



THORNTON TOWNSHIP  
HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 205

# BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

**May 10, 2023**

Serving All or Portions of the Following Communities:

Hazel Crest \* Lansing \* Markham \* Phoenix \* Blue Island \* Burnham \* Calumet City \*  
\* Posen \* Riverdale \* South Holland \* Thornton \* Dixmoor \* Dolton \* East Hazel Crest \* Harvey

# **OPEN SESSION**

C A L L   T O   O R D E R

Tonight's meeting is being streamed live via videoconferencing on Microsoft Teams and is video recorded. The Board President declares that an in-person meeting is not practical or prudent because of the current Disaster Proclamation issued by the Governor. Physical presence for the entire Board of Education and community is not feasible due to the disaster.

# **ROLL CALL**

# **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**





# COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

- 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 Minutes:** Regular Meeting dated April 12, 2023
- B. Approval of District 205 Bills:** Dated April 13, 2023, through May 10, 2023
- C. Personnel:** Approval of Resignations, Leave of Absence, New Hires & Terminations dated May 10, 2023
- D. Ratification(s):**
  - i. Approval of Thornwood High School Aerial Drone Competition Overnight Fieldtrip, Kettering University, Flint, MI, May 12-14, 2023

# 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.”

The Board will accept comments via email statements to be read at the meeting. Public comments were emailed to [hill.laura@district205.net](mailto:hill.laura@district205.net).





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# COMMUNICATIONS

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MR. FICKES

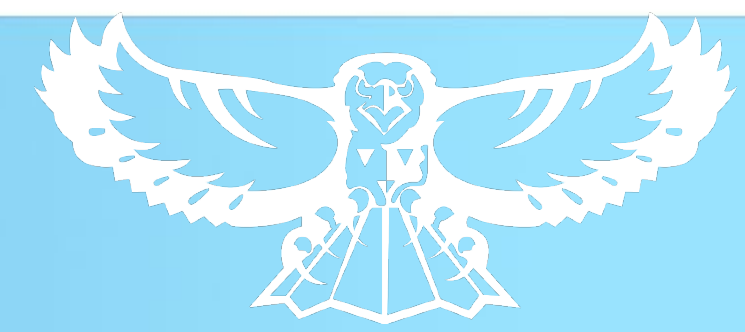


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## Class of **2025** Half-Cap Ceremony



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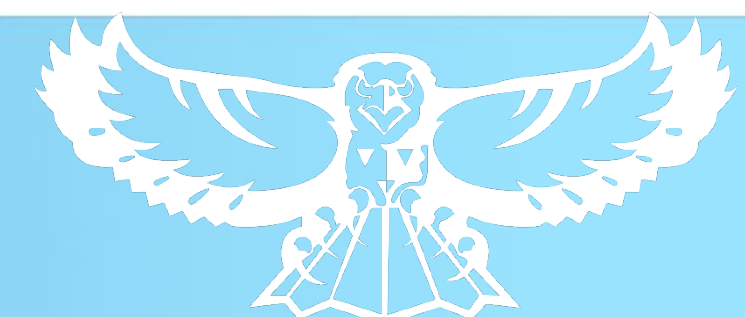


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On May 3, 2023, Thornridge High School held their *annual Half-Cap Ceremony*. This ceremony was an opportunity for TR students, staff, parents, and family to come together and celebrate sophomore students who have successfully completing half of their high school journey.

