

Tyee High School NEWSLETTER

Feb 25-March 3, 2023

Tyee Student Excellence!

Tyee February Superstars!

9th Grade – Asbel Catalan Morente

nominated by Kasey Sweeney-Easter

Always shows respect to peers and empowers other students in their learning supporting both academically and by being a good friend.

10th Grade – (Ka)mora Luafalemana

nominated by Desiree Robinette

Mora exemplifies CARES. She collaborates and holds her colleagues accountable to their own academic well being, she is motivated to do her best learning and always shows respect to all colleagues. She is also self-aware and shows real emotional intelligence. She is able to communicate how she is feeling and advocate for her needs in a way that still is respectful of others, even in conflict.

11th Grade – Kathleen Singh

nominated by Liz Smith

Kathleen is one of the kindest and most empathetic students I have ever met. She is incredibly respectful not just of staff but of other students. Despite her shyness, she works hard to challenge herself to speak up and interact with all students and staff. I am so proud of the progress I have seen in Kathleen over the past three years, and I believe she is the perfect candidate for recognition as a Tyee Superstar.

12th Grade – Ben Suarez

nominated by Allen Cent

Ben likes participating in discussions, being meticulous, respectful, encouraging, and supportive to classmates/staff.

Staff - Tamrat Endeshaw

nominated by Allen Cent

Friendly demeanor, values achievement, shows respect, encouragement, and supportive conversations.



Band Success!

Last Saturday, Tyee musicians competed at their Regional Solo and Ensemble Contest at Lindbergh High School. **Logan Gretchman, Josue Pineda,** and **Ruby Sanchez** received the second highest rating for their solos and ensemble.

Congratulations to **Alena Kang** who placed 1st in the French horn category and **Alena Kang** and **Lynn Terao** placing 1st for small brass ensemble. They will both be competing at the State Solo and Ensemble contest, held at Central WA. University in April!

PSSC Student Recognition for Tyee Students from 1st Semester

Puget Sound Skills Center is pleased to announce that two students from Tyee have been selected for a Student Recognition Award for 1st Semester:





Dvora Riungel, Most Improved, Fire & Emergency Services, 2nd session

Takera McKellar, Most Inspirational, Digital Art & Animation, 2nd session



A Black History Maker in Our Midst

As we come to the end of Black History Month, Coach Bear (Daniel Westley) agreed to share his story with the Tyee community about his experiences as an art student at the University of Washington — the racism he confronted and the support he found.

Below are clips from an article in the Seattle Times from the 1990s, which featured a photo of Mr. Westley and a quote from him.

I completed my academic program with the University of Washington School of Art in 1988 – earning a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Painting. Much later I learned that I became the Art Department's first African American male to do so. But it was also during my studies at the UW that I had numerous encounters with none other than the legendary Harlem Renaissance painter, Jacob Lawrence.

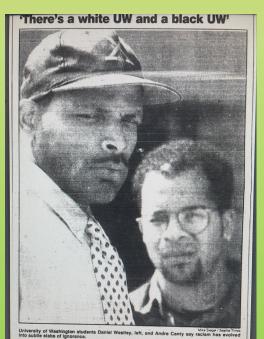
Mr. Lawrence was a Professor Emeritus at the UW during this time.

In one memorable encounter (which the news clipping refers to), I had to put up with brutal criticism from a White Professor who blurted out loudly why I painted differently compared to my classmates (who were White). He suggested that "...is it because of how you see things, the color of your eyes, the color of your skin"?

The class stopped and listened to this unexpected response by someone who's supposed to be an important guidance for learning.

Angrily, I dropped my palette and left (to cool off).

Later-when I returned, the room was emptied (I'm guessing that everyone had gone to lunch). Then I heard squeaking wheels and



20 years of recruiting hasn't raised percentage of blacks

right before me ap-

peared Professor Lawrence. He was pushing a grocery cart w/canvas paintings in it. When he saw me slumping angrily, he knew that I had something on my mind. He asked "...what's wrong with you, young man"? At first, I was hesitant to say anything; then I informed him of what was just happened – when I had to put up with unnecessary verbal assaults from an irate Instructor.

Professor Lawrence said "Bulls***", in regard to that professor's statement; and left. When he returned, he had a camera and began to take pictures of me – individually, and standing next to my painting. He ended up using these images as visuals when he was lecturing across the country-where he described me as the UW's only Black male participant in the School of Art Department.

