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.

★ STARS to the School Counseling team for registering our students for the 19-20 school year!

★ STARS to Josh Bratt and Aris Williams for earning the Bronze in Public Forum debate on 1-26-19 at Centennial High School.

★ STARS to Mr. Eastham, Ms. Hancock, Ms. McClenathan, Ms. Russo, Mr. Salvino, Officer Fiedler, and Officer Cardano for their assistance with February’s bus evacuation.

★ STARS to Ms. Jacobs as a recipient of outstanding student accomplishment in Gifted and Talented Education from the Office of Advanced Academics.

★ STARS to Alyssa Cobb, Piper Jackson, and Emma Lohr for submitting entries to the BCPS contest for the National Magnet Schools Poster Contest.

★ STARS to Josh Bowser for demonstrating leadership and taking initiative to assist others.

★ STARS to Ms. Culbertson and Mr. Stevens for their dedication and communication with our transportation services providers.

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.
In Baltimore County we are fortunate to have access to Naviance. Naviance is a website that helps our students plan for college and their future careers. The school counseling office encourages all our students to begin thinking about college and future careers early in high school. We would like all of our students to use this valuable tool as they begin to prepare for their future.

It is easy and simple for both parents and students to log-in to Naviance. Simply log-in to your BCPS One account and click on the orange Naviance tab at the bottom of the screen. Once students log on, they should familiarize themselves with the many great features available to them. Students can take a career interest inventory and a personality test that will match them with careers and colleges. Students can also search for colleges based on many categories, including location, athletic interests and majors. In addition to the career and college info, there is also a wealth of scholarship information available. Recently, we have updated our scholarship page to include categories which makes the list easier to navigate. We also have paper copies of scholarships available in the School Counseling Office.

Each student has several tasks that need to be completed on Naviance. Students should go to the ‘my planner’ tab and click on ‘tasks assigned to me’. The tasks involve
students setting goals and completing surveys on Naviance to help them think about where they would like to attend college and the future. The school counseling office monitors students’ progress with the tasks and can provide feedback to students.

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.
STARS to our School Counseling Team for their dedication and efforts to support our students and staff. **Happy National School Counseling Week!**

Left to right… Ms. Hanley, Ms. Wright, Mrs. Petras, and Mr. Briggs. Note: Ms. Jacobs is not pictured due to attendance at a conference.
Your opinion matters!! Please take a moment to share your opinions by taking the BCPS Stakeholder Survey now through February 24, 2019. You can access the survey by going to the BCPS website at www.bcps.org or copy and paste the link below into your browser.

https://survey.k12insight.com/survey.aspx?k=SsTUYQXsRsPsPsP&lang=0&data=
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.
Congratulations to our winners of the Scholastic Art & Writing Awards!!

**Teacher: Rachel Valsing**
Shayna Blinkoff grade 12 ...Honorable Mention Art Portfolio; “Extreme Scrutiny”
Silver Key Painting; “Sourness”

Alyssa Cobb grade 12 .......................... Silver Key Mixed Media; “Easy Like”
Gold Key Mixed Media; “CAUTION”
Silver Key Art Portfolio; “Stop, Look, Listen”
Honorable Mention Drawing and Illustration “Ghost Songs” 12

Ally Gaddy grade 12 .......................... Honorable Mention Painting; “Tunnel Time”
Honorable Mention Art Portfolio; “Memories of Junior Year”

Jack Goembel grade 12 ..................... Honorable Mention Painting “Scarlet Resolve”

Madeline Grable grade 12 .......................... Honorable Mention Mixed Media “The First VS Second Amendment”

**Teacher: Noah Belt**
Hannah Emmons grade 12 ....................Honorable Mention Photography; “Sake”

**Teacher: Lindsay Miller**
Kun Feng grade 11 ..............................Silver Key Sculpture; “Cardboard Falcon”

Ben Hough grade 12 ..............................Gold Key Sculpture; “I Got Board”

Huy Nguyen grade 12 ........................... Gold Key Sculpture “The Face of Hoy”
We are proud to announce that Alyssa and Rebecca have been selected as recipients of the 2019 MSA Scholarship Award from Magnet Schools of America.

