



The Rambler Report

The Quarterly Newsletter of Eastern Senior High School



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Looking Back, Moving Forward

The inaugural year for the Legacy Class has concluded and we would like to thank families for entrusting your child's education to the school community at Eastern. We've had many successes in our first year of re-launch. Students began to understand not only our academic expectations, but our beliefs around what the Eastern Attitude should look like. The dialogue of our scholars began to change over the course of several months, as we listened to them talk about their GPA, project deadlines, and course selections for their sophomore year. Hearing their new commitment to scholarship makes us excited for the role they will play next year as younger students enroll at Eastern. They can share their victories and mistakes so that the classes after them can be successful in our rigorous, college preparatory environment.

It is essential that families partner with us to ensure that your child is spending these summer months productively (check out the *Summer Fun!* section of this newsletter). Additionally, for any student who has failed one of more classes, his/her plans must include summer school.

We understand that students would like to work, travel, or have other experiences of their choice. However, summer school cannot be a choice. Without attending, students' promotion is at risk, as is their seat at Eastern. We would like to recognize the over 30 students who were removed from the summer school list through the hard work that they put in during the fourth term, allowing them to pass all of their classes during the regular school year!

On the back of this report, please find the latest *Rambler Rumbblings*.

Our students stay busy, and their involvement in close to 30 clubs, activities, and sports on campus is one of our most significant accomplishments this first year. We look forward to reporting the school's performance on the 9th grade DC-CAS in English and Biology. Our goal is to place amongst the top seven of DCPS high schools in at least one CAS subject.

Thank you for your support, and please *check your mail often this summer* for mandatory orientation dates for both students and parents. **If you do not receive our automated connect-ed calls, please call the main office (202.698.4500) and update your phone number in our system.** Lastly, be sure to turn in your registration if you have not already done so, as seats are filling fast!

Dates to Remember

Summer School Starts

Monday, June 25 @ Phelps ACE High School

Registration Forms Due

Monday, July 1 (main office open: 8am-5pm Monday-Friday)

Mandatory Second Year Family and Student Re-Orientation

Thursday, August 23, 6-7pm

First Time 9th Grader Orientation

Monday, August 13th-Thursday, August 16

Summer School Ends

Friday, August 3rd

Summer School Completion Reward Trip

Date and Location TBD

First Day of School

Monday, August 27

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Summer Fun!

The Teen Space at the Martin Luther King Memorial Library has Mac computers, video games, lounge-style seating, books, CDs, DVDs, etc. 202.727.5535 or www.dclibrary.org/node/1209.

The Tiger Woods Learning Center located at 709 12th street SE, offers exciting courses that revolve around careers in math, science, technology and language arts (rocketry, movie making, forensics, etc.) 202.544.6549 or www.tigerwoodfoundation.org.

The Brave Heart Entrepreneurial Youth Camp offers enrichment programs and opportunities for community service!
www.braveheartyouthcamp.org or 800.256.7076.

Outdoor Movie Screenings

<http://www.dcoutdoorfilms.com/schedule.html>

Congratulations to 4th Quarter Honor Roll Scholars!

SUMMA CUM LAUDE (All As):

Curtis Ackwith

MAGNA CUM LAUDE (As and Bs):

Rashad Arnold • Christopher Baggotts • Nino Brown • Kun Chen • Rufus Denmon-Pena • Tonay Denny • Eugene Greene • KeAsiah McLaughlin • Daris Morton

CUM LAUDE (One C):

Donnell Adams • Oluwakemi Adewale • Miles Bender • Dion Boyd • Mia Brown • Jordan Campbell • Reginald Chandler • Juwan Cheeks • Christian Coleman • Taylor Copeland • Kyra Gilkes • Dajuan Greene • Channing Hames • Bernard Hannibal • Demarco Hinson • Andre Holland • Tania Holland • Mo Lam • Romzen McDonald • Roy Mellion • Kyon Muldrow

Rambler Rumblings

- We rounded out the athletic year with **Athletic Awards Banquet**. The banquet honored coaches, teams, individual athletes and others who supported the athletic teams this year. The hallmark award was the Athletic Scholar Award, an award given to one student on each team with the highest GPA and on the honor roll for at least three quarters. Congratulations go to all awardees and to the female and male athletes of the year, **Mearikal Higginbotham** and **DaJuan Greene**.
- All students who are matriculating to their second year in the **Health and Medical Sciences Academy (HMSA)** were celebrated with a White Coat Ceremony. Students recited the Physician's Oath and received white coats while parents and family members commemorated the event. Congratulations to **Taylor Copeland** who received a \$100 scholarship for having the highest grade point average. Thank you to the Business Advisory Council for making the event possible.
- **The Writing Club** released their very own bound book entitled *Someone Like Me: Beautifully Outspoken*. Only 50 copies went into print and are available for purchase in the main office for only \$14.00. Get your copy today!
- 9th grade students saw an opportunity to practice and enter a formal debate and grabbed it! 14 students researched and practiced their arguments about the pros and cons of whether the federal government should ban trans fats in schools and debated in front of a panel of lawyers at **Arent Fox, LLP** law firm.
- Students in the **HMSA** visited **Deloitte**, a large corporate consulting firm in Alexandria, to learn about healthcare and technology careers, as well as a few basic professional skills and etiquette. Students were full of probing questions about future careers and the tools necessary to get there!
- This year we conducted the **First Annual Legacy Day** (Check out the album on our Facebook page) which included which included 60 professionals (including many alumni) in classes, sharing life and career advice with students. Members of the freshman class planted a Legacy Grove of 15 trees and signed tree slices with their names to commemorate their **Class of 2015**. At the honor roll and recognition assembly that afternoon, over 70 Ramblers were honored for their achievements.
- Students who passed all of their classes for the first three marking periods took a day trip to **New York City**, where they tasted authentic New York City pizza, visited **The Metropolitan Museum of Art** to link their world history and art studies, and then had time to shop, eat and explore in Times Square! Students who successfully pass summer school will have an exciting trip at the beginning of the school year. Look for details soon!
- Congratulations to students who participated on the **Eastern Special Olympics Team**. We took home four gold medals in track and field events and the gold medal in the soccer tournament!

