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 Isabelle Zhang, Grace Parcover, Isabella Sabatino, Noah Rich, Evelyne Stins, Laya Fridman, Yuyang Wang, Joshua Valeza, Anaiya Parsons, Grace Adebogun, Sofia Grose, Ligia Mardari, Jamal Oakman, Bekah Platzke, Becky Glessner, Ty Wickham, and Bill Zhao for serving as Student Guides to visitors to our building.

★ STARS to Cheerleaders: Anaiya Parsons, Brett Parson, Camryn Bishop, Daijah Friend, Emily Gunerson, Hannah Grace Agudo, Kayla Tingley, Kiarra Savage, Kojo Baidoo, Kristen Sample, Mary Durgin, Rika Poscover, Selina Casasquillo, Shannon Cofield, Tyleah McNair, Zipporah Ogabo, and Tamara Housseoll for welcoming guests to our school.

★ STARS to Grace Heinlein for an amazing job of playing the piano to welcome guests to our school.

★ STARS to Akolisa Nwadiogbu, Alyssa Cobb and Rebecca Grim for participating in a Student Panel.

★ STARS and Extreme Appreciation to Mr. Cohen and Mr. Briggs for their attention to detail with planning and preparing for the SAT exams.

★ STARS to all our staff for their flexibility and dedication to our students.

★ STARS to Ms. Nash, Mr. Bohning and all of our teacher leaders for providing additional assistance to our students prior to the SAT.

★ STARS & CONGRATULATIONS To Alyssa Cobb and Rebecca Grim - they each received a $1,000 scholarship at the Magnet Schools of America Conference.

★ STARS to Ms. Kromsky and our staff for impressing our visitors from the Magnet Conference of America.

★ STARS to the Safety & Mental Health Committees for their efforts to support our school.

★ STARS to Mr. Brotman, our community partners, and students for their effort and time with Junior Interview Day.

★ STARS to Destin Ellis, Bill Zhao, Josh Valeza, Dariush Aligholizadeh, and Emily Stange for representing Towson High School at the Student Town Hall.
As we begin the fourth quarter, the World Languages department continues its focus on the use of authentic texts (reading and listening), real world tasks and a focus on literacy.

Language Updates

LATIN
Towson High School’s Latin Program continues to help students connect Latin, and to a lesser extent Greek, to languages, cultures and professional terminology of today’s world.

While our Latin teachers and their students interact using spoken Latin, the goal of the program is not to teach students to converse in a language few people use actively in our age. Ms. Turner and Mr. Buick use spoken Latin as a tool for helping students begin to perceive the interconnected nature of the vocabulary and syntax of the modern languages that evolved from or were influenced by Latin. Where does this lead? To literacy—not only in Latin, but in other languages as well.

Latin 1 is exploring the terrain of urban population centers, both ancient and modern. Latin 2 is examining their structure and use of recreational facilities of ancient Rome. Latin 3 is learning about the collapse of the Roman Republic and the transition to leadership by a single head of state, later referred to as the Emperor. Latin 4 is examining Latin literature originating with the Pax Romana under Octavian, who is considered today to be the first emperor of Rome. AP Latin is preparing for the upcoming AP Latin Exam through intensive sight-reading activities featuring new Golden Age Authors every few lessons.

FRENCH
French 2 made posters to remind people to limit food waste. French 3 made posters educating others on ways to preserve the environment at home.

SPANISH
Spanish 1 is identifying places in their community and proposing what is needed to improve it. Spanish 4 is interacting with stories and legends. Students are reading authentic legends from the Aztecs and other indigenous civilizations. Students have demonstrated comprehension and exercised creativity by expanding and illustrating scenes from the Aztec legend of Ixtla y Popo in comic form. Additionally, students have researched legends from different Spanish-speaking countries to present aloud to their classmates. Throughout the unit, students will consider what elements legends have in common, and what a legend says about the culture that created it. AP Spanish students recently studied the topic of health care and medicine.
They chose a specific focus from the field of medicine and completed research to learn more about the topic. They created a visual representation and created notes in order to participate in a symposium where they were the expert on the topic. Students took a turn as a presenter and as a participant in a class symposium in order to demonstrate their ability to use Spanish for a real world purpose.

The World Languages Department would like to congratulate the following inductees.

