

The Phoenixes' Call

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Announcements

- Be sure and clean up any mess (trash, push chairs under, etc.). If you notice an area in need of attention – please let someone know.

- All students will be receiving a Montgomery County Early College lanyard. This lanyard is to show you are an MCEC student and belong on MCC's campus. Please keep it with you (attach it to your bookbag, laptop case, etc.) and be able to show it if someone asks. If you notice someone on campus that does not belong, please let someone know.

- Phoenix Ambassadors –Montgomery County Early College is seeking students interested in serving as Phoenix Ambassadors. Phoenix Ambassadors must be in good academic standing, have strong school spirit, and be interested in sharing their Early College experience with others. Ambassadors will serve to support MCEC at various functions including greeting campus visitors, conducting campus tours, and assisting with student recruitment. If you are interested in being considered as a Phoenix Ambassador, please submit a Letter of Interest (at least a paragraph) via email to Dr. Seawell by Friday, September 10. The letter should describe why you would like to be an ambassador and/or why you would be a good representative of MCEC. (Current Ambassadors do not have to submit another letter.) Please see Dr. Seawell if you have any questions.

- Please remember to wear your mask properly and wash your hands regularly. Students are reminded to eat lunch outside whenever possible and put your mask back on after eating.

Lunchtime Reminders:

- Eat in the same location with the same people daily. Eat lunch outside whenever possible.

- Sign-In to inside eating locations daily.

- After eating/drinking, please put your mask back on as soon as possible.

- No eating or drinking in the hallway - masks on properly in the hallway always. The only exception: if eating and drinking at tables in the hallway, students must be seated 6 ft from another person. No more than two people at a table.

The "Dad-abase"

By: Mr. Kirk C. Watts, Esq.

The difference between a numerator and a denominator is a short line. Only a fraction of people will understand this!

National Suicide Prevention Week

By: Connor Poole

People have become increasingly more comfortable talking about their mental health, particularly with the ongoing pandemic. However, the topic of suicide – when it comes up – is still frightening for many people to think about.

Some are afraid that by asking someone if they're having thoughts of suicide, it will put the concept in their head, or push them to take their own lives. (Which research shows is not true.) Some are worried that they won't know what to do, or how to help, if the person tells them, "Yes – I am thinking about suicide."

It's only by learning more about what leads someone to suicide, the ways we can help to prevent it, and what resources are available – as well as not being afraid to ask when we're concerned about someone, or for help when we need it ourselves – that we can lead our communities to address this leading cause of death.

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline: 1-800-273-8255

Calendar

Sunday, September 5-

Saturday, September 11

National Suicide Prevention Week

Monday, September 6th

Labor Day Holiday

Friday, September 10th

Freshman SGA Elections

Sunday, September 15th

Hispanic Heritage Month Begins

Monday, September 20th

End of 1st Six Weeks

Monday, September 27th

Freshman/Sophomore Conferences Begin

Tuesday, September 28th

Junior/Senior Conferences

3:00pm-6:00pm

ZOO-WEE-MAMA: A Rowley Jefferson Anthology

By: Makayla Boone



Thank you for reading The Phoenixes' Call! This publication was created completely by Montgomery County Early College students. We write, edit, and publish this work on our own. We are using this publication to showcase all of the wonderful students of MCEC and to show the community what it means to be a Phoenix. We apologize for any typographical errors or misspellings. Please see Ms. Heather Dunlap or Connor Poole if you have an idea for a new story or if you would like to be involved.

Attention Seniors:

- As you being to complete college applications and the Common App, please make sure you do the following:
1. As you ask for recommendations: please do not choose Mrs. New to be one of them; she must do school counselor recommendations for all seniors automatically—we want as many people as possible letting colleges know about your accomplishments.
 2. For the school counselor recommendation, please email Mrs. New a copy of your college resume or list of accomplishments, clubs, etc. that you would like her to focus on. Include service both in school and out as well on the list.
 3. Financial Aid applications can be started on October 1st. Complete getting a FSA ID for you and one parent NOW, so you will be ready.

