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★ **STARS To Ms. Felton** for all her work this year.

★ **STARS to Ms. Ellis, Mr. Tormey, and Ms. Valian** for being a wonderful addition to School Counseling.

# THE TOWSON PRIDE

*On a bi-weekly basis, we acknowledge the outstanding efforts of our staff and students. We encourage our staff to submit accolades for recognizing the dedication of others. The accolades appear on the first pages of our newsletter. As contributing members to Towson High School, we represent 5 STAR Generals.*

*We appreciate our staff and students for demonstrating leadership, citizenship, scholarship, and integrity. If you would like to submit an accolade for one of our students/staff members for the great work that they do within our community, please submit the information to [cdmino@bcps.org](mailto:cdmino@bcps.org) and [cc\\_dprevette@bcps.org](mailto:cc_dprevette@bcps.org). Help us recognize the outstanding efforts of our students and staff.*

★ **STARS to Mr. Hochrein** for his DJ expertise at the Athletic Awards Ceremony.

★ **STARS to Mr. Nash** for his planning and organization of the Athletic Awards Ceremony.

★ **STARS to Mr. Fast** for transporting t-shirts to Stevenson.

★ **STARS To Mr. Salvino** for chaperoning spirit busses with Mrs. Nash.

★ **STARS to Cristina Cooperman** for presenting her TAM portfolio and talking with the TAM class about her experience.

★ **STARS to the Sports Boosters** for providing money for LAX championship t-shirts for student-athletes and parents!

★ **STARS to Ray Aoki, Olivia Zitko, and Ava Johnson** for attending the TAM EPPICC celebration at NDMU!

★ **STARS to Brahnan Greben, Cameron Norris, Cole Weihs, Grace Cheevers, Grayson Kennedy, Hunter Parsons, Jane Shields, Lena Schlagger, Mason Dunn, Mauryn Chase, Mike McGuire, Mia Greenberg, Phoebe Miller, Piper Talman, Ritvik Sharma, Sadie Meyers, Scarlett Spaulding, Sean Hancock, Sophia Pleszkoch, Kiron Thomas, Yakub Bakare, Will Gentle, and Zach Shrager**

for assisting with senior graduation rehearsal.

★ **STARS to Ms. Falatko** for the incredible planning, implementation, and attention to detail for the Graduation.

★ **STARS to Mr. Buick and Ms. Flynn** for ensuring the timeliness of the graduation program by assuming leadership with reading the student names efficiently.

★ **STARS to Mr. Brotman** for assisting with preparation of the students and for his attention to detail with the practices and preparation of the diplomas.

★ **STARS to Mr. Brotman, Dr. Hobbs, and Mr. Eastham** for ensuring that the diplomas made it to the venue.

★ **STARS To Mr. Dashiell** for setting the expectations for the commencement ceremony at the start of the program.

★ **STARS to our Line Leaders: Ms. Anias, Mr. Eastham, Ms. Ellis, Ms. Jacobs, Mr. Jochmans, Ms. Kromsky, Ms. McCusker, Ms. Miller, Mr. Olson, Ms. Pendergast, Ms. Raley, Mr. Ridgely, Ms. Rogers, Ms. Schwabeland, Mr. Stange, Ms. Taddeo, Mr. Tregaskis, Mr. Tormey, and Ms. Valian** for providing the necessary structure and leadership for our students.

★ **STARS to Mr. Jackson, Mr. Olin, and Mr. Rhen** for directing our talented musicians! The students were phenomenal and our leaders ensured that they were on task with the appropriate support.

★ **STARS to Ms. Monacelli and Ms. Petras** for welcoming parents and guests as they were entering the venue.

★ **STARS to Ms. Richmond** for ensuring the diplomas were received by the students during the ceremony.

★ **STARS to Ms. Hancock** for her leadership ensuring that the order of the processional was maintained during the ceremony.

★ **STARS to Mr. Eastham and Mr. Muneses** for assisting students who needed additional assistance to retrieve their diplomas.

