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. White, Ms. Bridges, Ms. Fast, Mr. Jochmans, Ms. Lear, Mr. Stevens, and Officer Fiedler for all their efforts with the school-wide event.

★ STARS to Mr. Berquist, Ms. Evanosky, Mr. Collins, Ms. Hanley, Ms. Yelton, Mr. Olson, Mr. Faya, Mr. Briggs, Ms. Petras, Ms. Jacobs, Ms. Richmond, Mr. Geckle, Mr. Dalsimer, Mr. Hoefler, Ms. Krochta, Ms. Kromsky, Ms. Szopo for their efforts in assisting our students as they participated in the event outside the building.

★ STARS to the SGA leaders for organizing and leading the School Walk-out.

★ STARS to our parents and community members that supported our students during the National School Walk-Out.

★ STARS to the Towson Precinct - Officer Fiedler, Officer Mims and Sergeant Fink for supporting our students.

★ STARS to Ms. Hanley for her efforts with planning the annual ring dance.

★ STARS to Ms. Fast for her daily efforts.

★ STARS to Ms. Kline and Ms. Parts (PTSA leaders) for supporting our students.
What’s Happening in Social Studies?

Students Attend BCPS Model Congress
Towson High School students participated in the annual BCPS Model Congress on Friday, February 23, 2018. Our students not only were delegates sharing their bills and participating in committee and floor exercisers, our upper classmen served as committee chairpersons and ran the Senate side of Congress.

The following students won gavels (highest honors) and Honorable Mentions:
Gavels:
Isabelle Zhang, House Committee on Homeland Security  
Daniel Melia, House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology

Honorable Mentions:
Aris Williams, Senate Committee on the Environment and Public Works  
Miles Kline, Senate Committee on the Judiciary  
Nancy Anderson, Senate Committee on Health, Labor, and Pensions

Candy on Trial?
Students in Trial Advocacy have been engaged in the *Trial of Candy*, for example Hershey Bar v Nestle Crunch Bar. Students were broken into teams of 3 and each assigned a role as either Direct Attorney, Cross Attorney or Witness. Students prepared background research on their candy and their adversary's candy. The Direct Attorney prepared and performed the Direct Examination, the Cross Attorney prepared and performed the Cross Examination, and the Witness prepared the script to enter an Exhibit. Each side put on their case and the remaining members of the class were the jury, deciding which was the better candy based on the testimony presented. The purpose of the activity was for students to apply their knowledge of Direct Examinations, Cross Examinations, and Exhibits.
Roaring into the ‘20’s in AP US History
In AP US History, students participate in a Roaring Twenties gallery walk. Students are regrouped and share their original group's 1920s Mural Assignment which are embedded with creative symbols of significant 1920s historical developments.

Officer Fielder Visits Honors Government
School Resource Officer, Officer Fiedler, spoke to Honors Government classes during our study of the Judicial Branch. Students were part of an interactive presentation on topics related to the 4th amendment, probable cause, and the role of the school resource officer.
Going to Court in GT Government
In order to say “I can describe the elements, proceedings, and decisions of criminal law” Mr. Sonneborn’s G/T government classes stage a re-enactment of Washington State vs. Morton.

Student Diplomats Work Their Magic at Model UN
JHUMUNC simulations promise to provide students with an incredible international relations experience through debating a wide range of topics in one of the thirty high-caliber committees. Students had the opportunity to take part in boardrooms, commissions, councils, courts, organizations, unions, and more which aim to each focus on a different time period, world region, or stretch the imagination to fictional universes. Throughout the weekend students took advantage of our unique committee offerings, as well as our other conference events.

In assuming the role of a diplomat for four days, delegates had the opportunity to understand the complexities of international affairs. Frustratingly, they often found that easy solutions can be elusive and will come to appreciate that only difficult compromises and extensive diplomacy will engender progress. Our own delegation consisted of the countries of Sweden, Bosnia, and even a Harry Potter simulation.

