STARS to our Staff, Parents and Students

TOWSON HIGH SCHOOL

compassion and understanding to support students.

STARS to Noureen Badwi for being selected to move forward to the legislative session and compete for the State Member of the Board (SMOB).

STARS to Mr. Eastham for the additional support and effort with students.

STARS to Mr. Collins, Mr. Dalsimer, Mr. Geckle, Ms. Kirschenbaum, and Ms. Szopo for their efforts and time with Faculty Council.

In our STARS section, 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.

★ Ms. Schrader for demonstrating leadership by attending a professional development training on literacy strategies to support content.

★ STARS to Mr. Bohning, Mrs. Nash, and Mr. Olson for their instructional leadership and collaboration to review resources to support the learning environment.

★ STARS to Ms. Lauten for assisting with attendance.

★ STARS to Ms. Hancock for applying compassion and understanding to support students.

★ STARS to Mr. Freeburger for serving as acting department chair.

★ STARS to Mr. Belt, Ms. Cannon, Mr. Freeburger, and

Each Friday, during the month of February, students will participate in designated activities as determined by the BSU (Black Student Union). An assembly celebrating Black History Month will be hosted by the BSU on February 22, 2019.
School to Career and the Value of Networking:  
*An oft overlooked secret to success*

The School to Career program is always looking to provide valuable, authentic experiences for both our Interns and our work study students. In order to make this happen, students and the coordinator team up over the summer, and throughout the year to establish networks that may lead to opportunities in a variety of fields.

The program boasts a variety of placements that run the gamut from Johns Hopkins Hospital to the Baltimore County Office of the Public Defender. Many of these opportunities were obtained as a result of networking. Two of this year’s placements have again illustrated the true value of networking and how, even the smallest connections can lead to big things.

Intern Sara Freedman was fortunate enough to experience the benefits of networking this summer as she worked to find a placement in the field of criminology. With advisement from Mr. Brotman, the Internship program’s coordinator, Freedman tried many avenues in her search. Eventually, with the networking assistance of Baltimore County’s own Colonel Michael Bennett (USA, Ret.), the BCPS JROTC facilitator, she was able to find a placement with the Maryland Emergency Management Agency (MEMA). Bennett’s network opened doors that otherwise would not have been possible.

Colonel Bennett sees Freedman as a trailblazer for a future partnership with MEMA. While she may not be having the “CSI-Miami” experience, she is gaining insights into emergency management that includes, among other things, the workings of a large, multi-faceted government agency tasked with dealing with everything from snow storms to riots.

Networking continues to play an important role with Towson High’s work
study program as well. Students looking for work are often directed to employment opportunities as a result of our School to Career’s outreach and connections with local businesses. The Country Club of Maryland, Chick-fil-a and Michael’s are just a few of the businesses who are eager to work with students in the program.

This year, with the help of the head office and their networking efforts, one of our students, Jordan Cunningham, was provided an opportunity with Millman Multimedia’s Nations Photo lab. Located in Hunt Valley, the operation has five subsidiaries that process images for yearbooks, home décor, and both personal and professional presentations. Cunningham got his proverbial “foot in the door” as a result of the efforts of Len Bostian, the former Work Based Learning Coordinator at Towson High.

At Nation’s photo Cunningham has become integral to the production of memory books. As one of the book binders, he has learned how to precisely and quickly produce unique consumer keepsakes. As with Freedman and her experience with MEMA, Cunningham has been the beneficiary of networking.

It is the hope that once students are exposed to the merits of networking as it pertains to their own experiences outside of the classroom, they will apply it to all facets of their lives. Ideally, they will become acutely aware of the importance of all their interactions, be they with the local store owner, casual acquaintance at a social gathering, or a college professor. These interactions are the glue that binds us as citizens, neighbors and friends, while providing potential opportunities today and in the future.
Paper copies of PSAT scores will be distributed shortly via homerooms. Please click here to watch a video about your PSAT scores: https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/psat-nmsqt-psat-10/scores/understanding-scores

You can access your PSAT score on the College Board website. To access your score report, go to https://studentscores.collegeboard.org/home In addition, you should register with the Khan Academy at www.khanacademy.org with the access code available on your score report to get personalized test prep.
From the Counseling Office

Got Scholarships?

Seniors, are you interested in being considered for more than 10 community and school based scholarships? If so, please stop by the Guidance office and complete a scholarship application. Once you’ve completed the application, submit it to Mrs. Wright by March 15, 2019.
College Visits
Don’t forget to sign up for college visits on Naviance. College representatives are visiting Towson High School every day and you can find out more about colleges that you’re interested in!

To sign up for visits, go to https://student.naviance.com/towson and enter your log in information. You can also access Naviance through BCPS One.

When you’re on the site, click on ‘colleges’ in the top right hand corner of the screen and click on ‘college visits’ to sign up to meet with a college representative.

Scholarships
Check the scholarship page on Naviance for the latest scholarship information. The school counseling office will be distributing the local scholarship form to all seniors shortly. We encourage every senior to apply for local scholarships.

FAFSA Frenzy
Seniors and parents/guardians, do you need help completing the FAFSA? Our FAFSA Frenzy day will be on February 14. If you need help completing the FAFSA, please stop by and school counselors will be on hand to help you. More information will be sent out in the next few weeks.
Graduation

Thursday, May 30, 2019

7:00 pm

Towson University
Baltimore County Public Schools

Cafeteria Workers NEEDED!

Come Join Our Team!

HOW TO APPLY - VISIT OUR JOB BOARD!
- Visit https://applitrack.com/bcps/onlineapp/
- Click on categories under vacancies.
- Click on the job to which you would like to apply.
- Read the complete job description and then click “apply” in the upper right-hand corner.
- Follow the instructions to create your online application.
- Please be sure to “finish and submit” the application.

Starting cafeteria worker pay is $10.72/hour. Substitute cafeteria positions available as well at $10.10/hour

Must be able to pass a background check and pre-employment physical. Opportunities to advance. Regular positions offer benefits including, medical, dental, vision and tuition reimbursement.

- Build your career
- Make a difference in a child’s life
- Training provided
- Part-time regular and substitute positions available now

For more information, contact the Office of Staffing, Baltimore County Public Schools, 443-809-7872.
UPCOMING EVENTS

January
30 Tri-M Coffeehouse *SNOW DATE,* 4:00 pm, Cafeteria

February
Black History Month
7 Report Cards Made Available Through Homeroom (2nd Marking Period)
12 Lincoln’s Birthday
15 Music Boosters Basket Bingo
18 President’s Day - Schools and Offices CLOSED
19 Edible Art 25th Anniversary Exhibit, 6:00 pm, Cafeteria
20 Spring Blood Drive, Auditorium
22 LPP Freshmen Mentoring, 7:45 am, Cafeteria
22 Washington’s Birthday
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