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 Mr. Eastham, Ms. Petras, Mr. Collins, Ms. Gray, and Mr. Brotman for presenting to parents on Academic Planning Night.

⭐ STARS to representatives from CCBC and Ms. Ramin, representative from School Counseling Office for presenting to our parents on Academic Planning Night.

⭐ STARS to Ms. White for her efforts and time with planning and implementing the Magnet Assessment Day.

Congratulations

Ms. Santavenere

National Board Certification!!
Happy New Year everyone! We hope you had a wonderful winter break and are healthy, well rested and ready to begin the second half of the school year!

Before break the Art Department was very busy. Both Nicole Hutch and Rachael Edmonston had their work exhibited, along with other selected artwork from Baltimore County, at Comptroller Peter Franchot’s office. Nicole exhibited a charcoal still life and Rachel had one of her photographs displayed.

In October, our NAHS mural committee took to the trailers to create a “mobile gallery” that artfully displayed each trailer number as a mini mural. The numbers were designed by NAHS officers, Michael Williams, Catherine Della-Santina, Sarah Cai, Isabel Townsend-Last, Caroline Boyle and guest designer, Ben Miller, and painted with large support from the Mr. Stevens and Mrs. DiMino. The committee hopes to continue this project in the spring with the encouragement of Mr. Blair and Mrs. Krochta, who have requested more paintings for their trailers.

In December, the National Art Honor Society hosted the annual Celebration of Light. Complete with a Juniors vs. Seniors Dance Competition, the event proved to be a fun, relaxing way to bask in the warmth from hundreds of glowing lights and paper sculptures.

NAHS students were also busy throughout the month of November working with the artist and Towson University professor, Amanda Burnham, to create a three dimensional paper installation that depicts the visual landmarks of Baltimore and Towson’s communities. Work from this project will go on to inform Burnham’s development of a large scale drawing installation opening January 31st at EMP Collective, a gallery in Baltimore. And just before the winter break, the entire Art Department contributed to the installation by making it “snow.” The THS string quartet and choir later joined us in the installation, serenading the entire third floor.

Some upcoming events to look for: The Art Department will be exhibiting student work at the Board of Education in March at Greenwood; Photo Studio will be exhibiting work at the Baltimore County Public Library Towson Branch from February 17 - March 17; and Studio and Photo students will be doing a collaboration by responding to various landscapes and using each other’s work to inspire each other.

“Art enables us to find ourselves and lose ourselves at the same time”.  
~Thomas Merton
Also, look for the work students and the NAHS Clay Committee will be doing to participate in the Empty Bowls project. Empty Bowls is an international project created by various artists and art organizations to help in the fight against hunger through food drives and auctions. At Towson, Mrs. Miller has been working with our NAHS students to make bowls to donate to St. Vincent de Paul’s Empty Bowls auction March 28th, 2015 at Timonium Fair Grounds.

Both Ms. Milligan and Ms. Valsing have been busy “practicing what they preach.” Ms. Valsing has recently had a piece selected for a juried show at Pyramid Atlantic Arts Center in Silver Spring Maryland. The exhibit, “Process and Purpose,” is comprised of drawing and sculpture that is made in response to teaching art. The opening reception is January 17. Ms. Valsing will also be participating in this year’s “Crankie Fest” at the Creative Alliance in Baltimore. The event, on January 24, will feature the work of Baltimore puppeteers. Ms. Milligan’s show with two other artists, called “Color and Time” is at the Towson Art Collective 40 West Chesapeake Avenue, Towson Maryland. The show opened January 3rd and runs through January 23rd with an Artist Talk on January 22nd.

And don’t forget to mark your calendars! Edible Art is coming up on February 17th at 6:00pm in the cafeteria, Senior Shows will begin February 4 – February 24 in the library hallway and the annual art showcase will be held in the gym on March 26th at 6:00pm in the gym. Hope to see you there!
Attention Seniors!!

