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GOOD THINGS HAPPENING AT ODYSSEY ~ EARLY COLLEGE AND CAREER OPTIONS



By Principal Aurora Umana-Arko

As we wrap up 3rd quarter and prepare for Spring Break, I want to take the time to highlight some of the great things happening at Odyssey Early College and Career Options.

First, the Board of Education approved our request for a new name. We are no longer “Early College High School”. Instead, we are now, officially, “Odyssey Early College and Career Options”. This was a unanimous decision by the Board of Education! In case you have not seen it yet on our website, we do have a beautiful new logo to go with our new name.

Individual Recognitions:

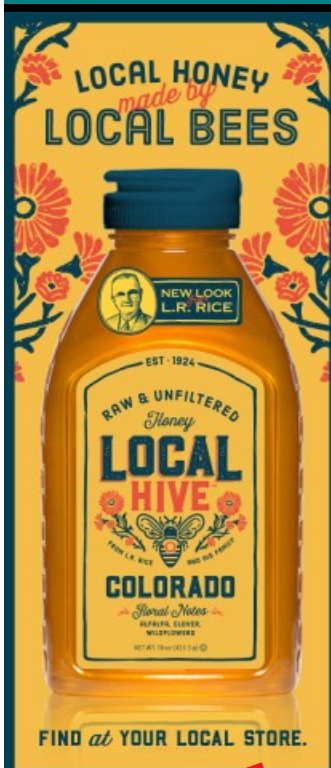
I am thrilled to announce that students nominated our own Angela Banfield, English and CTE teacher, to be the Rotary Diamond Teacher Award recipient for the Roy J. Wasson Academic Campus. The Downtown Colorado Springs Rotary agreed with this nomination, and selected Mrs. Banfield to receive their award. Mrs. Banfield is to be recognized at the Rotary Diamond Teacher Luncheon in April.

I am equally pleased to share that Odyssey junior AnniKyra Mezzofante was the recent recipient of the Drive Smart’s “Best Overall Theme in the Small School Category” award, for her work with Student Council’s promotion of the Drive Smart Campaign. Additionally, AnniKyra placed 5th at the State wrestling competition. AnniKyra wrestles for Palmer High School.

Another State level athletic winner, Odyssey junior Jacob Hellman, placed 5th at State with his Doherty High School bowling team. Way to go, Jacob!!

Additionally, two of our seniors, Je’Niesa Manning and Jessica Lane, are Daniel’s Scholarship Finalists. Just to be a finalist is an extremely prestigious accomplishment. These two hardworking students join the ranks of former Daniel’s Scholarship recipient, Delaney Manson, who graduated spring 2017.

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL, CONTINUED...

Team Recognitions:

Our CyberPatriot teams, led by Coach Bill Tomeo, recently participated in the State qualifying tournament for the CyberPatriot competition. Leading up to semi-finals, our teams placed in the "Gold" tier with our two varsity teams placing first and second vs. all Colorado teams in the "Gold" tier. At Colorado State semi-finals, our teams placed 3rd and 9th. Considering this is only our second year competing with Cyber Patriot, and all students on the teams were new this year, our students did a remarkable job!

Furthermore, automotive teacher, Michael Chesire and his Vocational Automotive students recently won the \$1,000 classroom cash prize from the Valvoline Ignition Program. In the fall, Valvoline offered two cash prize competitions based on students' demonstration of skills. Mr. Chesire's students demonstrated such strong proficiency in this Valvoline competition, they were awarded \$1000 to be used in the classroom. Way to go, Mr. Chesire and students!

Additionally, our brand-new Forensics (speech and debate) team led by Coach Zach Alarcon recently competed at Regionals. One of the four students who completed, Titus Sharman (Coronado junior), placed 5th at Regionals and is now heading to the State competition to be held in March.

Finally, ProStart students are hard at work being mentored by celebrity Chef Brother Luck. Each mouth-watering dish was inspired by the students' own traditional family recipes, with Chef Luck working to take those dishes "to the next level". We look forward to reporting how our students do at the upcoming 2018 Colorado ProStart Invitational.