★ **STARS to Ms. Toni Smith** for answering phone calls and assisting parents prior to the ceremony.

★ **STARS To Ms. Williams** for her attention to detail with the program.

★ **STARS To Ms. Pachilis** for organizing the diplomas.

★ **STARS To all Staff Members** who attended the graduation to support our students.

★ **STARS to Ms. Valian** for her hard work on the Senior Awards Night.



*Dear Towson High School Families:*

*As we break for the summer months, I want to take a moment to express my gratitude for your ongoing support of our school and our students. Your commitment to our school and community assists to ensure our students reach their fullest potential. Your contributions, including supporting extracurricular activities and donating time and resources for our staff and students, have made a significant impact. Our students are fortunate to have such a dedicated and supportive community. Your commitment to our students' education and well-being has helped to foster a sense of pride in their accomplishments.*

*Thank you again for your support and commitment to our school and community. We are grateful for your contributions, and we look forward to continuing to excel as we plan for this upcoming school year.*

*Sincerely,  
Charlene Di Mino*





# *Congratulations*

## Dr. Simon Hobbs



Congratulations to our School Counseling Department Chair, Dr. Simon Hobbs, on receiving his Ph.D. in Educational Leadership from Notre Dame of Maryland University.



# *Congratulations*

## TOWSON HIGH SCHOOL'S RETIREEES 2023



Ms. McClenathan, Mr. Hall (34 years at BCPS),  
and Ms. Rahimpour (23 years in Education).



**Timothy Evers**  
22 years with BCPS

*Congratulations to each of  
you as you embark on a  
brand new adventure -  
Retirement!! Best wishes for  
plenty of fun and happiness!!*



# Congratulations

## Ms. Nicole Bridges



Special recognition from Delegate Ebersol



Special Recognition from Delegate Forbes

## Making a Difference

An old man walked up a shore littered with thousands of starfish, beached and dying after a storm. A young man was picking them up and flinging them back into the ocean. "Why do you bother?" the old man scoffed. "You're not saving enough to make a difference." The young man picked up another starfish and sent it spinning back to the water. "Made a difference to that one," he replied.



## A LOOK AHEAD

- June 28<sup>th</sup>- Make-Up Final Exam Dates - Schedule with Ms. Richmond- [drichmond3@bcps.org](mailto:drichmond3@bcps.org)
- July 7<sup>th</sup>- Summer School Teachers on Duty
- July 10<sup>th</sup> - Summer School Begins
- July 18<sup>th</sup>- Make-Up Final Exam Dates - Schedule with Ms. Richmond- [drichmond3@bcps.org](mailto:drichmond3@bcps.org)
- August 4<sup>th</sup> - Summer School Ends
- August 10<sup>th</sup>- Summer School Graduation- Carver Center
- August 21<sup>st</sup>- 1<sup>st</sup> day of Staff Return
- August 24<sup>th</sup> – Freshmen Orientation During the Morning
- Meet and Greet Night (Serves as Our Back to School Night)





A huge Shout-Out to our  
PTSA for securing *Raising Cane's*,  
*Kona Ice*, and *Rise Biscuits* for our  
*Staff this year!*  
*Thank you Season's Pizza for your ongoing  
support!!*  
Thank you Parent Volunteers!!  
Thanks everyone for a great year!!!



# FROM THE ART DEPARTMENT

## Summer Art Artmaking!

*As artists, we never stop creating, making, thinking, planning, exploring, investigating and growing.*

***This summer, the art department is encouraging students to keep making art to prepare for next year!***

Students taking art next year must scan this QR code to access the summer assignments.

- Intermediate Art (Drawing/Painting)
- Photography 1/2
- Clay 1/2
- AP Studio Practice (Mixed Media, Advanced Photo, Drawing/Painting)
- AP Studio Practice Advanced



<https://express.adobe.com/page/7wTMZaONmtEQU/>

Summer ART Assignments  
FOR THE EVERYDAY ARTIST!

