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April/May 2019

UPCOMING EVENTS

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Odyssey	
Early	
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Office & Attendance 719-328-2020

Registrar 719-328-2025

Counseling 719-328-2085

5/1/2019-5/23/2019— Accuplacer Progress Monitoring Window
5/2/2019—Accuplacer testing for new students
5/3/2019— Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast / Phoenix Family Friday / Morning Coffee with the Principal (Parents) 7:30-9:30 a.m., Room 260C, RSVP required
5/5/2019—PPCC Spring Semester Ends (PPCC Campus)
5/6-10/2019—Teacher Appreciation Week
5/6/2019— School Accountability Committee Night (ALL staff and parents welcome) 4:30-6:00 p.m.
5/7/2019—PPCC / COF registration night for new 8 th grade students, last name alphabet A-M, 6:00-7:00 p.m., TBD
5/8/2019—Last PLC Day
5/9/2019—PPCC / COF registration night for new 8 th grade students, last name alphabet N-Z, 6:00-7:00 p.m., TBD
5/10/2019—ICAP Friday, 11:06-11:36, Large Auditorium
5/11/2019—PPCC Graduation Ceremony, 10:00 a.m., Location Broadmoor World Arena
5/15/2019—NO PLC WEDNESDAY
5/15/2019—Last Day for Odyssey ECCO SENIORS - FINALS—School Wide BBQ
5/15/2019—Last Day for Career Pathway SENIORS - FINALS
5/15 & 16/2019—Cram & Cookies Study Session, After School (Hosted by Link Crew)
5/16/2019—Career Pathways Achievement Ceremony, 6:00 p.m.
5/20/2019—Last Day for Traditional Schools' Career Pathways for grades 9-11— FINALS for CP on this Day.
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5/21/2019—Mitchell High School and Coronado High School Graduation

- 5/21/2019—Odyssey Finals IFINAL 1, 7:24-9:02; Period 2, 9:07-9:55; Period 3, 10:00-10:48; Period 4, 10:53-11:40; Lunch 11:40-12:10; Period 5, 12:15-1:03; Period 6, 1:08-1:55; Period 7, 2:00-2:46
- 5/22/2019—Doherty High School and Palmer High School Graduation
- 5/22/2019— NO PLC WEDNESDAY Odyssey ECCO Finals FINAL 2, 7:24-9:02; FINAL 3, 9:12-10:50; FINAL 4, 11:20-1:00; Early Dismissal
- 5/23/2019— Odyssey ECCO Finals I FINAL 5, 7:24-9:02; FINAL 6, 9:12-10:50; FINAL 7, 11:20-1:00; Early Dismissal - - LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS
- 5/23/2019—Bijou Graduation; 9:00 a.m. Achieve Graduation; 1:00 p.m., Large Auditorium
- 5/24/2019—Tesla Graduation at 9:00 a.m., Large Auditorium
- 5/24/2019—Odyssey ECCO Graduation at 1:00 p.m., Large Auditorium
- 5/27/2019—Memorial Day, District 11 Closed
- 5/28/2019—Teacher Work Day (NO STUDENTS)
- 529/2019 Quarter 4 Grades are available online for students

JUNE

6/4-6/2019- FFA 2019 State Convention @ Pueblo



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ODYSSEY ECCO SPRING FINALS SCHEDULE

PLEASE NOTE EARLY RELEASE ON May 22 and 23.

Odyssey Early College & Career Options Tuesday, May 21, 2019					Odyssey Early College & Career Options Wednesday, May 22, 2019					Odyssey Early College & Career Options Thursday, May 23, 2019				
Period	<u>Start</u>	End	<u>Minutes</u>		<u>Period</u>	<u>Start</u>	End	<u>Minutes</u>		Period	Start	End	Minutes	
FINAL 7	7:24	9:02	98		FINAL 2	7:24	9:02	98		FINAL 2	7:24	9:02	98	
Period 2	9:07	9:55	48		FINAL 3	9:12	10:50	98		FINAL 3	9:12	10:50	98	
Period 3	10:00	10:48	48		FINAL 4	11:20	1:00	100		FINAL 4	11:20	1:00	100	
Period 4	10:53	11:40	47		Early Dismissal					Early Dismissal				
LUNCH	11:40	12:10	30											
Period 5	12:15	1:03	48											
Period 6	1:08	1:55	47											
Period 7	2:00	2:46	46											

Message from Principal Norman...

