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 Ethan Flynn for attending nearly every Tuesday Latin Coach Class since the beginning of the year.

★ STARS to Mr. Olin for his excellent field trip management and entertainment on the Broadway trip. He elevates the juggling of logistics, details, and teen spirit to an art form.

★ STARS to Ms. Alexander’s classes for giving her such a warm welcome back and to Ms. Jacobs for coordinating the kindness.

★ STARS to Mrs. Richmond for her no-detail-is-too-small and no-challenge-is-too-large success in organizing and executing the Honor Societies’ Induction.

★ STARS to Madison Fagan for bringing consistent excellence and engagement in English class.

★ STARS to Casimir Moreau for his outstanding commitment and results as Stage Manager of HSM2.

★ STARS to Ms. Fast for her dazzling choreography for HSM2 - and to Ally Gaddy who helped her turn dreamers into dancers.

★ STARS to Grace Sheridan for her creative, imaginative, prolific exhibit at the THS Art Showcase.

★ STARS to Ms. Lear for answering questions fast and on the fly - even when she’s doing ten other things at once.

★ STARS to Mr. Pallumbi and the Robotics Team for making it to the National Championships.

★ STARS to our Staff, Parents and Students

★ STARS to Mr. Jackson, Ms. Fast, Ms. Gardner, cast & crew, and parents from the Theater Boosters Association for their efforts, time, and energy with the spring production.

★ STARS to Mr. Buick for his nomination for Teacher of The Year.

★ STARS to Mr. Olin, Mr. Jackson, and Mr. Rhen for their planning and preparation for the spring concerts.

★ STARS to the Fine Arts Department for their efforts with the annual showcase.

★ STARS to Mr. Jochmans and the winners of the Physics Olympics.

★ STARS to all students and sponsors involved with the National Honor Societies Induction.
News from the World Languages Department

2017-2018 has been a wonderful year in the World Languages Department. Students in all of our classes have demonstrated a keen interest in learning to speak another language as well as learning about the customs, culture, and current events in countries around the world. This year teachers have been using a lesson planning model called “Pace-It” which focuses on the use of authentic reading and audio sources as the basis for proficiency based lessons. Students communicate in the interpretive, interpersonal, and presentational modes of communication in order to demonstrate their proficiency each day.

In addition, our department is proud to recognize one of our own, Mr. Bill Buick, who was this year’s Towson High Teacher of the Year! He attended the BCPS recognition ceremony on Wednesday, April 25th. We are honored to call him our colleague and our students are lucky to have him as their Latin teacher.

Mr. Bill Buick
Towson High School
Teacher of the Year

Language Class Updates

French Classes
French I learned how to introduce themselves and communicate about their families. They have also explored a typical day at school and healthy lunch meals. Currently they are learning about places in the city and describing where they live.

French III has explored personal style talking about their summer style versus school style. They also communicated about travel and vacation experiences, as well as explored global challenges threatening
our planet. They are currently learning about how art reflect culture, the different types of art and how art connects to the artist life.

French IV has looked at real-world problems, especially those impacting the French-speaking world. The students have explored the themes of friendship, health, and personal interests. They will finish off the year studying French cities.

AP French has explored the themes of Contemporary life, families and communities, personal and public identities, and global challenges. For each of these themes they have communicated in the 3 modes (interpretive, interpersonal and presentational) using authentic materials and researching these themes in their adopted countries and comparing them to their communities.

Latin classes
Ms. Turner and Mr. Buick are working together in implementing the BCPS Latin Curriculum in their classrooms in an integrated, complementary manner.

Latin 1 and 2 emphasize the Roman roots of aspects of modern culture and Latin roots of the modern Romance languages. Latin 3 delves into the cultural and political influences that posed challenges to the Romans in maintaining a stable government through the lifetime of the Roman Republic, until at last it gave way to consolidation of power into a single position--that of the Emperor.

Latin 4 explores the literature of the Augustan Age--the reign of Octavian, or Caesar Augustus, the heir to Julius Caesar--and examines how the works penned at this time reverberated across history into the Renaissance and into modern times. AP Latin focuses on two works--Vergil's Aeneid and Caesars' Gallic War, to prepare for the AP Latin Exam in what is now a full, two-year course.

