

The Phoenixes' Call

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Black History Month: Bayard Rustin

By: Connor Poole



Bayard Rustin (March 17, 1912 – August 24, 1987) was an African American leader in social movements for civil rights, nonviolence, and gay rights.

Rustin worked with A. Philip Randolph on the March on Washington Movement to press for an end to racial discrimination in employment. Rustin later organized Freedom Rides and helped to organize the Southern Christian Leadership Conference to strengthen Martin Luther King Jr.'s leadership and teaching about nonviolence. He later served as an organizer for the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom. Before the Montgomery Bus Boycott, he helped organize a group, called "In Friendship," amongst Ella Baker, George Lawrence, and Stanley Levison of the American Jewish Congress. "In Friendship" provided material and legal assistance to those being evicted from tenant farms and households. Rustin became the head of the AFL-CIO's A. Philip Randolph Institute, which promoted the integration of formerly all-white unions and promoted the unionization of African Americans.

Rustin was a gay man and due to criticism over his sexuality, he usually acted as an influential adviser behind the scenes for civil-rights leaders. In the 1980s, he became a public advocate on behalf of gay causes, speaking at events as an activist and supporter of human rights.

During the 1970s and 1980s, Rustin served on many humanitarian missions, such as aiding refugees from Vietnam and Cambodia. At the time of his death in 1987, he was on a humanitarian mission in Haiti.

On November 20, 2013, President Barack Obama posthumously awarded Rustin the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

The Dad-abase: Fatherly Witticism

By: Mr. Kirk C. Watts Esq.

If you see a robbery at an Apple Store does that make you an iWitness?!

Announcements

- Happy Black History Month – MCEC is proud to join our nation in honoring Black History Month. This is an annual celebration of achievements by black Americans and a time for recognizing the central role of African Americans in the story of the United States of America. Each day during the month of February MCEC will share a fact about a notable person of African descent who contributed to society. Their contributions impact your daily lives! Please email Dr. Seawell if you would like to share information about a particular person to be recognized in the daily announcements.
- MCEC is seeking nominations for an honoree to receive the Phoenix in Flight Award. This annual recognition was started by MCEC students in 2019. Do you know someone who has been an advocate for the African American community in Montgomery County? Honor them for their contributions to the African American community and Montgomery County as a whole by submitting a nomination. Nominations are due by February 25, 2022.
- All Juniors will take the ACT on March 1.
- Seniors – Please see Mrs. New to complete your MCC Graduation application – Due by Feb. 23. (Check your email for more information).
- SENIORS – The Friends in Focus Scholarship is seeking applicants. Please check your email for more information. Applications are due by May 6.





Bryston’s Consumer Review:

TGI Friday’s Cheddar & Bacon Potato Skins Style Snack Crisps (Naturally and Artificially Flavored)

By: Bryston Auman



TGI Friday’s makes the perfect snack when you crave a thick hearty bite and big flavor! This unique snack crisps deliver a savory bacon flavor with a bold cheddar cheese finish to satisfy those hunger need.

“It puts South in your mouth!” – Mauricio Aguilar
“Mesmerizing.” – Sergio Jimenez
“Inconceivable!” – Connor Poole

IN A VENDING MACHINE NEAR YOU!

Profiles In Nature: Toucan

By Mauricio Aguilar



Toucans are a bird native to the rain forests of South America. These birds can weigh up to two pounds and are twenty-five inches long. They are omnivores, so they eat fruit (loops), berries, lizards, small rodents, and small birds.

Their bills are used in courtship, and both genders of these birds have very colorful bills. Their bills are seven and a half inches long. Their bills may fend off predators due to the size. They may also use their bills to crack nuts.



MCEC Celebrates Twin Day

On February 16th of each school year MCEC celebrates twin day. During our first year, we had two sets of twin who shared this day as their birthday. We continue to celebrate twins on this day as a Phoenix Family Tradition.



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.