

GUIDING HOUND NEWS

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*Cruising the waves of **success**: Early Graduates **Turn it UP!!***



In spite of the negative press that Pleasantville High school may receive in the media—the **FACT** is—we have some extraordinary individuals walking and succeeding through the grand hallways of Pleasantville High school. Where people may say that graduation rates are low and students aren't serious about education in the 21st century—that is **NOT** the case for these four students highlighted in this issue. Because their accomplishments exceed the common norm and the negative expectation of the *nay-sayers*

within the community—as a Guidance Department—we've decided to dedicate this entire issue to them!!! To give their success stories the voice it deserves, to encourage the committed teachers and staff within the building that the art form of pedagogy does still change lives and have immeasurable value and most importantly to inspire other students to aspire to be as committed to academic excellence as these four students have been. Has the journey been easy for them—absolutely **not** but did they persist through the hard times, indeed they did!! All of them come from very different backgrounds, very different personal stories but all have one very good thing in common: an innate passion to be the very best amongst their peers!!! We proudly honor them, their hard work, their dedication, and their passion. We understand that there is a struggle today for teenagers to publicly commit to being a true

leader or studious and for these bright students to ignore the negative nuances that this culture screams against valuing the importance of education and pressing forward to achieve their personal goals—*Gooooo Greybonds!!!* So throughout the rest of the pages of this issue be challenged to not just read their stories for gossip sake but make this an “*edu-tainment*” moment and be encouraged and self reflective!!!

Ask yourself, “what more can I do to be the best me I can be??” Take it from your peers in this issue, the cliché, hard work pays off really has a significant value!



*Miguel Soto, 15, future **International Business Accountant***



Q: What motivated you to strive to graduate a year early?

A: What motivated me most was the fact that I wanted to stand out & make myself a better candidate when applying

to Harvard University.

Q: Were your parents/guardian & friends supportive?

My parents are supportive. They push me to always do good & stay active in furthering my education. My friends are confused as to my decision on graduating early. My friends seemed shocked and confused because they couldn't understand and comprehend my ambition. I told

them I have goals and dreams to chase!!!

Q: How was the challenge for you?

A: It wasn't challenging because being a good student & getting good grades was normal for me.

Q: In one sentence describe how proud you are of yourself?

A: I'm very proud! I am excelling in life & following my dreams.



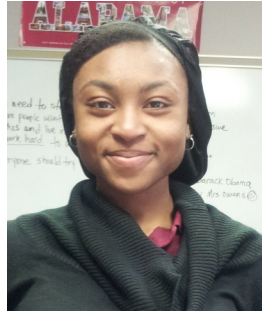


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~POTUS BARACK OBAMA



Elizabeth Noel, 17, future *Pediatrician*



- Q: What motivated you to graduate from high school a year early?
- A: I wanted to challenge myself & knowing that I have the potential to make it happen to get myself closer to pursue my career.

- Q: Were your parents/guardian & friends supportive?
- A: My parents and friends are supportive. They've always taught me to strive for what I want in life & they have faith in knowing I would be successful.
- Q: What are your plans after graduation?
- A: I plan on attending college, stay diligent in my studies & become a pediatrician.
- Q: What was the process &

how was it challenging for you?

- A: I had talk to my guidance counselor to see if I was eligible & what I had to do to graduate early. Which was write an essay, give a list of my activities that I am a part of & sign papers. It was not challenging because I have confidence & everything under control.

Viana Lindo-Puerto, 17, future *Physical Therapist (DPT)*



- Q: What motivated you to strive to graduate a year early?
- A: My family and their support to push me to make the best out of myself.
- Q: Were your parents/guardian & friends supportive?
- A: My parents have always been supportive of positive decisions that I make. As for my

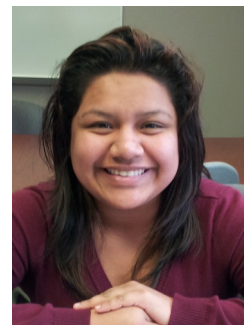
friends, they're sad because we planned to graduate together.

- Q: How was it challenging for you & what are your plans?
- A: It was a challenge because the process wasn't easy but I enjoyed it

Jessica Marquez-Martinez, 17, future *Medical Assistant*

- Q: What motivated you to graduate a year early from high school?
- A: My son motivated me to graduate early. It's not easy getting up at 5 am to get myself & my son ready so I can go to school.
- Q: Were your parents/guardian & friends supportive? How was challenging was if for

- you?
- A: My mother is extremely proud of me. Knowing that I can graduate, get a job & go to a training school to be a medical assistant or enroll in college, makes me proud of myself & it's a challenge. As for my friends, they're sad but they know that this is the best plan—for not only me but my son most importantly.