**INTERMEDIATE ART**  
Moving from Fundamentals of ART Into -> Drawing/Painting -> Clay, Photography

creating, making, thinking, planning, exploring the artist that you are! FILL your sketchbook! To get you started on your artistic steps in the art department.

**AP STUDIO 1 & 2**  
CREATE AN ARTWORK!

We will share your artwork and art making experiences in the first weeks of class next year! These assignments will prepare you for what you will create, explore and learn about in advanced art classes at THS.

Going Into INTERMEDIATE ART

Going Into AP (Juniors and Seniors)

HAVE FUN! MAKE ART! We can't wait to see what you create and explore!

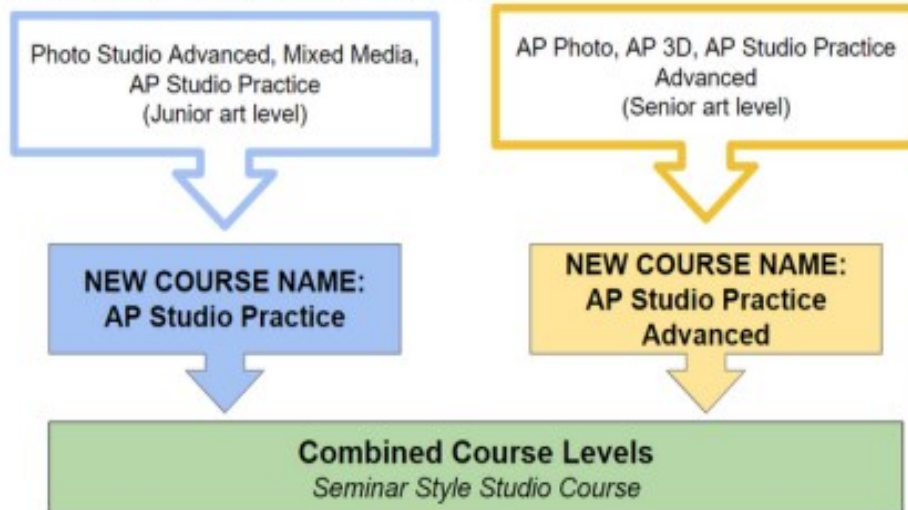
# FROM THE ART DEPARTMENT

## UPDATES! Art Classes 2023-2024!

Next year, our junior and senior level art courses will be combined into AP courses that are modeled after college studio experience. Students will have more opportunities to independently explore materials, concepts and art content while developing one (or more!) AP portfolios.

If you have any questions about the art program, contact [lmiller19@bcps.org](mailto:lmiller19@bcps.org)

### Advanced Art 2023-24 Updates!



Students who are currently enrolled in content specific classes will see the new course name on their schedule soon.

THINK like and BE an artist next year...and get AP credit!



Baltimore Artist

### AP Studio Practice and AP Studio Practice Advanced

- Seminar Style Studio Course
- Portfolio development focusing on your chosen art content
- guest artist lectures and field trip opportunities
- studio space and/or art storage for Seniors (and students taking AP)
- self-guided and teacher-guided material and concept exploration
- Learn from your peers
- Juniors- option to take an AP Art Exam both Senior and Junior year



Baltimore Artist

If you are interested in adding the next level AP course to your schedule, reach out your counselor.





**Looking for ways to get involved with the THS art community? Want to support our student artists?**  
**Look no further!**

TAPA is a volunteer group of parents who support the visual arts programs at Towson High School. There are many ways to get involved in supporting our creative community, and we need your help!

### TAPA Members:

- Help with managing art events, like the Art Auction, Showcase, Edible Art, Field Trips
- Gather donated prizes from local businesses for our annual community Edible Art contest
- Donate items for student led art projects
- Select the winner of the Senior Purchase Award- a scholarship given to a Senior artist whose work is then permanently installed in the THS Gallery

Meetings are virtually held throughout the school year the second Tuesday of the month from 5:00pm-5:30pm.

