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 J. McCord, E. Brooks, and J. Pinckes for their hard work and dedication to the morning show.

★ STARS to Mr. Weber for always cheerfully helping his co-workers whenever they need him.

★ STARS to Mr. Briggs and the Guidance Department for working with our seniors this week to get them on Naviance.

★ STARS to Mr. Briggs for his time, effort, and dedication to the Guidance Department.

★ STARS to the Boys JV team of J. Morgan, T. Paul, M. Hannon, J. Mader, D. McShane, M. Dyer and K. Bagchi who finished first in the team scoring defeating Dulaney, Hereford, Loch Raven and Carver AT. Congratulations on a great start to the 2014 season!

★ STARS to Ms. Alyson Bonavoglia (parent of I. Wittenberg) for her work in getting the THS Theatre Boosters off the ground. We had our first meeting this past Tuesday and we are off to a solid start!

★ STARS to Mr. Eastham and Mr. Smith for their generosity to the World Languages Department.

★ STARS to Ms. Evanosky, Ms. Gray, and Mr. Jackson for attending the PTSA meeting.

★ STARS to Ms. Locke, Ms. Hayner, and Ms. Paulis for speaking to parents at Back to School Night.

★ STARS to our Athletic Boosters, PTSA, and Music Boosters for their time and efforts at Back to School Night.

★ STARS to Mr. Rhen and the jazz band for entertaining our audience at Back to School Night.

★ STARS to our dedicated teaching staff for hosting valuable sessions for Back to School Night.

★ STARS to Ms. Fast and Ms. Lauten for assisting with Back to School Night.

★ STARS to Ms. Travis for offering additional effort to prepare for Back to School Night.

★ STARS to our custodial team for ensuring a clean building for Back to School Night.

★ STARS to the Environmental Club Members: E. Amann, C. Bohnenstengel, R. Checknoff, Laura Cochrans, E. Eastman, R. Edmonston, H. Hicklen, Alvy Hughes, M. Kaplan, Alissa Lema, L. Mogharabi, A. Orlando, L. Parks, T. Purdie, B. Somma, D. Simmons, E. Strom, M. Tang, V. Tang, A. Wright for all their hard work in making the school a more beautiful place.
The beginning of school is always an exciting time for us. We enjoy seeing our students again and welcoming those who are new to Towson High School!

During the first week of school, every student in the Art Department helped create our art installation, “Embrace the Oops.” Students embraced their mistakes by turning them into something artful to be hung with the work of all the other students in the department. It is important for artists to embrace mistakes because sometimes an “oops” can lead us to something new and exciting. Students then found other artful oops outside of the classroom and have been sharing them with everyone by either emailing or tweeting their finds. Be sure to follow us on Twitter @TowsonHighART.

All of us enjoyed hearing about the artful activities our students have been involved with over the summer. Emma Weiss had a photography internship and was responsible for photographing and editing two events as part of her internship. Many other students traveled and visited museums seeing exhibits from Indianapolis to Chicago. Studio I & II worked in their sketchbooks and shared what they created during our sketchbook share. These students also painted over the summer and will be bringing in their paintings to share with each other. Keep checking the hallways for exhibits of the work done by these artists! We would also like to mention and congratulate Henry Grant (a graduating senior last year) for having one of his paintings from his AP portfolio chosen by AP for use on their brochure! Only a small number of students from around the nation are chosen. Well done Henry!

We would also like to welcome two new Art Department members to Towson High School. Ms. Ostendorf is originally from St. Paul, Minnesota, this is her 2nd year teaching Art for Baltimore County Public Schools. Last year she taught at Holabird STEM Program and is now teaching Fundamentals of Art and Clay and Sculpture classes here at Towson. We would also like to congratulate her on her upcoming wedding in October when she will become Mrs. Miller! Ms. Valsing, a graduate of MICA, has been teaching in Baltimore County Public School system for seven years and this year won a BCPS Career Art Educator Award! She is now teaching Fundamentals of Art, Intermediate Art and is our new NAHS sponsor. We are so glad both of these tal-
Presented teachers have joined us at Towson High School!

And not only do we have new art faculty here at THS, but all of us have been busy making art and exhibiting our work this summer. Ms. Ostendorf participated in a sculpture class as part of a BCPS professional development. Mr. Belt and Ms. Valsing are both exhibiting work at the BCPS Teacher as Artist exhibit. Ms. Valsing also organized an exhibit called Demo Studio, which is about the “art” of teaching and features several BCPS art teachers’ works as well as others from Maryland and beyond. Ms. Milligan was in a two person show called Inside/Outside Voices with Linda Popp. They will both have another exhibit at the Towson Art Center in January.

This year we are hoping all art students will get involved in our chapter of National Art Honor Society. Our national award winning NAHS chapter will have its first meeting on September 16th. Please join us for that introductory meeting to see what NAHS will be up to this year and if you haven’t done so already, please come meet Ms. Valsing who will be our new NAHS sponsor. If you have any questions about NAHS, please contact her at rvalsing@bcps.org.

Looking for a way to support your student’s creative interests? Join TAPA, the art department’s parent group! This group assists with the events, exhibits, and fundraisers in the department. TAPA will have its first meeting this year on September 23rd at 5:30. If you are thinking of volunteering, please email Ms. Milligan at cmilligan@bcps.org.
The Jazz Band performing at Back to School Night

Thanks to all the parents and students who came out to Back to School Night!
Come out & support the team!

Math in the real world! Check out how Mr. Skeels showcases student work!
Ms. West and her Environmental Club making the entrance of Towson look beautiful!! Thank you!!!

Ms. West gives a big shout out to the members of the THS Environmental Club for their efforts on Wednesday afternoon. Thank you for collecting the recycling from the cafeteria, creating an outstanding bulletin board and beginning the THS beautification process of the Cedar Avenue entrance by weeding and planting mums.
Congratulations to the Towson Boys’ Soccer Team for winning the Patapsco Minuteman Classic Soccer Tournament last Saturday, September 6, 2014!!
UPCOMING EVENTS

September

18  Freshmen / Sophomore Ice Cream Social, 2:30 pm-4:00 pm, Cafeteria
22  Underclassmen Picture Day - English Classes, 6:30 am-4:30 pm
22  National Honor Society Meeting, 2:20 pm-3:00 pm, Library
25  NO SCHOOL

October

4   First Quarter Interims Distributed in Homeroom
6-9  HSA Exams
7   Magnet Open House - 6:30 pm
9   Parent Teacher Conferences - 2:15 pm - 4:00 pm