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IHS Earns Female Diversity Award in AP Computer Science for Second Consecutive Year

For the second consecutive year, International High School has received the College Board's Advanced Placement (AP) Computer Science Female Diversity Award in recognition of the school's having a majority-female class in the AP Computer Science Principles course during the 2018-2019 school year. A total of 40 students enrolled in AP Computer Science Principles during the 2018-2019 school year, and 28 were female. During the 2017-2018 school year, 33 students were enrolled in the class, and 21 were female. The AP Computer Science Female Diversity Award is given to schools that have either 50 percent or higher female representation in one of the two AP computer science courses, or a percentage of the female computer science examinees meeting or exceeding that of the school's female population. Only 639 schools earned the AP Computer Science Female Diversity Award for having a majority-female class in the AP Computer Science Principles course. "There is a special satisfaction that comes with receiving this award for the second year in a row. It shows that our efforts to enable young women in the computer sciences are consistent and effective," said Schools Superintendent Eileen F. Shafer. "I salute the young women who took the challenge of this demanding AP course. And I thank their principal, teacher and all of the administrators who helped launch the first AP Computer Science Principles course, as well as their parents who support them every step of the way."

RPHS Thespians Have Strong Showing at Drama Competition

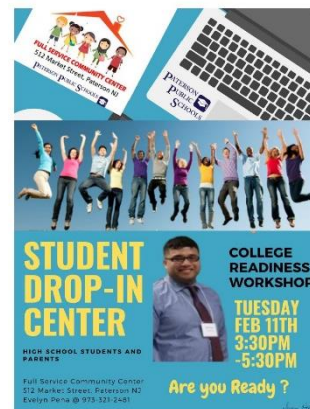


Drama majors at the Rosa L. Parks High School of the Fine and Performing Arts (RPHS) took home three of the awards in the New Jersey Governor's Awards competition on January 13th. Sophomore Tajae Chevennes won first place in the very special arts monologue category, junior Ambiorix Henriquez won sixth place in the dramatic monologue category and senior

Christopher Santana ranked as a finalist in the comedic monologue category. Santana also achieved a "superior" ranking and a perfect score for his dramatic monologue at the NJ Thespian Festival earlier this year, qualifying him for nationals held in June in Indiana.

College Readiness Workshop Scheduled at Full Service Center

The district's high school students and parents are invited to a College Readiness Workshop scheduled to be held on Tuesday, February 11th from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. at the Full Services Community Center at 512 Market Street. The workshop will be run by Supervisor of Full Service Outreach and Special Projects Gilman Choudhury. For more information, call Evelyn Pena at 973-321-2481.



Assemblyman Wimberly and Paterson Public Schools to Host Black History Month Ceremony and Discussion at Rosa Parks HS



Schools Superintendent Eileen F. Shafer and Principal Jalyn Lyde will welcome New Jersey State Assemblyman Benjie E. Wimberly and other state officials at a special ceremony and panel discussion to commemorate Black History Month on Friday, February 14th at 10 a.m. The event will be held at the Rosa L. Parks School of the Fine and Performing Arts. NJDOE Commissioner Dr. Lamont Repollet, Altice Government Affairs Vice President Marilyn Davis, Paterson City Business Administrator Vaughn McKoy, and ACE Media President Andrea Holmes-Thompkins are scheduled to participate, as well as several students from the school. The event's theme this year will be, "We love our history: Past and Present."

District Partners with United Way to Help Students Apply for Financial Aid

Officials from Paterson Public Schools and the United Way of Passaic County are providing free workshops to help students apply for college financial aid. "I encourage all Paterson Public Schools high school seniors and their families to take advantage of this free assistance," said Superintendent of Schools Eileen F. Shafer. "There are funds available to help you attend college, but there are forms to be completed and deadlines to be met. These workshops will help make the whole process easier." The free workshops are held every Tuesday and Thursday from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the main level of the Center City Mall at 301 Main Street. They will continue through April 30th. People with questions should contact Paula Smalling at the United Way of Passaic County at 973-279-8900, ext. 204 or paulas@unitedwaypassaic.org.

African American History Honored at School 13



Public School No. 13 celebrated African American History Month with a ceremony that started with a request of elders from the school community. Once permission was given, three candles were lit. The red candle represented the blood of the ancestors united. The green candle represented the wealth of Africa and its growth. The black candle represented unity. After the lighting of the candles, participants began the ritual of presenting libations to the ancestors. To complete the ceremony, the school sang the African American National Anthem, *Lift Every Voice and Sing*.

Rosa Parks Writers Recognized by Scholastic

Rosa Parks Communication Arts students Sydney Gilmore and Miyhani Twine were recognized regionally for pieces of original fiction entered in the Scholastic Art and Writing competition. Sydney Gilmore received honorable mention for her novel, *The Shinigami's Son*, while Miyhani Twine was awarded honorable mention for her short story, *The Wrong Graveyard*. Both pieces were composed and workshopped in Collin Boyle's creative writing class.



New BOE Leadership Shares Vision for the District in Interviews

Just days after being elected to their new positions on the Board of Education, Board President Kenneth Simmons and Board Vice President Manuel Martinez, Jr. sat down for interviews in which they shared their visions for the future of the Paterson Public School District as well as their thoughts as the district prepares for the restoration of local control. Those interviews have been released today. Each interview is about 10 minutes long and has been made available to the public on the district's YouTube channel and social media platforms.



