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 Kate Conway and Hakhem Farmer for so kindly and efficiently directing parents to classrooms for conferences last week.

★ STARS to Mr. Dalsimer for being an integral part of the All Systems Go Initiative with Dr. Nancy Grazmick.

★ STARS to Ms. Meehan, Walter Young, Patrick Hutson, and Walker Miller-Breetz for representing Towson High School at It’s Academic! Towson’s team did a fantastic job and brought home a victory for the GENERALS!!

★ STARS to the National Honor Society Volunteers who spread awareness of National Bullying Prevention month to the THS community by volunteering at lunch shifts!

★ STARS to Caroline Deignan, Nicole Ebaugh, Isabel Faust, and Haley Hicklen for leading the Varsity Volleyball team to a so-far undefeated season and on their regular season home game!

★ STARS to the World Languages teachers for helping to create our monthly “5 Star Student Work” showcase.

★ STARS to LPP parents Mr. Jeff Caplan, Mrs. Lori Grant, Mrs. Sue Parts, and Lt. Col. Christopher Shaw for sharing their experiences as LPP parents with prospective students and parent visitors at our annual Parent Panel at the 2014 LPP Magnet Showcase. Mrs. Parts has been on our parent panel for many years - we appreciate her continued dedication to our program!

★ STARS to Dr. Kathryn Yarkony, local Oncology expert and Transplant Coordinator for the Johns Hopkins Hospital, for sharing her expertise with Towson’s AP Biology classes. Dr. Yarkony not only delivered an extremely inspiring oncology primer that will help this year’s students prepare for the AP Biology exam, but she did so for two separate classes that spanned the length of an entire school day.

★ STARS to Mr. Briggs and Ms. Pachilis for all they are doing for the Seniors.

★ STARS to Ms. D’Ortone for planning a great AVID field trip to the University of Delaware.

★ STARS to Ms. Zava and Ms. Gray for assisting Ms. Evanosky and Ms. Mathena with the PARCC ELA portion of the last faculty meeting.

★ STARS to Ms. M.E. White. Patience is a virtue and yours has paid off! Thanks to your efforts, THS students have high quality patio furniture to use and enjoy.

★ STARS to Andrew Benavides, Hannah Preston, Will Kelly, Zach Caplan, Ariel Barbosa, Marcus Shaw, Ivian Lewis, Julia Brown, Ealyne Atieno, and Autumn Grant for providing input to Central Office personnel.

★ STARS to the students who collect the recycling during the day. You guys are doing a great job!

★ STARS to NHS volunteers who assisted students signing the anti-bullying pledge and giving out orange ribbons during all lunch shifts.

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NEWS FROM THE NURSE

On Wednesday, October 29, Towson High School will be presenting a Distracted Driving Awareness Program to its juniors and seniors. Sponsored by Kramer Entertainment Agency, Inc., it is part of the Save A Life Tour. The program was developed due to “distracted driving becoming an increasingly large problem on our nation’s roadways in recent years.” The program will educate the students about the dangers of this serious life-threatening practice through the use of cutting-edge technology, a video display, and live personal presentation and interaction. Two Save A Life Distracted Driving Simulator Units will be on hand, in addition to a projection screen showing the audience the participant’s actual experience in the simulator.

Eileen Hardesty, the school nurse, and SADD of Towson High applied for and received a grant from State Farm Insurance to support our efforts to bring this program to the students. The program will begin at 7:50 A.M. on the morning of the 29th, with an introductory video showing the devastating effects of distracted driving. This is an “extreme program that viewers will remember for the rest of their lives.” The program ends at 2:15.

EXAMPLES OF DISTRACTED DRIVING
The Boys Varsity finished third overall behind Dulaney and Hereford, and the Girls Varsity lost an epic battle to Dulaney on a tie-breaker in the closest girls championship in more than 15 years. Please congratulate our runners (JV, Varsity, and Open) and wish the Varsities good luck on Thursday, 30 October as they defend their dual 3A North Regional titles at Heavenly Waters Park in Bel Air.
Sports Celebrations!!

Congrats to Coach Brotman and the JV boys soccer team for winning the Baltimore County Championship last night!!

Towson defeated Perry Hall 2-0.
Towson High School will be celebrating its athletic tradition of excellence by honoring 5 nominees into its’ Athletic Hall-of-Fame class on Friday, November 21, 2014 during halftime of the Maroon and White Hall of Fame Faculty Basketball Game that begins at 3:00 pm. The inductees include:

- Carol Eustis (Class of 1963)
- Jimmy Hall (Class of 1963)
- Skip Lichtfuss (Class of 1970)
- Bill Thomas Sr. (Coach, Teacher)
- Randy Walker (Coach, Teacher, Athletic Director)

This year’s Hall-of-Fame induction class represents some of the very best who participated in Towson’s rich athletic history. Please help celebrate with us as we honor our inductees. The official induction ceremony will take place at halftime in the Towson High School gymnasium beginning around 3:45 pm.

