree-seeking undergraduate and graduate students are eligible to apply for Senator Brochin’s Senatorial Scholarship. If you need to verify your residence in the 42nd legislative district, please visit [http://mdelect.net/](http://mdelect.net/).

The scholarship may only be used at a Maryland school, unless you your major is not available at any Maryland institution and has been approved as a “unique major” by the Maryland Higher Education Commission.

To apply, please complete the following: Complete the [FAFSA](http://www.fafsa.gov) form by March 1.

Download and complete Senator Brochin’s Senatorial Scholarship Application

Mail the FAFSA Student Aid Report, your most recent transcript, recommendation letters and the completed application to the address below: Senator James Brochin 221 James Senate Office Building Annapolis, MD 21401

**Deadline: April 1, 2018**
First Financial Federal Credit Union is offering a $3000 scholarship. The deadline for this scholarship is February 1. Please click here for more information: https://www.firstfinancial.org/youth-young-adults/scholarship-program/.

The Joseph Fox Jr. Memorial Scholarship awards $2000 to students who plan to major in education and pursue coursework in reading or a related field. If you are interested in this scholarship, please click here: www.somirac.org Please speak with your counselor for more information.

The Education Foundation of Baltimore County Public Schools offers two $1000 scholarships to seniors who are interested in studying either a STEM related subject or a business related subject. Please click on the link to the website here: https://educationfoundationbcps.org/scholarships/.

The application can be found here: http://educationfoundationbcps.org/site/wp-content/uploads/2017/12/EDFoundation.BEEF .STEM .Scholarship-Application-1.pdf . You should read the application and eligibility information first to make sure you qualify to apply.

Your completed application should be given to the school counseling office at Towson High School by Friday, March 30.

Please see your counselor if you have any questions!
USC Bovard Scholars

DREAM BIG
Your future, empowered

The USC Bovard Scholars program helps high-achieving students with financial need gain admission to and succeed at the nation's top universities.

Includes a three-week summer residential program on USC's campus at no cost to the student.

scholars.usc.edu

Juniors: Apply by February 16th, 2019!

Aly Tantawy
New York City, NY
2017-18 Bovard Scholar

- Personalized Career Exploration
- Expert Admission & Financial Aid Support
- Comprehensive Test Preparation
- Leadership Development

Become a USC Bovard Scholar

Application Deadline: February 16, 2018 at 5pm PST

Who: Rising high school seniors who are high-achieving with financial need (apply when you are a junior in high school).

What: Three-week summer residential program on USC's campus and subsequent one-on-one support in the following four areas: career exploration, admission & financial aid guidance, test prep, leadership development – at no cost to you.

When: July 15-August 4, 2018, and ongoing support throughout your senior year.

Where: USC's beautiful, architecturally rich University Park Campus, Los Angeles, California.

Why: “High-achieving students who attend more selective schools graduate at higher rates, earn higher incomes, and are more likely to pursue a graduate degree. In other words, where you go to school matters.”

- Jack Kent Cooke Foundation

How: Through a structured curriculum and with the support of a personal Admissions Coach, explore and connect your academic interests and career passions. Engage with guest speakers, Industry experts, career specialists and recent college graduates to define your personal pathway to college and beyond.

We look forward to receiving your application. Visit our website for more information:

scholars.usc.edu

Contact us at (213)821-4654
February 14th, visit your local BCPS High School during school hours to receive support with completing the FAFSA.

You need to fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

**FAFSA = Money for College**

You need to fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

- 12th grade student or parent
- Hoping to attend a 2 year or 4 year college
- Need money for college

**FAFSA = Money for College**
The Kiwanis Club of Loch Raven High School Scholarship is now open! You may pick up an application in the Counseling Office.

Please turn in the completed application to the school counseling office no later than April 3, 2018.
KIWANIS CLUB of LOCH RAVEN

HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

This application is due in the guidance office no later than April 3, 2018. To be considered by the Kiwanis scholarship committee, the application must be completed neatly, entirely, and truthfully. Please staple the typed essay and a copy of your transcript to the application.

