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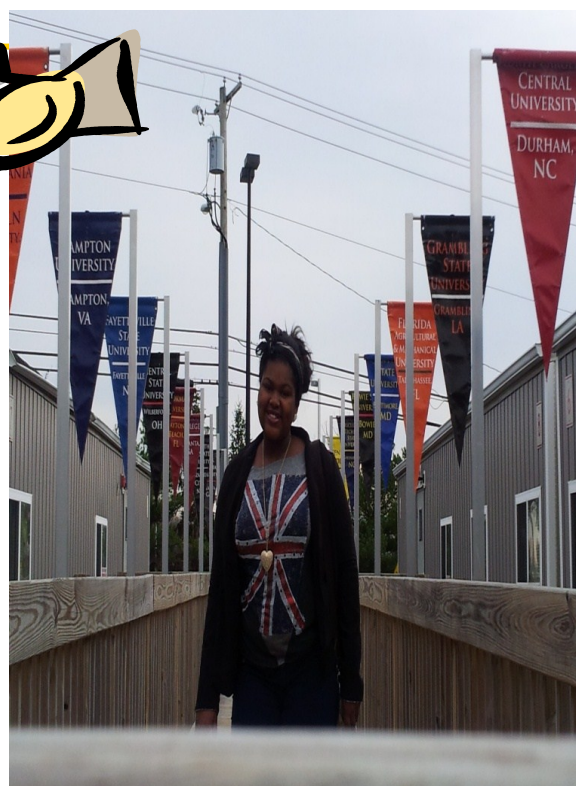
Don't Believe the Hype!

Senior, Aliyah Gunter, is completing her high education in the Alternative Education Program. The program is designed to assist students in recovering credits necessary for graduation. Aliyah articulates her sentiment about the Alternative Program with high regard. She had been exposed to the negative stereotypes attached to the program such as: it was mapped for problematic or behavioral dysfunctional students & low performing students. These negative stigmas fostered uncertainty about enrolling. However, she was left with no other choice because she entered 2012 with an accumulated 55 credits and needed to recover 65 additional credits to graduate June 2013.

Aliyah attributes her success to Vice-principal Cherry. His care to select teachers best matched for the program, has both enhanced the learning environment & created a family atmosphere. In addition, Aliyah attributes her successful academic performance to the smaller learning community, isolation from certain high school distractions, the collegiate feel with boardwalk and banners, & teachers functioning more like professors. She has no reservations when it comes to new found liberties as she maturely resolves her problems & circumstances that seem to be problematic for other students as well. Her tenacity and focus will soon prove positive as she prepares

to graduate June 2013.

In years past she experienced attendance difficulties. Today however it is a conquered issue. Credit acceleration takes focus and discipline, Aliyah possesses both and is quite elated & vocal about it. She has no desire to return to high school as usual. She is very satisfied with what she calls a "home-structured environment." "The negative talk about the program is 100% false. I don't want to leave, We treat each other like family here." Her post graduate plans are to attend college/university majoring in Psychology.



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Students On The Roll



December 14, 2012 was the first honor/merit roll breakfast this year. The breakfast paid tribute to those students who has worked hard to achieve high academic standing; It is reflected in both the honor & merit rolls.

Honor Roll

Freshmen: Barbara Bazemore, Shemiah Moore and Alexis Olivera

Sophomores: Suddhi Patel, Sara

Perdomo, Jailene Perez, Medjina Pierre-Jean, Jasiah Sanchez and Cain Velazquez-Cruz

Junior: Tymil Patterson

Seniors: Victor Burgos, Milara Charles, Jennyka Desir, Arizandy Guzman, Mihir Jani, Cristain Nazario-Martinez, Mayar Osman, Krupa Patel, Henry Sanchez-Moreno, Dhvani Shah.

Merit Roll

Freshman: Jonathan Brizuela,

Danaelle Charles, Fedialine Desir, Fedena Florestal, Dominic Forarotto, Carlos Gonzalez, Deeanna Groce, Erika Hernandez, l'Ron Howard, Mayra Martinez-Ruiz., Elissa Quigley, Catherine Spaulding, Sanjida Supti, Zariah Taylor, Franklin Vasquez-Gaitan, and Justin Woodson.

Sophomores: Indyka Adams, Harita Amin, Yissel Arias, Kizito Chayee, Clarissa Cuevas, Rolanda Davis, Jean Diaz, Alysson Fabian-Manzano, Jessica Gerth, Richa Jani, Dionndre' Joyce-Snow, Gabrielle Laffette, Kimberly Mendoza, Christopher Monroy,

Students On The Roll Continued



Emily Montecinos, Tracie Moon, Tatiana Nieves, Elizabeth Noel, Diomedes Nunez, Iselaure Octavious, Lovely Octavious, Manuel Paz, Noah Prevard, Joe Reynoso, Christian Sanchez, Kaylah Sanchez, Ty-Lib Sargent, Miguel Soto, Taesha Tollinche, Jose Vivenes, & Kendelle Williams.

