



THORNTON TOWNSHIP
HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 205

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

MAY 8, 2024

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OPEN SESSION

C A L L T O O R D E R

ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE



COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

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- A. Report from Curriculum Committee
- B. Report from Finance Committee
- C. Report from Policy Committee
- D. Report from Discipline Committee
- E. Report from Facilities Committee

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of the Regular Meeting and Executive Session Minutes** dated April 10, 2024
- B. Approval of District 205 Bills:** Dated April 10, 2024, through May 7, 2024
- C. Personnel:** Approval of Resignations, Leave of Absence, New Hires & Terminations dated May 7, 2024

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

We now open the Public Participation section of our agenda. At this time, members of the community are invited to address the Board. We ask that you state your name and town, limit your total time to two minutes, and talk only about items on the current Board Agenda.

In addition, if your comments are of a critical nature about specific people, the Board requests that you present your comments during the personnel portion of the “executive session.”

Your name will not be called if you do not sign in and list a topic or the topic is not on the current Board agenda or if public participation has begun.

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOIA)

DR. DOSS





THORNTON TOWNSHIP
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COMMUNICATIONS

N E W S F R O M T H E S C H O O L S

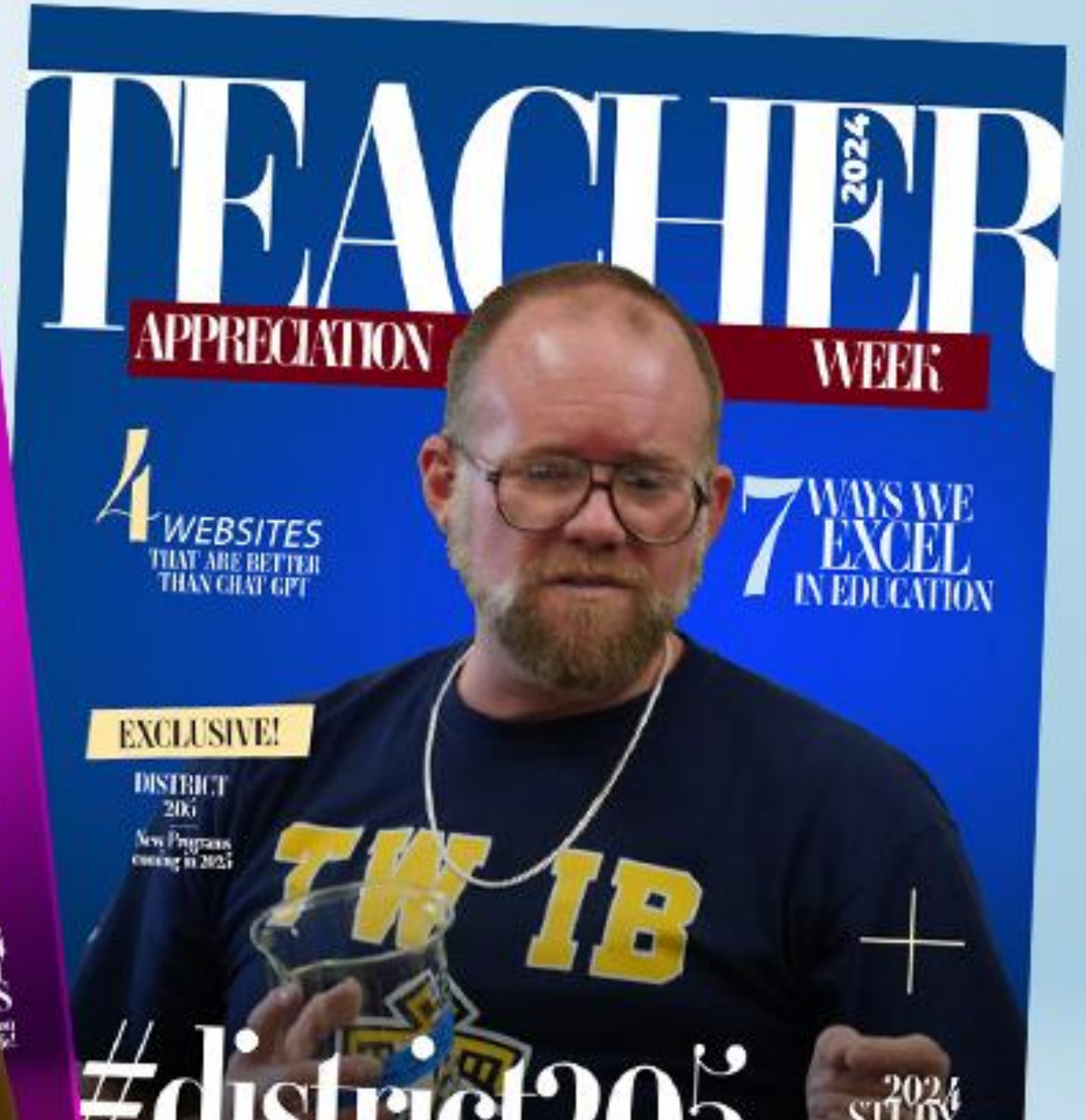
MR. FICKES

WE OUR D205 TEACHERS!

HAPPY TEACHER



APPRECIATION WEEK!



Senior Decision Day

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Thornridge High School
May 1, 2024

On May 1, 2024, Thornridge High School held its annual Senior Decision Day! This day was full of excitement as the Class of 2024 shared their post-high school plans with family, friends, and staff. This day is always special as the school, parents and community get an opportunity to come together for such a special moment in our students' lives. This year, Thornridge Alumni awarded 3 students with a free laptop!



Class of 2024





South Suburban College

"Resource Day"

Thornridge students on a college visit to South Suburban College "Resource Day." Students had an opportunity to visit South Suburban's Pharmacy, Early Education, Legal, and Technology Departments. A great time was had by all who attended.





University of Illinois Urbana Champaign

(College of Agriculture, Consumer & Environmental Sciences)

Mrs. Johnson took TR Juniors and Sophomores to the University of Illinois Urbana Champaign to visit the College of Agriculture, Consumer & Environmental Sciences. Students had an opportunity to explore nontraditional career options in Science and other related fields.

Stomp the Violence Step Show



Students Against Violence Everywhere (also known as SAVE) hosted their annual Stomp the Violence Step Show, a scholarship fundraiser. The \$1,000 scholarship is given to a TR's graduating senior.



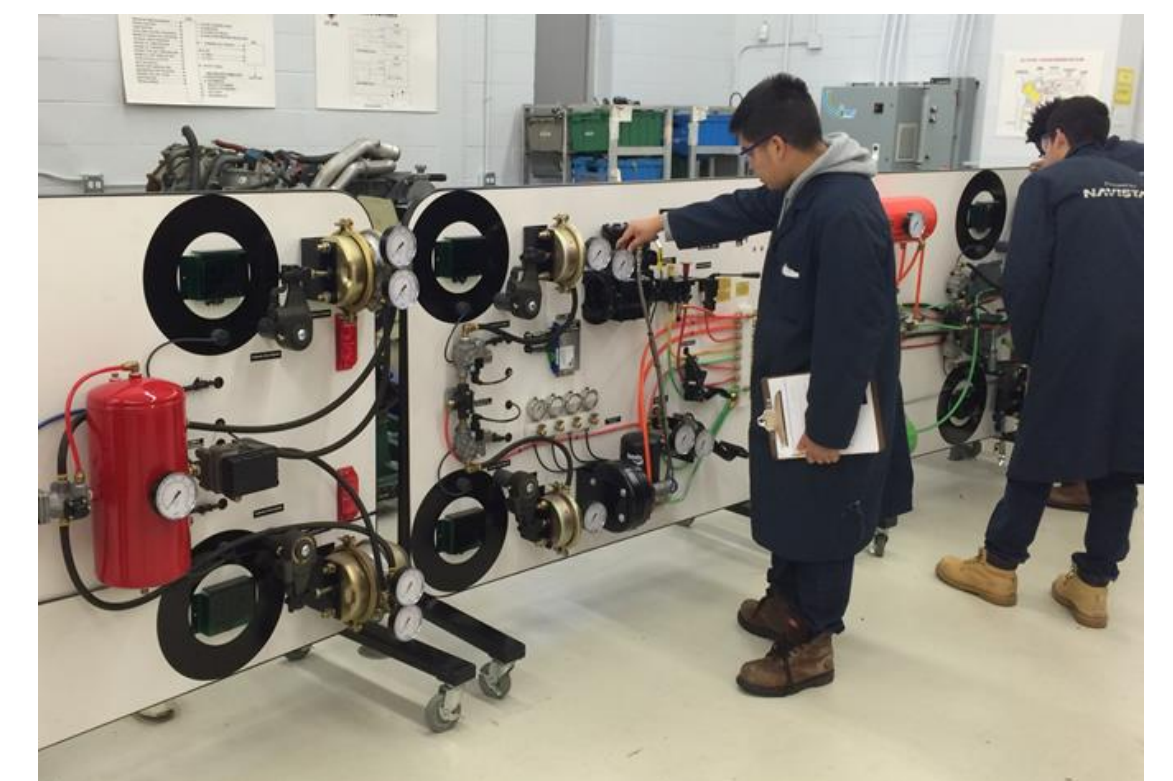
Thornton Receives ASE Master Certification for the NAVISTAR Program!