*\*These sophomores are on track for graduation in 2025!*

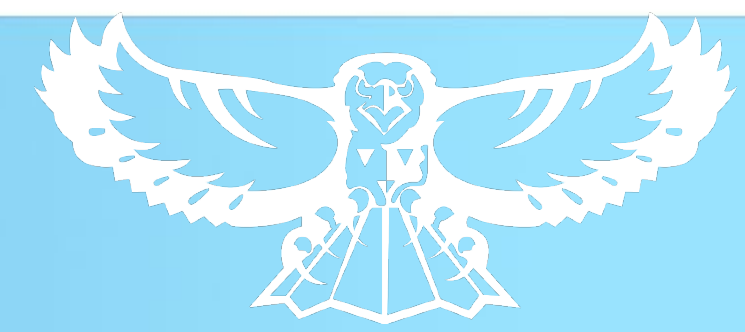




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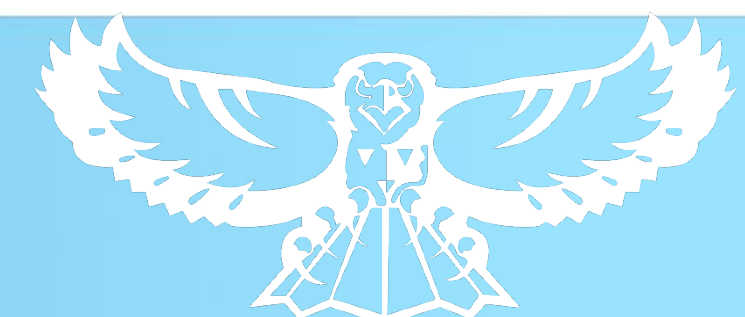
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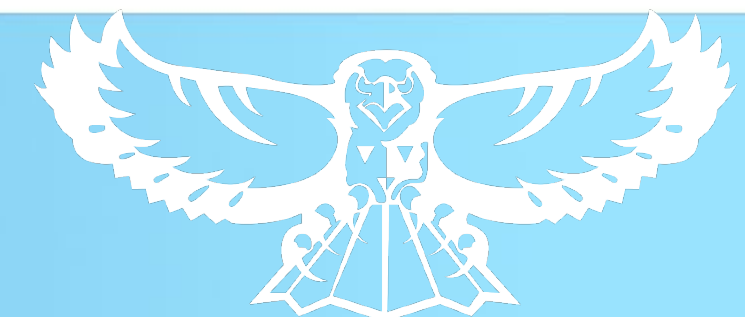
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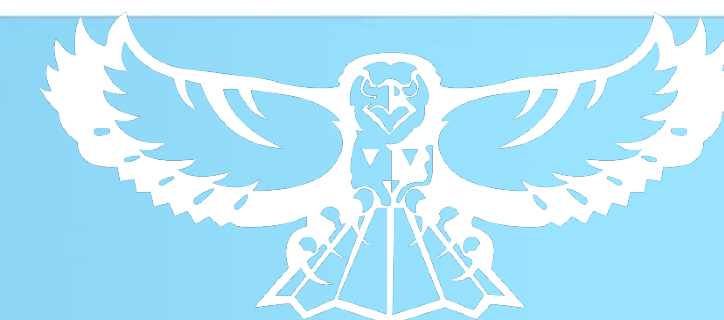
## Congrats



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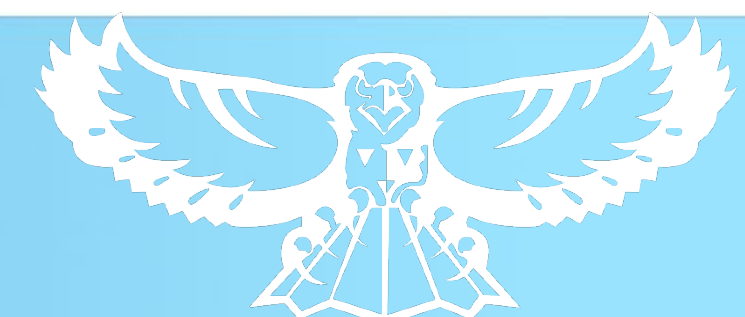