The Latin Honor Society inducted 21 new members on April 24 and celebrated the launch of its student mentoring program, in which members help other students in the THS community improve their performance in other areas of the curriculum. Meanwhile, Mr. Turner and Mr. Buick are both busy on weekends helping write curriculum for Spanish (Ms. Turner) and Latin (Mr. Buick).

Ms. Turner and Mr. Buick thank the students and families involved in the Latin Program at Towson High School.
Spanish Classes
Our literary focus this year has centered on vocabulary in context and command of evidence. To that end, Spanish students have consistently applied vocabulary and grammatical structures to different real-world situations in order to understand, speak, and write in Spanish. Students use text evidence from authentic articles, tables, and graphs in order to communicate about and extend their knowledge of the curricular themes.

Throughout this school year, the Spanish I students have communicated about their Family, their school schedule and routine, their leisure activities, and are currently talking about the things that they do at home and around their community; such as their chores, and what is popular to do around the State of Maryland, especially during the summer season.

Spanish II students have spent this year being very introspective. They had talked about the memories that they have from their childhood, what a healthy lifestyle looks like and how they can adapt to a healthier lifestyle, and are finishing the year thinking about their future outside of high school.

Spanish III has spent this year talking about the world at large, such as how to make the world a better place for themselves and for endangered animals, including creating different inventions that can help solve a world problem such as a lack of clean drinking water. They have also talked about their role models and examples of role models and how to take what their role model stands for and apply it to their own lives, and are finishing the year talking about what they aspire to be along with thinking about their successes and failures.

Spanish IV has looked at real-world problems, especially those impacting the Spanish-speaking world, such as immigration. Students have also focused on the heroes of Spanish-speaking countries and the legends and monuments of those countries. The students will finish the year talking about the impact of art-work in the world and looking at the deeper meaning of art work in the world.

AP Spanish students have explored the AP themes of Personal and Public Identities, Contemporary Life, Beauty and Aesthetics, Science and Technology, and World Challenges. They have demonstrated a high level of proficiency communicating about these topics in the interpretive, interpersonal, and presentational modes of communication. Students recently designed their own lesson based on an aspect of Science and Technology theme. They created their own essential questions, identified key vocabulary, designed an interactive activity, and chose an AP style assessment task. Each group taught their lesson to the class.
Check out the World Languages 5 Star Student Work for March and April!

The World Languages teachers would like to congratulate the following students who were newly inducted in to our honor societies on Tuesday, April 24th. We commend these students for their dedication to language learning, their acceptance of other cultures, and their outstanding character and achievement. We also would like to recognize the student leaders who served as officers this year.

**French National Honor Society**

**Grade 9**
- Sean Christensen
- Ellie Cline
- May Fu
- Farrah Kaymouz
- Jackie Kingsbury
- Leonor Lafitte
- Alan Mao
- Zhengya Nie
- Yasmin Pang
- Blythe Petit
- Bari Pinket
- Annie Riley
- Alyssa Taylor
- Jordan Van Doren
- Helen Wang
- Sylvie Wolff

**Grade 10**
- Sophia Harrel
- Abby Letocha
- Skyler Orendorff

**Officers:**
- Julia Batavick (president)
- Aria Janello (vice president)
- Sierra Shetler (secretary)
- Ciara Donegan (librarian)
- Isabella Casale
Latin National Honor Society

Noureen Badwi
Asmita Bhandari
Julianna Bullis
Susie Cadigan
Anngelina Cucinotta
Clara Glaaser
Nick Gordon
Yanne Gbokede
Amaya Greenberg
Griff Mekler-Culbertson
Elliot Morton
Catherine Hutson
Olivia Ingrao
Andrew Jenkins
Noah Rich
David Rico
Samun Shrestha
Connor Sheridan
Lila Sheridan
Adam Viazanko
Aris Williams

Officers:
Consuls Tal Dayan and Noah Zipin
Senators Nate Bowman and Kobe Balin

Spanish National Honor Society

Grade 9
Anna Aloi
Salvatore Amos
Nancy Anderson
Blake Bangay
Gabriel Ben-Kehudah
Kasey Collier
Anna Denney
Matthew Ensign
Isabella Ferro
MaPatrice Gapaz
Lindsey Gishel
Anna Jones
Julia Kallaur
Miles Kline
Madeline Kuehn
Ellie Ledgerwood
Kaiulani MacRae
Caitlin MacWilliams
Daniel Melia
Angelica Nina
Grace Parcover
Elyse Petza
Thomas Prestwich
Alexandra Santos
Cameron Specht
Kelly Topper
Emily Traband
Anna Vaikness
Remy Vettori
Ben Vorsteg
Devon Wilkes
Erin Wyckoff
Isabella Youngblood
Kayla Yup
Tyler Yup
Avery Zellweger
Spanish National Honor Society