With this honor, they will be awarded $1,000 to be used towards tuition, books, and other enrollment related expenses.

We look forward to celebrating their accomplishments on April 12th at the 37th National Conference of Magnet Schools in Baltimore.
At the beginning of January, AP Psychology classes visited the Charm City Clue Room in the Inner Harbor. Students were challenged to use problem solving strategies to unlock a series of clues to escape in only an hour. This unique opportunity allowed students to put content into action to see if they could “crack the code”. Not all groups were successful, but everyone had fun.
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Towson High School
Blood Drive
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February 27th, 2019
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April 11-13 7PM  April 14 2PM

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www.MTIShows.com
THANK YOU to everyone who donated items for the GSA clothing drive! All donations will go to the Youth Empowered Society (YES) in Baltimore which shelters a large population of LGBTQ youth.

Thanks for your generous donations. They will go a long way!!!
Colophon, our award-winning, student-run literary arts magazine was recognized with the top honor from the National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE) for the nationwide contest (see the press release below). This is an enormous accomplishment for the students and the school as a whole!

From the press release:

Towson, Maryland – January 29, 2019 Colophon, the literary magazine from Towson High School has been awarded REALM First Class, in the Recognizing Excellence in Art and Literary Magazines (REALM) Program of the National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE). This is the top honor in this nationwide contest.

REALM publicly recognizes excellent literary magazines produced by students, teachers, and schools in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Canada, American schools abroad, and the Virgin Islands.

This year’s work, titled “If You Hadn’t Been” is an outstanding collaboration of design, writing, and art. Under the management of Hannah Weinstein, Oscar Harris and Shayna Blinkoff, Colophon was not only a visually stunning and emotionally powerful magazine, but it again shined as the finest literary and arts magazine in the state of Maryland, and again distinguished itself as among the best student-run arts publications in the nation.

This year, 358 literary magazines were submitted to this national competition for review. Of that number, 28 received the elite designation of REALM First Class. National reviewers complete first round judging based on a point system. Magazines scoring 93–100 are recommended for REALM First Class and then go on to an additional level of review by the REALM Advisory Committee at NCTE’s Annual Convention in November. The Committee determines whether a magazine meets enough criteria to win the honor of REALM First Class.

Colophon is a collective effort from the school with hundreds of submissions every year. Last year’s book was a collection of 23 artists and 22 authors. It was designed and edited by 20 staff members. The recognition of “outstanding collaboration of design, writing, and art” is a testament to the collaboration of all of us in the building, encouraging creativity and insight into our young scholars and supporting the original expression of ideas.

In addition to the NCTE national award, last year’s book has also been recognized by The Columbia Scholastic Press Association with a Gold Medal and by American Scholastic Press Association with a First Place with Special Merit award. In addition, American Scholastic Press Association recognized Tom Brubaker’s (class of 2018) artwork in the book with an award for Outstanding Artwork. We are still waiting on awards for National Scholaristic to be posted.

Congratulations to Mr. Busselman, Mr. Belt, the English Department, the Art Department, and the Colophon staff for this recognition!

If you’d like a copy of last year’s edition of Colophon, please see Mr. Freeburger. You can own an award winning literary arts magazine for only $10!
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

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UPCOMING EVENTS

February

Black History Month
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
22 Washington’s Birthday
22 Black History Month Assembly
26 LPP Freshmen Mentoring, 7:45 am, Cafeteria
27 Spring Blood Drive, Auditorium

March

1 First Day of Spring Sports
5 Winter Sports Awards Ceremony, 6:30 pm, Auditorium
7 Interim Reports Made Available Through Homeroom (3rd Marking Period)
7 Senior Talent Show, 6:30 pm, Auditorium
10 Daylight Savings Time Begins
14 Parent-Teacher Conferences, 2:15 pm-4:00 pm
14 Meet the Spring Coaches Night, 6:30 pm, Auditorium
19 Junior Night, 6:30 pm, Auditorium