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## State Scholars

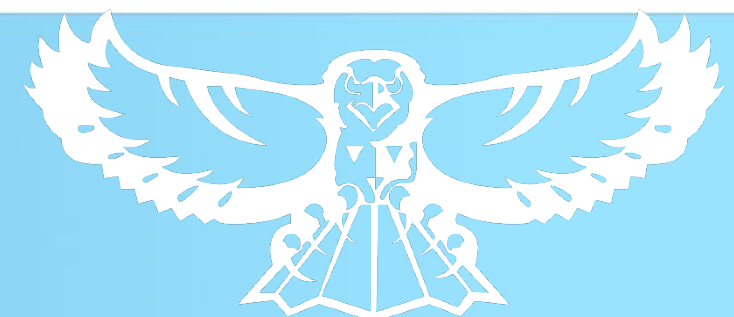
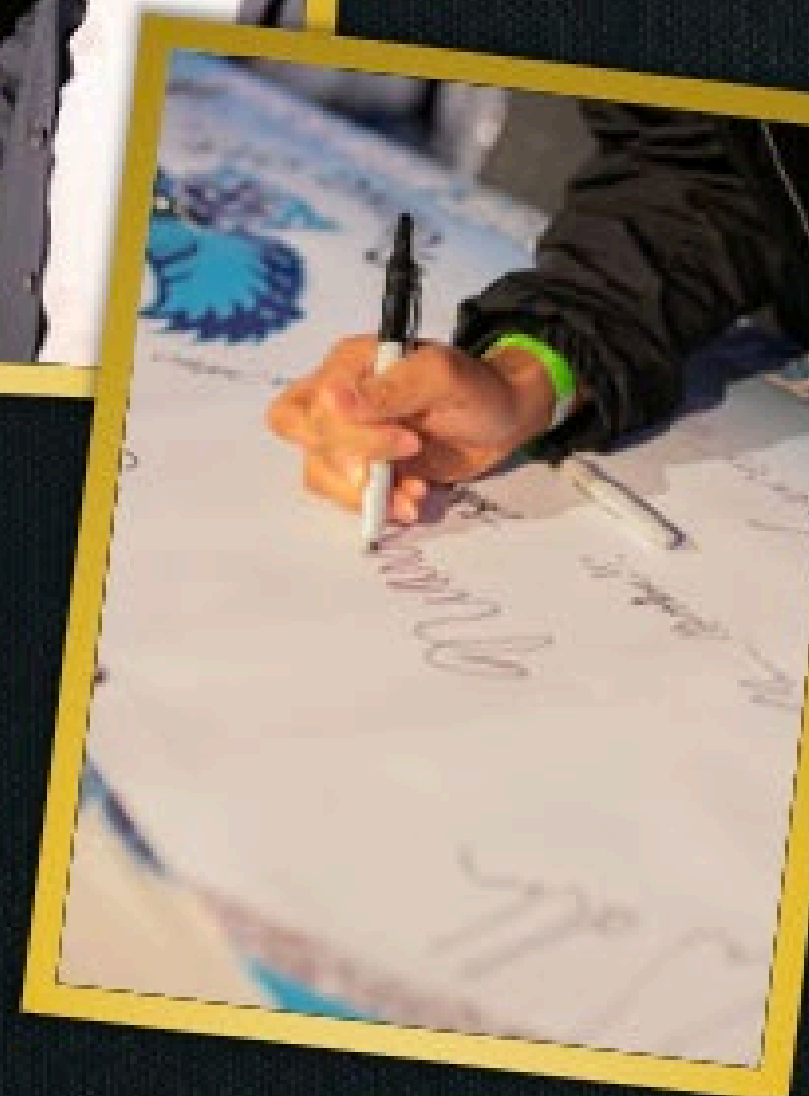