Thornton Township District 205's Navistar Diesel Engine Program received recognition as a Master Diesel Program as "Master Truck Service Technology," the highest level of program accreditation recognized by the National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence (ASE). **District 205 is the only high school program in North America with this level of designation.** To maintain this accreditation status, District 205 participates in regular compliance reviews and inspections.

To receive this level of accreditation, all instructors are ASE Certified. Our instructors have nationally recognized ASE Master Certification.

This designation is important for our students because all transportation industries recognize that our certification indicates our students are prepared and have been trained in a fully accredited program.

Upon completion of the program our students are eligible to enter the workforce in a variety of lucrative pathways, but are specifically trained as truck technicians, diesel mechanics, service managers, heavy equipment technicians, power plant technicians, parts managers and more. Students will be assured of a quality education, and shop owners will be assured of getting quality job applicants.



THORNTON

Alumni gave out over \$200,000.00 in Scholarships on Friday, April 26th. It was amazing to watch the excitement on the student's faces and to see them come to life when they were being celebrated and recognized.





W I L D C A T S

SOPHOMORE HALF CAP CEREMONY

213 Sophomore students were eligible to participate in the Sophomore Half Cap Ceremony!

Students had an opportunity to become eligible if they completed the requirement of at least 10 credits throughout their Freshman and Sophomore years.

Dr. Shadae Shelton-Booker, Board Certified Family Nurse Practitioner and former graduate of Thornton was honored to be our guest speaker.



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FRESHMEN WILDCATS ON TRACK

305 Freshmen students were eligible to participate in Freshmen Wildcat On Track!

For students to participate in this event, he or she must have earned a total of not less than 3.0 credits and passing all their current classes, specifically 0.5 credit in Math, 0.5 credit in English, 0.5 credit in Science, 0.5 credit in Reading, and 1.0 credit in ECT, Social Studies, Health, or PE. The event took place during Period 11 last Friday in the Field House.



Thornwood Thunderbirds



THORNTON TOWNSHIP
HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 205

**P.U.R.S.E. Foundation Inc.,
Scholarship in Memory of
Nova & Ava Henry**

REQUIREMENTS

- Must be a senior of the following schools:
Westlake High School (Atlanta, GA)
Kankakee High School (Kankakee, IL)
Thornwood High School (South Holland, IL)
- Complete scholarship application & submit
500(max) word essay
- Submit faculty recommendation letter
- Submit unofficial transcript

**APPLY OCT. 1ST - FEB. 3RD
APPLICATION ON WEBSITE**

2451 Cumberland Pkwy STE 3937
Atlanta, GA 30339
678-653-0772

www.pursefoundation.com



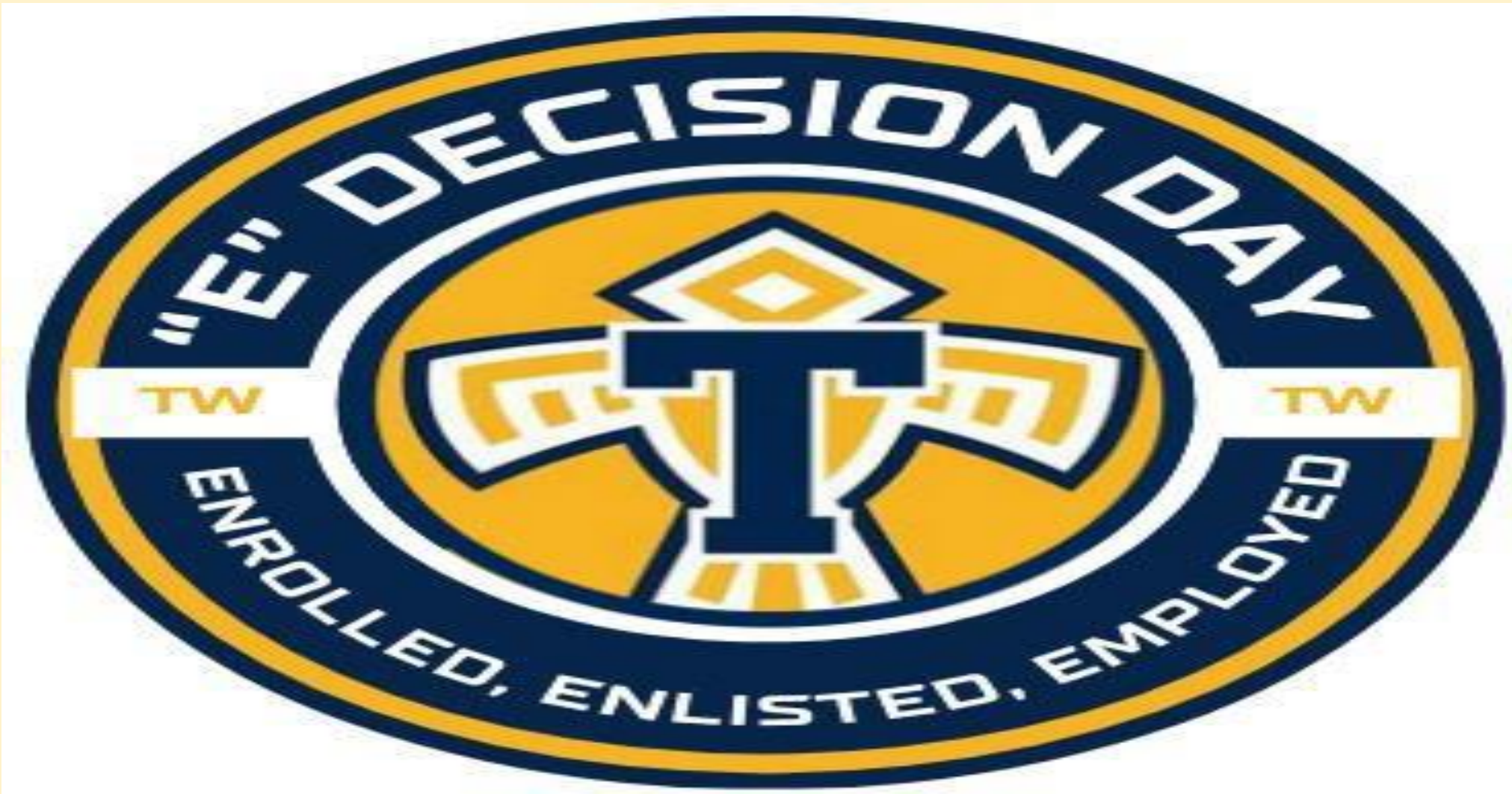
Congratulations to
Olakunmi Kolawole & Devin West

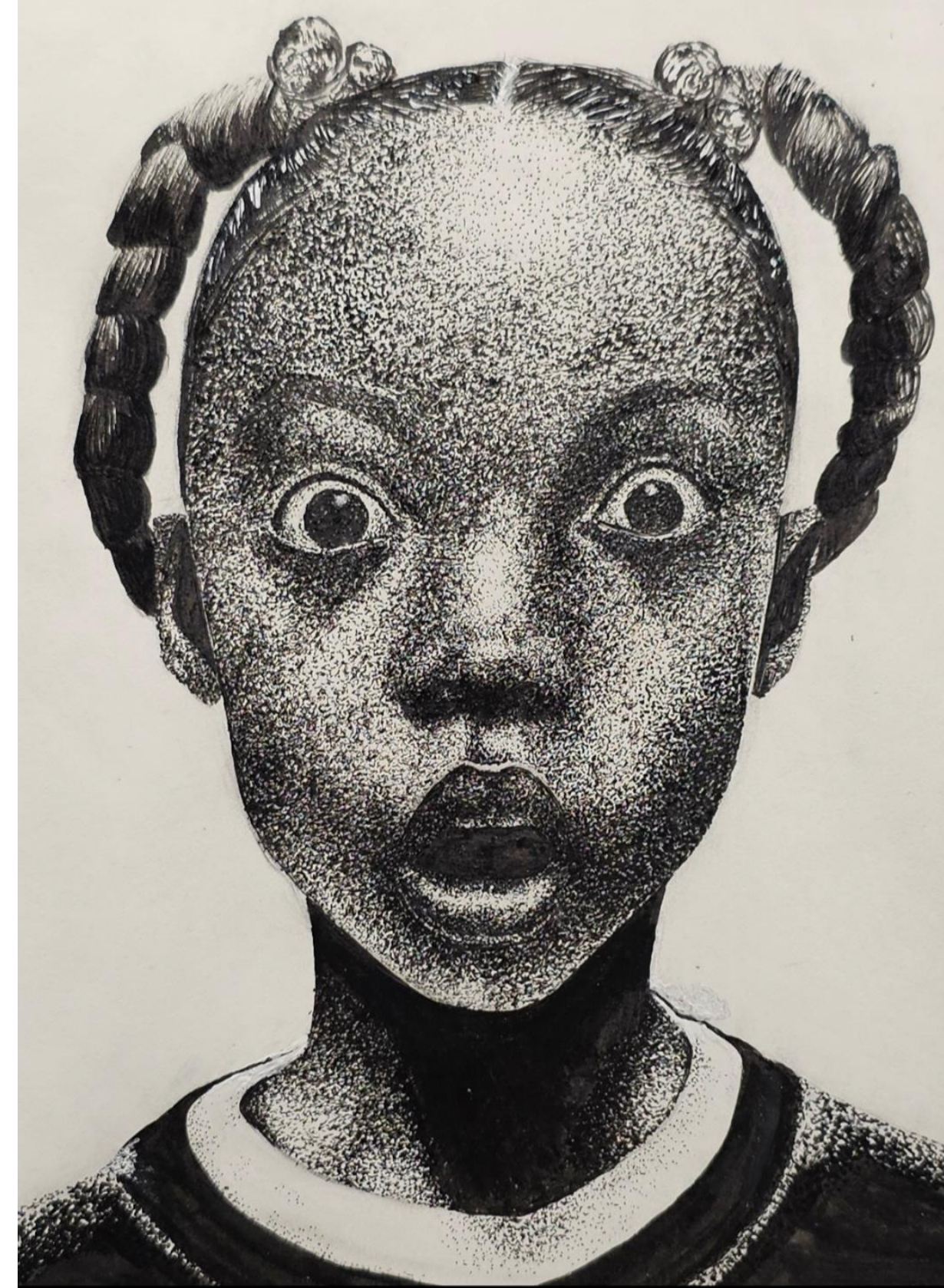
Who are the P.U.R.S.E.
scholarship recipients for 2024