Dear Students, Families, and Guardians,

Warm weather has finally arrived and Spring is in the air! As the weather heats up, so has our schedule of activities and events. This past April students tackled the PSAT, CMAS testing, midquarter testing, SkillsUSA leadership conference, FCCLA State Leadership Conference, (SC)2 State Leadership conference, and the FBLA-PBL State Leadership Conference. That is not to say, our students don't have an opportunity to enjoy themselves. This month has provided Odyssey students and families with an excellent production of the pop culture comedy "Over Realm'd," National Honor Society Award Ceremony and Induction, and last but not least, Prom. It is an exciting time to be a Phoenix. On the horizon in May, looms finals, Accuplacer testing, the senior BBQ, Career Pathways Achievement Ceremony, and graduation. May appears to be another tall order. As students prepare for the end of the school year, here are some tips for academic success.

Study in intervals and avoid cramming: Reseach shows that studying in 20-50 minute intervals with a 10-minute break is more beneficial than cramming. Spreading learning over time decreases anxiety and increases long retention of the subject matter.

Cardio can improve your memory: 20 minutes of cardio per day has been shown to improve memory. So make sure you give yourself time to ride your bike, dance or jog. Whatever you do, breaking a sweat can increase your energy level and reduce stress.

Finally, as we move closer to graduation, students and families of seniors, please make sure you are aware of upcoming events and procedures. Families of seniors should watch closely for communications regarding graduation. Thank you for your continued support of Odyssey ECCO. It makes a world of difference in the success of our students and has allowed us to face challenges with character and a solution-minded approach.

Sincerely,

Sean Norman

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ODYSSEY ECCO COUNSELING CONNECTIONS

Questions? Please contact Ms. Taura at 719-328-2085 or taura.gandy@d11.org



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<u>Correction – Senior Meeting #3 will begin at 10:30 am on May 15th</u> (See below for more information)

Important Dates & Events

Odyssey ECCO Information Night April 30, 2019

6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Off Campus Seminar

May 1, 2019 11:30 am - 1:00 pm Required for all students that will be going off campus for the first time.

PPCC Campus Tours

May 2, 2019 8:00 am - 11:00 am – PPCC Centennial Campus 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm – PPCC Rampart Campus For students that will be going off campus for the first time. Students can only attend 1 tour and must have a signed permission slip to attend. Please pick up your permission slip from Ms. Taura.

PPCC Campus Classes End

May 5, 2019

<u>Senior Meeting 3</u> Wednesday, May 15, 2019 10:30 am - 11:30 pm

Senior Recognition Ceremony Wednesday, May 15, 2019 11:30 am - 12:20 pm

All School BBQ for Odyssey ECCO Students & Staff

Wednesday, May 15, 2019 12:20 am - 2:46 pm

Finals Week for On Campus Students May 21, 2019 - May 23, 2019

Odyssey ECCO Graduation

May 24, 2019 1:00 pm



Counseling, continued...

ODYSSEY ECCO COUNSELING CONNECTIONS, CONTINUED

Senior Info

Graduating Seniors!

Counseling needs written notification (copy of award letter) of any scholarships and awards that you have received, even if you do not plan on accepting it or attending that university/college. We would also like to know your plans for next year (4 Year University, Gap Year, etc.). Please contact Ms. Taura at 719-328-2085 or taura.gandy@d11.org with this information as soon as possible.

Senior Meeting 3

Wednesday, May 15, 2019 10:30 am – 11:30 pm Large Auditorium This is also Senior's last day and Senior Celebration Day. This meeting is for students participating in Odyssey ECCO's Graduation Ceremony (5th year seniors do not need to attend).