Mock Trial Superstars!
Towson High Mock Trial completed a season in which they reached the second round of the playoffs. The team showed determination and passion in excelling through an undefeated regular season. The team consistently awed and impressed those within the legal profession, gaining praise from lawyers and judges alike as they presided over the matches. After a tough defeat in the playoffs (by one point!) the presiding judge was highly impressed, to the point that she went above and beyond, reaching out to the team to make sure they knew they “were absolutely terrific…since I joined the [Mock Trial] court in 2005…this was the closest match I’ve ever witnessed.”
Paging Julia Batavick

Towson Senior and Law & Public Policy Magnet student, Julia Batavick, represented BCPS as one of the pages serving in the Maryland General Assembly this year. Since 1970, Maryland's high school seniors have had the opportunity to learn about the legislative process by serving as student pages in the Senate and the House of Delegates during the annual session of the Maryland General Assembly. The program was begun by House Speaker Thomas Hunter Lowe and approved by the Maryland State Board of Education. Each year, 105 pages and 36 alternates are selected from across the State to represent their schools and counties in Annapolis. The Page program is non-political, and selection is done through the local school systems. Each selected page serves two nonconsecutive weeks in either the House of Delegates or the Senate. Duties include

- keeping the members' bill books up to date;
- distributing materials on the floor to the members;
- running errands;
- answering the phone;
- assisting visitors; and delivering messages to the members.

JOB SHADOW

The Law and Public Policy Freshman Class participated in Baltimore County’s Government Job Shadow Program on March 8th. In cooperation with the Baltimore County Executive’s Office, various governmental agencies in Towson will host students for a half day experience. Students will get a glimpse behind the scenes of county government operations, as well as an opportunity to explore career paths. They will participate in office tours, sit in on meetings and sometimes help county employees with their work task. A few of the popular agencies include The County Detention Center, The Fire Department, The Police Department and The Office of Planning. This has been an annual tradition for the students and has provided them an outstanding learning experience.
Active Citizenry in GT Government

Our GT American Government classes will be preparing for this year’s Project Citizen forum. Project Citizen originates from the Center for Civic Education and is endorsed by MSDE and the Office of Social Studies (BCPS). The program promotes competent and responsible participation in local government. The program helps students learn how to monitor and influence public policy. By participating in the program, students develop tolerance and increased feelings of political efficacy. Project Citizen is aligned with the Common Core Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies.

Students investigate and research various community issues. They present their findings to the class. The class votes on which topic/issue they would like to continue to research. Students create surveys which they distribute, collect, and analyze. The results incorporated into their presentation to the esteemed panel of experts.

Each year we are fortunate to have Del. Lafferty, Sen. Brochin, representatives from MSDE and the Office of Social Studies, judges, lawyers, and professors of public policy serve on our panels to hear our students’ pitch for change. In the past some of our students’ projects have been incorporated into policy by the Chamber of Commerce, resulted in speed bumps to protect our students walking to and from school, and incorporated into the Governor’s initiative on heroin and opioids. We are proud of the hard work, quality of research, and professional grade presentations of our students. We are also
grateful to the community for their support of our efforts as they graciously give of their time to make this opportunity a reality for our students.

Law Day 2018

Law Day is coming! May 1st is Law Day. For the students in the Law and Public Policy Magnet Program, Law Day is the culminating celebration for seniors when they receive their graduation cords and certificates indicating their successful completion of the all the requirements of the program. Students from all grade levels come together to hear speakers and participate in debates on current topics. In 1958, President Eisenhower proclaimed Law Day to honor the role of law in the creation of the United States. In 1961, Congress passed a joint resolution establishing May 1st as Law Day. The language of the statute calls it “a special day of celebration by the American people in appreciation of their liberties and rededication to the ideals of equality and justice under law.” This year’s theme, Separation of Powers: Framework for Freedom addresses our system of government set out in the U.S. Constitution which Madison believed preserves political liberty. Although the Constitution provides the framework for freedom, the people must continually act to ensure that our democratic republic endures. Law Day provides citizens an opportunity to reflect on the fundamental role separation of powers plays in our government and to consider how well our government is working for us today and for the future.