Learn more about THS ART:

**[Towsonhighschoolart.weebly.com/](http://Towsonhighschoolart.weebly.com/)**

Parent Representative:

If you are interested in being the Parent Representative for the 2022-23 school year, please contact [lmiller19@bcps.org](mailto:lmiller19@bcps.org)



@TOWSONHSART



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Visual Arts Department:  
 Lindsay Miller-Instructional Coach, Sculpture  
 Julie Lauver- Photography  
 Dylan Clark- Drawing/Painting

# TAPA!

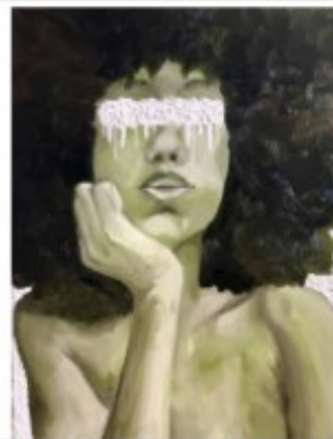
**Towson Art Parents Association**



Natalie Frank- Purchase Award 2021



Joyce Zheng- Purchase Award 2022



Anya Joseph- Purchase Award 2020





The Towson High School Science National Honors Society (SNHS) had a successful year both helping students at Towson as well as going into the community to engage in scientific practices with our feeder schools and Towson University.

Two of our outreach events involved helping participate in and judge the recently revived Dumbarton Science Fair, as well as leading experiments and demonstrations for 5<sup>th</sup> graders at Riderwood Elementary.

Here, at the end of the year, we wanted to share some of these moments that helped define the SNHS experience.



Towson High School juniors teach Riderwood students the joy of ice cream chemistry



The THS students (Class of 23, 24) stand with the DMS students (future THS class of 27, 28)



Towson High students listen to a DMS science fair participant explain her hypothesis.



Riderwood 5<sup>th</sup> graders learn about the methods and economics of mining through a cookie activity from SNHS leaders



Students are eager to show off their bike riding skills as they apply rotational physics to bicycles.



Riderwood students look at real Albatross bolus (regurgitation) and see the impact of plastic fishing lines on their population.

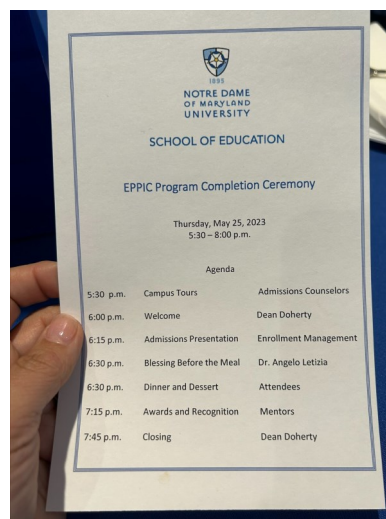


SNHS.jpg) It may be exhausting teaching a cafeteria full of 5<sup>th</sup> graders science for an hour, but Towson's SNHS students are still able smile afterwards.





On May 25, 2023, Notre Dame of Maryland University held the EP-PIC Program Completion Ceremony on campus. THS TAM Students Olivia Zitko, Ray Aoki, and Ava Johnson attended. The EP-PIC program provided a college level course, 3 college credits, and a FREE laptop to selected TAM students. Notre Dame recognized students who participated with an award and a lovely dinner.



# 2023-2024 School Year Election Results

## **Class of 2024**

President: Tori Kerr

Vice President: Nick Dimitriades

Secretary: Clara Fitch

Treasurer: Nika Nemirovsky

## **Class of 2025**

President: Damola Ariyibi

Vice President: Lori Bridges

Secretary: Kaden Flinn

Treasurer: Alex Lohse

## **Class of 2026**

President: Ben Kasofsky

Vice President: Ava Mulligan

Secretary: Sophie Vijayan

Treasurer: Victoria Gritsan

*Congratulations!*

# *Class Sponsors*

## **SENIORS - *CLASS OF 2024***

Ms. McCusker and Mr. Carter

## **JUNIORS - *CLASS OF 2025***

Ms. Kromsky and Ms. Hancock

## **SOPHOMORES - *CLASS OF 2026***

Mr. Sun and *TBD*

## **FRESHMEN - *CLASS OF 2027***

Ms. Schwabeland (Cerenzo) and *TBD*

Is Your Student Withdrawing  
from Towson High School at the  
end of this school year?