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## Congrats Class of 2023



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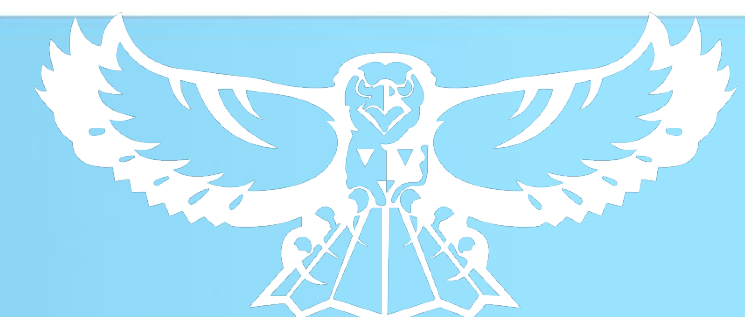
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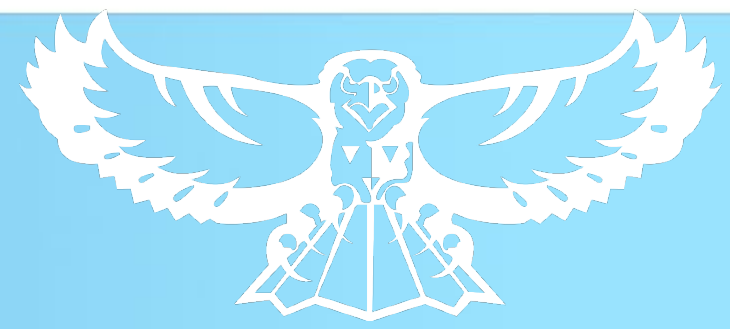


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## C h o i r C o n c e r t



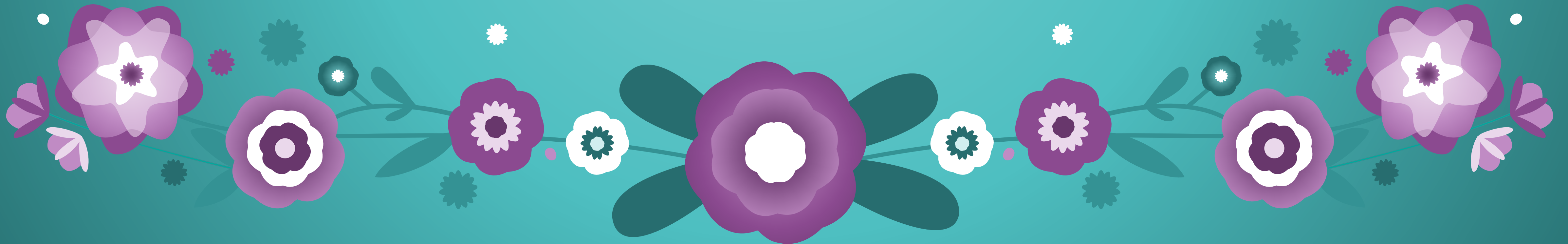
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# Spring AVID Events

Thornridge High School





# AVID at Camp Manitoqua

- All AVID students participated in a day of leadership and teambuilding at Camp Manitoqua in Frankfort, IL.
- Students stepped out of their comfort zones by completing a challenge element including conquering fears on the high ropes course, jumping towards their goals on the Power Pole and Zip Lining towards their future.

## What the students learned from camp:

- "I learned that facing your fears is necessary to move forward in life." - *Teonna Davis, Junior*
- "I learned to step out of my comfort zone and try new things." - *Cayla Robinson, Junior*
- "I learned that with the right mindset, you can do ANYTHING!" - *Jayiona Brown, Sophomore*







Juniors jumping towards  
their goals on the  
POWER POLE



Freshmen and  
Sophomores conquering  
their fears on the HIGH  
ROPES



Seniors zipping towards  
the future on the  
ZIP LINE



# AVID Awards Banquet

- On May 2nd, we hosted our 9th annual AVID Awards Banquet
- We had over 160 students, family members, and staff members in attendance.
- We celebrated our students with awards, enjoyed student speakers, shared dinner, and had a special musical guest appearance from the Bourne's!
- We also awarded two seniors with the coveted AVID scholarship.
- It was a wonderful night commemorating and celebrating our students!