For the 2016 school year, we would like to offer CCBC college courses for seniors next fall at Towson High School. Students who successfully complete this course will earn college credit. There would be a fee for this course, which would include CCBC tuition fees and the necessary course books.

The following courses are options for next school year:

- Health (Summer, 2015)
- Sociology (Fall, 2015)
- Political Science (Spring, 2016)

Please speak with your school counselor if you are interested in this opportunity!
EARLY COLLEGE ACCESS PROGRAMS

College 4 Free Program

- Take up to four classes **TUITION-FREE**. Pay only fees, books, and supplies.
- Attend CCBC during the fall or spring terms.
- Get a jump start on your college education, while saving money and time.
- Be better prepared for college academics and college life.
- Earn credits toward your CCBC associate degree or transfer to another college of your choice.

Parallel Enrollment Program (PEP)

- Earn up to a semester’s worth of college credit. Students residing in Maryland pay only the **residency tuition rate** plus fees cost of books and supplies.
- Attend CCBC during fall, winter, spring, and summer terms.
- Get a jump start on your college education, while saving money and time.
- Be better prepared for college academics and college life.
- Earn credits toward your CCBC associate degree or transfer to another college of your choice.

You may be eligible for the College 4 Free program, if you:

- Are enrolled in a Baltimore County Public High School as a junior or senior.
- Have a 2.50 overall grade point average.
- Are certified as eligible by a BCPSC professional school counselor or administrator.

When you meet the eligibility requirements, you are required to enroll in a CCBC credit general education or career program course.

You may be eligible for PEP, if you:

- Attend any public or private high school or are home-schooled.
- Enrolled as a sophomore, junior, or senior.
- Receive written approval from a school administrator.
- Meet CCBC enrollment requirements.

Only Maryland residents qualify for the tuition waiver.
Dear Team BCPS,

Last year’s BCPS Stakeholder Satisfaction Survey elicited a historic level of participation from students, parents, community members, and staff -- more than 40,000 responses. This year, we want to double that number to hear from even more of our stakeholders. Every voice counts.

Taking the annual BCPS Stakeholder Satisfaction Survey is a quick way to let us know what you think about your school or office, demonstrate support for BCPS, and help the school system meet its goal of preparing and graduating globally competitive students.

The confidential survey takes only about five minutes to complete on your phone, tablet, or computer. Students and school-based staff will be given opportunities to take the survey at school, and parents can also choose to come to the school to take the survey. We are encouraging school leaders to do whatever is necessary to make sure that everyone has the opportunity to participate.

There are different (but related) questions for school-based staff, parents, students, community members, and central office staff. If you are both a BCPS parent and a BCPS staff member, or if you are a BCPS parent with children in more than one school, you are encouraged to take the survey more than once to reflect your different experiences in those different roles or with those different schools.

Please be on the look out for the survey, which will be available online from January 30 through February 28 at the BCPS Web site (www.bcps.org), and encourage others to share their voices.

Thank you,

Dallas
Have You Heard the News? ???

Blood Drive
The Blood Drive is coming back! This year, the annual Towson High School Blood Drive will be held on February 25. The Blood Drive gives students the amazing opportunity to help someone who desperately needs aid. Every day, more than 41,000 blood donations are needed and someone is in need of blood every two seconds in the United States. Donating just one pint of blood can save up to three lives! The process of giving blood is completely safe and reliable. To learn more about how blood donations work, visit http://www.redcrossblood.org/donating-blood/donation-process. In order to donate, you must be healthy and at least seventeen years old. To get a full list of requirements for eligibility, see http://www.redcrossblood.org/donating-blood/eligibility-requirements.