Cap & Gown Orders

Package price is <u>\$27.25</u>

Students may order, with cash or check, through Mrs. Kokes, Business Manager at Odyssey, or students may order directly through the PPCC Bookstore by following the directions below.

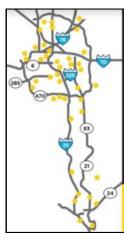
Go to www.PPCCbookstore.com/

Click on <u>Shop Course Materials</u> Click on dropdown arrow at <u>Merchandise</u> Click on <u>Graduation</u> Under <u>Caps, Gowns, & Alumni Gear</u>, click the <u>ORDER HERE</u> button

*A PPCC Tassel is included in package; however, an Odyssey tassel will be gifted to our Odyssey graduates and will be used in our graduation ceremony.

**If this purchase is a financial hardship for the student's family, please contact Mrs. Kokes at 719-328-2092 or <u>Tamara.Kokes@D11.org</u> to arrange access to one of the few sets that Odyssey has available for loan.

Counseling, continued...



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ODYSSEY ECCO COUNSELING CONNECTIONS, CONTINUED

Graduation Requirements

The following must be completed and/or submitted before being allowed to participate in Odyssey's Graduation Ceremony:

- Academic Credits you must complete all 46 High School Credits OR have a receipt for summer school (must be missing 1 or 2 credits only)
- ICAP (See below for more details)
- Completed continuation card
- 2019-2020 Concurrent Enrollment Agreement (if applicable)
- Counseling Items the following must be sent via e-mail to Mrs. Johnson or to Mrs. Everette:
- Resume Must be updated for 2019 (or you can create one in Naviance)
- Scholarship Application List List of all scholarships you have applied for (you must apply for at least 1)
- College Decision Indicate the school you will attend next year (if you are not attending college, state what you will be doing next year)
- Scholarships Awarded and Accepted Indicate the name of the scholarship, the amount, and if it is a renewable or nonrenewable scholarship
- PPCC Associate Degree let us know when you apply for graduation, the degree that you will earn, and when you have been confirmed as a graduate

Senior ICAP Completion

Seniors must have a completed ICAP in order to graduate high school.

The requirements for ICAP completion are:

- FAFSA completed by both student and parents for next school year (2019-2020)*
- College applications entered in Naviance (you must have applied to at least one college). You must first list the college names under the colleges I'm thinking about section and then you must move them to your application list.
- Postsecondary Goal Updated in Naviance (this must include what you are planning to do next year, i.e. military, gap year, Univ. of ____, etc.)

Add 2 Careers to List - in Naviance

Senior Exit Survey - in Naviance

Resume – Must be updated for 2019 (or you can create one in Naviance)

* or students must have a FAFSA waiver on file.

OFF CAMPUS STUDENT INFORMATION

Advising at PPCC - Centennial Campus

Mrs. Johnson will be at PPCC - Centennial Campus (Aspen Building near the Café) on Mondays from 7:30-11:30am. All students are welcome to see her with any questions or concerns.

Scholarship Info

Society of Women Engineers Scholarships

<u>Application Deadline:</u> April 30, 2019 – Applications must be mailed and cannot be accepted over the web at this time. <u>http://www.swe-pps.org/uploads/4/0/3/1/40310133/2019pps_hs_scholarship_application_-_revised_deadline_04-30-19.docx</u>

Rocky Mountain Chapter Women in Defense (WID) Regional Scholarship – (1 Award of \$1,000)

Application Deadline: April 30, 2019

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http://www.rockymountainwid.org/

BBB Excellence in Education Award Application Deadline: May 17, 2019 by 5:00 pm http://go.bbb.org/1N8e2oa

2019 Prosperous Investments Scholarship Essay Contest (1 Award of \$1,500) Application Deadline: May 31, 2019 http://pprosperllc.com/scholarship-contest.html

Women's Energy Network of Colorado Kelly de la Torre Scholarship (2 Awards of \$2,500) <u>Application Deadline:</u> June 1, 2019 <u>https://www.womensenergynetwork.org/colorado/kelly-de-la-torre-scholarship</u> (copy and paste link)

Additional scholarship resources: <u>Naviance</u> <u>https://succeed.naviance.com/district/scholarshipsmain/scholarships.php</u>

<u>The Denver Foundation</u> https://denverfoundation.academicworks.com/

Volunteer Opportunities

<u>Children's Literacy Center</u> Reading Tutor <u>https://www.childrensliteracycenter.org/volunteer-to-tutor</u>

City of Colorado Springs

See attached flyer.