CLASS OF 2024 SENIOR "E" DECISION CELEBRATION

May 1, 2024
12:00 to 3pm
TW North Field House



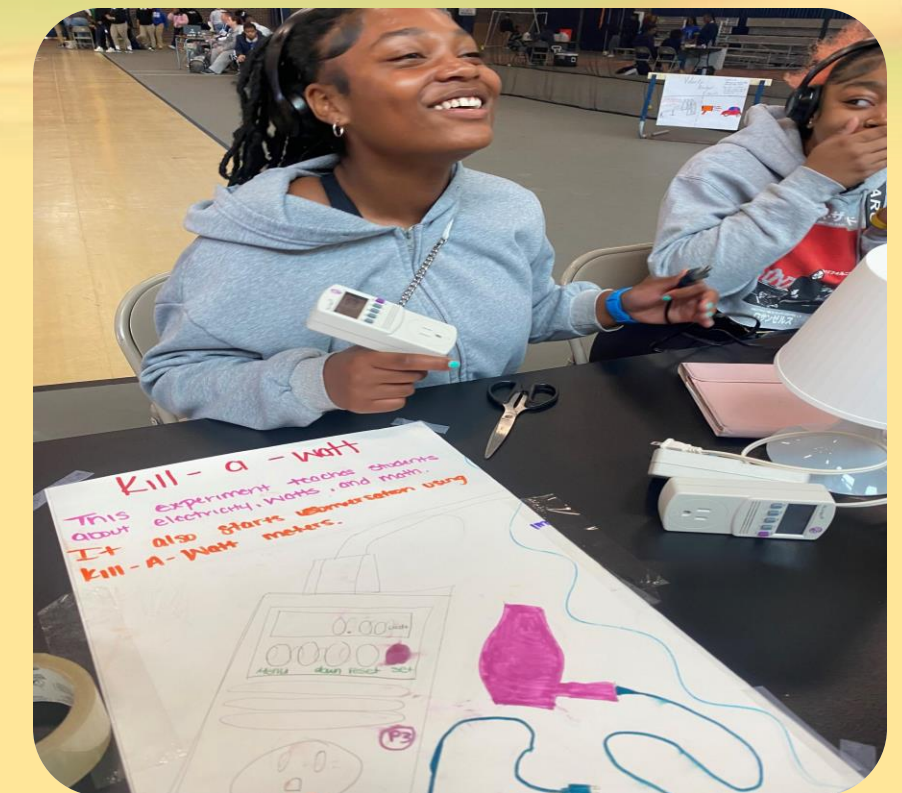
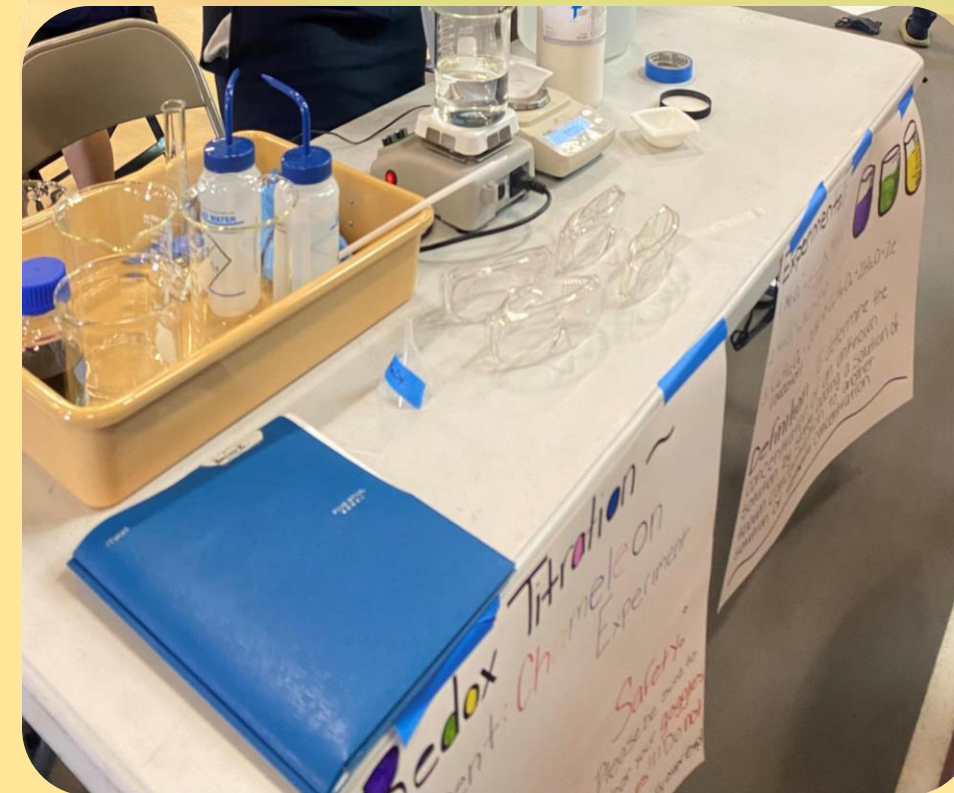


Thornwood Art Students

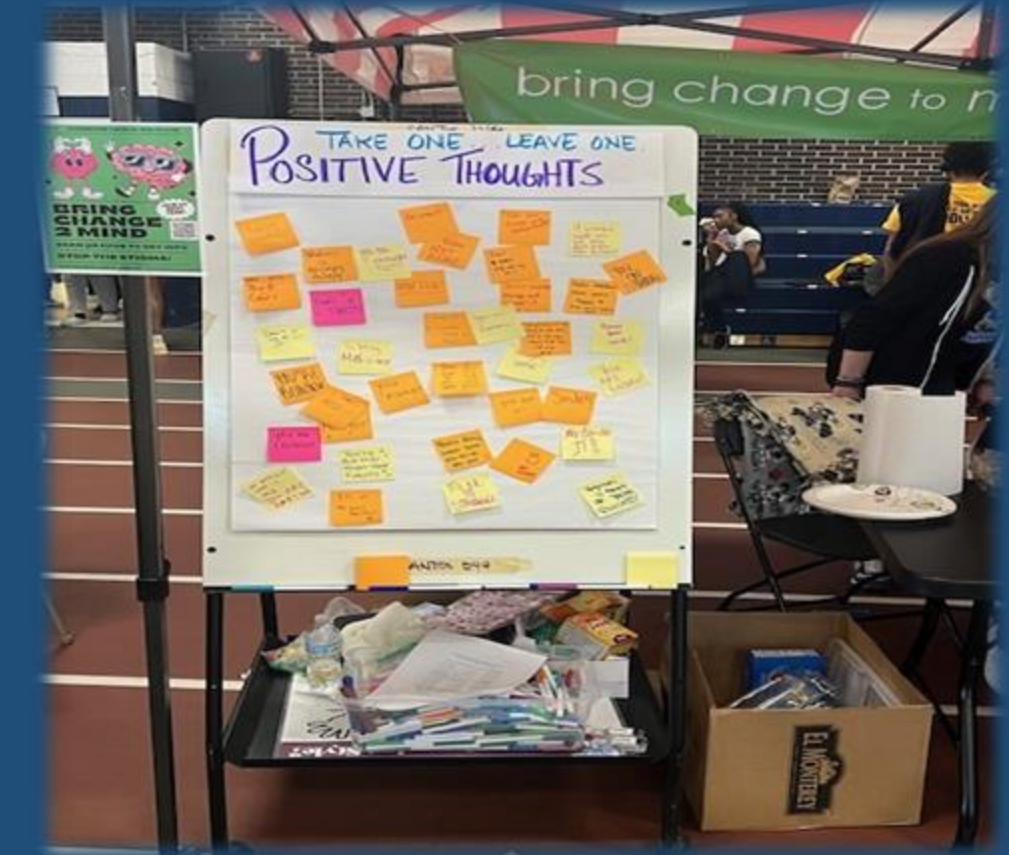
- Congratulations to Louvenia White (Sr.) and Alex Vazquez (Jr.) for winning awards at the South Suburban Regional Art Show. Louvenia won Best of School for her Black and White Mixed Media piece, and Alex won the Joe Rejholec Memorial Award in Ceramics for her giant clay sculpture of a shark eating a fish.
- At this year's Congressional Art Show sponsored by Congresswoman Robin Kelly, Thornwood came away with both the 2nd place and 3rd place awards in the show. Congratulations to Eva Hayes (Jr.) and Maryam Kareem (Sr.) for taking 2nd and 3rd respectively. Eva won for her Pen & Ink Drawing and Mariam for a Mixed Media of Pen and Ink and Chalk Pastel.