**LATIN HONOR SOCIETY INDUCTEES**

**Grade 9**
- Bayer, Blake
- Cohen, Aiden
- Gordon, Ana
- Johnson, Yusuf
- Korman, Ethan
- Trimble, Owen
- Walker, Lydia
- Ye, Leon

**Grade 10**
- Krimm, Mason
- Shetler, Peyton

**Grade 11**
- Baptiste, Kayla
- Caccamese, Luca
- Gooding, Finnegan
- McLaughlin, Benjamin
- Owens, Fiona

**Grade 12**
- Brooklyn Abdur-Rahim

**FRENCH HONOR SOCIETY INDUCTEES**

**Grade 9**
- Hess Djilioni
- Lydia Hamilton
- Frederika Poscover

**Grade 10**
- Mohamed Badwi
- Grace Batavick
- Jasmine Brion
- Josephine Chang
- Adam Faridi
- Joshua Valeza
- Sophi Zeithaml

**Grade 11**
- Hirvane Djilioni
- Arsa Morino
World Languages Department

SPANISH HONOR SOCIETY INDUCTEES

Grade 9
Gabriela Arango
Ahuva Bank
Emma Bisson
Anian Brewer
Alessandra Crippa
Miranda Fisher
Alexander Frey
Rebecca Glass
Adam Hudacek
Ahmad Jamshaid
Jane Kastner
Noah Korman
Maya Mulligan
Faith Murdock
Alexis Predmore
Gabrielle Riess
Katherine Robinson
Isabella Sabatino
Hannah Smith
Maia Vong
Linna Zhu

Grade 10
George Andreou
Caleb Chastain
Mason Cloyd
Natalie Frank
Isabelle Grable
Badra Kalil
Margaret Laich
Nicholas Lewis
Larika Medina
Chiara Menegatti
Samuel Morphew
Aidan Owens
Noah Parkinson
Nicole Poling
Sebastian Quiroz
Kate Rosenfeld
Peter Sorensen
Eleuthera Wang
Amy Zhang

Grade 11
Oliver Hogg
Sophia Johnson
Sean Mathias
Takunda Rusike
Jacob Shoenfeld
Alexander Sorensen
Austin Turner

AP Spanish Symposium Style Presentations
Featured Article

World Language
5 Star Student
Work Showcase

Focus on Literacy

DEPARTMENT OF WORLD LANGUAGES

THE TOWSON PRIDE
ALLERGY SEASON IS HERE!

If spring allergens make you miserable, it’s time to take steps to prevent those symptoms! Please remember to take allergy medication at home – seasonal allergy medications are not available in the nurse’s office.

Symptoms of seasonal allergies:
- sneezing
- wheezing
- nasal congestion
- coughing
- itchy, watery eyes
- runny nose
- itchy throat
- stomach ache
- itchy skin
- hives
- fatigue

Ways to reduce your exposure to allergy triggers
Stay indoors, especially when it’s dry or windy. A good rain helps clear pollen from the air.
Change to clean clothes when you get home. It also helps if you take a shower after school or in the evening to rinse pollen from your skin and hair.
Rinse your sinuses. Nasal saline spray is a cheap and easy way to clear allergens from your nose.
Watch for high pollen counts
Check the internet or local news to get updated pollen reports.
Start taking allergy medications before your symptoms start! If high pollen is forecasted it’s time to take allergy meds.
Keeps doors and windows closed when pollen is high. Use the air conditioning instead of opening windows.

Indoors
Change home filters regularly, use HEPA (high-efficiency particulate) filters and vacuum often. If you have forced air heating or air conditioning in your house, use high-efficiency filters and follow regular maintenance schedules.
Medications may help – consult with your healthcare provider about appropriate medications to treat allergy symptoms
Antihistamines (like Claritin/loratadine, Zyrtec/cetirizine, Allegra). These medications help with sneezing, runny nose, itching and irritated eyes.
Decongestants (like Sudafed) can reduce the congestion/stuffiness.
Prescription medications – talk to your healthcare provider about prescription medications or other treatments if over-the-counter and home methods aren’t working.

References: https://www.mayoclinic.org/diseases-conditions/hay-fever/in-depth/seasonal-allergies/art-20048343
Ms. Nicole Bridges

Ms. Kim Culbertson

Mr. John Stevens
Time is running out to purchase the 2018-2019 Towson High Yearbook. If you wish to place an order for this year’s book, please visit www.jostens.com. We may not have additional copies to sell when the books come in, so please place your order today!

The Sidelights’ staff thanks you for your support!
On Thursday, April 11, 2019, visitors from across the country came to Towson High School to visit our Law & Public Policy Program. Our visitors were extremely impressed with the passion and dedication to our students that they witnessed at Towson. Some of the comments from our visitors were:

“I am leaving here today with my faith restored in America.”

“Thank you for hosting our group of MSA constituents today. We had a wonderful time and were super impressed with your staff and students.” Mary Jane London - Coordinator, Secondary Magnet Programs, LA Unified School District

“Thank you so much for dedicating your day to provide an overview of the school - from the cheerleaders, PTSA welcome, student-led tours, classroom instructors, presentation and lunch. It was evident that Towson really knows how to roll out the red carpet! I will take back a positive impression of Baltimore County Public Schools because of Towson. Thank you.” Karey Fischer, Columbia, South Carolina

One of our visitors took a selfie and said… “Becky was wonderful, listened to our needs, and accommodated a focus we wanted to see! We thought you might like this! She was the best tour guide!” Trish Elkharchafi, M.Ed., Assistant Principal, South Seminole Middle School, FL
Guests were greeted at the front door with beautiful music performed by Grace Heinlein.

