



# **Guiding Hound News**



Mayar Osmanthe spotlight is on you!

## Free Full Ride!

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

Everyone doesn't have to purchase a ticket for the costly educational ride.

Mayar Osman is the 1st senior of the class 2013 to receive a free, full ride! She could ride it out for four years in the Sunshine State of Florida-Florida Memorial University to be exact. Mayar was honored with the award when 43 interested students travelled to the Susquehanna Bank Center in Camden, NJ last month. The Center was host to the Malcolm Bernard Historically Black Colleges & Universities College Fair, where over 50 HBCU's participate annually.

Additionally, Mayar was accepted to 5 other universities which includes: Delaware State, Morgan State, Virginia State, Virginia Union, & Lincoln all of which has offered her a presidential scholarship in various amounts. Osman has not decided where she will attend but she is certain that she will major in Biology with a concentration in dentistry.

Mr. Pilate is the college/university organizer ensuring that students are well prepared with necessary documents for acceptance. Ms. Sand & Ms. Cooper accompanied Mr. Pilate in student preparation and travel. Mr. Reuben F. Mills, Interim Superintendent of Camden Public Schools, expressed how impressed he was with the organized readiness of the PHS stu-

Hard Work + Preparation = Free Ride



### St. Elizabeth's Visitation

Mr. Pilate hosted College of Elizabeth's visit last month. Six seniors were in attendance: Deja Stalworth, Phabienne Octavius, Marleena Murray, Amirah Young, Drucilla Oglesby & Tatiana Evans. College of Saint Elizabeth is a private college for women located in Morristown, NJ.

The college representative discussed campus life, college majors, admissions requirements, scholarship opportunities

and the like. In this crucial time of economic duress, this college is one of many who are waiving application fees. Waiving this fee offers both college and students the opportunity of consideration.

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#### **Armed Forces.....More Alternatives**

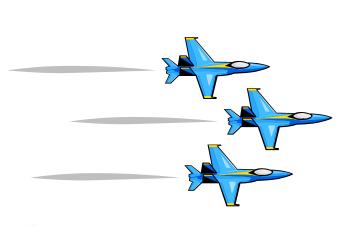
Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) testing was administered on November 21, 2012 to 17 interested students. Testing was held in the library with U.S. Army and Navy representatives present.

Each month three military branches namely, Army, Navy, & Air Force, send recruiters to inform and/or impress students about the offers that could best custom fit their lives. November 13, 2013, Staff Sergeant Caruso from the US Marines visited Mr. Hall's health class in which he discussed many opportunities that are afforded to students.

More students are now opting to join one branch of

the military or another. Several reasons are factored into their decisions, the high cost of post secondary education is ranked in the top three reasons.

Students are now discovering that they can experience basic training provided by the armed forces and still receive a secondary education with little or no cost to them.







## What Have We Done for You Lately?

In November, the guidance department focused on a number of resolutions with regard to academics & personal social development. Let's see here. What have we done for you lately?

- Appointments scheduled for students suffering with "holiday blues" & post traumatic issues related to Hurricane Sandy. These services
- will be provided as long as necessary..
- 9th graders are interactively using tools aiding in understanding responsibilities associated with growing up, post high school planning, & making healthy choices. Check the web
   www.NJCAN.com for further details.
- The "WIT" (What It Takes)
- Campaign launched to challenge students to begin using assigned log ins for OnCourse. This campaign will afford & assist students in managing personal student data for an enhanced educational experience.
- Counselors are attending homerooms & scheduling appointments to ensure (cont. on p. 3)



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## What Have We Done for You Lately? Cont.

students are equipped with necessary codes to access the student system. Access gives student independence in managing their personal academic standing.

- Eight college/university visits/tours were scheduled and/or visited.
- II/I National College Fair @ AC Convention Center

- 2. II/2 York College
- 3. 11/5 Ramapo College
- 4. 11/7 Rider University
- 5. II/I3 Devry University
- II/I4 Historical Black Colleges/Universities College Fair
- 7. 11/15 Rowan University
- 8. 11/19 College of St.

#### Elizabeth



### Thank You Girls!

Gabrielle Leggette (L) & Medjina Peirre-Jean (R) are two thoughtful sophomores. Recently they donated stacks of new & used books to the Atlantic City Rescue Mission.

They were encouraged by Mrs. Owens, freshman counselor, to donate them. Mrs. Owens is also responsible for transporting the books to the mission, where hopefully many displaced children

can enjoy a good reading experience.

Medjina is no stranger to giving. She was featured in the May edition of Guiding Hound News noting her generosity in donating toys to "Little Footprints" Daycare..

**THANK YOU GIRLS!** Let your giving become infectious.





Are you on board with us? PHS Guidance department is excited to continue campaigning for education. The bulletin board campaign, "Education, The Gift that Keeps Giving", is a reminder that anytime, anyone is in pursuit of education, they are gifting

themselves.

It is the hope of the department that students would realize the campaign slogan & spread it like wild fire throughout the school. Students need to be aware that education is a costly gift. Its worth is far greater than other material

things. It's transforming! **EDUCA- TION**-when it comes to you, take it. When it has a price, pay it Don't take it for granted. You will certainly use it. Your future depends upon it.

It's a precious gift & it keeps on giving.



Education. Give it to yourself.

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 strate-

gies that inspires and prepares all students for life long
learning and 21st Century
College & Career Readiness
skills. 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 po-

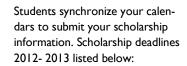




dents to reach their full potential academically, personally/socially, and career wise. We support the mission of the school district

Check out the Guidance Link on the District's Web Page www.pps-nj.us

## **Synchronize Your Calendars**



- I2/I3-N| Society of CPA's
- 12/20-Ronald McDonald House Charities
- I/2-Betty Bradbury Vail Scholarship
- I/8-Fairleigh Dickinson University
- I/9-Gates Millennium Scholars Program

- I/10-Burger King Scholars
   Program
- I/24-The Ralph Verde Foundation
- 2/10-Nat'l Society Daughter of the American Revolution
- 2/23-AVODA Scholarship
- 3/1-Kean University
- 3/23-Fred Baker Memorial Scholarship Fund
- 4/7-Besserman Family Holocaust Essay Contest

- 4/15-NJ Vietnam Veterans' Memorial Foundation
- 4/23-St Michael's Catholic Church Mary Help of Christian Society
- 6/24-Abbott & Fenner Scholarship Program
- Visit <u>StudentScholarships.org</u> website voted #I for free resources for students
- Visit www.fastweb.com
- Visit Guidance for complete details