*AVID Juniors  
proudly display  
their awards!*



# 2023 AVID Scholarship Winners:



**Daishonay Watkins**  
*will continue her studies at the  
University of Illinois*



**Zekiah Henderson**  
*will continue her studies at  
Jackson State University*



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## Transition Conference Winners

India Holyfield



(2) 360 Tilt Gift Cards



Johnesha Hunter \$50  
Gift Card

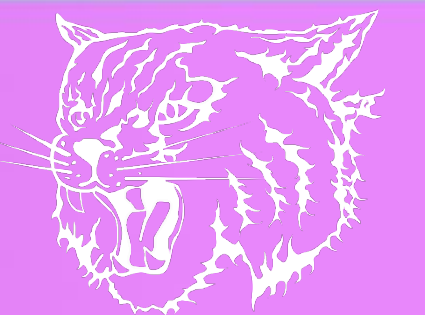
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(2) 360 Tilt Gift Cards



Vanessa Munoz  
LAPTOP





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Transition Conference Winners



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**Immanuel Boyce - IPAD**



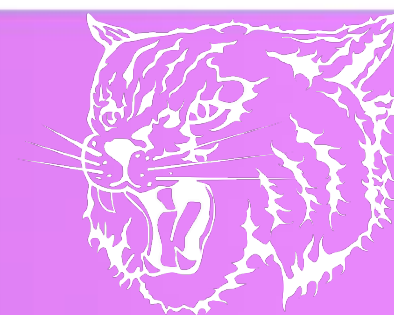
**Tyshaun Evans \$250  
Gift Card**



**Chaniah Fullilove \$500  
Gift Card**



**Alan Reyna \$50  
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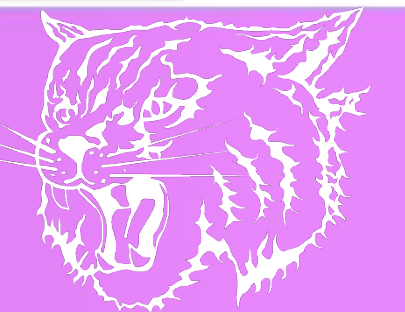


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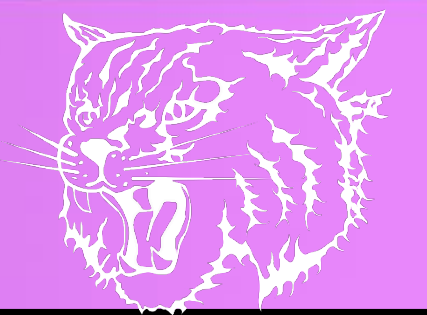
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## ***CONGRATULATIONS!***

Ivan Walker and Malachi Davis advanced to finals. They will represent the entire region on Thursday, May 24, 2023, in downtown Chicago, and then move on to New York this Fall for their business competition.



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## S U M M E R S T E M P R O G R A M

**Margaret Gonzalez** and **Michelle Villalobos** were selected, along with 32 other students across the Nation, to participate in the Joint Science and Technology Institute (JSTI) program June 15-29th. They will be flying to New Mexico and staying at the University of New Mexico to participate with professionals in the fields of STEM. The purpose of the Institute is to inspire and encourage students to pursue careers in **Science, Technology, Engineering** and **Math** fields. **Alaynah Smith** and **Nayan Matcalf** were placed on the waiting list.



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## T H U N D E R B I R D S



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### National Decision Day

326 College Acceptances and Over 7.3 Million in Scholarship Received So Far!



# THORNWOOD

## THUNDERBIRDS



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2023 IBCA  
Coach of the Year!