If yes, please contact Joanne Pachilis in the Counseling Office at  
at [jpachilis@bcps.org](mailto:jpachilis@bcps.org),  
or call 443-809-4274.

Students who **DO NOT** return to  
THS, must please return their  
computer and charger to Towson  
High School prior to the end  
of this school year.



## End of School Year Health Information

### Medications:

Any remaining medications or health supplies may be picked up from the Nurse/health suite at any time during school hours through the last day of school (6/13). Parents or guardians should pick up medications, if possible; controlled substances may not be given to students.

*(If a small amount of medication is remaining, and/or you believe your child will be taking the same medication in school next year, I will keep remaining meds securely stored over the summer.)*

### Annual Health Forms:

- A reminder that all medication forms expire at the end of the school year, regardless of the date that they were signed
- New forms\* are required each school year for:

- Healthcare Provider approved prescription or over-the-counter (OTC) medications

*(this form is called the 'Parent Request to Administer Medication in School' or the 'School Medication Administration Authorization Form')*

#### **ALL OTC MEDICATIONS NOT INCLUDED ON THE DISCRETIONARY MED FORM REQUIRE PRESCRIBER-SIGNED AUTHORIZATION**

- *Discretionary Medication Consent* form - permission for School Nurse to administer limited OTC meds (including Acetaminophen, Ibuprofen, antacid chewable tablets, cough drops, and diphenhydramine), per BCPS Medical Director orders.
- For the 2023-2024 school year, all forms must be signed and dated AFTER 6/13/23

### Nurse Information & Forms:

I will be out of the office for the summer but will be checking email and messages intermittently. For urgent issues, please contact the main office 443-809-3608, or Office of Health Services 443-809-6368.

For non-urgent questions or concerns and health updates and forms for the 2023-2024 school year:  
Laura Russo, RN, MSN, [lrusso2@bcps.org](mailto:lrusso2@bcps.org); health suite: 443-809-4261; fax: 443-809-4280 or 4271

### Towson High School Nurse Information Page:

[https://towsonhs.bcps.org/faculty\\_staff/nurse/nurse\\_information\\_resources](https://towsonhs.bcps.org/faculty_staff/nurse/nurse_information_resources)

*\*Links to all health forms can be found under 'Medical Forms'*





**CONGRATULATIONS to the following  
Towson High School Senior Students  
For having Perfect Attendance**

**Edson Romero Cano  
Levi Seamus Grogam  
Quinn Malachi Johnson-Thomas  
Jeremiah Antwan Stanley  
Rishon Patrick Victor**

# Students and Parents of Bus Riders



Effective July 1, 2023, the non-transported zone for high schools will be expanded from 1.5 miles to 1.75 miles.

As a result, students that live 1.75 miles or less from the school will be designated as “walkers” and will not receive a bus assignment for the 2023-2024 school year.

# What is GSA?

The **Gender & Sexuality Alliance** is a student-run, school-sponsored club that supports and welcomes LGBTQ+ youth and allies.

## WHAT DO YOU DO DURING GSA CLUB MEETINGS?

WE CAN DO ALMOST  
ANYTHING CLUB MEMBERS  
ARE INTERESTED IN!

HANG OUT, PLAY  
GAMES, HAVE FUN!

plan  
social  
events,  
spirit  
weeks,  
fundraisers

play games like  
Queer Jeopardy,  
UNO, board  
games...

enjoy  
snacks,  
movie  
nights,  
pin-  
making,  
crafts

try out some  
'drag  
makeup!'

connect with  
other trans and  
queer students  
at THS

share info & participate in local and  
community events and activities (like  
Rodgers Forge Pride June 17th!)

collaborate with  
other school's  
GSAs



SAFE  
SPACE

**GSA club is a safe and supportive environment ~ Students work to create safe spaces and talk about the various issues they face in school, home, or their broader communities, such as discrimination, bullying, & anti-LGBTQ legislation & rhetoric**



## COMMUNITY AGREEMENTS

1) Be Respectful of the Space & of Others

2) Respect People's Boundaries

3) Be Welcoming and Inclusive to Others

4) Have a high SENSITIVITY level to the feelings of others.

