



THE PHOENIXES' CALL

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Calendar

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6

MCC FAFSA VIRTUAL EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11

HOLIDAY: VETERANS DAY-
NO SCHOOL

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16 –
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20

AMERICAN EDUCATION
WEEK

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25
NO SCHOOL

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26 –
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27

HOLIDAY: THANKSGIVING-
NO SCHOOL

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30

Academic Awards

Written by: Janet Hernandez Vargas

On October 22, we were able to view our "Not So Typical Academic Awards Ceremony." We hold this special event in the first week of school, but due to remote learning because of the pandemic, this year the ceremony was viewed virtually. We would like to give a special thanks to those Phoenixes (Jezzlyn Hart, Bailey Crump, and Hannah Shepherd) who helped put the PowerPoints together that were displayed. We would also like to give a special thanks to Mrs. Daywalt for sharing her enthusiasm through her recording. During the traditional ceremonies students play games and have fun, but this year our teachers had the opportunity to play those games and represent their homeroom to try to win Phoenix feathers. Congrats to all those Phoenix students who received awards! Keep up the good work Phoenixes!

Pie Eating Contest:



Egg Toss:



Long Division Competition:



Cookie Face Off:



Junk in the Trunk:



Mustache Day



Free Fact:

By: Mauricio Aguilar

Wolves can survive more than a week without eating.

<https://www.nationalgeographic.com/animals/facts-pictures>

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 Mrs. Heather Beane if you have an idea for a new story or if you would like to be involved.

Humans of MCEC



Aja Goode

Written by: Shanti Singthong

Montgomery County Early College (MCEC) was established in 2017; at the time of opening, the school had only two grade levels and less than ten staff members. As someone who has been a Phoenix since the very beginning, I understood why I chose the early college and what it meant to me. I always pondered what MCEC meant to others; when the opportunity came to interview a classmate, I gladly accepted.

Under rather odd circumstances, Aja Goode was interviewed digitally, so detailing her expressions were difficult. However, I knew that her answers were truthful. She stated, "I applied for MCEC because it was a great opportunity for me to get my college degree early. As an individual in a family that doesn't really have a history of going to college, it is a great opportunity for me to be one of the first in my family to get a college degree and graduate from a university. While here, I have gained an understanding of how college classes operate and that succeeding in college is different than succeeding in high school [meaning that you have to put in more work to get the grade that you want in college than in high school]."

As a member of the Phoenix Family, Goode is a part of Phoenix F.I.R.E, Rotary/Interact Club, Prom Committee, BETA Club, Phoenix Ambassadors, and The Odyssey Yearbook Staff. Goode states that "clubs are beneficial to me because they provide me an opportunity to build leadership skills and allow me to work with fellow peers. Since clubs are closely related to students and advisors, I feel like I can create a relationship with others. I also believe that clubs are fun to participate in and plus clubs will give me an extra boost when I apply to colleges."

With the high academic standards that MCEC has set, Goode finds things challenging. She mentions, "the amount of work that I have to complete is probably one of the hardest things that takes place at our school. I am able to deal with the workload by working with my friends and working with teachers. Other than the workload, most things at MCEC are tolerable to me. I know that the workload at MCEC will benefit me in the future at a university, so I know that it is worth it, even if it feels excessive at times."

Goode is not only passionate about striving to meet the high academic standards set at the early college; during her free time, she says "I spend my free time watching YouTube videos on hair care, music, makeup, movie reviews, and video games. I also watch Netflix and spend time with my friends."

Goode has been at MCEC since the beginning, and it was a joy to share experiences and thoughts with one another. Goode and I have been friends since elementary school and many of her thoughts were new ideas that we have never discussed before this interview. After concluding this interview, I could not help but feel a bit closer to her and feel that our bond has strengthened.



National Prematurity Awareness Day

Written by: Shanti Singthong



November 17th is National Prematurity Awareness Day, though the entirety of November is viewed as National Prematurity Month. There isn't a direct cause of premature births, also meaning that there isn't a clearly stated way to prevent premature births. However, people during pregnancy need to maintain a healthy lifestyle to ensure a healthy baby. Children who are born prematurely often miss vital growth and development in the latter part of gestation. Premature births are among the highest causes of death within infants. With today's technology and medicine, children that are born prematurely survive, growing and developing similarly alongside other children their age. Being born prematurely doesn't make someone abnormal; it just makes someone a little more special.

<https://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2016/s1103-prematurity-awareness.html>



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National Epilepsy Awareness Month

Written by: Hannah Shepherd



November is National Epilepsy Awareness Month. According to the CDC, around 3.4 million people in America suffer from epilepsy. It affects the central nervous system (the brain and spinal cord), resulting in seizures when chemical signals from the brain misfire. You can develop epilepsy at any point of your life, and it is usually unknown why epilepsy begins in a patient.

If you encounter someone having a seizure, do NOT try to restrain the person. Instead, help them lay flat on their side, remove anything that could become tight around their neck, don't leave them alone, and be sure to call 911 if the need arises!

<https://www.cdc.gov/epilepsy/about/fast-facts.htm>
<https://www.childrensmn.org/2019/11/25/national-epilepsy-awareness-month-know-seizures/>