The Thornwood Science department invited 100 middle school students to visit our Earth Expo 2024 on Monday, April 22. It was held in the South Field House from 9am-1pm.

Many Thornwood science students worked hard on their projects to teach feeder students concepts about the earth and related science things. Staff members were welcome to stop by to support their efforts.



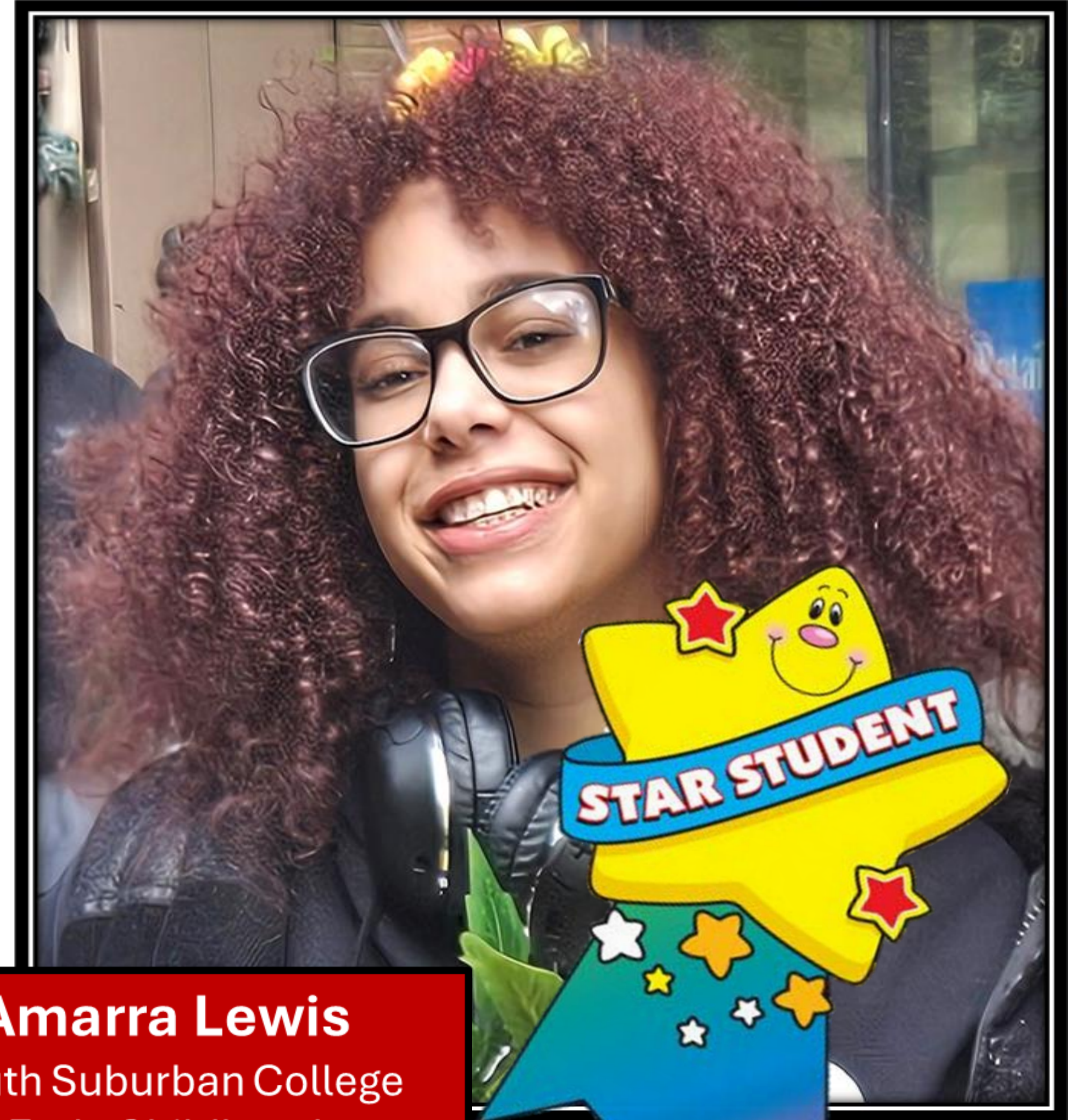
Thornwood High School hosted a Mental Health and Wellness Fair on Wednesday, May 1 at 10am. The students enjoyed strategies, activities, games, and other resources that assisted in positive mental and physical health. Food trucks and other vendors were on campus!



PEACE CENTER

Ray Price Memorial Scholarship Recipient

The PEACE Center proudly announce Ms. Amarra Lewis as the recipient of the prestigious Ray Price Memorial Scholarship. Amarra's journey symbolizes resilience and unwavering determination. Despite the storms of the 21-22 school year, where challenges threatened her academic pursuits, she emerged stronger. Her steadfast commitment shines through her remarkable attendance record of 97%, defying odds with only 7 days missed in a year and a half. Through grit and perseverance, she embodies the spirit of Ray Price, inspiring us all. Congratulations, Amarra, for your remarkable achievements and unwavering dedication to peace and education.