Questions?

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YEARBOOK

GET YOUR YEARBOOK!!!!

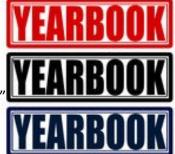
Students can purchase their yearbook for the 2018-2019 school year by contacting Mrs. Kokes (719) 328-2092. Each book is \$25. They will be distributed on May 15th at the Senior celebration. If you have missed the deadline for ordering and would still like a yearbook, contact Mrs. Banfield at 328-2082.

Three ways to buy:

1. Students may purchase by **cash or check** from Mrs. Kokes in the Service Center at Odyssey ECCO.

2. Mail a check to:

Odyssey ECCO 2115 Afton Way Colorado Springs, CO 80909 Attention: Tamara Kokes Please make check payable to Odyssey ECCO and note "Yearbook"



3. Pay by credit or debit card online at MySchoolBucks.com

Go to www.D11.org

Click on Parents & Community

Click on MySchoolBucks

In the school store, you will find Odyssey Early College & Career Options Yearbook

SENIORS, GRADUATES OF 2019, AND OFF CAMPUS

STUDENTS...

Yearbook needs your ID photo. Many of the off-campus students did not have an ID photo taken for District 11. However, yearbook is required to have your photo if you are a student for the school. Come to Mrs. Banfield's room, 192, on Friday to have your ID photo taken. She is available all day, so your schedule will fit hers.

PARENTS OF GRADUATING SENIORS

Honor your graduate by purchasing an ad slot in the back of the yearbook. The yearbook will be in full color this year and is only \$25. You can add pictures, messages, and family mottos. If you would like to honor your senior by sending them a message at the back of the book, please contact Mrs. Banfield at 328-2082. Ad prices are as follows: \$50 for ¼ page, \$100 for ½ page, \$200 for a full page.

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CONGRATULATIONS MRS. BANFIELD!

Congratulations to Angela Banfield! This year she was nominated by student council for this year's Crystal Apple Award. The award is sponsored by the El Paso Council Parent Teacher Association and awarded for dedication to the field of teaching excellence. Selection was made through the Odyssey ECCO student government and as part of the nomination process they worked to create a keep sake scrap book for Mrs. Banfield. The book showcased Angela's career in education and her dedication to staff and students.



FFA ODYSSEY ECCO CHAPTER –SPRING 2019 SEMESTER UPDATE – JAMES OWINO

The Odyssey Early College and Career Options (ECCO) FFA chapter has had a number of activities going on this semester. Members have been engaged in recycling and garden activities. The recycling project has been going on well except for a few cases in which unrecyclable materials were deposited in some of recycling bins. The gardening project is also going on well with most of the seedlings already planted in anticipation for the plant sale during the second week of May.

On March 8, 2019, I participated in the selection process of the 2019 State FFA Proficiency Awards, which took place at the Co-Bank Center for Agriculture Education, Ft. Collins.

On April 5, 2019, our FFA chapter had the privilege of being visited by the state officers, Wade Yoder and Heather Levy who are the current FFA State President and State secretary respectively. They engaged members on several activities that helped them with team building and other leadership skills









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CONGRATULATIONS DR. OWINO!

Rotary Diamond Award Winner – Doctor James Owino

On April 12, 2019 Dr. James Owino was awarded the coveted Rotary Diamond Award. This award is the result of nominations submitted by the students at Odyssey Early College and Career Options. The students have always been the focus of Owino's teaching, but this vote showed just how much his approach has effected the students.