GENERAL INFORMATION

NAME: ________________________________    SS# ________________

ADDRESS: ________________________________________________________

CITY, ZIP CODE: __________________________________________________

PARENTS/GUARDIANS: ______________________________________________

PRIME (Carver students only): ________________________________________

EDUCATIONAL PLANS

List the three colleges that you are most likely to attend. Include the cost per year of each (tuition, room and board).

1st Choice: ___________________________    Cost: ____________________

2nd Choice: ___________________________    Cost: ____________________

3rd Choice: ___________________________    Cost: ____________________

At which college(s) have you been accepted?

____________________________________________________________________

____________________________________________________________________

Major/Career goal: ________________________________
For 5 years, every time we've raised the bar for our scholarship, students have surpassed it! So, this year we're upping the challenge once again. To demonstrate our continued belief in students' phenomenal ability to use their learning to better the world around them, we created the:

HonorsGradU Design a Better Future $10,000 Scholarship

The GIST:

Whether through essays or multimedia, students have used their voices to share visions for a better world. So, here's their chance to put them to action! We're asking high school seniors to submit a proposal for how they'll better their communities. Because this will be a much more rigorous process with multiple rounds, we're also raising the bar for tuition awards: from five $1,000 tuition awards to **five $10,000 tuition awards**! We will also fund the top project up to $5,000.

The PROCESS:

We will be breaking the process into 3 rounds, using the principles of design thinking:

1. Design and submit your ROUND 1 **proposal**:
   - First 3 stages of design thinking Launch cycle
   - Students **submit overall proposal** based on the Ford Institute community building principles
We select applications based on their completion, seriousness, and viability, offering feedback for those approved to move on to round 2.

**Deadline: February 11, 2018, 11:59 MST**

2. Design and submit your **ROUND 2 artifact**:

- Next 3 phases of design thinking launch cycle (all but the final launch)
- Students submit an artifact representing their progress and learning
- We give additional feedback

**Deadline: March 18, 2018, 11:59 MST**

3. Design and submit your **ROUND 3 reflection**:

- LAUNCH phase of design thinking launch cycle.
- Students submit a final reflection that shares how their project is doing one of the following: 1) increasing connections, 2) building capacity, or 3) taking community-led action. They also share their ideas for acquiring further funding, in addition to the $5,000 from HGU if selected as the top finalist.
- Include a video of yourself working on your project
- **Deadline: April 15, 2018 at 11:59 MST.**

We will select 5
$10,000 tuition scholarships to
their colleges, with
$5,000 funding to launch their projects into the design thinking cycle.

2018 HonorsGradU Scholarship Design a Better Future
Five $10,000 Awards FROM Honors GRADUATION

THE TOWSON PRIDE
Greetings from the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Upsilon Epsilon Omega graduate chapter in Baltimore County MD!

We are pleased to announce our 2018 book scholarships for graduating high school seniors and current college students who are residents of Baltimore County.

We are offering eight (8) $2000 scholarships in the following categories:

- **Entering Freshman** - for a class of 2018 college-bound student
- **College Student** - for a student enrolled in an accredited institution of higher education (pursuing a Bachelor's or equivalent degree)
- **HBCU Outstanding Scholar** - for an outstanding scholar attending or planning to attend a historically black college or university (HBCU)
- **STEM** - for an outstanding scholar focused in a STEM program of study
- **Outstanding Community Servant** - for a student excelling in community service
- **Precious Pearls Award** - for current or former participants in our debutante program
- **UEO Student Programs and Mentoring Award** - for current or former participants in our mentoring programs (Randallstown and Perry Hall High Schools).

Additionally, we are offering a $500 award for a current college student student who has been approved for a study abroad or academic travel program.

