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. Karsos, Ms. Kirschenbaum, and Mr. Rivers for their efforts to implement and assess a professional development model to enhance teacher pedagogical practice related to the engineering design process

★ STARS to the representatives of The Red Cross for their efforts and time with the annual Blood Drive.

★ STARS to the members of the THS, SGA, Mr. Jochmans, and our dedicated parents for their efforts and time with the Blood Drive.

★ STARS to the leaders of the SGA for taking initiative and demonstrating responsibility

★ STARS to the members of the BSU, Ms. Jacobs, and Ms. Bridges for their efforts with Black History Month

★ STARS to Ms. Karsos, Ms. Kirschenbaum, and Mr. Rivers for their efforts to implement and assess a professional development model to enhance teacher pedagogical practice related to the engineering design process

★ STARS to Mr. Ickes for his outstanding presentations in Ms. Flynn’s English 12 Honors classes. Mr. Ickes provided useful, practical, valuable tools and instruction regarding credible sourcing and

Please take a moment to share your thoughts and ideas via our Stakeholder Survey. Go to www.bcps.org and click on the banner like the one below. Everyone’s voice is important and necessary to make BCPS the best it can be!
Dear Parent/Guardian,

The safety of our students, staff, and visitors is a top priority for all of us at Towson High School. You can help us!

Please be sure to follow these important steps when entering and exiting our school:

◆ Each visitor to school must be screened at the entry door individually.
◆ Do not open or hold open a door for anyone else. **You are not being rude!**
◆ Pull/push the front door closed upon entry or exit.
◆ Report directly to the main office upon entry and show your identification.
◆ Check in the main office before exiting the building.
◆ Please remind your children not to open the door for anyone.

As always the safety of our students is our number one concern. Thank you for your continued support of your student and of Towson High School.

Sincerely,

Charlene DiMino

Charlene DiMino
Principal
Dear Towson High Parents/Guardians and Students:

On April 10, 2018, all juniors (class of 2019 students) at Towson High School will be administered the SAT at no cost during the regular school day. All juniors throughout Baltimore County will be taking the SAT on April 10, 2018, to support the goal of increased access and equity in preparation for college and career readiness.

Students do not need to register to take the SAT on April 10, 2018. BCPS will register all students. The College Board will mail SAT admissions tickets to the student’s home prior to the test. Each student must bring his/her SAT admission ticket to school on testing day. In preparation for the SAT test, students should access the Khan Academy at https://www.khanacademy.org/sat. It is important that students do their best on the test as their results may impact the senior schedule. Additional interventions during the senior year will be required for students scoring below 500 in accordance with Senate Bill 740.

Students must bring a calculator and pencils on test day. We will have a limited supply of calculators available on test day; it is thus imperative that each student bring his/her own calculator.

As we work with the class of 2019 to begin the college search process, the school counselors will be visiting junior classrooms during the month of March. Students should be accessing Naviance for college searches, career information and much more. To access Naviance, go to https://connect.on.naviiance.com/towson.

If you have any questions about SAT day or would like to talk with your student’s counselor, please call the School Counseling Office at Towson High School at 410-887-3613.

Sincerely,

Simon Briggs and Ben Cohen
SAT Coordinators at Towson High School
Congratulations to Mr. Freeburger, Mr. Belt, and Mr. Busselman and the Towson High School *Colophon*! The Maryland General Assembly has issued an Official Citation honoring the *Colophon* “for excellence in student literary magazines.”

Wow!! So proud of our students and staff for all their efforts!
Congratulations to Olin Ryan, Senior at THS for his Eagle Scout Court of Honor. If you happen to see him, make sure to congratulate him!
A Huge Congratulations to our Baltimore County middle and high school art students and their teachers, who have received eastern region recognition for their artwork and portfolios submitted to the National Scholastic Art & Writing Awards!

Students from 15 Schools earned a total of 655 Regional 2018 Scholastic Art & Writing Awards- 170 Gold Keys, 213 Silver Keys, 272 Honorable Mentions. (A BCPS record and around 15% or the awards for the entire eastern region)

Those receiving Gold Keys will move on to national adjudication. Results of that will be announced this spring.