Amarra Lewis
South Suburban College
Early Childhood

**SUSAN
ANTONINI**
ENGLISH TEACHER



**LAVERNE
COLLINS**
SPED TEACHER



**SANDRA
ROGERS**
MATH TEACHER

**CYNTHIA
MORRIS**
DIVISION LEADER



**LISA
JOSEPH**
LIBRARY TEACHER



**JANELL
COX-BEY**
SOCIAL WORKER



**RAZIETTA
BISHOP**
COUNSELOR

**GREGORY
KOLKE**
SCIENCE TEACHER



**JAMES
BECKWITH**
FOREIGN LANGUAGE
TEACHER



**FREDERIC
SHIPBAUGH**
SPED TEACHER



**GERALD
DOUGHTY**
LIBRARY TEACHER



**JOSEPH
CRANE**
SOCIAL STUDIES
TEACHER

**LINDA
CASEY**
ADMIN ASSISTANT



Thank you!
**RETIREEES
2023-2024**





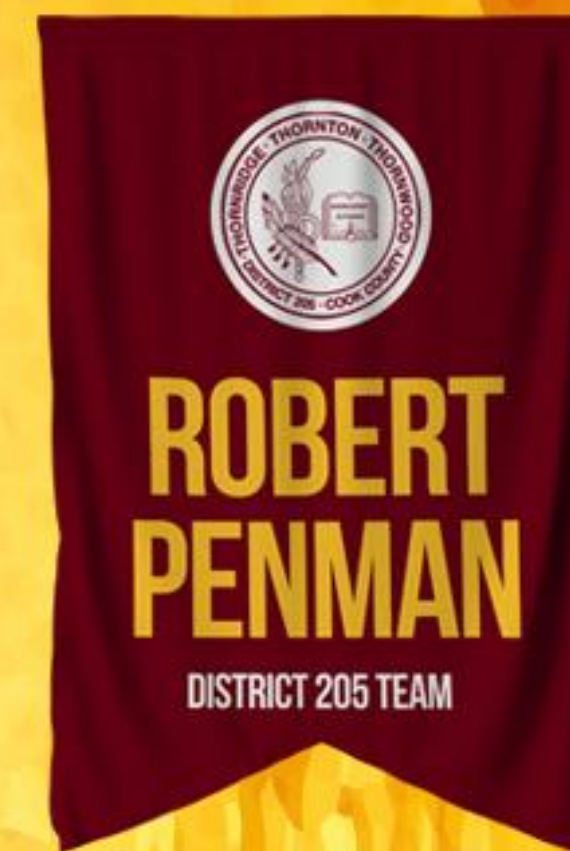
*Thank you
for*

**25
YEARS**

OF EXCELLENT WORK
AND DEDICATION TO DISTRICT 205 STUDENTS

CONGRATULATIONS TO
DEBRA MITCHELL
FOR
40 YEARS

AT DISTRICT 205 - THORNTON HIGH SCHOOL



NEW BUSINESS

A. Presentation: Thornwood Baseball Player, Amira Hondras - Mr. Fickes



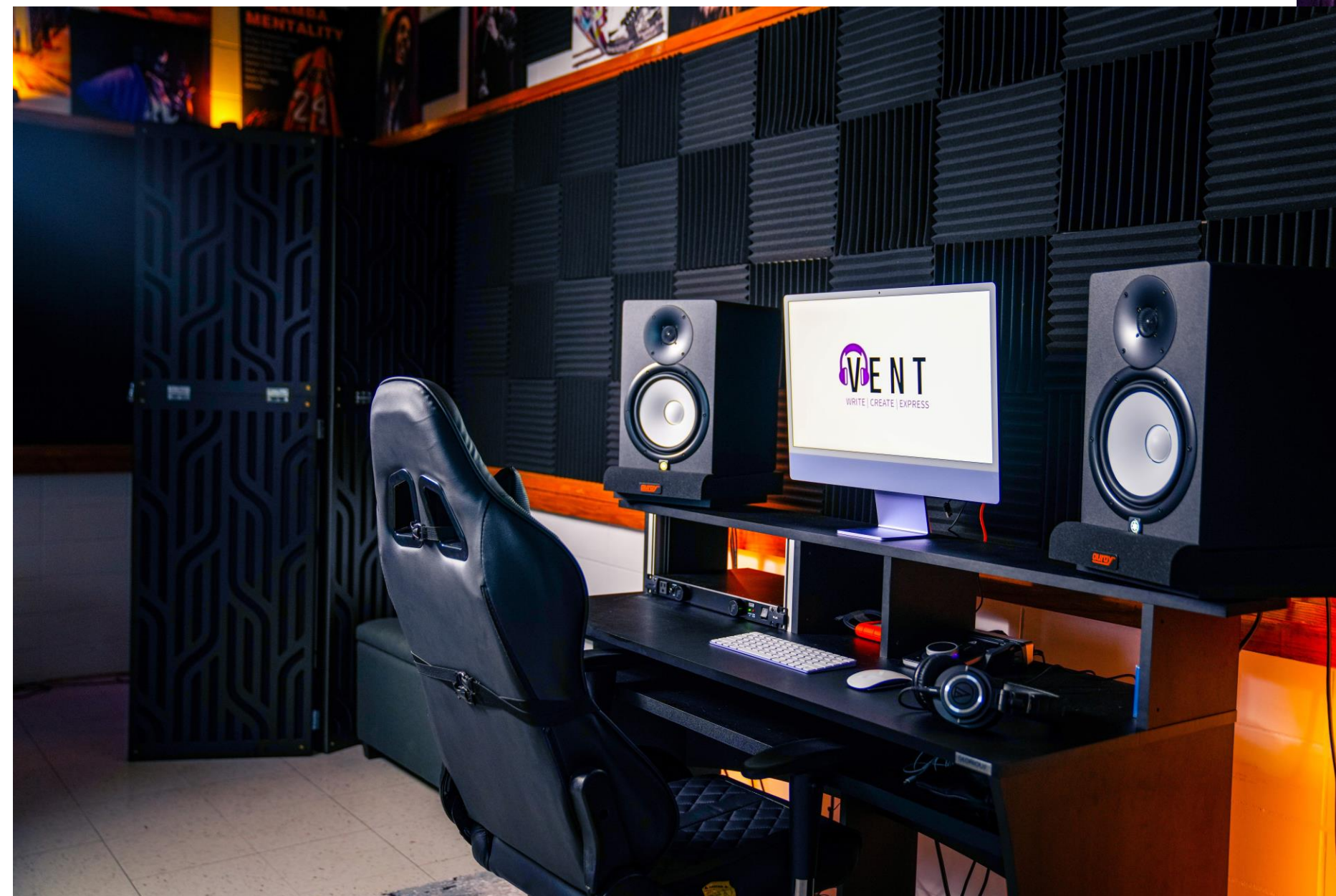
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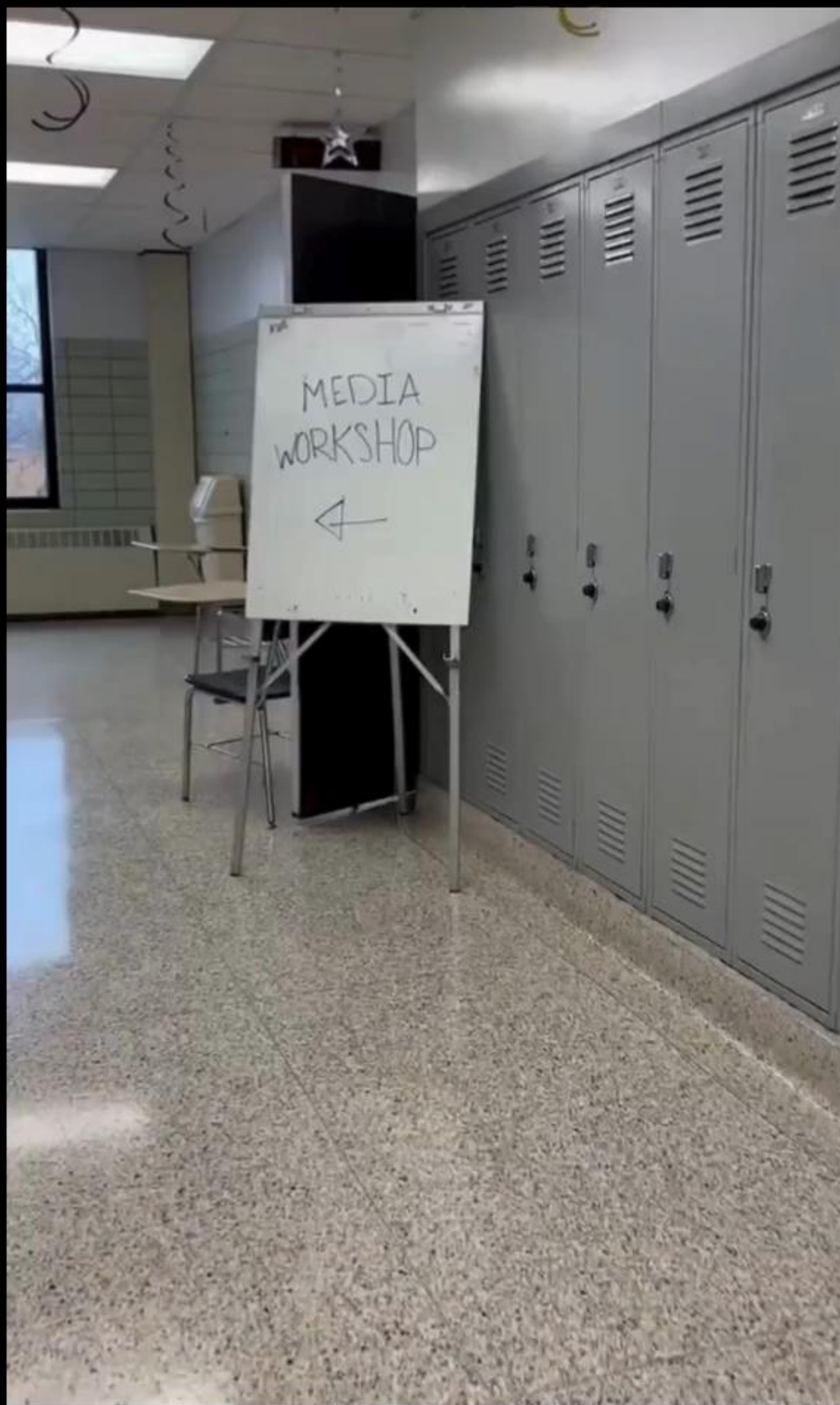
B. Presentation: Thornton Dungeons & Dragons ComiCon Trip - Mr. Fickes



NEW BUSINESS

C. Presentation:
Thornton's MIM Recording Studio - Mr. Fickes





NEW BUSINESS

D. Presentation: D205 AP African American History, Washington D.C. Trip - Mr. Fickes



AP-AFRO HISTORY D.C TRIP

Presented by: Thornridge High School AP African
American Studies Class



TRIP OVERVIEW

The AP African American History class at Thornridge, recently had the privilege of embarking on an educational journey to Washington D.C. from April 9th to April 12th.



WHAT DID WE DO ?



