



THE PHOENIXES' CALL

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MAY

2021

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	18 -English II Exam -PLTW Exam -Junior Technology/Textbook/Fees Due	19 -Senior Cap & Gown Pics (1:00 – 5:00 p.m.) -Senior/Super Senior Technology/Textbooks/ Fees Due -Graduation Regalia/Awards Pickup	20 -Math III Exam -Sophomore Technology/Textbooks/ Fees Due	21 -Math I Exam -Freshman Technology/Textbooks/ Fees Due -MCEC Graduation Practice at 3:00 p.m.
24 -Make Up exams -MCEC Graduation Report at 6:00 p.m. Starts at 7:00 p.m.	25 -Make Up Exams -Last Day of School			

Final Goodbye...

Hello Phoenixes! My name is Janet Hernandez Vargas, a senior at MCEC, and I have been editor of the “The Phoenixes’ Call” Newsletter for the last three semesters. Being able to be our school’s newsletter editor for the past two years has been an incredible journey that I will never forget. I would like to give a special thanks to everyone who has contributed to the past newsletters; without you the newsletters would not be complete. It has been a great honor to have been your newsletter’s editor. This is my final goodbye. I wish you all the best of luck in your future endeavors. I hope you all have a fun and safe summer break!

Sincerely, Janet Hernandez Vargas

Congratulations Class of 2021!

Written By: Janet Hernandez Vargas

This is your time to shine, it’s graduation time! We would like to congratulate the second graduating class of Montgomery County Early College. We are proud of what you all have achieved in these past few years during high school. Your legacy will live on at MCEC! We wish you all the best of luck in your future paths, whether that be to continue to study, go into the work force, or join the military. We know you will become successful in what you decide to do. Keep reaching for your goals and continue to succeed. Congratulations! #PhoenixPhenoms

Senior Important Dates

❖ **Friday, May 21st**

- Graduation Practice (3p.m.)
- Senior Social

❖ **Monday, May 24th**

- MCEC Graduation (report at 6p.m. / starts at 7p.m.)

Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders Heritage Month

Written By: Shanti Singthong

May is dedicated to celebrating Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders (AAPI). The commencement of AAPI heritage month began in the late 1970s; however, Congress passed Public Law 102-450, which officially hailed May as AAPI Heritage Month. AAPI refers to people of East Asian descent, South Asian descent, Southeast Asian descent, Central Asian descent, West Asian descent, and those who originate from Pacific Islander nations such as Polynesia, Micronesia, and Melanesia. During May, numerous Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders have been highlighted for their historic accomplishments and activism. The AAPI Community has utilized this month to their advantage by spreading awareness of their culture and on issues that are directly impacting the AAPI Community. Non-members of the AAPI Community can showcase their support to the AAPI community by spreading awareness on issues, educating themselves, and acting as an ally responsibly and respectfully. <https://www.goodhousekeeping.com/life/a35711434/asian-american-pacific-islander-difference-aapi/#:~:text=AAPI%3A%20Asian%20American%20and%20Pacific,Asia%20or%20the%20Indian%20subcontinent.>

<https://asianpacificheritage.gov/about/>

MCEC Spring Exam Schedule

❖ **Thursday, May 20th**

- Math III Exam

❖ **Friday, May 21st**

- Math I Exam

❖ **Monday, May 24th – Tuesday, May 25th**

- Make-up Exams

Meet Mr. Willie

Written By: Harley Beeson



Willie Radliffe is someone we all see in building 200; he is a custodian at MCC who helps out around the Early College. Mr. Willie has been working at MCC for about 5 ½ years, meaning he was only about a year and a half into his job when it was crashed by a bunch of crazed teenagers. That being said, Mr. Willie does enjoy having us around. He has said that the one big change he’s experienced during COVID-19 is no longer having all of us on campus. The school is “too quiet” as he says. Thankfully, no one in his family has contracted the virus, continuing his lifelong streak of a clean bill of health.

Mr. Willie is a very important member of our Phoenix Family who we appreciate very much. Thank you so much for all that you do, Mr. Willie!

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

ENTREPRENEURS

Written By:
Jocelyn Moore



Kariah Butler is the owner of I Am Beauty. She works installing eyelash extensions as well as eyebrow waxing, tinting, and microblading. Before I Am Beauty, she sold eyelash strips, lip glosses, and other beauty products in order to begin her business.