FALL 2017 HONOR ROLL STUDENTS

Olyvia Alaniz	Charles Hansen	Amelie Pachter
Tyler Anderson	Victoria Hass	Gabriel Parrett
Georgiana Aweanung	Leonard Heinlen	Marissa Porter
Cecelia Bentley	Cynthia Hernandez	Nathaniel Rebeterano
Sage Betts	Daniel Hidalgo Argote	Felisha Reimer
Emily Carmody	Vanessa Hopson	Thomas Reitwiesner
Marissa Caster	Shelby Hulland	Sarah Rodgers
Sierra Castro	Shauna Jackson	Aliyah Romero
Marissa Chavez	Diana Jaime-Jimenez	Alexis Rose
Emma Choate	Samantha Jarry	Jaret Rudd
Isaac Choate	Evelyn Knudson-Wrisky	Tobin Smith
Bailey Colgan	Jessica Lane	Shashana Snowbird
Lenisa Couch	Colton Maloy	Elijah Soliz
Keyshawn Davis	Je'Nia Manning	Gavin Stierstorfer
Amaya Dixon	Angelica Martinez	Seth Taylor
Samantha Dubois	Monica Martinez	Bailey Thackeray
Kaytee-Ann Dumas	Angela McCullum	Sadany Velazquez
Eliau Estrada	Cassandra McIntyre	Jett Welker
Adrian Estrada	Leia Millard	Haleigh Wilson
Lovie Fairbanks	Michael Nichols	Kayleigh Wilson
Madison Gore	Hana Omari	

PHOENIX OF THE QUARTER

CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION STUDENT OF THE QUARTER 2

Congratulations to the Odyssey ECCO Phoenix of the Quarter and the CTE Student of the Quarter!

The Phoenix is nominated and chosen by Odyssey ECCO teachers. The student is selected based upon their character and their choice to demonstrate the Phoenix attributes.

Respect
Integrity
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Effort



*Students Pictured from
Left to Right.*

Phoenix of the Quarter

Grade 9: Angela McCullum;
Grade 10: Annette Fresquez;
Grade 11: Brian Armijo;
Grade 12: Sadany Velazquez

Career and Technical
Education Phoenix of the
Quarter
Megan Cowden



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Annette Fresquez – Winner



Aliyah Romero – Runner Up

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iINSPIRE AWARD RECIPIENTS

The first iInspire Award recipients from Colorado Springs School District 11! Way to go Annette and Brian!

What are the iInspire Awards?

iInspire Awards are given to El Paso County Youth who have overcome adversity and inspired others to do the same. By recognizing them, we reinforce their individual achievements and highlight the extraordinary potential of our community's youth.

Brian Armijo, who overcomes adversity and inspires others to do the same by living in a positive environment, focusing on his high school and college courses, starting and taking on leadership/motivational roles in Junior ROTC, and seeking college enrollment assistance for his older brother.

Annette Fresquez, who overcomes adversity and inspires others to do the same by excelling in high school and college courses; taking leadership roles at school; and creating "Beyond Mind Capacity," a non-profit organization that fills backpacks with supplies for youth entering the foster care system.



Pictured from left to right: Katrina Everette, ECCO Counselor, Annette Fresquez, Brian Armijo, Aurora Umana-Arko, ECCO Principal



iINSPIRE EL PASO COUNTY AWARD HONOREES

ODYSSEY ECCO STUDENTS ARE RISING!!

Odyssey ECCO students Accuplace each semester to determine if they have worked diligently enough, listened and learned intently enough and grown enough to meet the demands of higher level courses. The following students have risen to the challenge, met their goals and have met the expectation of Accuplacer, placing them into their next course. Congratulations to all!