Girls’ Varsity Soccer
Congratulations to the Girls’ Varsity Soccer team and their coach, Matt Clifford, for being selected as the recipient of the Baltimore County Respect the Game Sportsmanship Award for the 2014-2015 season. Mr. Clifford received a letter from Ms. Lisa Martin, Director of Girls’ Coaches, Baltimore County, recognizing this honor. In the letter, she states, “Your teams’ commitment to upholding the integrity of interscholastic athletics is a model for all to follow.”
Have You Heard the News????  
Continued

**Basket Bingo**

Towson High School’s Music Boosters is in the process of finalizing this year’s Basket Bingo. The Boosters will welcome hundreds of guests to Tall Cedars of Lebanon in Parkville on February 20th for a great night of music, bingo, and raffle opportunities, all in support of Towson High Music. Please see the Publicity Flyer and Ticket Order Form located on pages 8 and 9 in this week’s newsletter.

**Yearbook**

The deadline for senior ads and portraits is rapidly approaching. Please visit www.jostens.com to purchase senior ads and yearbooks. Please contact Lifetouch as soon as possible to schedule a senior portrait.

**Parent Notification of Absences**

In an effort to ensure communication relative to student safety throughout the Baltimore County School System, there has been a change in the time of notification of student absences. If your student is absent or tardy, you will be notified by phone around 10:30 a.m. This call is to alert you to your child’s absence or tardiness and to remind you to send a note with your child the following school day. These changes went into effect January 5, 2015.
Senior News

♦ **SENIOR NIGHT LIVE!** **FEBRUARY 26, 2015 AT 7:00 PM - AUDITORIUM.**
  This is a fun evening in February where our Seniors showcase their talent! If you know someone who wants to participate, they must complete a contract and audition. The next and final audition is January 28th from 2:30 - 4:30 in the auditorium. See Mrs. Kromsky in room 109 or Mrs. Krochta in trailer 3 to sign up.

♦ **CAP AND GOWNS.** Senior Caps and Gowns orders will once again be taken during all lunch shifts on Tuesday, January 27th. This is the last chance to receive the early bird price of $9.90. At the end of January, the price goes back to the regular price of $30. You don’t have to wait, you can also order online. Visit www.nrpatlantic.com.

♦ **GRADUATION ANNOUNCEMENTS.** You can still order graduation announcements online as well. Visit www.balfour.com.
Congratulations to our seniors who have already been accepted into college!! Following are the colleges our seniors have selected:

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<td>Coastal Carolina University</td>
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<td>Purdue University</td>
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<td>University of South Carolina</td>
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The following student musicians from Towson High School have qualified by audition to participate in 2015 the BCPS Honors Jazz Chorus:

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<th>Bass</th>
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<td>Sarah Cai</td>
<td>Mari Wetherington</td>
<td>Grant Davis</td>
<td>Brennan Hula</td>
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<td>Julia Brown</td>
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*Alternate: Anne Zappas*

(That's 5 out of 17 spots and 1 alternate)

The following student musicians from Towson High School have qualified by audition to participate in 2015 the BCPS Honors Jazz Band:

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<th>1st Tenor Saxophone</th>
<th>2nd Tenor Saxophone</th>
<th>1st Trumpet</th>
<th>3rd Trumpet</th>
<th>3rd Trombone</th>
<th>Guitar</th>
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<td>Brian Seyler</td>
<td>Michal Herman</td>
<td>Luke Powers</td>
<td>Zachary Jablow</td>
<td>Alternate: Matt Vorsteg</td>
<td>Zakir Bulmer</td>
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<td>Alternates: Vaughn Parts and Jack Morgan</td>
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(That's 6 out of 18 spots and 3 alternates)

In last month’s newsletter, it was reported that Naomi Element was an alternate in the MD All State Orchestra. We are happy to report that Naomi is now a full fledged participant in the MD All State Orchestra due to a position becoming available.

