

## CELEBRATING OUR TEACHER OF THE YEAR!



Dr. Marie Borrazzo was selected as the College Academy @ BC Teacher of the Year! We congratulate her and look forward to Dr. Borrazzo representing our school in the Broward Schools Caliber Program.

Since 2016, Dr. Borrazzo has been inspiring CA@BC students to achieve beyond expectation. In her more than twenty years as a professional educator, she has received many awards and special honors. She is a truly talented and dedicated educator.

As an instructor of Mathematics and Statistics, she works diligently to ensure that she provides students with a robust curriculum that prepares them for the continuum of collegiate mathematics study. Her students excel in college placement exams including the PSAT, SAT and ACT. Her commitment to preparing our students for life beyond CA@BC is so encompassing that last year she initiated weekly preparation sessions for all of our students. The sessions are held as part of our Friday CARES schedule, and focus on all subject areas of the PSAT, ACT and SAT, with the goal of ensuring that all of our students are awarded Bright Futures Scholarships and are competitive for many more higher-level academic scholarships.

We congratulate Dr. Borrazzo for her achievement and we are thankful that she will represent us among Broward County Public Schools' other Caliber honorees.

### Did you know?

The College Academy @ BC Class of 2021 received over \$21 MILLION in scholarship offers! This year, we hope to surpass their outstanding accomplishment. Our seniors are actively applying for admittance into the best colleges & universities around the globe.

## School Lunch

Our district will continue to offer free meals to students, following the Federal Summer Program Model, until December 31, 2021. If you would like to obtain a lunch while on campus, please make an early morning visit to our main office at either North or Central Campus to order your meal for the day.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### September

29<sup>th</sup> Registration opens for Juniors, Spring & Summer

### October:

8<sup>th</sup> Senior Graduation Info Session  
14<sup>th</sup> Alumni Night-Great Event for all Current Students!  
15<sup>th</sup> Senior Graduation Info Session  
19<sup>th</sup> Early Release-Kickball Activity  
21<sup>st</sup> **CA Info Night** for Prospective students



## OUR SCHOOL RELATED EMPLOYEE-OF-THE-YEAR IS SIMPLY THE BEST!

Our school year started in a similar fashion to schools across the state; our district worked to start a year of still unprecedented circumstance and our students were happy to be back face-to-face so they could engage with their new friends and their instructors. We faced challenges with transportation, arranging student meals in our unique setting and other logistical dilemmas. Through it all, Mrs. Chalin De Los Santos was the calm force that convinced us all that, "... things will settle down soon. Let's just do what we can to fix the concerns as they arise." She was the same steadying force that she has been throughout her 3.5 years here at CA@BC. Our students and parents encounter Ms. De Los Santos in our main office-she is the first point of contact in the reception area and she manages Central Campus transportation for our students. Her pleasant demeanor is immediately noticeable. She is truly a calming force in the midst of our small but busy community. The faculty and staff selected Ms. De Los Santos as our School Related Employee of the Year because she represents the best of us—she is a truly caring and compassionate professional, and we are fortunate to have her here at CA!

*Our National Honor Society is off to a great start! Led by Advisor Dr. Kim Barron, the more than 300-member chapter has re-engaged with some of its most outstanding committees and will be introducing more throughout the year. Here is a brief snapshot of just a few of the committees our Honor Society members are leading this year:*



COMMITTEE / GROUP TITLE	LEAD NHS MEMBER( S)	HIGHLIGHTS
<b>Finance</b>	Ashton Pierre-Louis	Participants are about to begin the Stock Market competition. Gift cards will be awarded to winners!
<b>BC Fit Club</b>	Sebastian Meza	Participants will engage in gym outings with brief tutorials on the BC gym equipment. Partnering with BC Student Life to create activities to help our students overcome physical and mental hurdles. Meditation and yoga coming soon!
<b>PAWS</b>	Linah Diaz	Focused on combating animal cruelty and facilitating pet adoption. Partnering with Good Karma Pet Recue to help students make a difference in the community.
<b>Sunshine</b>	La'Kennya Huggins	Back-to-School Supply Drive at North and Central BC Campus to benefit our students. Upcoming event- Hispanic Heritage Trivia Night, October 8 <sup>th</sup> @ 4 pm.
<b>Tutoring</b>	Kaidyn Jordan	Reducing student stress by providing peer tutoring throughout the week. A schedule has been released for support by subject area.
<b>Art</b>	Roxie Faye	Just held an amazing event on September 26 <sup>th</sup> ! The event, held at The Bass Museum of Art, provided art and music therapy to event-goers. Congrats on a great beginning!

**Seniors!**

Graduation will be here before you know it! Be sure to join our Graduation Information Sessions this month via Friday CARES! October 8<sup>th</sup> and October 15<sup>th</sup>; 9:30 & 3:30 All seniors must attend at least one session Check out LinkTree on our Website!



# COLLEGE ACADEMY @ BROWARD COLLEGE



Dr. Weinstein with  
 Drew Meltzer

*DREW MELTZER*

## 2022 NATIONAL MERIT SEMIFINALIST

Our scholar has been selected as one of approximately 16,000 Semifinalists in the 67<sup>th</sup> annual National Merit Scholarship Program. Drew will have an opportunity to continue in the competition for some 7,500 National Merit Scholarships worth nearly \$30 million that will be offered next spring. Congratulations to Drew Meltzer!

Five of our scholars were awarded a **NATIONAL MERIT LETTER OF COMMENDATION**. They qualified for this honor through PSAT testing in the fall of their junior year. We are proud of their stellar accomplishment!