MAT 055

Alaniz, Olyvia
Archuleta, Noah
Aweanung, George
Betts, Sage
Butler, Faith
Caster, Marissa
Choate, Isaac
Colgan, Bailey
Hernandez, Cynthia
Howland, Adryaunna
Lauer, Aydin
Manning, Je'Nia
Martinez, Angelica
Mikoll, Jesse
Olguin, Ariel
Stierstorfer, Gavin
Trujillo, Eric
Young, Elysia

MAT 121

Anderson, Tyler
Couch, Lenisa
Dinan, Jonathan
Dupris, Christopher
Estrada, Elian
Fresquez, Annette
Harlow, Sara
Hass, Victoria
Hellman, Jacob
Jaime-Jimenez, Diana
Lambott, Tyler
Maloy, Colton
Martinez, Monica
Mezzofante, Sicily
Mikoll, Joshua
Nichols, Michael
Nicol, Thanh-Alan
Omari, Hana
Owens, Samuel
Pachter, Amelie
Parrett, Gabriel
Rodgers, Sarah
Troche-Lima, Arikel
Vazzano, Frank
Wilson, Haleigh

ENG 121

Abney, Dev
Anderson, Tyler
Caster, Marissa
Choate, Emma
Daniels, Nolan
Dinan, Jonathan
Estrada, Elian
Fairbanks, Lovie
Harvey, Raymond
Hass, Victoria
Heinlen, Leonard
Hernandez, Cynthia
Jaime-Jimenez, Erika
Kiff, Oliver
Martinez, Angelica
McCullum, Angela
Mikoll, Joshua
Nicol, Thanh-Alan
Omari, Hana
Pachter, Amelie
Parrett, Gabriel
Troche-Lima, Arikel
Umana, Alexandria
Vazzano, Frank
Wilson, Haleigh

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

Jordan Cox: Missouri Southern State University

Adrian Estrada: Colorado School of Mines

Vanessa Hopson: UCCS

Jasmyne Frappier: Johnson and Wales

Je'Niesa Manning: Spelman College, Jackson State University, CSU Fort Collins, CU-Denver, Dillard University, UCCS, Alcorn State

Sadany Valezquez: CSU Pueblo

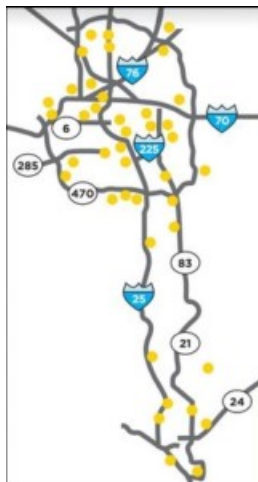
SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

Jasmyne Frappier:
Johnson and Wales Grant
(\$6,400 annually),
JWU FCCLA Scholarship
(\$2,000 annually),
Presidential Academic Scholarship
(10,000 annually)

ROTARY DIAMOND TEACHER AWARD FOR THE ROY J. WASSON ACADEMIC CAMPUS



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ANNI MEZZOFANTE WINS DRIVESMART AWARD

During the DriveSmart Challenge Award Luncheon on Thursday, January 25, there were various categories for awards in three divisions: small schools, medium-sized schools, and large schools. Anni Kyra Mezzofante won "Best Project Theme" for Odyssey ECCO in the small schools category. She won because judges thought her scavenger hunt and the slogan "Hocus Pocus, don't lose focus" were highly creative. She was accompanied by friend, Alexandria Umana-Arko; sponsor, Daisy Weeks; and Officer Jonathan Tatum. Mezzofante walked away with a large banner, a certificate, and a \$100 gift card for Odyssey ECCO.



Pictured are Daisy Weeks, Anni Kyra Mezzofante, Alex Umana-Arko, and Officer Johnathan Tatum at DriveSmart.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION ~ WELCOME TO THE SPRING SEMESTER!

Hello parents and guardians! Welcome to the Spring 2017-2018 Semester! I am happy to be teaching physical education classes and health classes again this semester! Today (Thursday), the students read the syllabus during class session. All students have papers for you to sign! If you have not signed a waiver to see two movies (documentaries on health for PE and health class with no rating), or a waiver for PE class, please do so as soon as possible. They were due Friday, January 5th. If you have any questions, most students have taken home to you one of my business cards. If you have any questions, please contact me at lynnette.woolley@d11.org. I'm looking forward to a fun and interesting semester! Lynnette Woolley, Health and Physical Education.

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ODYSSEY ECCO STUDENT SUPPORT GROUPS

Odyssey ECCO Counseling Groups for 2nd Semester

The following groups will be available to any students who are interested. If you are interested in one of the groups, please complete the bottom of the form and return it to the Early College counseling office.