Grade 10
Tahira Alam
Matthew Barroca
Lauren Blake
Ben Boas
Avery Dawson
Rebecca Fox
Kendall Fragetta
Aalyssa Pila
Zaid Qureshi
Samson Schuleman
Christina Shrestha
Noshin Tapanoon
Caroline Yancisin

Grade 11
Grace Ayala
Maxwell Bayer
Camryn Bishop
Josh Bratt
Cole Burkhardt
Madelyn Duncan
Caden Ertel
Max Gadsen
Ketty Illesca
Emma Kelly
Kyle Langenfelder
Ian O'Malley
Payton Predmore
Jaquelynn Sheedy

Officers:
Co-Presidents- Jasmin Medrano and Caroline Ware

DEPARTMENT OF
Languages
THE TOWSON PRIDE
Congratulations to Mohammed Abduljalil, Luca Cellucci, Jack Corbett, Ciara Donegan, Lauren Giangrandi, and Colleen Mader, on their first place team victory in the EcoBlitz Challenge held at Honeygo Regional Park Monday, April 23, 2018. The event was sponsored by the BCPS Office of Science and involved teams from 11 BCPS schools. Each team evaluated the biological, chemical, and physical parameters of Honeygo Run, determined the major issues facing the stream, and then devised an action plan to support the mitigation of those issues. The Towson High team won by unanimous decision and took home the winner’s plaque (made of bamboo and recycled glass and on display in the main office) and a stream table to be used in Earth Systems and Environmental Science classes.

This is Towson High’s year as our student teams have swept the three (3) BCPS sponsored events – Chemathon, Physics Olympics, and now the Eco-Blitz Challenge.
Congratulations to our LPP students who attended the Superintendent’s Student Town Hall meeting at Sparrows Point High School Thursday, April 19, 2018. The students were able to ask Ms. Verletta White, BCPS Superintendent, questions about some of their concerns or to gain a deeper knowledge about a topic they were curious about.
Thirty teams from around the county came out to compete at 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. We brought three (3) teams to the event and we secured 1st, 3rd, and 4th places. Great job Towson students!!!
Congratulations!

I ❤ PHYSICS

1st Place: Danny Berger, Olivia Goodrich, Alex Hontz, Tim Paulis, Olin Ryan

3rd Place: Ankit Adhikari, Max Burkett, Jason Chen, Emmett Ochrach-Konradi, Aaron Beer-Rudy, Tyler Thornton
Mr. Jochmans and 10 Towson High School students had an amazing time doing some high level particle physics recently at Johns Hopkins, as part of a special Masterclass event through the Quarknet program. It involved looking at real collision events from the large CERN supercollider in Europe, and doing advanced analysis of what is occurring (as described here: http://cms.physicsmasterclasses.org/pages/cmswz.html). The students observed 3-D computational readouts such as:

The students were able to figure out from these events what kind of particles were produced in a collision. They then teleconferenced with other schools and experts throughout North America. In the end, the students were able to do some VERY advanced particle physics theory and predictions, and left with a very positive outlook on the day and particle physics.

Congratulations to: Olivia Goodrich, Bella Finkel, Amelia Genus, Harry Glessner, Aaron Beer-Rudy, Elliot Brown, Ayo Lindblad, Oliver Wolff, Gus Wachhaus, and Shenzhi Shi for representing Towson High School in such an amazing way.
Congratulations to Towson High School’s 2018 Chess Team that finished FIRST overall in the annual BCPS High School Chess tournament for 2018.

The 2018 1<sup>st</sup> Place THS Chess Team included: Anthony Granruth, Maverick Irwin, Yanjie Zhang, Suryansh Bartaula, and Tyler Thornton.

In addition, Anthony Granruth finished 1<sup>st</sup> and Maverick Irwin finished 2<sup>nd</sup> individually for the entire tournament!
Congratulations!