Destination 1



Destination 2



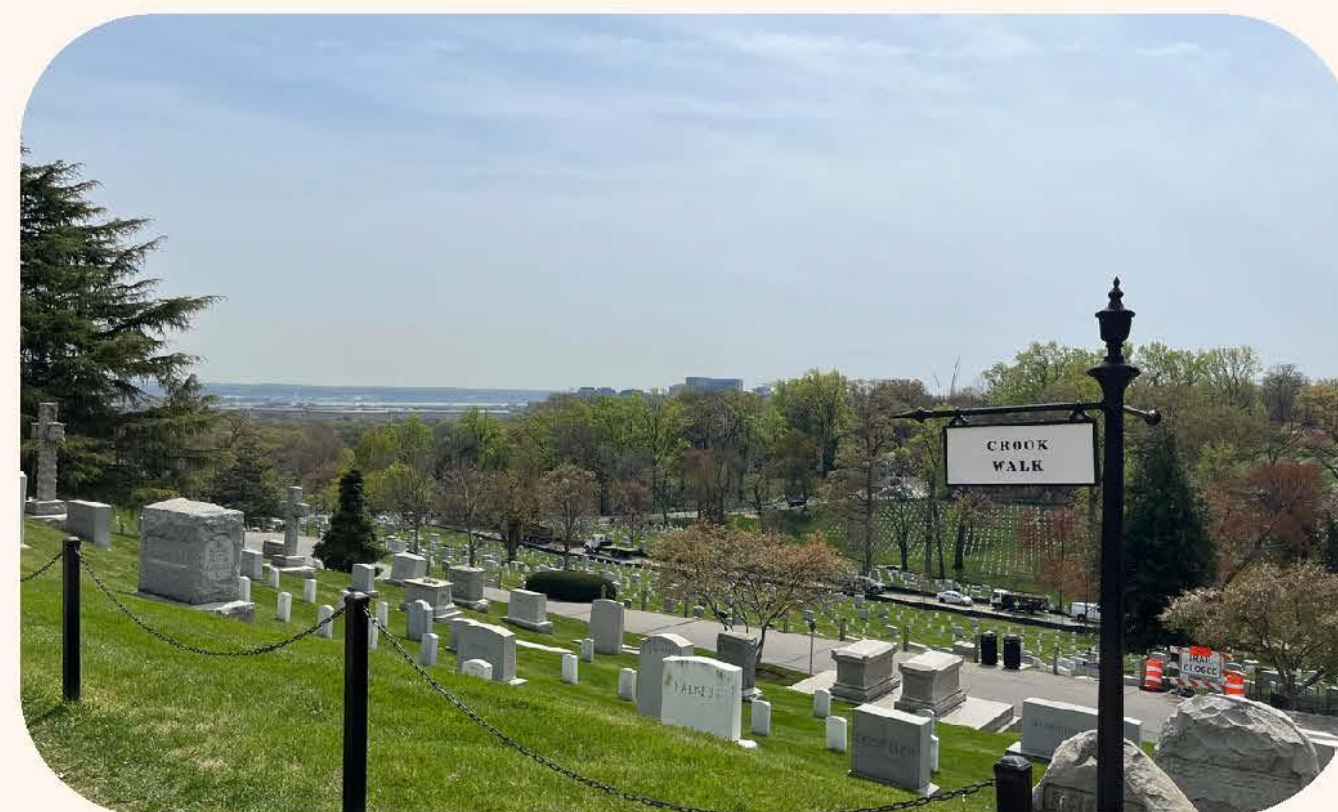
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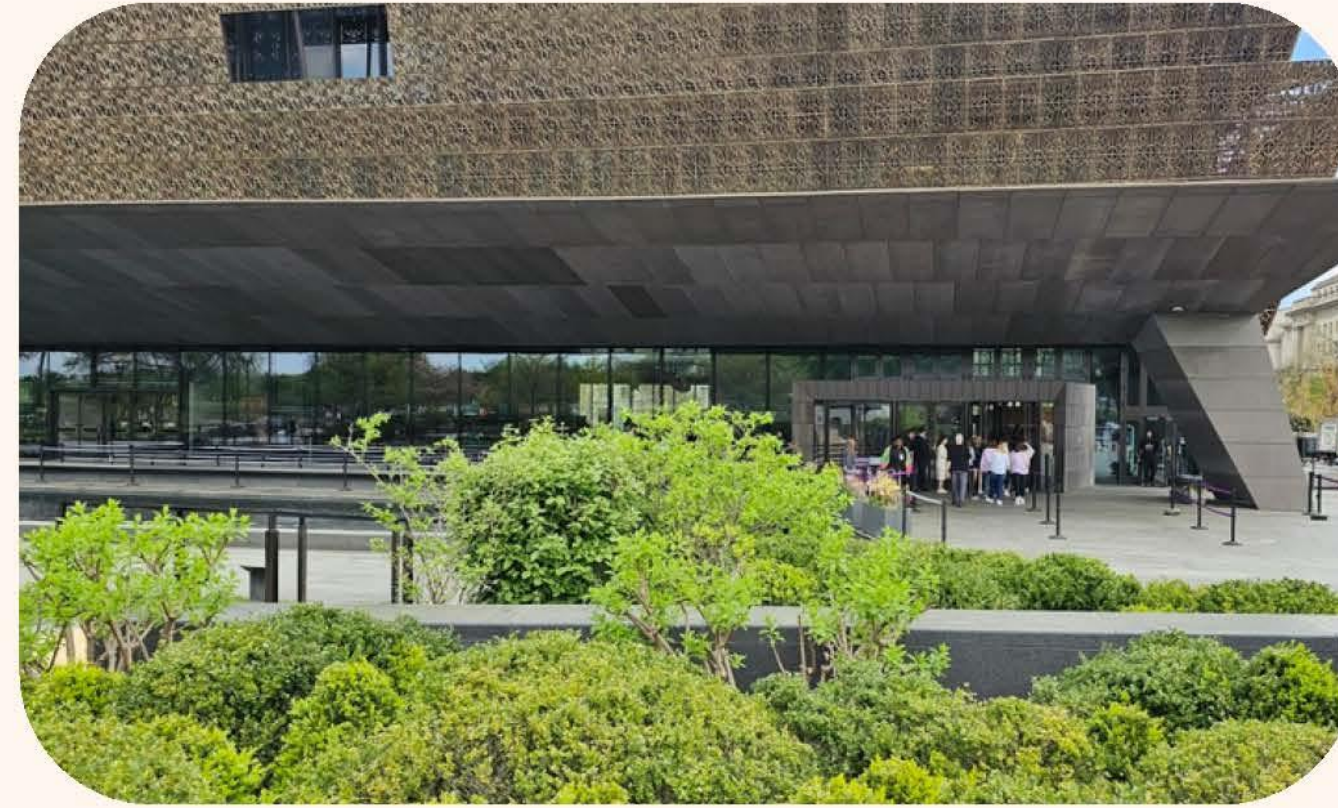
Destination 4