Olivia Goodwin is the owner of Olivia Grace Photography. Olivia went from taking photos of friends and family to multiple photoshoot appointments each week. She schedules, photographs, edits and promotes her business all on her own.



La'Navy Wilson is the owner of Boutique Blessings. At Boutique Blessings, she does hair, sells/applies strip lashes, and supplies other beauty products for women.

2021 Spring Athletes

Women's Tennis

Yaricel Salazar Santander
Abigail Salazar Santander
Lulea Adams
Olivia Thomas
Stephany Jimenez Perez

Baseball

Coleman Burris
Nathan Hensley
Zachary Lucas
Cameron Vanness
Henry Harris
Greyden Higgins

Track & Field

River Seawell
Meaghan Ayala
Kaliyah Ratliff Wall
Joy Allgood
Brionna Saunders
Azaria Martin
Kaziah Odom
Ethan Davis

Wrestling

Jamira Jackson
Cesar Munoz Munoz
Tarian Tanner

Golf

Garner Thomas

2021-2022 Montgomery County Early College Student Government Association Officers

Executive Officers:

President: Juliana Inman
Vice President: Lulea Adams
Secretary: Kayla Morrison
Treasurer: Raena Doult Bender

Junior Class Officers:

President: Edwin Nunez Hernandez
Vice President: Kaleb Comer
Secretary/Treasurer: Hailey Brock

Senior Class Officers:

President: Sara Delaney
Vice President: Makayla High
Secretary: Gaochia Amandy Lee
Treasurer: Gwenyth Greene

Sophomore Class Officers:

President: River Seawell
Vice President: Eduardo Vargas Lizardi
Secretary/Treasurer: Paige Kern

***“You are
never too old
to set
another goal
or to dream
a new
dream.”
-C.S. Lewis***

Humans of MCEC: Gaochia Amandy Lee

Written By: Gwenyth Greene



Family is often considered the defining factor in an individual's life. Family often determines how one fares in life, of course. Well, if this statement is true, it is a direct reflection of the phenomenal human, Gaochia Amandy Lee. Lee has a love for her family beyond comparison; her parents and siblings are one of the major focuses and motivations of her existence. However, they are only one aspect of the complex personality of Amandy Lee. Amandy Lee's character is best defined as astonishing, which can be seen in her personality traits, opinions, and future goals.

When prompted with the question, “What's one thing that can instantly make your day better?”, Lee immediately responded with a thorough explanation of the bond between herself and her four-year-old sister. She explains her sister as her “little twin” and elaborates on the joy she can bring Amandy at any time. Regarding the upbringing of Lee, some may question who holds responsibility for Lee's personality. In short, her parents have influenced her the most. They've taught Lee the importance of hard work, as well as motivated her to be better for them. One example of Lee's motivation is one of her passions, making the world a better place. Whether it be helping heal the environment or being a leader (or positive influence for change) to others, Amandy is a whirlwind of good, soon to be taking the world by storm. In fact, she's already seen a change in others, herself included. Gone are the days of being reserved and closed off. The present Amandy is a world of difference from the past. Furthermore, Lee's opinion on change is not merely restricted to her influence over others but it continues to her thoughts on MCEC.

Amandy first came to MCEC because of her parents, but she ended up loving the advantages and wonderful friendships MCEC has to offer. Her favorite aspect of MCEC is the small environment, as she feels that it allows for a closer connection between students and faculty. Essentially, the family created by MCEC is what Amandy loves the most, including the staff members. Concerning the goals Lee has set for herself, they are as plentiful as they are thoughtful. She hopes to travel, improve upon herself, challenge herself academically, and focus on learning and growing from her experiences to be better for those around her. This new knowledge leads us to our closure.

In conclusion, Gaochia Amandy Lee is truly a wonderful person, and her traits, opinions, and goals all prove this fact correct. Lee's family is a vital factor in her life, and though she hopes to illustrate more personal growth, change can already be seen from her newfound openness. MCEC has been yet another family for Lee, and she reciprocates the love for the school. To continue, her various goals will carry her far in life, as well as influence those around her. Amandy's awareness of the impact she possesses is a rare trait that should be valued as such and should be mirrored as well.