Mr. Kevin Green  
Head Coach  
Thornwood GBB





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## THUNDERBIRDS



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On Friday, April 28, Ms. Honeycutt, Ms. Brown-Hale, and Ms. Sykes from the English/Reading Division, hosted a lunch for 15 of their students to socialize with students from Ms. Fekete's functional class. Freshman and sophomores who wanted to participate had pizza with Ms. Fekete's students as a thank you for all the hard work they do at Thornwood. Two of the young men who participated are on Student Board, Titus Eagles and Devin Craig. It was incredibly heartwarming to see these young men give of their time in this way.



# **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Presentation: Student Board of Education End of the Year Report – Dr. Doss

# District 205 Student Board of Education Year End Report

Presented by  
Former President  
Eghosa Omosigho



## Mission and vision statement

**IT IS THE MISSION OF THE STUDENT BOARD OF EDUCATION TO USE OUR LEADERSHIP POSITIONS TO REPRESENT THE DISTRICT 205 STUDENTS, IMPROVE OUR SCHOOLS, AND GIVE BACK TO THE COMMUNITY. WE WILL DO THIS BY PROVIDING QUALITY PROGRAMS AND ACTING AS A SOUNDING BOARD TO THE SUPERINTENDENT AND BOARD OF EDUCATION.**





# STUDENT BOARD OF EDUCATION LEADERSHIP RETREAT





# SERVICE IN OUR COMMUNITY







**FINANCIAL LITERACY  
TAUGHT BY MR. TORIANO HORTON**

Setting up for the future

## **RESTORATIVE JUSTICE TAUGHT BY MR. ALGENOY ALEXANDER**





# Legacy in our Community



**MEETING WITH DR. JOHN BRADLEY**





# 3 E'S OF SUCCESS COLLEGE & CAREER PANEL

**JANUARY 28, 2023**      **11:00 AM-2:00 PM**      **Thornwood High School**  
17101 South Park Ave,  
South Holland, IL 60473

- College Readiness
- Etiquette
- Financial Literacy
- How to Dress for Various Occasions
- Resume Writing