American would want to take a German class. "When students go through this, they get this 'zing,'" he said. "It's a reaffirmation of a feeling they already have. They question themselves, 'Do we belong here?' There is a notion that white students belong here and black students are marginalized." Daniel E. Westley, a 27-year-old Seattle senior, remembers one incident in his art class in which the teacher questioned him about his painting technique. Westley, who is working on a teaching certificate, says the incident happened three years ago, but it still bothers him.



"Coach Bear," Daniel Westley

WINTER SPORTS ASSEMBLY

BELIEVE ACHIEVE!



APCC Lunar New Year Celebration

This year, APCC's annual Lunar New Year celebration is being hosted by Samoa! This is a FREE family event featuring cultural arts, games, performances, hands-on activities, martial arts, craft and food booth + more. PICA-WA will be tabling, so we hope to see you there! For more information, visit here.



Tyee Titans Cheer Team brought the school spirit!

ATHLETICS

For up to date schedules, rosters and sports information, please visit our athletics website: <u>http://</u> <u>www.kingcoathletics.com/index.php?</u> <u>pid=0.7.0.0.204</u>

FinalForms is how we sign up for all athletic activities at Tyee. Instructions for signing up: <u>https://</u> <u>tyee.highlineschools.org/student-life/</u> <u>athletics/registration</u>

Students and families can sign up on Finalforms which is accessed through both the students g.highlineschools.org account and through the email linked to ParentVue.

Both accounts need to be accessed as the paperwork for the student is different than the paperwork for the parent/guardian.

If you are interested in signing up for a sport or have questions, please reach out to Clark Colvin, our Director of Athletics.

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View updated opportunities at highlineschools.org/career

 <u>Y-WE Grow</u> --- For BIPOC female-identified students. With our hands on the land at Marra Farm, we will connect with the Earth in reciprocal relationship, gain practical gardening skills, and grow fresh, culturally-relevant produce. We will also learn how to disrupt racism and injustice in the food system dominant in the U.S. through investing in food sovereignty locally and gaining skills for interdependence, such as woodworking, plant medicine, and ecosystem restoration.



- **PAID** <u>Teens in Public Service Internship</u> (due 3/3) -- Interns spend 6-8 weeks during the summer working with a nonprofit organization in a variety of service areas. Develop skills and have the chance to work on a wide array of projects with some of the most driven and inspiring nonprofit organizations in the Puget Sound area. <u>Apply here!</u>
 - <u>UDOC</u> (due 3/1) -- UDOC is a free, overnight/on-campus three-week summer education program that aims to foster, affirm, and encourage high school juniors interested in health careers. UDOC runs from July 9th – 29th 2023 on the University of Washington Seattle campus. <u>Apply here!</u>





The 10th Graders Career field trips this week were a big success. More photos coming next week!



Scholarships:

Find scholarships at Washboard or Good Scholarships for Tyee Students at bit.ly/tyeeCC \rightarrow Scholarships!



Washington State Opportunity Scholarship (WSOS) (due 2/28) -- WSOS provides up to \$22,500 in financial aid support and access to career-launching support services for students pursuing high-demand STEM and health care majors. This scholarship can be used to cover tuition, fees and other indirect costs of attendance such as housing, transportation, food and more. Funding can be used for any eligible STEM or health care degree at any eligible public or private college or university in Washington state.

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Highline Schools Foundation Scholarship (due 2/28) -- The Highline Schools Foundation is the only nonprofit organization dedicated entirely to the support and success of Highline Public Schools' students. We unite community support for innovative and equitable learning across Highline Public Schools. One of our core areas of interest is funding programs that prepare students for college and career readiness and success. This includes awarding college and trade school scholarships each spring. See the list of scholarships available here!





Juniors & Seniors

This is THE event for you if you want to learn more about future career opportunities with:

> Amazon Nordstrom Delta and Alaska Airlines Construction Trades Gene Juarez Taco Time Washington DOT & More!

Join us on **April 27th** for the chance to meet with over 75 companies to possibly get an on the spot interview and find your future career!

DON'T MISS YOUR CHANCE! SIGN UP BY MARCH 15TH



Lunch is provided at the event. It is highly recommended that students bring Resumes, Business Cards and their 30 second elevator pitches ready to go if they hope to walk away with their future secured! This is an all day event.