Rho Kappa Social Studies Honor Society is the only national organization for high school juniors and seniors that recognizes excellence in the field of Social Studies. The goals of Rho Kappa are to serve others, to search for truth, to utilize knowledge, and to seek wisdom through the pursuit of academic excellence in the Social Studies. Membership in Rho Kappa is an honor bestowed upon a student for their accomplishments in the field of social studies and overall academic achievement. Sophomore and Junior students interested in joining should look for more information about applying mid-March.
Baltimore County Bar Association

Law Day 2018 Essay Contest

Separation of Powers: Framework for Freedom. The U.S. Constitution sets out a system of government with distinct and independent branches—Congress, the Presidency, and a Supreme Court. It also defines legislative, executive, and judicial powers and outlines how they interact. These three separate branches share power, and each branch serves as a check on the power of the others. “Ambition must be made to counteract ambition,” James Madison explained in Federalist 51. Why? Madison believed that the Constitution’s principles of separation of powers and checks and balances preserve political liberty. They provide a framework for freedom. Yet, this framework is not self-executing. We the people must continually act to ensure that our constitutional democracy endures, preserving our liberties and advancing our rights. The Law Day 2018 theme enables us to reflect on the separation of powers as fundamental to our constitutional purpose and to consider how our governmental system is working for ourselves and our posterity.

Prizes:
- 1st Prize: $250.00
- 2nd Prize: $125.00
- 3rd Prize: $50.00

Criteria:
1. 500 words or less
2. Typed, or written legibly
3. Focus is on the theme and does not deviate
4. Spelling, punctuation and grammar
5. References to sources (Constitution, Bill of Rights, cases, etc.) are correct
6. The cover sheet must be attached to the front of the essay, completed in full. DO NOT put any identifying information on the essay. It will be numbered when received for judging.

Deadline: Monday, April 9, 2018, 4:30 p.m. to Baltimore County Bar Association, 100 County Courts, Building, 401 Bosley Ave, Towson, MD 21204. Entries can be emailed to doris@bcba.org.
Congratulations to Olivia Goodrich for meeting the requirements to become a Finalist for the National Merit Scholarship Program.

Thirty-five teams from around the country came together to compete in some “hands-on” physics events. There were six (6) events, everything from trying to float the most nickels using a small amount of aluminum foil, to trying to quickly build the most efficient turbine. THS brought three (3) teams to the event and and scored in first, third, and fourth places.
Congratulations to Jake Orendorff for representing Towson High School's All Scholar Athlete.
Congratulations to William Rodriguez for earning acceptance into the National Qualifying Tournament for BCFL.

Pictured with Ms. Needer
SGA Leading The Way!!

Towson High School supports the National Student Walk-Out Day Against Violence in Schools.
Professor Cooper from University of Baltimore
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.
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.
The school counseling office would like to know where you will be going next year. Please stop by and tell us about your college or post high school plans. We would like to celebrate the next step on your journey by announcing your plans on our bulletin board.

The School Counseling Team
SUMMER COLLEGE BOOT CAMP FOR JUNIORS

TUESDAY, JUNE 19
AT
LOCH RAVEN HS

Check in from 830am-9am

Lunch Included

Boot Camp ends at 12.30. Return to home school by 1pm.

The Boot Camp will include guest speakers, essay writing help, SAT prep, college searches and financial aid information. To sign up, please complete the information below and return it to your school counselor.

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Student name __________________            Home school ____________

Transportation: (Chose either option #1 or #2)

I will transport myself ________ (initials) OR

I will take the bus to/from my home school CARVER/TOWSON (circle one)

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Student signature                     Parent signature

Emergency contact phone number ________________________________
UPCOMING EVENTS

March

20  Junior Night, 6:30 pm, Auditorium [SNOW DATE: 3-27-18]
27  (SNOW DATE) 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

April

3  Schools re-open
10  SAT Day (At School)
19  Honor Society Inductions, 6:00 pm, Auditorium
19-21  Spring Musical, 7:00 pm, Auditorium
19  Report Cards Made Available Through Homeroom - 3rd Marking Period
21  Junior Prom, 7:00 pm, Cafeteria
22  Earth Day
25  Junior Interview Day
Towson High School Graduation
Friday, June 1, 2018
Towson University
7:00 PM