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. Ed Faya** for lending a hand in a time of need.

🌟 **STARS to Ms. D’Ortonte** for her efforts and time with planning the AVID induction ceremony.

🌟 **STARS to Ms. D’Ortonte**, Ms. Kerns and Ms. Nash for their steadfast work and dedication to our students enrolled in the AVID program.

🌟 **STARS to Graoch McKeeee**, alumnus that shared her success with AVID.

🌟 **STARS to Basma El-Fahssi, Kyari James, Delia Mercer and Gabrielle Millard** for sharing their time and efforts with the new AVID scholars.

🌟 **STARS to our new AVID Scholars.**

🌟 **STARS to Kyle Dixon and Rista Upadhyay** for assisting our students during the AVID Induction Ceremony.

🌟 **STARS to Ms. Blair** for the special treats!

🌟 **STARS to Jimmy Esbrandt** for taking additional time to spruce the place up!
Assistive Technology on the Towson High School Library Website.

Check out three great software programs designed to improve vocabulary and learning skills. All three programs can be found on the databases page of the Towson High School Library. To access all three programs, simply go to the Towson High School Library Virtual Library site and click on the “Home” tab to access the databases. Or you can simply go to the Towson High School web site, click on the Library link and then the “Home” tab.

Visual Thesaurus

“The Visual Thesaurus is an interactive dictionary and thesaurus which creates word maps that blossom with meanings and branch to related words. Its innovative display encourages exploration and learning. You’ll understand language in a powerful new way.” http://www.visualthesaurus.com/

Vocab Grabber

“VocabGrabber analyzes any text you’re interested in, generating lists of the most useful vocabulary words and showing you how those words are used in context. Just copy text from a document and paste it into the box, and then click on the ‘Grab Vocabulary!’ button. VocabGrabber will automatically create a list of vocabulary from your text, which you can then sort, filter, and save.”http://www.visualthesaurus.com/vocabgrabber/

Spelling Bee

“There are two different ways to play. In the Tournament Spelling Bee, you'll be challenged by a series of words, with the spelling difficulty adapted to your skill level. The more words you get right, the higher your score will go, on a scale from 200 to 800. You can compete against other spellers, since we keep track of high scores (with streaks of correct answers serving as tiebreakers).”

“You can also try a Community Spelling Bee generated from one of our subscribers' word lists. Community Spelling Bees test your knowledge of a limited group of words and give you a score based on the percentage of words you spell correctly.”

How does the Visual Thesaurus Spelling Bee work?

“Each turn, you'll hear the recording of the word and see its definition (with words suitably omitted that might give away the correct spelling). You try to guess the spelling.

In the Tournament Spelling Bee, the more words you get right, the higher your score will go. The game adapts to your skill level, so if you continue to answer correctly, you'll get harder and harder words to spell. And getting words wrong means you'll get progressively easier words.

If you play a Community Spelling Bee, the words from the selected word list are presented in random order. Your score is based on the percentage of words you spell correctly.” http://bcps.visualthesaurus.com/bee/.
Dear Parents:

Welcome to the start of a new school year and a year of A+ School Rewards. Starting October 3, 2014 through March 19, 2015, TOWSON HIGH SCHOOL will have the opportunity to earn cash through Giant A+ School Rewards Program.

All you have to do is:

• Log on to www.giantfood.com/aplus select CUSTOMER REGISTRATION to register online using your Giant Card

NEW THIS YEAR: If you registered your card last year, you DO NOT need to re-register this year. You can visit the website to verify correct school assignment. Also, don’t forget to encourage your friends and relatives to do the same. It could mean more Cash for our school.

After you register your card, each shopping trip at Giant using your Giant Card earns CASH for our school. Each month, the amount of CASH awarded will be updated on the Giant website. You can track the amount of points you earn for our school by checking your grocery receipt and online when you create an account at www.giantfood.com. Our school will receive a check at the end of the program. The money can be used for any of our school’s educational needs.

*Phone numbers may not be used to designate.
Alumni Updates
Former student, Z. Cai has been named to the 2014 Spring Dean’s List at the University of Rhode Island. Congratulations!!

From the Theater Department
Auditions are completed and production is underway for THS’s fall production of You Can’t Take It with You. Our cast is hard at work and our crew has already begun assembling the set. This classic comedy will be sure to bring a smile to everyone’s face, so we hope to see everyone there. Performances will be November 20, 21 and 22 at 7pm. Put it on your calendar now so you don’t forget.

From the AVID Department
Last week, the Towson High School AVID students had the opportunity to speak with Judge Judith Ensor about her college and career path. Next month, the students will speak with Mr. Bob Beringer, Vice President of JMT, a multi-discipline engineering and architectural firm, to learn about the opportunities available for students interested in careers in the fields of science, engineering, technology, and math. On Thursday, October 2nd, the AVID program welcomed thirty-one new students to Towson’s AVID community during its annual Induction Ceremony. Sophomore Delia Mercer and seniors Nyari James and Gabrielle Millard spoke to the new initiates, and extended a warm welcome on behalf of all 107 AVID students, and the Towson High School faculty and staff. We wish the AVID class of 2018, and all the new AVID students a fun and successful year.
Around Towson

AVID CANDLE LIGHTING CEREMONY

OCTOBER 2, 2014

The AVID Team
Discovering the Power of “Oops!”

Our students in the art classes began the year by using this quote from the painter Richard Diebenkorn as inspiration, "Mistakes can’t be erased but they move you from your present position."

Cheryl Milligan
Discovering the Power of “Oops!”
Towson High Field Hockey Team responds well to coaching change

An article in The Baltimore Sun recently showcased Towson High School’s new Varsity Field Hockey Coach, Sam Merrick. Merrick is a former Towson High School Field Hockey player who has been coaching the JV team for the past four (4) seasons. She replaces Ms. Holly West, who was Merrick’s mentor and coach while she was a student athlete at Towson. Ms. West stepped down from coaching the Varsity team after 19 years and three (3) Baltimore County championships. To read more about this transition and the impact it has had on the field hockey team, click the link to the article in the Baltimore Sun.  http://www.baltimoresun.com/news/maryland/baltimore-county/towson/ph-tt-merrick-1002-20140930,0,7914594.story#ixzz3EtxDVsJN

Towson boys soccer overwhelms Loch Raven

By Tom Worgo, tworgo@tribune.com
9:50 a.m. EDT, October 1, 2014

Towson’s Boys’ Soccer game against Loch Raven was a very exciting game. They scored more goals this game than in any of their previous games this season beating Loch Raven 3-0. Coach Randy Dase is so proud of his Generals and specifically senior Alex Harrison.

Read all the exciting details at The Baltimore Sun’s website.  http://www.baltimoresun.com/news/maryland/baltimore-county/ph-tt-towson-lochraven-boysoccer,0,2325263.story
## UPCOMING EVENTS

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TURN OUT FOR TOWSON HIGH SCHOOL
JOIN THE GENERALS' CLEAN-UP DAY
(SPONSORED BY THE THS SPORTS BOOSTERS AND TOWSON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE)

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11TH
AIGBURTH PARKING LOT FROM 9 AM - 1 PM

BRING YOUR RAKES, TRIMMERS, SHOVELS, PRESSURE WASHERS, AND GLOVES

WE WILL BE PAINTING, MULCHING, WEEDING, AND MORE!

OVER 2 DOZEN TOWSON UNIVERSITY STUDENT VOLUNTEERS WILL BE JOINING US

STUDENT SERVICE HOURS WILL BE AWARDED

TOWSON GENERALS PROUD!!!

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