- Faith V. Vargas*
- Dadesky I. Saintil*
- Jose D. Ramirez*
- Elaine Lee*
- David Atehortua*

The following students have earned Academic Honors from the College Board National Recognition Programs that grant high achieving underrepresented students with academic honors that can be included on college and scholarship applications and connect them with universities across the country, helping them to stand out during the admissions process. Colleges and scholarship programs identify students awarded National African American, Hispanic, Indigenous and/or Rural/Small Town Recognition through College Board's Student Search Service. We celebrate our scholars:

### NATIONAL HISPANIC RECOGNITION PROGRAM SCHOLARS

Abouhana, Isabella	Dodard, Hendrine	Pierre-Louis, Ashton	Scarpetta, Vanessa
Avendano, Sean	Dotti, Camila	Pineda, Natalie	Torviso, Joseph
Bran, Nicole	Estela, Carmen	Pinto, Kathleen	Vargas, Faith
Bravo, Santiago	Forero, Grace	Prada, Edward	Vargas, Grace
Cambron, Andrew	Gato, Gianna	Quintero, Angel	Velazquez, Antonio
Cisneros, Alejandro Arcila	Hawkins, Mia	Ramirez, Jose	Viena, Elyse
Diaz, Rene	Jimenez, Carlos Pinto	Rodriguez, Sebastian	
DiLorenzo, Guiliano	Jimenez, Valeria	Roncal, Jesus	

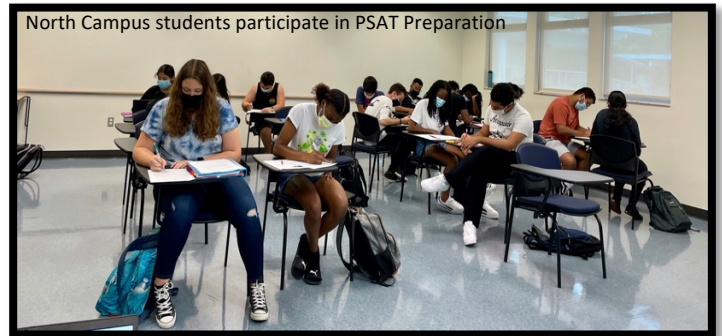
### NATIONAL AFRICAN AMERICAN RECOGNITION PROGRAM SCHOLARS

Bent, Rozena	Dantus, Joshua	John-Baptiste, Darnelle	Scott, Danielle
Bivouac, Varencka	Diaz, Rene	Leroy, Aaliyha	Strozier, Danila
Bright, Deion	Dodard, Hendrine	Libier, Kirsten	Themene, Kierrah
Byfield, G'Anne	Elsinger, Garrett	Martin, Annakay	Vanderbilt, Sydonie
Calixte, Laurent	Faustin, Sachley	Miller, Chianne	Wright, Ria
Celestin, Taitana	Gregory, Alexandria	Nyfield, G'Anne	
Cisneros, Alejandro Arcila	Harrigan, Jordan	Orukotan, Gatou	
Cummings, Layna	Huggins, LaKennya	Pierre-louis, Ashton	

## GEARING UP FOR THE FALL 2021 PSAT!

In September, our school launched a school-wide initiative to assist our juniors as they prepare for the **October 16<sup>th</sup> PSAT**. This exam is the qualifying exam for National Merit Scholarships. Students who excel on the PSAT will be among approximately 32,000 students nationally who will have the opportunity to compete for millions of dollars in scholarships. As part of our Friday CARES offerings, each of our professors offers an hour-long session that covers important strategies and practice questions. Both verbal and mathematics strategies are addressed in eight different intensive classes. Students learn verbal strategies such as SQ3R and detecting detractor questions. Mathematics strategies include assistance with rhetoric, algebraic thinking and problem solving and data analysis.

Students have shared that the sessions help them prepare for college entrance exams as well as their current college courses.



Students on both the north and central campuses participated in National No One Eats Alone Day on Thursday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>. Our learning community gathered to participate in a variety of activities such as charades, exploring music genres, chatting with subject area professors and just getting to know one another during lunchtime.



**NO ONE**  
EATS ALONE™

### *A Note From Principal Haygood...*

Welcome to Fall at CA@BC! **As you can tell from the bulk of this newsletter, this month's priority is PSAT!** Our teachers are committed to supporting our students as they prepare for the upcoming high-stakes tests. The entire school staff understands just how much an exemplary score can mean to a student and his/her/their family. We encourage parents/guardians to maintain awareness of the scheduled tests throughout the year, and please visit our website regularly to learn about the various options for test preparation.

Our goal is to ensure each and every student qualifies for Florida Bright Futures Scholarships, and that every student has limitless options and opportunities for their academic and professional pursuits beyond College Academy @ BC. If you have questions or concerns, please visit the website,

talk to your young adult, contact us by phone or stop by our north or central campus offices. Every student will be successful as long as we work TOGETHER!

### **More Preparation Resources:**

**PSAT:** <https://www.effortlessmath.com/blog/top-10-tips-to-ace-the-psat-nmsqt-math-test/>

**ACT:** <https://www.thoughtco.com/top-act-tips-3212037>

**SAT:** [https://blog.prepscholar.com/15-sat-tips-to-improve-your-sat-](https://blog.prepscholar.com/15-sat-tips-to-improve-your-sat-score#:~:text=Keeping%20a%20cool%20head%20on%20the%20SAT%20is,let%20it%20derail%20you%20-%20just%20keep%20going.)

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*Have a Great Month!*

*Bandetta D. Haygood*