

# CHARLES R. DREW HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

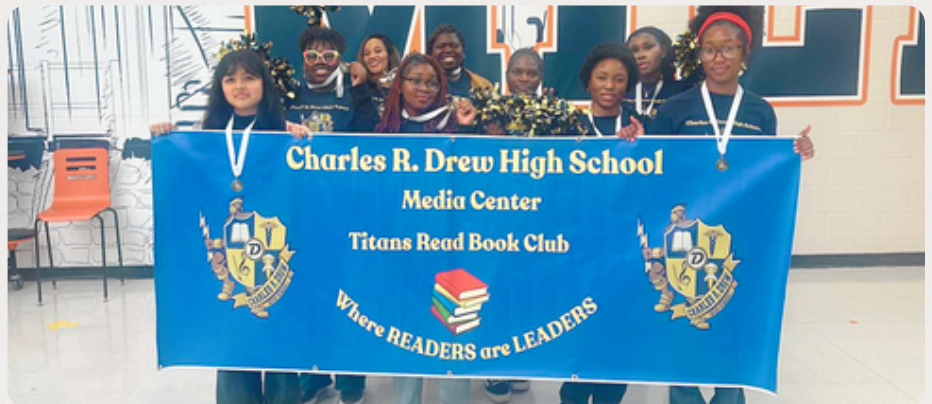


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## Student Spotlight

Applonia Fox, an 11th-grade student graduating a year early, has shown exceptional leadership, creativity, and academic excellence. She founded the American Student Association of Psychology (ASAP), giving peers opportunities to explore psychology. Her writing earned her recognition as the overall school winner and county finalist in the Hear Our Voices competition during both 10th and 11th grades. In the Criminal Justice program, she earned titles for Best Mock Trial Attorney and Best Mock Trial Witness. As a Math Literacy Worker through CCPS, she collaborated with teachers to develop innovative math teaching strategies. A dedicated member of 21st Century Leaders, the Arrow Youth Leadership Council (ASAP), and Track Manager, Applonia exemplifies commitment to leadership and service.



## Academic Spotlight

# Titan Strong: Learning Together, Rising Higher

At Charles R. Drew High School in Riverdale, Georgia, collaboration is at the heart of the student experience. Learners actively support one another in classrooms, clubs, and group projects, developing essential skills, building confidence, and forming lasting friendships. The school's inclusive and encouraging environment ensures that every student feels valued, respected, and empowered to reach their full potential.

Each shared challenge becomes an opportunity for growth and connection, strengthening both academic and personal development. By embracing teamwork and diverse perspectives, the Drew High community fosters resilience, empathy, and a spirit of unity. Students not only achieve individual success but also thrive collectively solving real-world problems, celebrating accomplishments, and preparing to make a positive impact beyond the classroom.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- \* **Fashion Institute of Drew Show**  
**May 6, 2026 6:00 PM**  
 Show support for fellow students as they take the stage with creativity, confidence, and style in this year's fashion show.
- \* **Spring Sports Schedule**  
 Let's pack the stands and show our Titans support!  
[Spring 2026 Sports Schedule](#)
- \* **Graduation**  
**May 22, 2026 1:00 PM**  
 Seniors, make sure all graduation requirements are complete and preparations are finalized for your big day!

## Message from the Principal

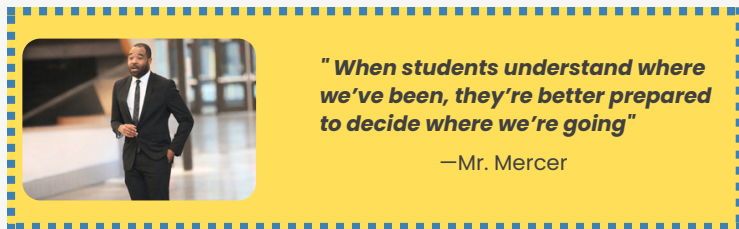
I'm proud of your class efforts in tackling difficult subjects and supporting one another. This month, let's stay focused, meet our goals, and show respect in all settings class, online, and beyond. Keep pushing; you can do it!



Teacher Feature

## Mr. Mercer Brings History to Life

Step into Room 2122, and history comes alive. Mr. Mercer, Department Chair for Social Studies and U.S. History teacher at Charles R. Drew High School, turns every lesson into an unforgettable journey through time. His dynamic teaching style filled with reenactments, debates, and vivid storytelling invites students to experience the past as active participants rather than distant observers. With every discussion and activity, Mr. Mercer inspires curiosity, critical thinking, and a deeper understanding of how history shapes the world they live in today.



## Fall Semester in Pictures



The Wrestling team demonstrated exceptional dedication and drive, training with full energy and enthusiasm as they prepared for their matches, culminating in an outstanding and well-deserved winning season.



Congratulations to our Boys Cross Country team for winning back-to-back county championships! Four runners placed in the top 10: Steven Ortega (1st)—his second consecutive win. On the girls' side, Jada Stevens 3rd.



The Lady Titan Volleyball team clinched a top-four regional finish and advanced to the state 4AAAA playoffs with a 2-1 win over Mays High School. Here is a link to review our sports: <https://www.drewtitansathletics.com/>



The Junior Class Half Cap Ceremony celebrated students reaching the midpoint of high school, recognizing their achievements and motivating them as they prepare for senior year.



Club & Activity Corner

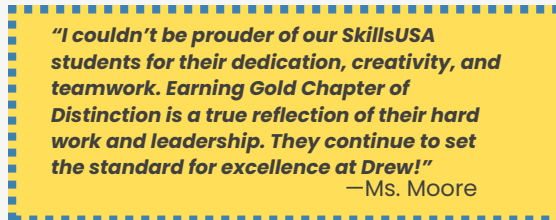
## Skills USA

### SkillsUSA State Leadership Conference 26!

We are beyond excited and overjoyed to share that our SkillsUSA chapter at Charles R. Drew High School was named a Gold Chapter of Distinction at the Georgia State Leadership and Skills Conference!

Earning Gold is the highest state honor, and we're proud to be one of 25 Georgia schools advancing to the Model of Excellence evaluation recognizing the top 24 programs nationally!

Congrats to Alexandra Martinez for placing 3rd in the state for her T-shirt design! So proud of our entire team for representing Drew with excellence!



## Get Involved!

Interested in joining a club or starting something new? Check out the full list of clubs speak to Ms. Muhammad (Counselor) or your grade level counselor.