Visitors were able to ask questions of our student panel members (left to right): Alyssa Cobb, Akolisa Nwadiogbu, and Rebecca Grim.

When the visitors arrived at the Library for the session with the student panel members, they were greeted with more beautiful music. This time it was performed by members of the GT Orchestra class.
On Thursday, April 11th, seniors at Towson High had the opportunity to attend the International “Save a Life Tour” Safe Driving Awareness Program. Students were invited to attend a live presentation including videos of personal stories of the results of destructive decisions related to distracted and impaired driving. Continuing throughout the day, small groups of 12th graders had the opportunity to participate in interactive driving simulation experiences of both impaired driving and texting while driving.

This program was presented by Matrix Entertainment and was funded by Walmart through their Walmart Community Grant Program. Our local Putty Hill Walmart awarded $3,200 to THS to fund this interactive, educational and informative day of events.

Please feel free to visit the website below for more information on the program.

https://www.matrixentertainment.com/education-and-wellness/safe-driving/
Seniors, we want to celebrate your success!

We like to celebrate your good news. We would ask you to:

Bring a copy of **every** acceptance letter you receive to the School Counseling Office

OR

Forward **every** acceptance email to Ms. Wright at swright7@bcps.org

In addition, please share any scholarships or awards you receive.

Congratulations!

**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.
Graduation

Thursday, May 30, 2019

7:00 pm

Towson University
Towson High School Class of 2019
PTSA Sponsored
Senior (After Prom) Celebration

Every year, it has been a tradition for the PTSA to hold an after-prom event, called the Senior Celebration. This is a FREE event open to ALL seniors and their guests!! This year it will be held on Friday, May 17th from 11:00 p.m. to 2:30 a.m. at the Orokawa YMCA in Towson.

This event is a safe and fun way for our seniors and their guests to spend time with friends. Below are some of the highlights of the event:

- Seniors receive free raffle tickets to win one of over 100 AMAZING prizes (flat screen television, electronic and tech gadgets, college logo items, gift cards, etc.)
- Every senior also receives a chance to win a grand cash prize!
- Games and activities will include a rock-climbing wall, basketball, caricaturists, casino games, food, and places to just hang out and chat.

DONATIONS
CASH and PRIZE DONATIONS (such as gift cards) are critical to make this event happen!

PLEASE CONSIDER DONATING ONLINE via this link: Make a Donation or you may mail your donation to our PTSA mailbox:

Towson High School PTSA
Attn: Sr. After Prom Committee Chair
69 Cedar Ave., Towson, MD 21286

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES
If you would like to volunteer on the night of the event, please email Jackie Burkhardt with your contact information and we will email you a link to sign-up prior to the event. We hope that parents of 9th, 10th and 11th graders will consider volunteering on the night of the event so senior parents may also enjoy the memorable evening. When it is your senior’s turn, you will then be supported by the other classes for this FUN evening!

Questions: Please contact Jackie Burkhardt, jburkhardt1@msn.com

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!
A New THS Tradition

Graduation Banners

Parents, Grandparents, friends, and other relatives will want to share in your special day with a custom Graduation Banner.

For the low price of $25.00

You can send a special custom message to a graduating senior.

Sample: (the crest will be white ink on maroon)

Congratulations Sasha McGee!!

Mom and Dad are so proud of you!!

Good Luck at UMCP!!

Contact tblair@bcps.org for more details!
Towson High Athletics Open House

Current & Future Generals Are Welcome
Please join us on May 7th for a Towson High Athletics Open House. Meet our coaches; meet our players; and meet our staff. Learn more about high school athletics at Towson High.

What: Athletics Open House
When: May 7, 2019
6:30-8:30 PM
Where: Towson High Gymnasium
69 Cedar Avenue
Towson 21286

- Meet the Coaching Staff
- Meet the Athletic Director
- Tryout Information
- Registration Information
- Purchase Spirit Wear
- Volunteer Opportunities
- Learn about the Sports Booster Club
- Booster Club Membership Sign-up’s
- Purchase a Sports Pass
- Meet our student-athlete representatives

@TowsonHSsports
www.towsonathletics.digitalsports.com
UPCOMING EVENTS

April

18  Spring Break begins at the end of the school day
19-22  Spring Break
22  Earth Day
23  School Reopens
23  Report Cards Made Available Through Homeroom
24  Honor Society Induction, 6:00 pm, Auditorium
25  Spring Concert—Strings, 7:00 pm, Auditorium
26  Junior Prom, 7:00 pm, Cafeteria
30  Spring Concert—Bands, 7:00 pm, Auditorium

May

1  Law Day Celebration, 7:45 am, Cafeteria/Auditorium
2  Spring Concert - Choral, 7:00 pm, Auditorium
6-10  Teacher Appreciation Week
6-17  AP Testing
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