During the Phoenix Feather assembly on March 15th, Owino was told by members from the Rotary Board that he would be honored at a luncheon in April. When asked how he felt at the nomination, Owino stated that "So the students really do feel that way. I usually push it away that the students tell me they like me as a teacher. When I saw this I understood that they really do like me."

Owino challenges his students to think as a scientist and question everything. This skeptical thinking will allow them to be certain of their results. "You don't just take the results as they are, you are questioning. The students proved their point by showing me this evidence [Owino's teaching was effective]. It was very interesting," Owino stated.

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Part of the requirement of attending the luncheon was that Owino had to make a speech about what makes him inspire the students, or what the students do that inspired him. Owino believes that this is a dual benefit for teachers. They always go together.

"Cultural diversity plays into the way I teach. The students get interested when I give them examples from experiences I have had in Kenia and other countries. Real-Life experiences from where I have studied and traveled makes the students motivated and want to know more," Owino related. "I remember teaching them a

lesson [where vocabulary became an issue]. I was talking about Humis - decaying organic material and they were using the word Hummis to refer to the food. We all laughed about the confusion. So the side things, or the humor, encourage them to take chances and learn with me."

When asked what the greatest challenge he faced, teaching at an Early College High School, Owino had to take a moment to think. He is known as a teacher who expects a lot from his students.

Yet, when the students speak about him, it is always with utmost respect.

Owino explained, "If you are teaching students at the high school level, the material is too easy for them. However, in the college setting, their understanding would incorporate other classes as well as mine. I empathize with them that they are learning more difficult material without the background. So, I must incorporate that information in order for them to understand the material that my classes are responsible for."

When asked how this honor affected him, Owino immediately responded, "It revitalized my passion and my strength in teaching these students. Some energy came back to me and now I see that what I am doing, how I am teaching, is working for them. Now I can continue teaching in the way that they need me to."

Amazing teachers truly do reside at Odyssey ECCO.







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CONGRATULATIONS DR. CLAYTON! KEITH CLAYTON, PH.D. - GUEST LECTURER & PRESENTER AT OXFORD UNIVERSITY

When many of the teachers were using their spring break, this year to get caught up on grading, lesson planning, or taking care of issues at home, Dr. Keith Clayton was presenting at a conference at Oxford University. He is a fellow of the Beta Phi Scholar Society and attended the "invitation only" conference to assist future doctoral alums with their doctoral dissertation, and to present his current research. The conference is the Autonomous Learning World Caucus, which Dr. Clayton has attended for over 10 years.



The goals of the conference are twofold; the first is to offer fellows the opportunity to bring emerging doctoral candidates and offer them a chance to present their research in a safe environment for improvement. As a doctoral candidate, individuals are required to present their research, which addresses issues in their field. They are invited after their research synopsis is chosen for the presentation schedule. After their presentation, they are given constructive feedback, suggestions, etc. to improve their endeavor. The second goal is to provide an opportunity for scholarly exchange of ideas in the fields of leadership, human resource development, and Autonomous Learning.

Clayton not only worked with the candidates, but he also presented his research regarding "Human Resource Development in Committed Learning Organizations and how it works to create a competitive advantage for the organization."

"I keep attending because I get to have the opportunity to interact and exchange ideas with worldclass scholars about the research interests that I have," Clayton stated.

While Clayton was attending the conference, he was also able to converse and learn from experts in the field. Gary Confessore, Ed.D, who is considered the "father" of autonomous learning, and Clayton were able to work closely with him to exchange ideas regarding where this field is headed. Clayton also learned from scholars like Paul Carr, Ed.D, Gail Derrick, Ed.D, Sandra Bryant, Ph.D., and Michael Ponton - who are able to take the most complicated concepts and break them down into simple words and thoughts, according to Clayton.

When Clayton was asked about bringing this advanced learning back to the classroom, he became extremely animated. "I become re-energized that we still have the opportunity to enlighten

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CONGRATULATIONS DR. CLAYTON!, CONTINUED...

someone. That I can show students, they do not have just one path to go down. That they have a sundry of paths; they can choose from to achieve their goal and dreams."