**Raffles including Mini Refrigerator and College Essentials**      **300 CCP Points Breakfast and Lunch Provided**

**Scan Here to Register**



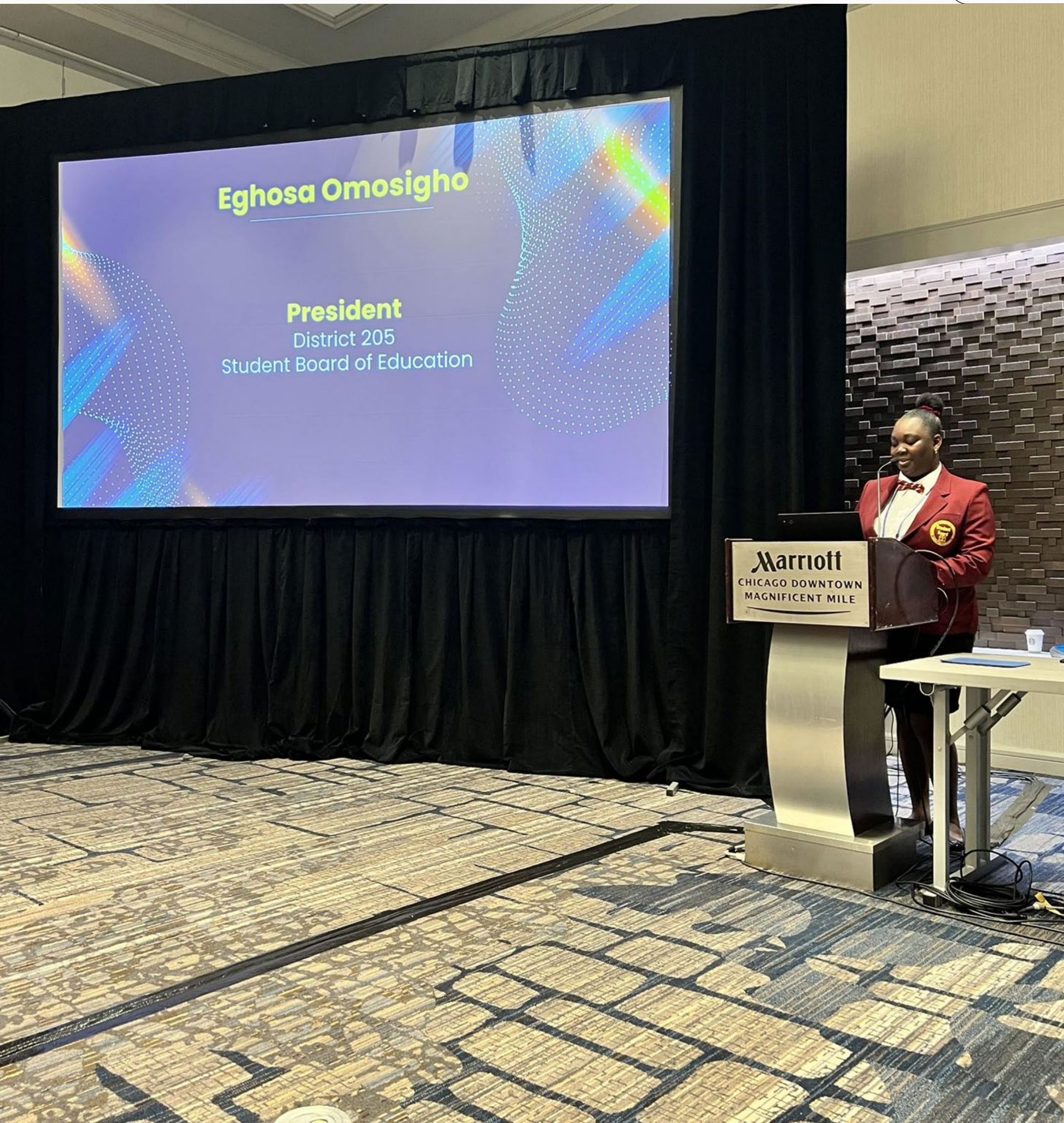


## Preparing District 205 students for life after high School





## Representing the advanced placement students at College board conference







## The beautification of our learning environment





Student Board Members enrolled in a  
four university



University of  
connecticut  
Chemistry



Chicago State University  
Computer Science



**KAMILA SANDOVAL**  
**ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY**  
**ENGLISH EDUCATION**



Student Board Members enrolled in a four university



**SHANIA TURNIPSEED**  
**SAINT LOUIS UNIVERSITY**  
**MEDICAL SCIENCES**



**Jada Lee**  
**Spelman college**  
**architecture**



**Eghosa Onosigbo**  
**Penn state university**  
**Pre-med- Pre Law**





Thank you



# **NEW BUSINESS**

B. Presentation - Ray Price Scholarship – Ms. Mitrovich



# **NEW BUSINESS**

C. Presentation – District 205 Choir – Mr. Fickes



# **NEW BUSINESS**

- D. Recommended Approval of the Ratification of the Intergovernmental Agreement for the Career Development System (CDS) – Dr. Cunningham (Approval needed)



# **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;
  - Collective negotiating matters; and
  - Pending, probable or imminent litigation



# **RECONVENE OPEN SESSION**



# ACTION ITEMS FOLLOWING OPEN SESSION

- A. Motion to Approve Settlement Agreement with Former Teacher
- B. Possible Action Concerning Student Suspension Appeal
- C. Motion to Approve the Board's Semi-Annual Review of unreleased closed meeting minutes for public inspection. The need for confidentiality still exists as to all remaining closed meeting minutes to protect an individual's privacy or the District's interests. The closed meeting minutes, or portions thereof, from the following dates require confidential treatment.

November 9, 2022

December 14, 2022

January 11, 2023

March 8, 2023

March 15, 2023

March 22, 2023



# **ADJOURNMENT**

## **Next Regular Meeting June 10, 2023 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