5) Use of any slurs such as the "f-slur" or the "d-slur" (with the exception of the word "Queer") will not be tolerated, even by those who can reclaim them.

6) Bullying/teasing/"picking on" other students is not tolerated, especially bullying based off Identity. NO BIGOTRY.

7) Giving pronouns encouraged, but not required

8) Confidentiality

### DISCUSSION RULES:

9) RESPECT CONFIDENTIALITY.

10) ASSUME NOTHING-  
EXCEPT FOR  
BEST INTENTIONS.

11) USE "I" STATEMENTS.

12) AVOID MAKING  
GENERALIZATIONS.


13) BE MINDFUL & SENSITIVE  
to the FEELINGS of OTHERS

# ACTION & ACTIVISM

Direct action can come in many forms, including anti-slur campaigns, days of LGBTQ+ sensitivity or awareness, teacher trainings, and lobbying sessions to let school district officials know what they need to live authentically and thrive in school.

Students take a leadership role to improve school climate through campaigns and events that raise awareness and change policies or practices in their schools.

<https://gsanetwork.org/what-is-a-gsa/>  
Schoology Group: THSGSA code: 5DW4-4M9V-W43HW

 @towson\_high\_gsa

A growing body of research confirms that the presence of a GSA has a positive and lasting effect on student health, wellness, and academic performance. It can also protect students from harassment based on sexual orientation or gender identity and improve school climates for all students in the long-term.

# Graduation Memories

## CLASS OF 2023





# *Class of 2023*







*Class of 2023*





*Class of 2023*





# *Class of 2023*





# *Class of 2023*







# Underclass Awards







Congratulations to: Lori Bridges, Natsumi Vazquez Vives, Rere Adeoye, Callum Howard, Wren Schuman, Oakley Handy, Jillian Armah, Tornike Gabunia, Hailey Benson-Williams, Chloe Linen, Jacques Noual for being at school Monday, June 12, 2023 to receive their Underclassmen Award for 2023.















# *Athletic Awards*



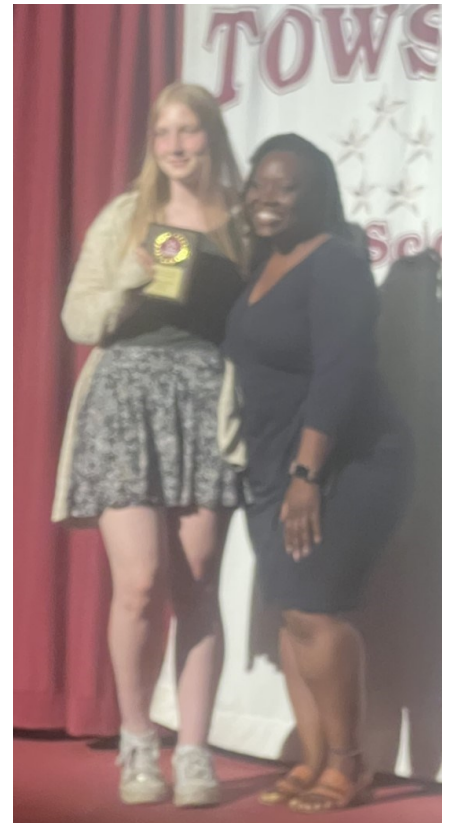
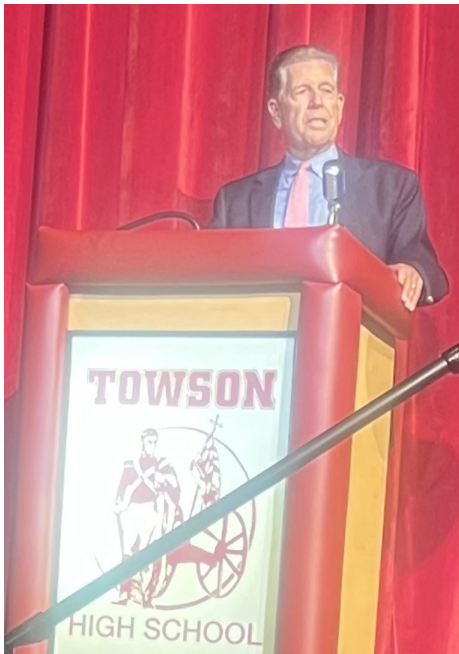




