



THE PHOENIXES' CALL

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Calendar

SEPTEMBER 2

JOSTENS WILL BE ON CAMPUS FROM
10:00 AM – 1:00 PM FOR CLASS RING AND
CAP & GOWN ORDERS
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SEPTEMBER 7

LABOR DAY HOLIDAY
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SEPTEMBER 25

SENIOR PICTURE MAKE-UPS BEGINNING
AT 9:30 AM

WELCOME!

Welcome back to school Phoenixes! Although this is not how we wanted to begin the 2020-2021 school year, we will be sure to make the most out of what we can. We are really excited for this year, as this is the first year with Super Seniors! We are also excited for our second graduating class of Montgomery County Early College! An exciting year awaits!

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: Aubrey Sedberry, Class of 2021

Written by: Koby Sedberry

Aubrey Sedberry is not one to back down from a challenge. This is evident in her outlook on education, interaction, and modern society. Throughout my time speaking with her, I gained a better understanding of what motivates her and how this is related to her future aspirations. This article is a peek into her bombastic personality and sparkling view of the world.

One of Aubrey’s main motivations is the desire to be successful in life while spending time with family. She feels this is more difficult than ever in modern society. This is challenging because living comfortably now requires extensive education and a well-paying job. So, she is preparing early by earning an associate degree and studying hard at the early college. She detailed that the experience earned by balancing classes with a part-time job is challenging but will be rewarding beyond measure.

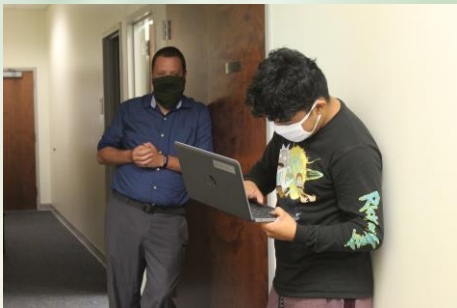
While Aubrey has many strengths, she also shared her weaknesses. Mainly, these are related to finding herself in the face of peer pressure. This is often a difficulty in every teenager’s life, and she is no exception. However, she believes that attending the Montgomery County Early College allowed her to flesh out her personality in ways that she would have been unable to at any other school. She stated that the community here does not pressure you to fit in, and it even exposes you to a wide array of opinions. Furthermore, she is instilled with confidence by the peers and teachers at our school.

I hope this interview has shed light on who Aubrey is and how her personhood is related to the early college. She is only continuing to discover more about herself and enjoys being stimulated and challenged by new ideas. Hopefully, she will be able to transfer this to the future and obtain her dreams despite the trials in the world.

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.

Announcements:

- ❖ ALL STUDENTS: If you need assistance in printing course notes, email Mrs. Hare (kymberlie.hare@montgomery.k12.nc.us)
- ❖ ALL STUDENTS: To be counted present, students must communicate with their instructors by 1:00 PM. This includes Seminar.
- ❖ ALL STUDENTS: Yearbooks are in! Make sure to stop by MCEC to pick up your copy if you have ordered one! Contact Ms. Beane with any questions.
- ❖ ALL STUDENTS: MCC Classes started on Wednesday, August 19. Email Mrs. New if you have any questions (julie.new@montgomery.k12.nc.us).
- ❖ FRESHMEN: Mr. Rushing is updating his Canvas course. Make sure to check Canvas throughout the day and email him if you have any concerns (caleb.rushing@montgomery.k12.nc.us).
- ❖ ALL STUDENTS: If you have any trouble with your laptop, call MCEC using the number, 910-898-9690.



COVID Reminders:

- ❖ Wear a mask when going out in public areas. Make sure the mask covers both your nose and mouth.
- ❖ When you are out in public, stand six feet apart from others and avoid close contact with others.
- ❖ Wash your hands! It is recommended that you wash your hands for 20 seconds with warm water and soap. Hand sanitizer is also an option, but hand washing should always be the first option.
- ❖ Do not go out in public if you have any of the following symptoms:
 - Congestion or runny nose
 - Headache
 - Sore throat
 - Nausea or vomiting
 - Cough
 - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
 - New loss of taste or smell
 - Diarrhea
 - Fever or chills
 - Muscle pain
 - Fatigue
- ❖ If you have been in contact with someone with confirmed COVID-19 or presumed COVID-19, stay home for at least two weeks! Don't risk spreading it to others, let's all do our part so that we will be able to combat this virus!

STAY SAFE!

"No matter what happens in life, be good to people. Being good to people is a wonderful legacy to leave behind."
— Taylor Swift

Study Tips

School has started again, and in many ways it is unlike any school we have ever experienced. Because of this, getting in the groove of schoolwork again may be difficult for us all. If this is the case for you, use some of these tips to help make it easier!

- ❖ Make a schedule for yourself! Make time slots for each of your classes, you can follow the one we already use.
- ❖ Stay away from devices! To focus on your work, turn your phone, TV, etc. off and move away from them.
- ❖ Don't Panic! If you find yourself worried about the workload, reach out to your teachers! They understand how stressful all of this is and will help you any way they can.

Free Fact:

The Saltwater crocodile has a length of 17-23 feet which is the same length as a great white shark.

Source: <https://www.nationalgeographic.com/animals/reptiles/s/saltwater-crocodile/>

NEED A LAUGH?

Q: How much room does fungus need to grow?
A: As mushroom as possible!

Q: What do you call a bee that can't make up its mind?
A: A may-bee!

Q: Why do grizzlies hate comedians?
A: They can't bear the puns!

MCEC CLUBS

Students, don't forget to take a look at the clubs options at MCEC. Being involved is a great way to grow your life-skills and network. Also, being a part of clubs helps to make our school community more inclusive. If you have questions about any specific clubs, check out the Club Showcase in your daily announcements or reach out the advisers listed below.

Phoenix Ambassadors:

Dr. Seawell →heather.seawell@montgomery.k12.nc.us

Student Government Association (SGA):

Ms. Beane →heather.beane@montgomery.k12.nc.us

Save Our World (SOW) Club:

Mrs. Martin →cindy.martin@montgomery.k12.nc.us

The Organization of Latin American Students (OLAS):

Mrs. Williams →mollie.williams@montgomery.k12.nc.us

Yearbook Club:

Ms. Beane →heather.beane@montgomery.k12.nc.us

Interact Club:

Mr. Rushing →caleb.rushing@montgomery.k12.nc.us

Phoenix FIRE:

Mrs. Pratt →pearle.pratt@montgomery.k12.nc.us

Art Club:

Mrs. Hare →kymberlie.hare@montgomery.k12.nc.us

BETA Club:

Mrs. Daywalt →april.daywalt@montgomery.k12.nc.us

Fishing Club:

Mr. Watts →kirk.watts@montgomery.k12.nc.us