The interview with Kenneth Simmons, President of the Paterson Board of Education can be accessed at

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=liMXvcvcFms&feature=youtu.be>.

The interview with Manuel Martinez, Jr., Vice President of the Paterson Board of Education can be accessed at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9GyQDuRr-Y8&feature=youtu.be>



Students Experience African Artifacts at WPU

Students in sixth grade at Public Schools No. 9 and No. 12 visited William Paterson University (WPU) for an exhibit on African artifacts as part of their study of Black History Month. Students viewed authentic African masks and necklaces, and created cowrie necklaces of their own. WPU Professor in Residence Simone Sandler arranged the program through a grant from the Geraldine Dodge Foundation.

District's Anti-Vaping Campaign Goes to City Hall



Paterson Public Schools Laurel Olson was joined by Superintendent of Schools Eileen Shafer, Interim Assistant Superintendent Joanna Tsimpedes, and Director of Guidance and Counseling Tamisha McKoy when she presented the district's anti-vaping campaign to the Paterson City Council on February 4th. The "Escape The Vape" campaign was launched last year. Latest developments can be tracked on the [campaign's page on the district website](#).

RPHS Students Honored For Leadership



Rosa Parks HS student ambassadors and class officers were honored for demonstrating leadership within their school and community on January 18th by the historic Calvary Baptist Church Board of Trustees at their annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Leadership Event. Students who were honored were Shiqira Poulson, Jennifer Guizar, Santos Vasquez, Zion Mann, Jocier Bell-

McLaurin, Carolyn Rodriguez, Jeffrey Jackson-Perry. Pictured from left to right: Jocier Bell-McLaurin, Jeffrey Jackson-Perry, Carolyn Rodriguez, Zion Mann, Santos Vasquez, RPHS Principal Jalyne Lyde

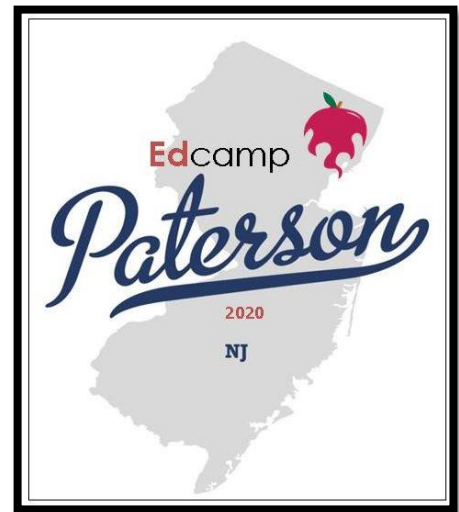
A Souper Bowl of Caring

At Public School No. 28/PAGT, staff and students believe when they get involved in community service, they not only help others but they also they expand their worldview, develop empathy and leadership skills, and realize how their actions can have a positive impact on others. That is why the sixth grade took part in “The Souper Bowl of Caring,” a youth-inspired, youth-led movement in which students worked with other groups across the nation including schools, churches, local businesses, corporations, passionate individuals and NFL teams to tackle hunger in their local communities during the weeks leading up to the biggest celebration in football, the Super Bowl. The sixth-graders, led by teacher Teresa Mola gathered more than 375 food items for a local community food bank.



Edcamp Coming to Paterson Public Schools

The district's first-ever Edcamp Paterson! is coming to International High School on Saturday, February 29th. Breakfast will be served at 7:30 a.m., and the event will begin at 8:00 a.m. Edcamp is a new kind of teachers' conference that is an informal gathering of teachers exchanging their expertise with one another. The teachers who attend will set the agenda at the beginning of the day, then everyone will break into a variety of information sessions. If a teacher feels that a particular session doesn't fit their needs, that teacher is free to move on to another session. To register for this FREE event, please visit <https://edcamppaterson.ticketleap.com/edcamp-paterson-2020>.



Upcoming Events

Feb. 11: Report Card Distribution

4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. All pre-K to 8

Feb. 11: Paterson Academy For The Gifted & Talented Open House

6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. at PS 28, 200 Presidential Blvd.

Feb. 12: Paterson Academy For The Gifted & Talented Open House

9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. at PS 28, 200 Presidential Blvd.

Feb 12: Report Card Distribution

4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Public School No. 7, Don Bosco Technical Academy, and New Roberto Clemente School

Feb. 12: Board of Education Workshop Meeting

6:30 p.m., 90 Delaware Avenue

Feb. 13: Report Card Distribution

4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. All 9 to 12

Feb. 17 & 18: Presidents Day Weekend

All district schools and offices closed

Feb. 19: Free Preschool Registration Begins For Paterson Children

Call (973) 321-2501 for more information

Feb. 19: Paterson Public Schools' Celebration of Black History Month

6:00 p.m., John F. Kennedy Educational Complex Auditorium

Feb. 19: Board of Education Regular Meeting

7:00 p.m., John F. Kennedy Educational Complex Auditorium

Feb. 25: Special Education Job Fair

4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. at 90 Delaware Avenue

Feb. 25: 2020 School District Budget Community Forum

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at the Palestinian Community Center, 388 Lakeview Avenue, Clifton

Feb. 29: Edcamp Paterson!

7:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. International high School, 200 Grand Street

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