Juniors: Reina Acevedo, Mya Alston, Ashely Badillo, Monica Blanco, Frend Brevil, Anayive Caceres, Na'Mira Corsby, Kiersten Dudley, Eric Greene, Ayanna Harris, Taylor Jones, Jamira

Junne, Lilian Lopez, Aileen Madrid, Zuleyka Matos, Kamal McClary, Anita Mensah, Raymond Mercado, Maria Mercedes, Monique Mullings, Keila Nieves, Dhara Patel, Liliana Perez, Kathia Regalado, Carolyn Salas, Paola Santiago, Emicelys Troche, Eric Velez, & Jenny Vidanos.

Seniors: Dagoberto Arias, Amarilis Ayla, Kiana Aybar, Shakir Bishop, Johane Brutus, Ollie Bryant, Heather Carovillano, Emely Cespedes, Dionna Dansby, Blandine Ducasse, Tatyana Evans

, Carol Flores, Jean Garcia, Jaileen Gonzalez, Medina Harris, Mirian Hernandez, Amandeep Kaur, Tanishe Key, Amandala Lamb, Kimberly Lugo, Joy Martinez, Jamiera McCormick, Yanilet Mercado, Lorna Miller, Crystal Miranda, Eric Monteson, Courtney Moore, Faith Morris, Marie Noel, Drucilla Oglesby, Roshni Patel, Reese Pearson, Brenda Perez, April Prevard, Devis Rivera, Victoria Rivera, Irma Ruiz, Jumaanah Salaam, Shaun Saunders, Simone Skinner, Shatina Squair, Geeta Thapa, Leidy Torres, Stephanie Tunis, Daniel Varela, & Aritzelt Velez.

Preparing for a Career vs Working a Job



Pennco Tech visited PHS early January, an invitation by the guidance dept. The technical school promises to produce skilled workers seeking careers, not just jobs. The speaker focused on life styles projected 5 years from now. Careers as an electrician, auto body & paint technician, medical assistant, pharmacy technician, and many

other trainings are offered on the Blackwood or Bristol campuses.

Realistically, 5 years from now will prove whether a student employed on a job or in a career will be able to financially meet the demands of normal life. Typically jobs with little or no training will not produce a lucrative enough salary to satisfy rent/mortgage, gas/electric,

other utilities, cell phone, car payments, insurance, maintenance, clothing, food, entertainment, internet access, & other/misc expenses. This view should encourage students to enroll towards a higher education or a skilled training program. Skilled training or a degree is the difference between a job and a career. 38 students demonstrated interest in careers.

A Beautiful Career

PHS Guidance Dept hosted a visitation for students grades 9-12 in December featuring Shore Beauty School. Ms. Bonnie Wagner, Director of Admissions, spoke to 44 interested students concerning Admissions, Beauty Careers, Financial Aid & Loans.

Beauty care is a rapidly growing multi-billion dollar industry. It offers diverse careers from salons to high-fashion runways. Interested students can look forward to a beautiful career with any of the choices indicated below;

- Hairstylist
- Hair color specialist facial & skincare specialist
- Nail arts specialist
- Makeup artist
- Medical esthetician
- Image consultant
- Fashion photography stylist
- Photo & movie stylist
- Platform artist
- TV/Media consultant
- Research & product dev
- Salon trainer
- Beauty school educator
- Salon/spa owner
- Beauty magazine writer/editor

Transforming ordinary to extraordinary requires skills that will lead to a rewarding future.



SENIOR-ALUMNI DAY 2012

December is the occasion that the guidance dept informs current student about campus life via PHS 2012 graduates. Eleven alumni were invited to speak about their first semester experiences as freshmen.

The novice college students were very expressive and excited to share their

thoughts & experiences about college life. Invited alumni included:

Nadejah Whitted -Va. Union U

Isola Webbe- Va. State U

Amada Martinez-Montclair State U

Stephanie Campos-Richard Stockton State College

Destiney Wilson-Montclair State U

Dontaye Rivera-Coffeyville College

Tyron McCoy-Rowan U

Ty're Robinson-Rowan U

Acquinn Phillip-ACCC

Salihah Salaam-Howard U

Anthony Thomas-Tuskegee U



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Seniors & juniors consumed the information after which sparked some lively discussion among them.

Following the hand clapping speeches, alumni proceeded to the teacher's lounge for lunch where they engaged in conversation with each other about various professors, room-

mates, and curriculum.

Guidance counselors, Ms. Owens, Mr. Pliate, Ms. Sand, and Supervisor of Guidance Dr. Wilson, chatted and chewed with the chatty group. Everyone enjoyed the information posed by the alumni. The guidance dept was quite proud of the first year freshman as they reminisced

about their previous years in PHS.

The juniors & seniors are now encouraged to confidently pursue their plans for post graduate studies.

It was an informative, enjoyable occasion for everyone.





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GUIDANCE 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 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 potential academically, personally/socially, and career wise. We support the mission of the school district.