Though we have a specific award for entering freshmen, our other awards are also open to entering freshman students beginning their studies in fall 2018.

All students must submit a complete application package by March 18th. We have attached our application package for you to share with students.

We would appreciate your assistance in getting this out to your college-bound students and alumni.

If you have questions or require additional information, please contact our scholarship committee at scholarship@a kaupsilonepsilonomega.org.
Miss Utility of Maryland and Washington, D.C., is pleased to announce its fourth annual college scholarship program for graduating high school seniors. Please consider sharing this opportunity with students and including it on your scholarship listings or newsletters.

Miss Utility will select one student from each of the eight regions outlined in the application covering Maryland and Washington, D.C., to receive a $1,008.11 single-year scholarship. The application period will run from January 2018 to April 6, 2018. Scholarship recipients will be notified in May 2018.

To be eligible, applicants must be on track to graduate from a Maryland or Washington, D.C., high school in spring 2018, intend to enroll in an accredited two-year or four-year college, university or technical school beginning in fall 2018, and have participated in extracurricular activities. A rigorous application review process will consider grades in relevant coursework, a personal essay and letter of recommendation.

Applicants for the Miss Utility Scholarship need to submit the following:
• Application form
• Extracurricular activities form
• Personal essay
• One letter of recommendation, no more than two, dated within one year of the application
• Official high school transcript

For your reference, please find attached the application form and extracurricular activities form. Additionally, Miss Utility of Maryland and Washington, D.C., representatives can attend your school and discuss damage prevention training with your class. If interested, we’ve also attached a form for this request.

Please send application form and attachments to:

MGH for Miss Utility
Attn: Kimberly Francois
100 Painters Mill Road, Suite 600
Owings Mills, MD 21117

The application form and attachments must be postmarked by April 6, 2018 to be eligible. If you have any questions, please contact Kimberly Francois at kfrancois@mghus.com or call (410) 581-5928. To learn more about the Miss Utility scholarship program, please visit: www.missutility.net/scholarship
Parkville Middle School & Center for Technology

PTSO Scholarship Application

Dear Graduating Senior,

Thank you for your interest in the PTSO Scholarship. Below is some basic information for you to consider before completing this application. When you have completed all areas of the application, please return to the address below. Please read the directions on each page carefully.

The Parkville Middle School PTSO will award two scholarships in the amount of $250.00 each.

You must have attended Parkville Middle School in order to receive this scholarship. Please answer all the questions on all pages and complete the essay in a 300 words minimum/500 words maximum range.

Please type the essay.

Please mail your completed application to the following address by March 15, 2018 to:

Parkville Middle School PTSO
Attn: Scholarship Committee
8711 Avondale Road
Parkville, MD 21234

Name of Applicant: ________________________________________________________________

High School: ________________________________________________________________

Date of Birth: ____________________ phone#: ______________________________

Student Email Address: ______________________________________________________

Parent/Guardian Name: ______________________________________________________

Parent/Guardian Email Address: ______________________________________________

Mailing Address: ___________________________________________________________

Student Signature: _________________________________________________________

Parent Signature: __________________________________________________________
Dear Senior,

PLEASE DO NOT WRITE YOUR NAME ON THIS PAGE

Please answer all questions & complete the essay.

What college(s) have you applied to? __________________________________________________________

Anticipated area of study (major): _____________________________________________________________

What is your GPA? ______________________________________________________________

What years did you attend Parkville Middle? ________________________________

List any activities/clubs in which you have participated while in high school:

_____________________________________________________________________________________

_____________________________________________________________________________________

_____________________________________________________________________________________

In a few sentences, please tell us about a favorite memory, teacher, or class from your time at Parkville Middle School.

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Staple or paper clip any additional pages to this one.

PLEASE ANSWER THE ESSAY QUESTION ON THE NEXT PAGE

PLEASE DO NOT PUT YOUR NAME ON THIS PAGE OR ON YOUR ESSAY
Please type your essay.
Essay:

Why is it important for both parents and students to be involved with the PTSA or PTSO of your school?