+SURF- Strategies for Understanding Real Feelings. The focus of this group will be on explore our responses to our feelings and learning technique to manage those feelings before they become overwhelming. How to identify our emotional needs and find positive outlets for meeting those needs. This group will be divided by gender. This group will meet weekly- Thursdays over lunch.

+Stress and Time Management The focus of this group will be on time and stress management skills- Learn specific ways to handle the many tasks and responsibilities that come with juggling all you have to do this year, including self -care. Thursdays over lunch

Groups will be held weekly on Thursdays.

Feel free to contact us if you have questions.

Renee Yoelin-Allen -School Social Worker. renee.yoelin-allen@d11.org

CAREER BOOST

Career Boost is a program for D11 parents who lack a high school diploma or have a high school diploma but still show that they are below a 12th grade level. Our program consists of classes in manufacturing, IT and early childhood development for students 17 years of age or older, who would like to improve their employment. Our website is www.careerboostco.org and all of our materials are in English and Spanish.



Career Boost
really opened a lot
of doors for me.

Sonia Lemus — Spectrum Advanced Manufacturing Technologies

The image shows a woman, Sonia Lemus, wearing a blue lab coat and working in a laboratory setting. She is holding a pipette and looking towards the camera. The background is slightly blurred, showing laboratory equipment.

Career Boost: New Skills, New Job, New Life! Train for a career in manufacturing where hundreds of jobs are currently open starting at \$15 an hour. Sign up at careerboostco.org, or call us at 719-502-2404.

JUNIORS

IMPORTANT SAT TESTING INFORMATION

Dear Parents/Guardians of Odyssey ECCO Juniors, As March is approaching quickly, so is the annual time of the year when all high school juniors in the state of Colorado take the SAT. The SAT is a standardized test that is widely used for college admissions that assess writing, reading, critical thinking, and mathematics. It is almost certain that any college your child will apply for will require an SAT score. This school year, Odyssey ECCO has taken unique steps to offer the SAT on the Saturday, March 10th test date to all juniors instead of testing them during school hours. We choose to do this because we recognize that many of our students are taking courses at Pikes Peak Community College to fulfill degree requirements and would have to miss those classes to test here at Odyssey ECCO. Additionally, we know that Odyssey ECCO students taking college courses would benefit from additional study time. Over the next three weeks I will be arranging a 30-minute meeting with all off-campus students to come in and register for the Saturday, March 10th SAT. For on-campus students, a pass will be provided for you to come to the Service Center to register sometime in the next three weeks. There is no cost to take this test and it is highly important that registration is completed by February 2nd. For registration, your student will need to bring the following items with them:

- Student College board account (can be created before registration using this link or during registration meeting)
- <https://goo.gl/gBszMv>
- Student ID #
- ID picture (photograph can be taken during registration if you can't provide one)

During the registration process, students will be asked to select a testing location. For your convenience, there are multiple testing locations for the Saturday, March 10th SAT testing day. The available sites are: Doherty High School, Rampart High School, Mitchell High School, Sand Creek High School, Discovery High School, and Fountain-Fort Carson High School. The test will take 4 hours and 5 minutes to complete with breaks included in that time. If you have any questions, please feel to email or call at any time.



Sean Norman

Dean of Students

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MANDATORY OFF-CAMPUS SEMINAR

March 21, 2018

All students that are planning to take courses "Off Campus" at PPCC must attend a Mandatory Seminar at Roy J. Wasson Academic Campus on March 21. The Seminar will cover important changes to Odyssey's Off Campus Policies and Procedures, including new student instructions for textbooks.

For your convenience, the seminar will be offered at two different times, for you to choose from. The first will be from 10:00 am to 11:00 am on Wednesday, March 21 in the Mini Auditorium. The other time will be from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm, also on Wednesday, March 21 in the Mini Auditorium.

Note: All Students that are planning to attend Off Campus Courses at PPCC for Fall 2018, MUST attend either the 10:00 or the 5:30 Seminar, in order to get required textbooks for your classes.

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