Congratulations Naomi!!
TOWSON HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS BOOSTERS ANNUAL

Spring Gala

MARCH 28, 2015 7:00PM-11:00PM
The Country Club of Maryland
1101 Stevenson Lane
Towson, Maryland 21286

Buffet Dinner • Wine & Beer • Wheels
Silent Auction • Mystery Wine

Purchase tickets online!
WWW.TOWSONHIGHSPORTSBOOSTERS.COM

Or contact Jenny Schneidereith, Ticket Sales
JENNYSCHNEIDEREITH@VERIZON.NET

$65 per person
$125 per couple

PROPER ATTIRE REQUIRED
- NO JEANS PERMITTED -

FOR ANY FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT
Jenny Schneidereith, Co Chair
JENNYSCHNEIDEREITH@VERIZON.NET

JC Coplai, Co Chair
COPLAI@AOL.COM
Towson High School Music Boosters

Basket Bingo!

Tall Cedars of Lebanon, 2501 Putty Hill Avenue Parkville

February 20, 2015
Doors open 6 pm
Bingo 7 pm

BINGO 2015 TICKET ORDER FORM

Single ticket: $20
(Early bird discount: $15 if paid by February 6, 2015)

Table for 10: $150
(Early bird discount: $135 if paid by February 6, 2015)

Each ticket buys a seat for a night of great company, live music and an 18-game packet of bingo cards!

Bingo prizes for the winners are Longaberger baskets filled with valuable items! Only one basket winner per bingo game. In the event two or more people have BINGO, the winner will be chosen via tie-breaker.

Food, drinks and raffle tickets will be available for purchase!

Towson High Music Boosters helps fund student participation in the music programs at Towson High School including instrument rentals and transportation. Thank you for your support!

Please complete the order form below and send in your payment. Your tickets will be mailed to you or will be available for pick up at the will-call table (front desk) at the event. Questions? thsmusicboosters@gmail.com.

February 20, 2015 Basket Bingo at Tall Cedars of Lebanon, Parkville

Enclosed is my payment to THS Music Boosters in the amount of $_______ for:

___ (#) single ticket(s) @ $20 each (or $15/ea if paid by 2/6/2015)

___ (#) table(s) for 10 @ $150/table (or $135/table if paid by 2/6/15)

Name & email: _______________________________________________________
Mailing address: _____________________________________________________

Please mail this completed stub and your check to: THS Music Boosters, 69 Cedar Ave., Towson, MD 21286 Attn: Bingo. All tickets are while supplies last and are non-refundable. All sales final. Thank you!
**BINGO!**

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<th>Save the Date!</th>
<th>Live Music!</th>
<th>Come with family!</th>
<th>Towson High School Music Boosters</th>
<th>Doors open 6:00 pm. Tickets $20 ea. at the door while they last</th>
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<td>February 20, 2015</td>
<td>Delicious Cheap eats!</td>
<td>Come with friends!</td>
<td>Basket Bingo!</td>
<td>Discounted tix through Feb. 6, 2015: $15/person $135/table for ten while they last!</td>
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<td>Longaberger Baskets filled with valuable prizes for Bingo Winners!</td>
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<td>Each ticket buys a seat for a night of great company, live music and an 18-game packet of bingo cards!</td>
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<td>2015</td>
<td>Lots of Fun!</td>
<td>Support a Great Cause!</td>
<td>Tall Cedars of Lebanon, 2501 Putty Hill Avenue Parkville</td>
<td>Questions? Contact <a href="mailto:thsmusicboosters@gmail.com">thsmusicboosters@gmail.com</a></td>
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<td>Please mark your family calendar now!</td>
<td>Exciting Raffles, Including 50/50!</td>
<td>Net proceeds benefit Towson High musical ensembles!</td>
<td>Music begins 6:15 pm, Bingo starts 7:00 pm.</td>
<td>JOIN US! February 20, 2015</td>
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UPCOMING EVENTS

January

16-22 Mid term Exams
19 Dr. Martin Luther King’s Birthday Observed - Schools & Offices Closed
20-23 HSA Exam Make-Ups
23 Midterm Exam Make-Ups
23 Second Marking Period Ends—Schools close 3 hours early
26 Professional Development Day - No School for Students
29 Tri-M Coffeehouse - 4 pm, Cafeteria