DAY 1 IN D.C



DAY 2 IN D.C



The African American
Museum



The Capital



The White House



Visited a black owned
restaurant



DAY 3 IN D.C

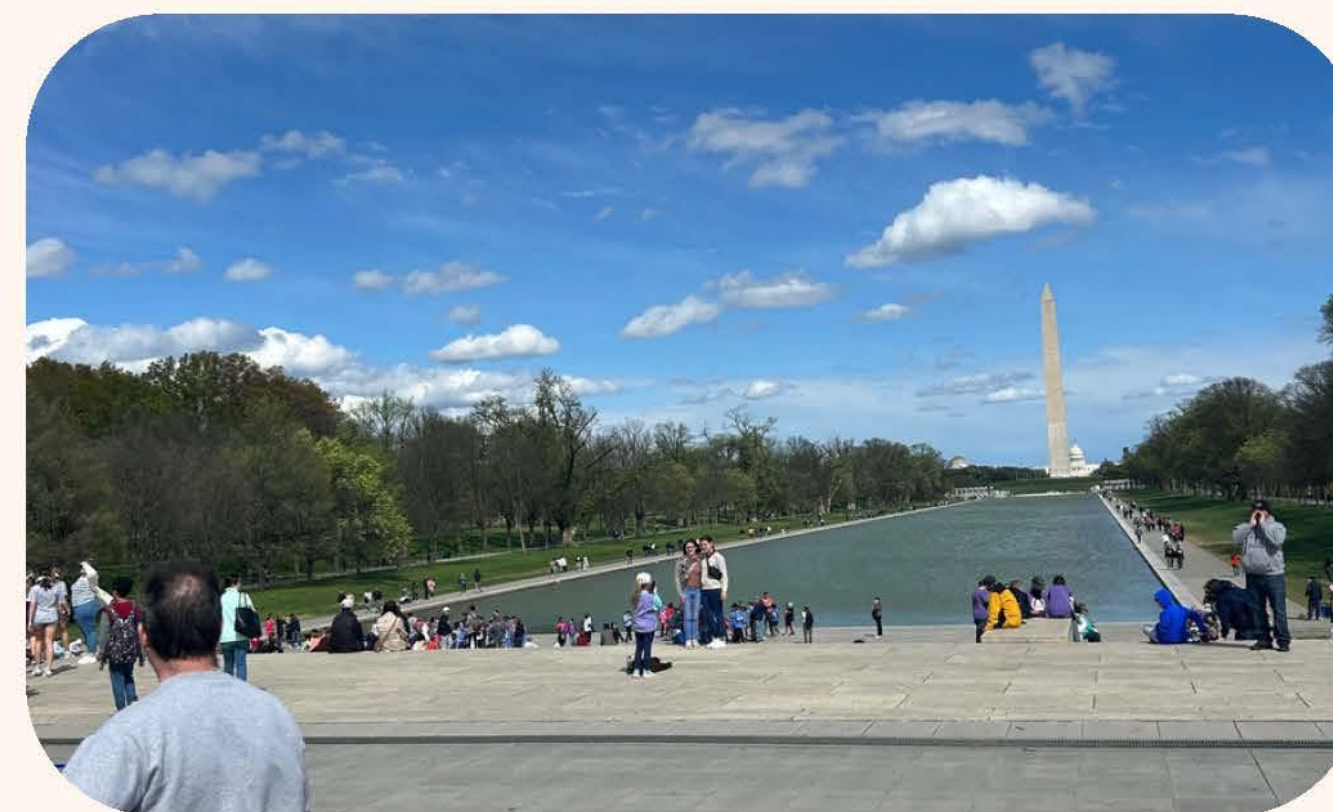
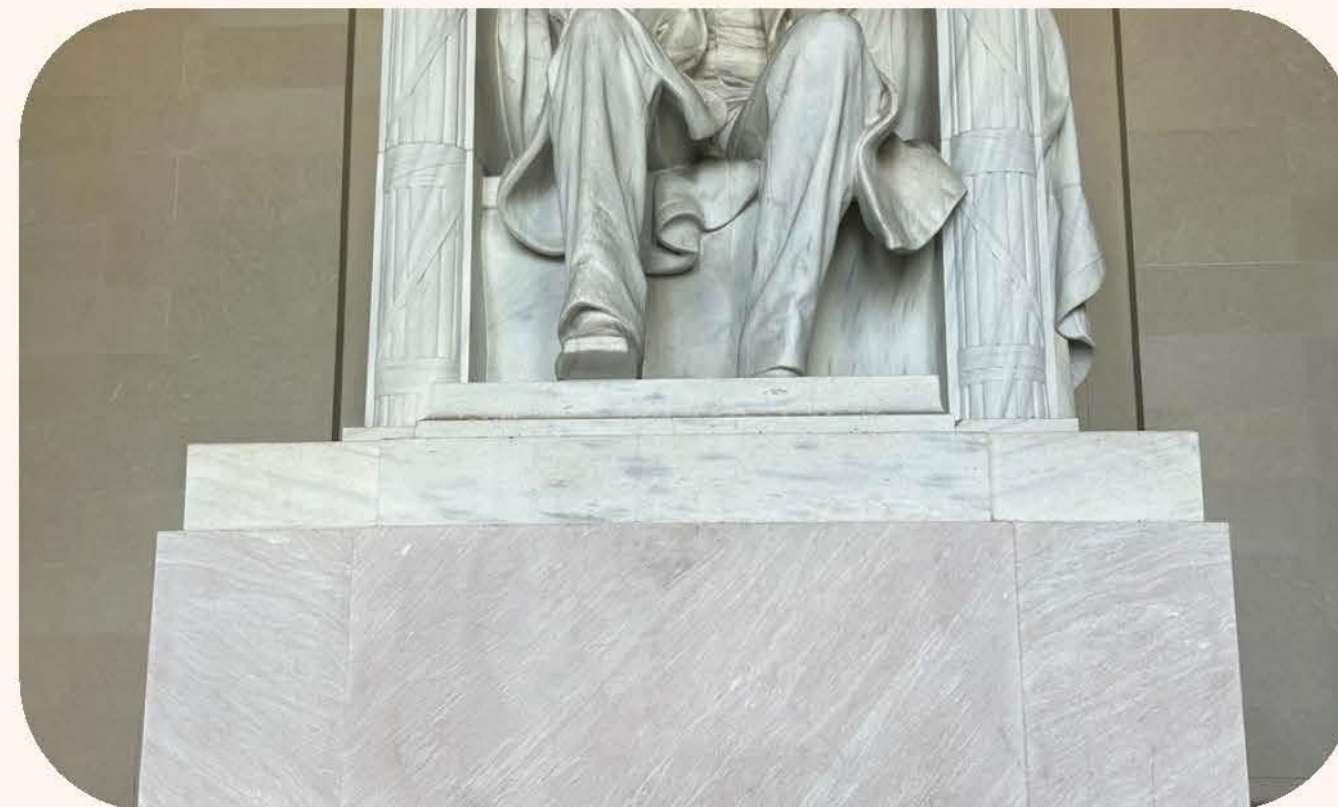


