



THE PHOENIXES' CALL

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Congratulations Class of 2020!

You have all made it, the end of high school! We would like to congratulate the inaugural class of Montgomery County Early College. We are proud of your efforts and achievements throughout your high school years. You have set the bar high for the classes that will follow you! It is time to begin a new chapter, whether it be continuing to study, going into the work force, or joining the military. We know you will all succeed. Continue to strive for success and soar for greatness! You will be greatly missed, but never forget that MCEC will always be home! #PhoenixPhenoms

Calendar

May 16

Class of 2020 Parade
(Check Announcements for details.)

May 20, 21, and 22

Graduation
(Seniors, check your email for your ceremony time!)

June 15

MCC Summer Courses Begin

(Pending Board Approval)

August 10

MCEC Fall Semester is scheduled to begin

August 19

MCC Fall Courses will begin

*Throughout the summer check our website and Facebook page for updates!

Announcements

Beta Update: Beta Club National Convention will be held virtually this summer. If you are a member of Beta Club and interested in participating, please contact Mrs. Daywalt as soon as possible!

Yearbooks: Yearbook production has been delayed because of the pandemic. We are unsure at this time exactly when to expect yearbooks to arrive. If you purchased a yearbook, Ms. Beane will contact you when they arrive. Check your MCS (Outlook) e-mail for updates!

MCC Summer Classes: Summer Classes are scheduled to begin on June 15th, 2020. Please check e-mails to find out when you can pick-up textbooks for these courses.

Spring Grades: You may have noticed that Spring Semester grades look a little different than normal. Be on the lookout for a letter from Dr. Seawell in the coming weeks concerning Spring Semester grades.

2020 – 2021 Montgomery County Early College Student Government Association Election Results

Thank you to all Phoenixes who took the time to nominate and vote for your peers in this year's virtual SGA elections. Though the school year didn't end the way we might have preferred, we are grateful to continue serving the student body. Congratulations to the newest Montgomery County Early College Student Government Officers!

Executive SGA Officers

President – Jocelyn Moore
Vice President – Kariah Butler
Secretary – Ajaya Price
Co-Treasurers – Raena Doult Bender & Heidi Nunez Hernandez

Senior Class Officers

President – AhJada Ingram
Vice President – La'Navy Wilson
Secretary/Treasurer – Shanti Singthong

Junior Class Officers

President – Riley Shaw
Vice President – Lulea Adams
Secretary – Makayla High
Treasurer – Juliana Inman

Sophomore Class Officers

President – Edwin Nunez Hernandez
Vice President – Kaleb Comer
Secretary – Kayla Morrison
Treasurer – Hailey Brock

Teacher Appreciation Week

Last week was teacher appreciation week. We would like to give a big shout out to our teachers at MCEC! Our teachers are what make Montgomery County Early College an amazing experience. We, the students, would not have been able to get where we are now without you all. Below you will see what a few students had to say about MCEC teachers.

The teachers here at MCEC are beyond loving and caring. There is never a time where I feel like I am being left behind in a certain class or alone when it comes to help. Here at MCEC, the saying "no child left behind" is put into reality. The teachers will go above and beyond for even a single student if they are confused or behind on any subject. The teachers here are amazing, and I give credit to them for how much they have helped me learn over the past couple of years.

-Coleman Burris, 10th grade

On behalf of all the students at Montgomery County Early College, I would like to say thank you to all of the teachers. You are part of what makes our school amazing. All the things that each and every single one of you do helps us students to become better. All of our teachers help us to learn and grow; all of us appreciate all you do for us. None of you may be our guidance counselor, but us students appreciate all the guidance given to us from any of you over the past school year(s).

-Jessica Salazar, 9th grade

Our teachers have a special knack for patience and generosity unlike any other. They have to in order to put up with some of us, let alone put up with me. They genuinely care about us and our interests and would go to great lengths to see us pursue them. They take education seriously, but they don't hide that they have the same urges to joke that we do; they're just as wonderful people as they are teachers.