Recognition in these prestigious awards is no small feat. It takes considerable time to prepare and submit artwork and portfolios. We thank the teachers and students for taking the extra time to do this, and we join them in celebrating the incredible creative and artistic abilities of the young artists across BCPS.

...and the Winners are...

Sonali Rawal .......................................................... Silver Key Portfolio

Lily Bleser .... Gold Key Portfolio; silver key and honorable mention for a single piece

Hannah Weinstein .......................................................... Honorable Mention Portfolio

Linah Sedeek...................................................................... Gold Key digital arts, silver key painting

Alyssa Cobb .......................................................... Silver Key and Honorable Mention for single pieces
Kasayah Alexis

Towson High School senior, Kasayah Alexis, is one of 20 finalists in the 2017 WJZ Black History Oratory Competition that was held this Sunday, February 25, 2018 at 1:00 pm at the African American History Museum.

It’s Academic!

The members of It’s Academic team, Ciara Donegan, Kristin Donegan, and Mason Miller-Breetz, have moved to the semi-finals after a very exciting match against Dulaney HS and McDonogh School. The schools were tied with only 30 seconds to go in the match. Towson pulled it out at the last moment to win and proceed to the semi-finals.

Congratulations to Ciara Donegan, Kristin Donegan, and Olivia Goodrich for meeting the requirements to become a Finalist for the National Merit Scholarship Program.
There were 9 teams from the country, 3 of which were from THS. The students competed in 6 different lab events such as ranking the reactivity of unknown metals, identifying unknown solutions, or making a bouncy ball from borax and glue. Out of the 9 teams, Towson placed 1st, 2nd and 4th overall.”- Mr. Jochmans & Mr. Geckle

1st place:
Nina Heller
Lauren Blanke
Reshma Ganesh
Caroline Seitz
Lucie Polsky

2nd Place:
Anya Joseph
Audrey Bowman
Allison Horky
Emma Burke
David Heffren
Dariush Aligholizadeh

4th Place
Macie Hakim
Sofia Grose
Caelinn Satterfield
Kendall Fragetta
Out of a total of 33 teams from all over the county competing in Physics Olympics, Towson got 1st, 3rd and 4th overall!

1st place team:

Alex Hontz
Tim Paulis
Olin Ryan
Danny Berger
Olivia Goodrich

3rd place team:

Max Burkett
Aaron Beer-Rudy
Jason Chen
Ankit Adhikari
Emmett Ochrach-Konradi
Tyler Thorton

4th place team:

Wilson Turner
Ross Leonard
Ian Shores
Ayo Lindblad
Oliver Wolff
Our Students Visit the Black History Museum during Black History Month
THANK YOU to the leaders of the BSU, Ms. Jacobs, and Ms. Bridges for organizing the student assembly for Black History Month

THANK YOU:

Jarrett Carter, founder of HBCU DIGEST
Kwame Alston, 1st AA President of Johns Hopkins SGA
Jasmin Manning, Artist
Members of the Alphas and AKA’s

Movie Night- “Get Out,” an Oscar Nominee for best picture open to THS students and staff only. Tickets are $1.00. The movie will be shown on Tuesday, February 27, 2018 at 5 p.m.
The school counselors are gearing up to visit our 10th grade students in their social studies classes starting this month. We will be taking a look at Naviance with the 10th graders and the students will be taking a career interest inventory. Ms. Petras is currently visiting 9th grade classrooms too!

We are already looking to prepare our Juniors for their senior year and college applications. On April 10, our Juniors will take the SAT as part of the regular school day. This is a wonderful opportunity for our Juniors to take the SAT in familiar surroundings at Towson High School. This SAT will be part of their college applications in the fall. In addition, we have our Junior night on Tuesday, March 13 at 6.30pm in the auditorium. The counselors will be visiting Junior classrooms in the spring to discuss Naviance and to prepare students for their senior year.