National Honor Society Inductions
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Fifty-four THS students, parents, and teachers attended a field trip to New York City on April 11th to see the SpongeBob Musical. What an amazing show!
Towson High School Class of 2018
Senior Celebration

Hello THS Families!!

For nearly 20 years, Towson High Families have hosted an alcohol-free, drug-free, smoke-free, after-prom party called Senior Celebration that runs from 11:30 pm to 2:30 am on May 25th. **ALL SENIORS AND THEIR DATES ARE INVITED TO ATTEND AT NO COST—WHETHER THEY ATTEND PROM OR NOT.** This free event is being held at the Towson University Union this year.

This is a safe and fun way to spend time with friends. Seniors receive free raffle tickets used for chances to win one of over 100 fantastic prizes (television, iPads, Under Armour items, Dorm Decorations, Event Tickets, etc.) Every senior also receives a chance to win a $500.00 cash Grand Prize. There are games and activities, including a photo booth, caricaturists, casino games and much more. We also have food, and places to just hang out and talk. All free!

We get generous support from corporate donations, the THS PTSA, and a grant from the State of Maryland Department of Transportation, but we **mostly** count on THS families for our funding. Last year parents donated $6,500! This year we have received $3,000. We need another $3,500 to meet our goal.

**This event WOULD NOT be possible without donations (from all grades) of money and time.**

Please give what you can via check payable to: Towson High School PTSA – OR NEW – you can also donate online via our website: https://sites.google.com/view/towsonhighschoolpts/home
Once there, choose the “Senior Celebration 2018” tab on the left.

The celebration is already being planned by a core group of parent volunteers. Please join one of the planning sub-committees--prizes, decorations, activities, and food! It is a wonderful way to meet a great group of THS parents. **If you would like to volunteer, please email melissareuland86@gmail.com.**

We need your help—your financial support AND volunteer time—to make this year’s event a great success! Thank you for your support!!

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**THE TOWSON PRIDE**
Name: Daja Alexander

College: Delaware State University

Major: Communications (Minor in Music)

What are you looking forward to the most about college?

*Other than being on my own, I’m mostly looking forward to being more skilled in my field. I currently intern at BCPS-TV and I didn't realize my love for editing and directing until then. I’d like to continue that education at Delaware State University, which would help me make great connections as well. I also want to be active in student government to help fulfill my political aspects and to improve the campus.*
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.
SUMMER COLLEGE BOOT CAMP FOR JUNIORS

TUESDAY, JUNE 19
AT
LOCH RAVEN HS

Check in from 8:30 am-9:00 am

Lunch Included

Boot Camp ends at 12.30 pm. Return to home school by 1:00 pm.
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.

__________________________________________  Home school ______________

Student name __________________________________

Transportation: (Choose 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 __________________________
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TOWSON HIGH SCHOOL
GRADUATION
FRIDAY, JUNE 1, 2018
TOWSON UNIVERSITY
7:00 PM
The AVID Class of 2018
of
Towson High School
requests the pleasure of your company
at the
Senior Celebration
On Thursday, the seventeenth of May
Two thousand eighteen
eight o’clock in the morning
Towson High School Auditorium
UPCOMING EVENTS

May

1 Law Day
1 Spring Concert - Bands, 7:00 pm, Auditorium
3 Spring Concert - Choral, 7:00 pm, Auditorium
7-11 Teacher Appreciation Week
7-18 AP Testing
8 Interim Reports Made Available Through Homeroom - 4th Marking Period
16 School to Career Banquet, Towson Sheraton
17 AVID Senior Celebration
18 Colophon Reading, 7:00 pm, Auditorium
18-23 Senior Final Exams
21 Spring Sports Awards Ceremony, 6:30 pm, Auditorium
21-6/8 HAS Exams
24, 25 Senior Final Exam Make-Ups
24 Senior Awards Ceremony, Senior Breakfast and Slide Show, 9:00 am
24 Senior Awards Night, 6:30 pm, Auditorium
25 Last Day for Seniors
Mandatory Graduation Rehearsal
Distribution of Caps & Gowns / Graduation Tickets
Senior Celebration
Senior Prom, 7:00 pm, Marriott Waterfront, Aliceanna Street
28 Memorial Day – Schools and Offices CLOSED
30 Mandatory Graduation Rehearsal, 9:00 am, THS