-Connor Poole, 10th grade

No matter where I am on campus, I'm always surrounded by wonderful people. MCEC has become a safe haven for me and many other students, and that's all because of the wonderful teachers. I truly couldn't have asked for a better first year. Hope to see you all soon.

-Edwin Nunez Hernandez, 9th grade

The teachers at MCEC are helpful as they will do anything to get you to understand what they are teaching. They care about your grades and try to do everything they can to get your grades up to where it is supposed to be. They care about the students and make them feel like they fit in there when the students think they do not. If the students have any trouble, the teachers are always there to help.

-Alexis Mendoza, 10th grade

Thank you to all the teachers at MCEC. You all are what makes our school special. Thank you for all the love and support you show to all of your students. Thank you for being someone we can all look up to and aspire to be.

-Brooklyn Hart, 9th grade

My freshman year has been the best school year of my life! The teachers have helped me so much, and I have watched myself grow academically due to all the love and support. I am so happy to be a Phoenix, and I can't wait to see all of you next year!

-Kayla Morrison, 9th grade

THANK YOU, TEACHERS!

Humans of MCEC

Alyssa Dunn



"The thing that I am most afraid of right now would probably be the thought of not having a graduation," said Alyssa Dunn from the comfort of her home due to the current COVID-19 stay-at-home order. Alyssa is currently a senior at Montgomery County Early College. Some of her favorite ways to contribute to the Phoenix family are through participating in clubs. Alyssa is currently a staff member for *The Odyssey*, our school yearbook, and holds the position of Treasurer for the Save Our World Club. When asked why she enjoyed attending the early college, Alyssa said, "Everyone there has the same goal, which is to graduate and have a good plan for the future." For Alyssa though, it is not only her peers that make MCEC a good experience. "The teachers at the Early College are amazing and so supportive," she remarked. One of her favorite memories that exhibits the support she receives from her teachers is "when we were doing applications for college and Mrs. Pratt read over everything and helped with our essays." However, Alyssa's senior year has had to make a turn down a very untraditional path. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, MCEC, just as other high schools in the United States, was forced to close its doors and to transfer all classes to online instruction. During the midst of such uncertain times, she is still able to recall some of her happiest moments. "The happiest moment of my life would probably be when I was accepted to Western Carolina University because it's my dream school. I've loved Western for as long as I can remember, and being accepted into the school, as well as my program of study, was definitely an extremely happy moment for me." Alyssa will attend Western Carolina University in the fall as a member of their Honors Program and plans to major in Hospitality, Tourism, and Management. After school, Alyssa works at a local dinner and enjoys music. She takes voice lessons and can also play the keyboard and ukulele. In addition to music, another important aspect of Alyssa's life is family. She is especially grateful for her father. "He does so much for everyone without even being asked, and he never complains. He always puts family first, and I know I can always go to him with anything."

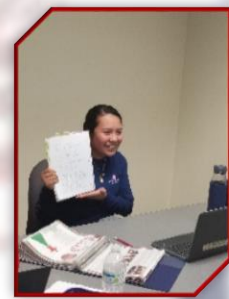
Congrats, Mr. Watts!

We would like to give a special congratulations to Mr. Watts! He has completed his Master's in Administration from UNC Pembroke this semester. As other graduates, Mr. Watts will not be able to have a graduation ceremony, so here he is in his cap and gown. Congratulations! We are proud of you!



See you all soon...

Hello fellow Phoenixes! My name is Janet Hernandez Vargas, and once again I have been the The Phoenixes' Call editor for the Spring Semester. Being the editor of our newsletter for the 2019-2020 school year has been an amazing experience. I would like to thank my team from journalism class and everyone else in school that has contributed to create amazing newsletters. See you all soon! I hope you all have a safe summer break!



Sincerely, Janet Hernandez Vargas

Cap and Gown Pick-Up

On May 5, seniors were able to pick up their caps and gowns during a drive-thru style pick-up. Thank you to all the students who came by! We wish you the best in your journey after graduation! Enjoy a few pictures of the seniors with their caps on while driving through.



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.