Howard University



Bowie State
University

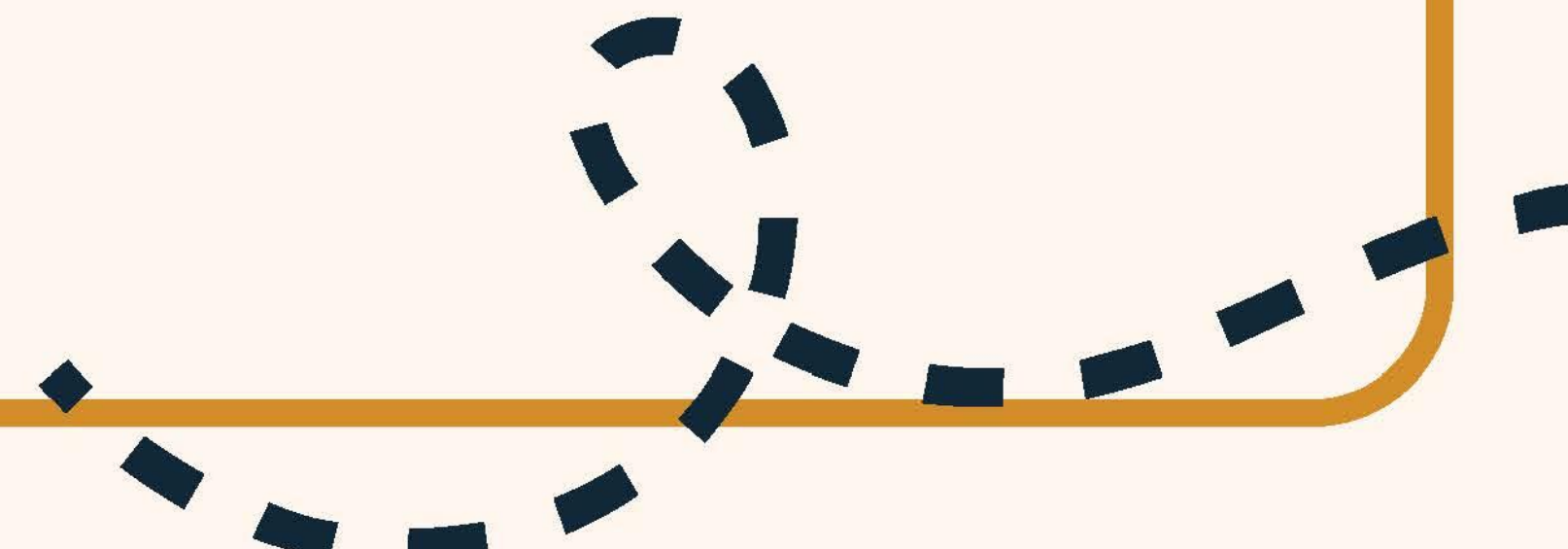
DAY 4 IN D.C



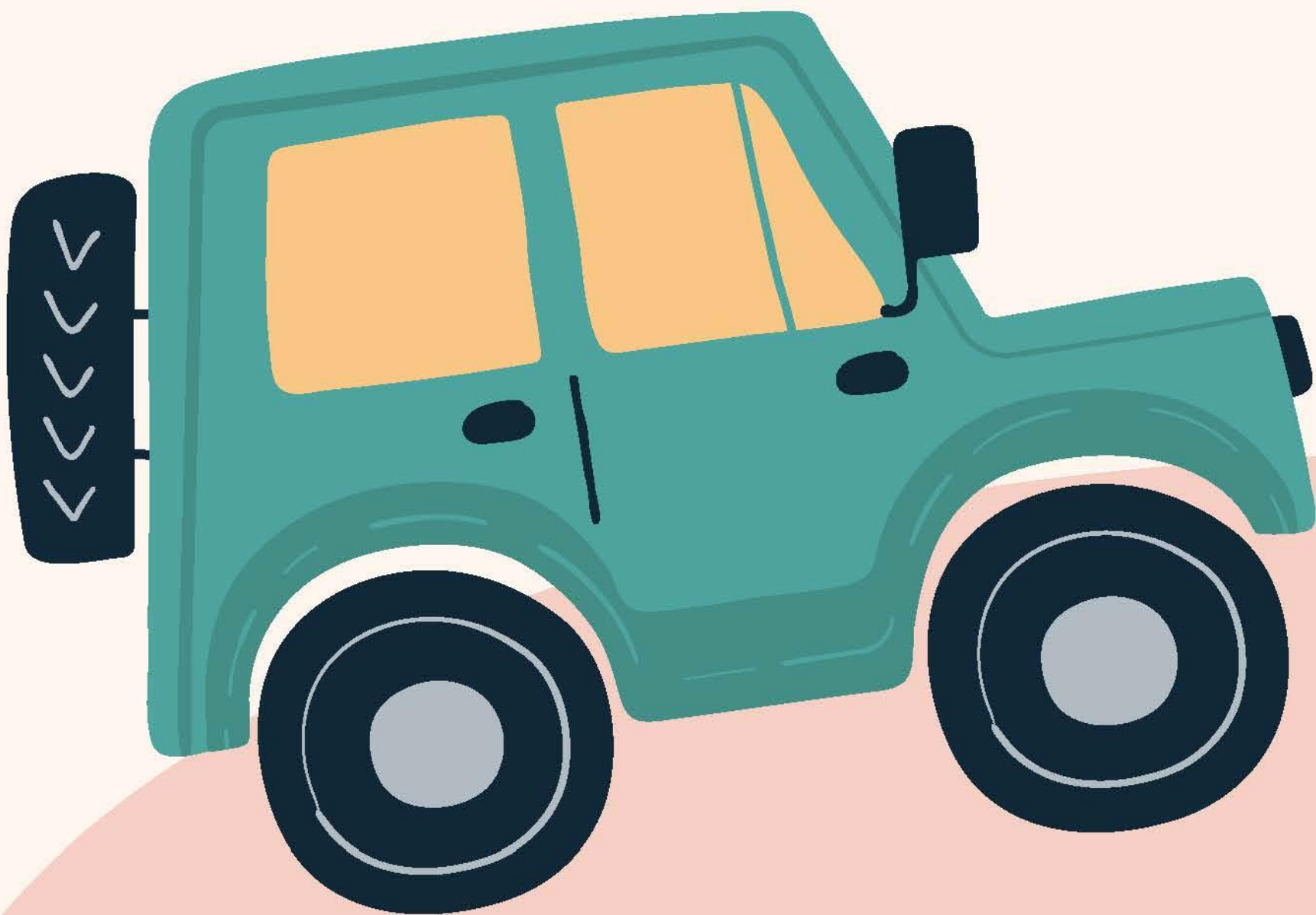
The Lincoln memorial



FEEDBACK FROM STUDENTS



THANK YOU



NEW BUSINESS

E. Presentation: Studio 205 - Class of Cosmetology & Barber School Students - Mr. Fickes

NEW BUSINESS

F. Recommended Approval: Edmentum Renewal Contract - Mr. Fickes

NEW BUSINESS

G. Recommended Approval: Go Guardian's Pear Deck Renewal Contract - Mr. Fickes

NEW BUSINESS

H. Recommended Approval: Fourth Annual Summer College & Cultural Tour
- Mr. Fickes

NEW BUSINESS

I. Recommended Approval: Summer 2024 Calendar - Mr. Fickes

Summer 2024 Calendar

June 2024						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 No CR Classes
2 No CR Classes	3 Credit Recovery ESY B&C MI BC CA	4 Credit Recovery ESY B&C MI BC CA	5 Credit Recovery ESY B&C MI BC CA	6 Credit Recovery ESY B&C MI BC CA	7 No CR Classes	8 No CR Classes
9 No CR Classes	10 Credit Recovery ESY B&C MI BC CA	11 Credit Recovery ESY MI BC CA	12 Credit Recovery ESY B&C MI BC CA	13 Credit Recovery ESY B&C MI BC CA	14 No CR Classes	15 No CR Classes
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*Indicates the need for transportation.

Credit Recovery (Virtual) – Daily: 9:00 am – 12:00 pm (800-1500 students)- Fortier

*ESY – (TT Classrooms) 8:00 am – 1:00 pm (100-120 students) - Porter

*Civil Air Patrol – (Coming Soon) 2:00 pm – 6:00 pm - Curtis

*Green Generation/CEDA – (CEDA), 7:45 am – 3:00 pm (15-20) - Ratliff

*Band Camp (BC) (TT Band Rooms) – 8:00 am to 1:00 pm (40-45) – Bilotto

*Peace Center Camp (PC) – 9:00 am – 1:00 pm (M-H) and 9:00 am-2:00 pm (F) (40) – Cox-Bey

*Barber & Cosmetology (B&C) (TR Classrooms) 8:00 am – 1:00 pm– Rouse

* Drivers Ed (DE) (TT PE) – Yiakos

*Incoming Freshman Math I (MI) (TT Classrooms) – Christian, Liaskos, Mosley-Raggs

NFTE (TT Classrooms) – Liaskos (D. Gray), 8 am – 1:00 pm (transportation provided by NFTE)

Summer 2024 Calendar

July 2024						
30 No CR Classes	1 No CR Classes ESY No B&C MI	2 No CR Classes ESY No B&C MI	3 No CR Classes ESY No B&C MI	4 Holiday No Classes or Programs	5 No CR Classes	6 No CR Classes
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NEW BUSINESS

J. Recommended Approval: D205 Foreign Language European Tour, Overnight and Out of the Country Trip, June 10-19, 2024 - Mr. Whitaker

NEW BUSINESS

K. Recommended Approval: Ghana Field Trip, Projected June 21–29, 2024 - Mr. Fickes

NEW BUSINESS

L. Recommended Approval: Thornwood Culinary Field Trip to Italy, April 17-26, 2025
- Mr. Holmes

NEW BUSINESS

M. Recommended Approval: Thornwood Fashion Department Field Trip to Paris,
April 17-26, 2025 - Mr. Holmes

NEW BUSINESS

N. Recommended Approval: District-Wide Roofing Repairs - Mr. Horton

NEW BUSINESS

O. Recommended Approval: PRESS Plus Policy Update 113 - Dr. Doss

- i) DRAFT UPDATE- 2:20, Powers and Duties of the School Board; Indemnification; 2:120, Board Member Development; 2:200, Types of School Board Meetings; 2:220, School Board Meeting Procedure; 4:10, Fiscal and Business Management; 4:30 Revenue and Investments; 4:60, Purchases and Contracts; 4:130, Free and Reduced-Price Food Services; 4:160, Environmental Quality of Buildings and Grounds; 5:30, Hiring Process and Criteria; 5:200, Terms and Conditions of Employment and Dismissal; 5:210, Resignations; 5:220, Substitute Teachers; 5:250, Leaves of Absence; 5:330, Sick Days, Vacation, Holidays, and Leaves; 6:15, School Accountability; 6:50, School Wellness; 6:60, Curriculum Content; 6:230, Library Media Program; 7:60, Residence; 7:270, Administering Medicines to Students
- ii) REVIEW AND MONITORING- 2:110, Qualifications, Term, and Duties of Board Officers; 3:50, Administrative Personnel Other than the Superintendent; 4:90, Student Activity and Fiduciary Funds; 4:170, Safety; 5:50, Drug- and Alcohol-Free Workplace; E-Cigarette, Tobacco, and Cannabis Prohibition; 5:90, Abused and Neglected Child Reporting; 5:120, Employee Ethics; Code of Professional Conduct; and Conflict of Interest; 5:150, Personnel Records; 5:190, Teacher Qualifications; 6:20, School Year Calendar and Day; 6:30, Organization of Instruction; 6:65, Student Social and Emotional Development; 6:270, Guidance and Counseling Program; 6:280, Grading and Promotion; 7:50, School Admissions and Student Transfers To and From Non-District Schools; 7:70, Attendance and Truancy; 7:160, Student Appearance; 7:165, School Uniforms; 7:190, Student Behavior; 7:250, Student Support Services; 7:285, Anaphylaxis Preventions, Response, and Management Program; 7:290, Suicide and Depression Awareness and Prevention; 7:345, Use of Educational Technologies; Student Data Privacy and Security; 8:30, Visitors to and Conduct on School Property

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- Motion to enter into Closed Session, pursuant to 2(c) of the Open Meetings Act to consider the following:
 - The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees;
 - Student discipline;
 - Individual Student Issues;
 - Collective negotiating matters; and
 - Pending, probable or imminent litigation

RECONVENE OPEN SESSION

A. Possible Approval of Settlement Agreement with Parent of Student

ADJOURNMENT

Next Regular Meeting

June 12, 2024

THORNWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

District 205 Vision: Building an exemplary high-quality organization that produces major gains in student achievement and prepares all students to be productive citizens in a global society.

District 205 Mission: To develop productive citizens who are enrolled, enlisted or employed at the completion of high school.

District 205 Core Values: Empathy, Trust, Pride, Responsiveness, High Expectations with High Support Integrity, Commitment to Excellence, Innovation, and Collaboration