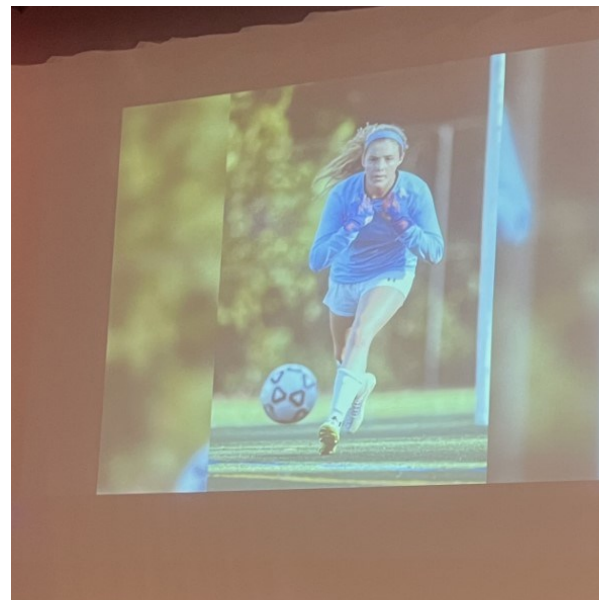














# TOWSON HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS INFORMATION 2023-24



FALL REGISTRATION



SCAN TO  
REGISTER!







# Need a Ride to a UNMATCHED ATHLETE Event? BALTIMORE AREA

1

Free Lyft Rideshare until Dec 31.



2

Up to 1 Hour's Trip from your  
Baltimore area home to the event



3

Plan ahead to use your own Lyft  
account to book your trips  
to/from. We'll give a CODE to  
discount your full ride!



4

Up to 4 Riders In Car Total:  
1 Person 18+ yrs required  
1-3 Youths Max



FREE! Thanks to



Call 410-989-1586 or sign up at  
[unmatchedathlete.org/rideshare](https://unmatchedathlete.org/rideshare)  
While Funds Last (Until Dec 30)



**UNMATCHED  
ATHLETE**



# YOUTH CLIMBING DAY



**AGES 5-18  
FREE!**

**JUNE 17  
12-5 PM**

**MOVEMENT  
HAMPDEN**

*sign up here!*

**Join us for our Union Collective Pride  
Event at Movement in Hampden!**

**Scan the QR Code to Sign-Up today  
& learn more about our fundraiser!**



**Everyone that attends receives a FREE  
entry to our Kids Prize Pack Raffle!**

- **LGBTQ+ Inclusiveness in Sports!**
- **Ages 5-12 Climb From 12-2:30 PM**
- **Ages 13-18 Climb From 3-5 PM**



**More Information** [unmatchedathlete.org](http://unmatchedathlete.org)





# UPCOMING EVENTS

## June, 2023

- 19 Juneteenth - **Schools & Offices CLOSED**
- 28 Make-up Final Exam Dates - *Schedule with Ms. Richmond*

## July, 2023

- 10 Summer School Begins
- 18 Make-Up Final Exams - *Schedule with Ms. Richmond*

## August, 2023

- 4 Summer School Ends
- 9 First Day of Summer Sports
- 10 Summer School Graduation - Carver Center
- 24 Early Entry Day for 9th Graders
- 24 Meet & Greet - Evening Hours



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