ESSAY QUESTION:  (300 word minimum, 500 word maximum, please)

Staple or paper clip any additional pages to this one.
2018 Veterinary Medical Career Fair & Information Sessions

Hosted by the Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges

Save the date for the AAVMC’s Annual Veterinary Medical Career Fair & Information Sessions. This free event is for any high school and undergraduate student with an interest in the veterinary medical profession.

Sunday March 4, 2018
1:30 PM–5:00 PM

Grand Hyatt Washington
1000 H St NW
Washington, DC 20001

Registration is Open!
https://tinyurl.com/2018AAVMC-CareerFair

Information session topics include:
Choosing a Pre-Vet Program and Getting into Vet School.

Send questions about the event to: diversitymatters@aaavmc.org.

This event is generously supported by the American Veterinary Medical Association.
Community College of Baltimore County
ENGLISH FOR SPEAKERS OF OTHER LANGUAGES (ESOL)
Family Literacy ESOL Program

The Family Literacy ESOL Program for non-native English speaking parents is designed to help parents learn English language skills for life, work, and to fully partner in their child’s education.

To participate in this program, parents must have a child 0-16 years old and enrolled in Baltimore County Elementary Schools, the Judy Center of Baltimore County or Baltimore County Head Start. *No Class Cost – Grant Funded.

Walk-In ESOL Family Literacy Placement & Registration Locations

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Randallstown Elementary School

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If Baltimore County Public Schools are closed, registration will be cancelled that day. Please check www.bcps.org for school closing announcements.

How to register:
- To register for any ESOL Family Literacy class, go to any of the locations listed above.
- Registrations are on a first-come, first-served basis.
- Students must be at least 18 years of age and officially withdrawn from high school to enroll.
- To request an accommodation for a disability please call 410-3-840-3428. Please allow adequate time to arrange it before registration.
- Students with an F-1 or J-1 visa are not eligible for these grant funded classes.
- All new students MUST take a test. Returning students may not have to test if they bring paperwork from previous classes. Test procedures are subject to change.

DO NOT BRING CHILDREN TO REGISTRATION AND CLASSES.
As part of the CCBC Dual Enrollment program, we are excited to offer Criminal Justice for the Spring semester at Towson High School. The course will meet on Monday and Wednesday during 4th period at Towson High School.

If you are interested in registering for this course, there is still time! Contact Mr. Briggs in the school counseling office as soon as possible at 410-887-3613 or sbriggs@bcps.org.
Towson High School Graduation
Friday, June 1, 2018
Towson University
7:00 PM
Alex Hontz, Ian Shors, Wilson Turner, and Mofeed Nagib competed in the Maryland Science Bowl held on January 13, 2018 and became state quarter finalists! There were 48 teams that competed from 26 high school and the THS team was undefeated in the first five (5) competitions. They blew the competition away in one round with a score of 98 to 4.

Poster Contest

These students were honored for submitting an entry into the 2018 Magnet Schools of America Poster Contest. We are proud of the designs that were submitted and appreciate the effort given to display support for the magnet program.

L to R: Julie Kromsky, Alexandra Santos, Piper Jackson, Isabelle Zhang
THS Celebrates
BLUE PRIDE
UPCOMING EVENTS

February

1  Report Cards Made Available Through Homeroom (2nd Marking Period)
15  AVID Information Night, 6:00 pm, Library
16  Music Boosters Basket Bingo
19  SCHOOLS AND OFFICES CLOSED - President’s Day
20  Edible Art 25th Anniversary Exhibit, 6:00 pm, Cafeteria
21  SGA Red Cross Blood Drive, Gym
22  Interims Made Available Through Homeroom - 3rd Marking Period
23  Freshmen Magnet Social, 8:15 am, Cafeteria
28  Winter Sports Awards Ceremony, 6:30 pm, Auditorium