The main draw for Clayton to lecture at Oxford University is the historical environment of the campus. "Where we were, is the same place that C.S. Lewis, J.R.R. Tolkien, Oscar Wilde, Adam Smith, and T.S. Geisel (Dr. Seuss), and many others have been. What they have talked about is what we are still discussing. It is breathtaking and overwhelming at the same time."

Dr. Clayton is asking parents to encourage their students to ask those questions that are "outside of the box" of the status quo. Being innovative and inventive are essential to the challenges that will be faced in the future. He also wants parents to know that Educators are creating a safe harbor for exploration of new information and a new understanding of both old and unknown concepts. The parental support of extra-curricular activities that students are asked to participate in allows Clayton and other instructors to help students understand the practical application of what they are learning and why.

Business students have an upcoming event on Saturday, May 4 at UCCS; from 7:30 am to 4 pm., students will be teaching elementary and middle school students, financial literacy. When you can share and teach another, then you can definitely say you know and understand the information. So, please ensure that your business student attends.

Clayton's mantra: "You can give a man a fish, and you feed him for a day, but you teach a man to fish, and you feed him for a lifetime - the same is with learning."

Article by Angela Banfield, CJE, NBCT, CTE



A HUGE THANK YOU TO JUDITH KEMMIS!

Odyssey ECCO and Career Pathways would like to express our sincere appreciation to Judith Kemmis for her very generous donation of a 1992 Mercury Topaz for use in our Automotive Repair Program. Our Automotive students will gain great instructional benefits from Ms. Kemmis' vehicle donation.

THANK YOU TO OUR PARENTS, STAFF AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS WHO PARTNERED WITH US THIS YEAR! 2018-2019 VOLUNTEERS!

A HUGE THANK YOU TO RENEE COCKRELL!

Odyssey ECCO and Career Pathways would like to express our sincere appreciation to Renee Cockrell for her very generous donation of a 2007 Dodge Caliber for use in our Automotive Repair Program. Our Automotive students will gain great instructional benefits from Ms. Cockrell's vehicle donation.





KING SOOPERS/CITY MARKET COMMUNITY REWARDS NOW SIMPLIFIED!!

King Soopers or City Market Community Rewards has begun a new program that, with only a quick visit by you to their website, can be very beneficial to Odyssey Early College and Career Options.

The pre-loaded and re-loadable King Soopers cards that Odyssey ECCO has sold are still useable and never expire, but they are no longer required to support our school at King Soopers or City Market.

The Community Rewards program has now been simplified so that all you need to do is log into your account or create an account at <u>http://www.kingsoopers.com</u> or, if you shop at City Market, <u>http://www.citymarket.com</u> and click on the "Community Rewards" link on the left side of the page. Under "Find an Organization" type Odyssey Early College & Career Options <u>or</u> SX371 and click "Search".

When "Search Results" shows Odyssey Early College & Career Options, click on the blue "Enroll" button.

Now, just as you always do when you shop there, you only have to swipe your personal King Soopers or City Market loyalty card or use the phone number that is registered to your loyalty card and your purchase amount will be added to the running total of all King Soopers/City Market purchases by Odyssey ECCO Community Rewards supporters. **Your fuel point rewards will not be effected and will still be retained by you.**

<u>Each time</u> the running total of all purchases by our supporters together reaches \$5,000.00, Odyssey ECCO will receive a check for 5%. That's \$250.00 each time! That money will be used to support various activities at Odyssey ECCO that are not supported by our budget.

Please take a few minutes today to sign up as an Odyssey ECCO supporter with King Soopers or City Market. Those few minutes can make a huge positive impact for Odyssey ECCO students and staff.

Thank you!

Odyssey ECCO students and staff

THE END OF THE 2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR IS UPON US AND WE'D LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO THANK ALL OF THE PARENTS, GUARDIANS, STAFF, AND STUDENTS WHO MADE THIS YEAR FANTASTIC! WE WISH ALL OF OUR STUDENTS SUCCESS AS THEY CONTINUE



ON THEIR JOURNEYS THROUGH LIFE!