The second semester is a busy time for our Seniors! We are just finishing sending out mid-year transcripts to colleges. Seniors should be completing the local scholarship form to be considered for local and community scholarships. This form is available in the school counseling office. I would like to remind Seniors to check the scholarship list regularly on Naviance as this information is updated frequently. Have you completed the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Aid)? If you still need help or have questions, stop by the school counseling office on February 14th for our FAFSA Frenzy day. Counselors will be available to assist you with your questions. Parents and students are welcome to stop by the school counseling office with questions. Please see Ms. Williams if you would like to meet with a counselor on that day.
Application for Community and School Based Scholarships

ALL SENIORS ARE ENCOURAGED TO APPLY!

Local scholarships are granted to seniors on the basis of:
- Academic Record
- List of involvement in the school and extra-curricular activities
- Financial Needs

Please compete this application and return it to Mr. Briggs no later than March 16, 2018. Scholarships will be presented at the Senior Awards program on May 24, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. Scholarship recipients will be invited to attend.

Please complete both sides of the form in black or blue ink.

Name:________________________________________________________________________

1. What elementary school did you attend?___________________________________

2. What middle school did you attend?_______________________________________

3. List the colleges to which you applied and the approximate cost for the freshman year. Please circle the one you will likely to attend.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>College Name</th>
<th>Cost of Attendance</th>
<th>Have you been accepted (y/n)</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

4. In what community activities have you been involved during high school? (Church groups, athletics, clubs, scouts, volunteer experiences, recreational programs, etc.)

5. What school activities have you been involved in at Towson High School? Please note dates and level of involvement.

6. Are you employed? If so, where?
Seniors, looking for 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! Also, check out the link on the THS website!

See your counselor if you have any questions.
7. List two college majors you are considering:

8. Father’s occupation_____________________ Annual income (optional) $_______

9. Mother’s occupation_____________________ Annual income (optional) $_______

10. Please list all scholarships and/or grants that you have already have been offered.

11. Why do you think you should be considered for a scholarship?

12. Are you first generation into college and/or do you have an older sibling in college? Please list details of older siblings and colleges that they attend.

13. Please use this space to discuss any other circumstances that will help us make a decision.

For Office Use Only:

GPA:_________________________________________________
QPA:_________________________________________________
Weighted Rank:________________________________________
SSL Hours:____________________________________________
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 Marley 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.

ccbc.edu
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@avmc.org.

This event is generously supported by the American Veterinary Medical Association.
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.
UPCOMING EVENTS

February

28  Winter Sports Awards Ceremony, 6:30 pm, Auditorium

March

1    Parent-Teacher Conferences, 2:15 pm - 4:00 pm
1    First Day of Spring Sports
1    Senior Talent Show, 7:00 pm, Auditorium- Tickets sold @ 6:30 p.m.
7    Senior Talent Show **SNOW DATE**
11   Daylight Savings Time Begins - “Spring” Forward
13   Meet the Spring Coaches Night, 6:30 pm, Auditorium
16   Sophomore Ring Dance, 7:00 pm, Cafeteria
20   Junior Night, 6:30 pm, Auditorium
29   3rd Marking Period Ends
29   Spring Break begins at the end of the school day
30 - 4/2  Spring Break

THE TOWSON PRIDE
Towson High School
Graduation
Friday, June 1, 2018
Towson University
7:00 PM
SENIOR UPDATES:

Thursday, March 1, 2018  Senior Talent Show  begins at 7:00 p.m.  Tickets on sale @ 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 24, 2018  Senior Awards Daytime  Assembly, Breakfast, and Slideshow
                        Senior Awards Night Ceremony  6:30 p.m.

Friday, May 25, 2018  Senior Graduation Rehearsal, Cap and Gown Pick Up, Obligations
                        Senior Picnic sponsored by the PTSA
                        Senior Prom @ the Marriott Waterfront  7:00 p.m.- 11:00 p.m.

Wednesday, May 30, 2018  Graduation Rehearsal  THS  8:30 a.m. —10:00 a.m.