2014 Athletic Hall of Fame Induction timeline of events
Friday November 21, 2014

11:30-11:45 am
Arrival of Inductees

11:45-12:45 pm
Luncheon for Inductees

1:00-2:15 pm
Assembly for all Towson High School students

2:30-3:00 pm
Tour of the School

3:00-5:00 pm
Maroon & White Faculty Basketball Game
(HOF Induction at Halftime)
From the Science Department

Former Towson High School student, Shraddha Gopakumar, gave this year’s AP Biology students a "pep talk" and update on her internship work in the Neurology Department at Johns Hopkins Hospital. Shraddha not only discussed how her Towson High AP Biology course prepared her for her current position, but she also stayed after her presentation so that she could complete the unit test along with the class, just for fun! Shraddha is shown here during the testing period.

From It’s Academic!

Congratulations to the It’s Academic team! They experienced a huge win at their first meet Saturday, October 18th! According to David Zahren, the first round was “all Towson’s.” The boys were absolutely tremendous. Walt Young was a totally solid captain, and Patrick Hutson and Walker Miller-Breetz made for an eclectic and phenomenal team. They played to everyone’s strengths, and were completely unflappable. You can watch this match when the show airs December 6th! The team return to tape their playoff match on February 28th! Thanks for everyone’s support!

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.
Towson Student Wins Local and Regional Competition

Towson student, Kayla Sullivan, attended a two-week camp this summer that focused on entrepreneurship. A requirement of the camp was for students to come up with a business idea. Kayla, along with her two partners, developed the idea and business plan for Acellabike - a bicycle rental business for tourists and commuters in the Baltimore area. Acellabike won top honors at the Baltimore Camp that was held at the University of Baltimore and was judged by members of our local business community. Their business plan was then submitted and reviewed by a panel of Baltimore/Washington business leaders and Acellabike again took first place at the regional competition. That earned them a spot at the Network for Teaching Entrepreneurship (NFTE) national competition that was held in Silicon Valley on October 9th. While Acelabike did not take top honors in California, we are very proud of their accomplishments.

E Club Planting Crew

A big shout out of thanks to the students who collect the recycling during the school day. You guys are doing a great job! The Crew: Rachel Edmonston, Arielle Barbosa, Emily Eastman, Ruth Checknoff, and Madelyn Kaplin.
Students from Miss Dugovich's Environmental Science and Mr. Hanna's Aquatic Science class spent a brisk fall day out in canoes on Days Cove, a tidal estuary of the Chesapeake Bay. Students assessed the health of the local ecosystem by sampling bay grasses in various ways, cataloguing local fish and wildlife, and testing water quality. They went home mostly dry, with a greater understanding and appreciation for the estuarine ecosystem and the scientific monitoring that ensures its future health.
Monday - Maryland Day

Now That’s Spirit!!
Maryland Day

Teachers and Administrators showing their Maryland Pride!!
Monday - Maryland Day

Towson High School Students Show Their Spirit!!

[Photos of students wearing Maryland-themed attire and showing their spirit]
Maryland Day

Who Wore It Better? Students or Staff?
Tuesday - Twin Day
Twin Day

Did you feel like you were seeing double???
Tuesday - Twin Day
Twin Day

Double Takes!!
Wednesday - Anti-Bullying (Orange) Day
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Unity Day!!
Thursday - Throw-Back Thursday

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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.
UPCOMING EVENTS

October

27  Freshmen Elections
27  Senior Portrait Make-ups
31  1st Marking Period Ends

November

3    All Schools Close three (3) hours early
4    Election Day - Schools & Offices Closed
13   Report Cards Distributed
17-21 American Education Week
27-28 Thanksgiving Holiday - Schools & Offices Closed
More STARS!!!

STARS to MS. West and the Environmental Club for planting the flowers on the patio.

STARS to the members of the Environmental Club for your recycling and campus beautification efforts. You guys and gals do great work!

STARS to two gentlemen named John….John Stevens and Jonathan Daniels, for their help with transporting the soil for the patio planters. Chivalry is not dead and your help is appreciated.

STARS to Mr. Rhen for being the BEST Music Department Chair!

STARS to NAHS officers, Caroline Boyle and Sarah Cai for leading a great sketchbook share at our last NAHS meeting. Also be on the look out over the next week as our mural committee takes on making creative number designs for each of the school trailers. Thank you Caroline Boyle, Michael Williams, Sarah Cai, Isabel Townsend-Last, Catherine Dellassantina, and Ben Miller for leading this project with your great designs.

STARS to Mr. Belt, Mr. Weber, Jeremy McCord, Everest Brooks, Derrick Frazer, Madison Hill and Hailey Hill for their invaluable assistance with the production of the Class of 2018 Election Speeches.