(website: <https://fsaid.ed.gov/>)
 4. RDS is good for 15 months, so keep in mind colleges may ask you to do it again as you enter school. Please email Ms. New with any questions and it is always a great idea to have one of your English teachers review applications prior to submission.

Fall Athletes

Tennis

Lulea Adams
Stephany Jimenez Perez
Abigail Salazar Santander
Olivia Thomas
Kaitlynn Burr
Jaycie Beth Parsons

Varsity Football

Coleman Burris
Ethan Davis
Zachary Lucas
Luke Epps
David Pope

Cheerleading

Darby Massey
Lexi Parker
Jessica Salazar
Haeley Davis
Brionna Saunders
Breanna Smith
Abigail Stidham

Varsity Soccer

Angelico Lara Rodriguez
Brayden Perez
Fernando Ramirez

JV Football

Shun Chambers
Luke Epps
David Pope
Amari Pemberton
Zaitwan Price

Varsity Volleyball

Juliana Inman
Devin Scheer
Olivia Davis
Faethe Davis
Aubree Epps
Reagan Hunsucker
Morgan Maness

JV Soccer

Fernando Ramirez
Abel Reza
Eduardo Vargas

JV Volleyball

Taylor Scheer
Lillian Wood
Savannah Gooch
Victoria Ingram
Maycie Singleton

Humans of MCEC

“Humans of MCEC” is a project that came to life through MCEC’s Journalism class in the spring semester of the 2019-2020 school year. This project spotlights MCEC students by sharing their stories and the impacts they have on the Phoenix Family.



Phoenix Spotlight: Jamira-Shanay Jackson

By: Gaochia Amandy Lee

At MCEC, our student body is bursting with diversity, but as the only female on the county’s high school wrestling team, Jamira-Shanay Jackson is one of the most distinctive individuals here. In addition to being a female wrestler, Jamira also plays on the ladies soccer team and is a member of the Golden Regiment Marching Band. Recently, I spoke to her about her experience as a Phoenix and what characteristics she believes make her a unique student. Developing a passion for wrestling, soccer, and band early on, she says she plans to break limits and continue pursuing a variety of interests. “I think the happiest moment in my life was when I won second place at the Holy Angels tournament and the state tournament for the all-girls division in wrestling.” When asked to share a message about female wrestling she said, “I would encourage other girls to wrestle and expand their views on different topics. Wrestling is usually generalized as a male sport and I wanted to break that stereotype initially, but as I wrestled, I learned that I really liked the sport. I know a bunch of other female wrestlers that would also say they genuinely enjoy the sport.”

In addition to participating in several extracurricular activities, Jamira attends MCEC as a Senior. “I like it here because I feel like I can accomplish and learn more. Coming to the early college also helps me be more responsible as a student too, and I really like that the teachers help the students make sure they get their work done.” Surrounded by her close friends most of the time, she says they always laugh and have a good time together. Although she can also be somewhat reserved around others, she isn’t shy at all around her friends. “Once you get to know me better, I become really outgoing and goofy.”

All in all, Jamira possesses several characteristics, such as a passion for wrestling and a love for laughter, that make up her personality as well as define who she is now as a part of our Phoenix Family at MCEC. We are so fortunate for her presence on our campus and the impact she has on our school.

Profiles in Nature:

The Maned Wolf

By: Mauricio Aguilar

The maned wolf is an animal that resides in Central South America, and they are an animal within the dog family that looks rather peculiar. Its head almost resembles a fox, and they are around 30 inches tall at the shoulder and they can be 50 pounds. The maned wolf like to be alone, and they try to avoid human contact. Their diet consists of small animals, insects, and plant material. They may try to attack sheep on occasion as well.

The way these animals hunt is by rotating their ears to listen for the small animals in the tall grass. They use their long legs to pounce on these animals as well. The maned wolf may also use their front paws to stomp on the ground if an animal is under the ground so that they can flush them out.



<https://www.britannica.com/animal/maned-wolf>

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“We can all help prevent suicide. The Lifeline provides 24/7, free and confidential support for people in distress, prevention and crisis resources for you or your loved ones, and best practices for professionals.”

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