Greyhounds on the *MOVE....*

Ok—so you may be saying to yourself that college isn't for everyone... that is true!! But keep in mind that there are many people without college degrees who have other vocational skills and talents that are leading successful and fulfilling lives doing what they love in a vocational or technical career area.

The key to success is

PREPARATION!!

The Guidance Department has jammed packed the month of April with a variety of educational field trips to expose our students to just a taste of some of

the endless opportunities out there for them—understand college isn't for everyone and neither is unemployment!!!! Save the date and mark your calendars NOW to ensure that you “don't miss the bus!!!”

- ◆ **April 12th** :College Awareness Day at ACCC
- ◆ Date TBD: ITT Technical Institute
- ◆ **April 25th & 26th**: ACCC Jump Start Phase III/ College Course Request
- ◆ **April 30th** : Shore Beauty School



Now that HSPA & Pre HSPA are over—WHAT NOW???

This is a good time for ALL students to re evaluate what type of high school experience they want to have—either a fond memory or an unforgettable nightmare! For the freshman class, your first year of high school is quickly coming to an end, the transition and honeymoon stage from 8th grade to now has long passed—you

should have conquered the “fresh meat” taunts, developed good study habits, earned excellent grades, and developed valuable relationships with your teachers. Sophomores, continue to study hard, don't get lost in the school day shuffle without considering now what your master plan for after graduation will be—college or vocational/

technical school or job?? Preparation is the key to success!! Juniors, you've taken the HSPA, you should be meeting with your guidance counselor regularly and inquiring about scholarships, etc. Seniors, don't get the “*I-T-I*” just yet, you're approaching the finish line! Stay motivated to the very end! Get those college applications in!!!

“TO BE EARLY IS ON
TIME; TO BE ON TIME IS
TO BE LATE AND TO BE
LATE IS
UNACCEPTABLE!”

~ SLT

Am I smarter than a college student???? Fun Trivia!!!

1. In what year did the iPod debut?
 - A) 1999
 - B) 2001
 - C) 2003
2. An oenophile loves/collects what?
3. What is the symbol for Iron in periodic table?
4. What color is the “blood” of most insects?
5. What is the maximum number of characters allowed in a twitter post?
6. What are the four C's that determine a diamond's value?
7. In what city is The Civil Rights Memorial and The Civil Rights Memorial Center?
 - A) Washington DC
 - B) Memphis Tennessee
 - C) Montgomery Alabama



“An education isn't how much you have committed to memory, or even how much you know. It's being able to differentiate between what you know and what you don't.”
~Anatole France

The Greyhound Philosophy

The guidance program is an integral part of the total educational experience. Our aim is to facilitate self-examination, self-evaluation, and consideration of alternative strategies that inspires and prepares all students for life long learning. By design, coordination, and collaboration, it is our aim to adopt support systems that will assist students, parents, the community at large and our school community. Our mission is to be a vehicle of opportunity for students to reach their full potential academically, personally/ socially, and career wise. We support the mission of the school district



What else is going on around here....?

Need a Summer Job?

Steel Pier Amusement Park

(609) 345-4893
1000 Boardwalk Atlantic City, NJ 08401

Popeye's Restaurant

555 Black Horse Pike Pleasantville, NJ
08232
(609) 677-8727

KMART

800 Black Horse Pike
Pleasantville
(609) 484-0300

Staples

413 E Absecon Blvd #30
Absecon
(609) 272-2394

FYI

April 2013

- 27-Naval Air Station, Wildwood Aviation Museum, Rio Grande, NJ, Mr. Nagbe

Credit Recovery

- Compass Learning:
Monday-Thursday;
3pm-5pm

SAT's

May 4, registration deadline- **April 5, 2013**

June 1, registration deadline **May 2, 2013.**

\$50 fee waivers for students with free or reduced lunch; see counselors for waivers.

NOTE TO THE PARENTS:

The Guidance Department looks forward to assisting you by any means to enhance your student's high school experience & make it a memorable one.



Answers to trivia from page 3

- 1) B—2001
- 2) Wine
- 3) Fe
- 4) Yellow
- 5) 140
- 6) Carat, clarity, color, cut
- 7) C—Montgomery, Alabama

*Must be at least 16 years old to apply to most places

*Must be obtaining good grades and have a fair disciplinary history to get working papers signed by Administration