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BLACK HISTORY MONTH



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HONORING BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Black History Month, a time to honor African American achievements, was born from a need to address the exclusion of Black history from American education. Dr. Carter G. Woodson, known as the "Father of Black History," spearheaded the initiative. In 1926, he launched "Negro History Week," a precursor to the month-long observance we know today.

Woodson chose February, aligning with the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass, to encourage schools and the public to honor Black achievements. His aim was to challenge the erasure of Black history and educate people on African American contributions, expanding beyond the stories of slavery.

The week-long celebration evolved, eventually becoming Black History Month. In 1976, President Gerald Ford formally recognized Black History Month, urging Americans to acknowledge the often-overlooked achievements of Black Americans. This official recognition solidified its importance as a platform for education, celebration, and reflection.



THE LEGACY

Today, Black History Month continues to serve as a strong reminder of the ongoing struggle for equality and justice. It encourages deeper learning about the diverse experiences and contributions of Black individuals throughout history and in contemporary society. The observance fosters a greater understanding of the cultural richness and resilience of the Black community, inspiring dialogue and progress toward a more inclusive future for everyone.





SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

ADREONNA REED

Adreonna Reed describes herself as outgoing. Her favorite high school memory was the junior prom. This year, her favorite class has been 4th period Library Aide with Demoine Brown because he makes it enjoyable. She has been involved in FCCLA, was recently inducted into the National Honor Society. She balances her school commitments while also working at Burger King.

Although she says her senior year felt rushed at times, Reed stayed focused on her goals and is most proud of making it to graduation. She says she will miss the relationships she built with classmates, underclassmen, and teachers.

Throughout high school, Reed learned that friends may come and go, but you always have yourself. She credits Patricia Blankenship as her most influential mentor for supporting her during tough times. After graduation, she plans to attend the University of Central Arkansas and major in nursing. She would like to thank God, her mom Brandy Lee, and her teachers for helping her reach this milestone.



SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

ANNIE PERDUE

Annie Perdue describes herself as a hard-working, quiet, and determined student who has grown both academically and personally throughout high school. Her favorite memory was her ninth-grade year, especially helping set up and work on the *Moana* play. Perdue's favorite subject is art. She is actively involved in Art Club, French Club, Interact Club, Science Club, Student Council, volleyball, and the Ruddle Road Church of God Children's Church. She enjoys staying involved because it allows her to interact with others, have fun, and step outside of her comfort zone.

Perdue says she will miss hanging out with her friends every day and cherishes the memories they've made together. She is inspired most by her grandma, Georgia Ware, and is thankful for everyone who believed in her and never gave up on her during difficult times.

After graduation, Perdue plans to travel and attend college to pursue art and photography. She encourages underclassmen not to take their ninth-grade year for granted because time flies faster than they realize.

Jeremiah 29:11 reflects her faith and future: ***"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."***



COMMUNICATION



Blytheville High School will hold Parent-Teacher Conferences on February 17 and February 19 from 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. These meetings give parents and teachers a chance to discuss how students are performing in school, and the school encourages all families to attend and take part in this important event.

Parent involvement plays a vital role in a student's education. By attending conferences, parents learn more about what their child is being taught, how lessons are presented, and how their child is progressing academically. These meetings provide valuable time to talk about student strengths as well as areas where improvement may be needed. Education does not stop when the school day ends, as many students need extra practice at home to fully understand certain lessons. When families remain involved, they can help review schoolwork, complete assignments, and build strong study habits.

At Blytheville High School, the conference process is simple. Parents will begin at the Welcome Center to pick up their child's progress report and class schedule before visiting each teacher to ask questions and discuss performance. These conferences help create a strong partnership between home and school, benefiting every student.

Tuesday, Feb. 17th
3:30pm to 6:30pm
&
Thursday, Feb. 19th
3:30pm to 6:30pm

Do you have a great story idea? Want to see your club, activity, or event featured in our newsletter? Email us at cgroves@blythevilleschools.net.



SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

ANGEL PERRY

Angel Perry has attended Blytheville Schools her entire life. She says that although she is not interested in joining clubs, she really loves Mrs. Kim Byrd's classes because she's a "really good teacher."

Perry's proudest achievement at BHS is making all As and staying out of trouble. She said she is most inspired by her parents. Perry says, **"My dad, he gets me right with school and wants the best for me. My mom, she [also] wants what's best for me and to set a good example."**

Outside of school, if Perry is not hanging out with her friends, she says you can catch her at home, laying in her bed. **"I am a homebody. I don't like going out and partying. I just want to get right with God and keep to myself."**

After high school, Perry plans to attend Arkansas State University and later qualify for nursing school. She said she used to watch a lot of Grey's Anatomy, and that show inspired her to want to become a registered nurse (RN).



SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

A'TYRANEE ROBINSON

A'Tyrane Robinson is a member of the art club as well as the track team, where she competes in the 400m run and triple jump. Outside of school, she continues to run track and enjoys painting. A favorite memory of Robinson's was when her friend fell in the hallway her sophomore year, and her senior year by far has been her favorite as the homecoming was interactive and fun. She credits Orissa Williams as a big inspiration because she believes Williams tries to understand all students.

For Robinson, success means independence and not following the crowd. She is motivated by her younger sister and role model, Nylah. A valuable lesson she has learned over the years is not to try to force yourself into a friend group. Her greatest accomplishment is simply making it this far. If she could give advice to her freshman self, it would be to not skip classes. **"I believe in being a leader, not a follower."**

After graduation, Robinson plans to move to Little Rock to in hopes of attending dental school and pursuing a career as a dentist. What excites her about the future is the freedom and independence of what the future might hold!





COUNSELOR SPOTLIGHT

KELVIN MOORE

Originally from Kennett, Missouri, our high school counselor, Mr. Kelvin Moore, has always had a heart for growth, change, and working with young people. Although his career path was not always clear from the start, each step helped shape the counselor he is today.

When he was younger, he had several interests. At first, he considered going into marketing and advertising for clothing and design companies. However, during high school and college, his interests shifted. He realized he wanted to work with youth and make a difference in the lives of the youth.

As a student, he described himself as involved and social. While he admits he could have applied himself more academically, he is grateful to have experienced being a normal kid. He graduated from Kennett High School and later attended Lincoln University and Missouri State University, where he earned his bachelor's degree. Later, he earned his master's degree from Arkansas State University.

Before becoming a school counselor, Moore gained experience working with young people in various roles. He worked in after-school child care at the YMCA, then as a treatment care facilitator and case manager. He later became a college and career advisor at KIPP before transitioning into a counseling position at Blytheville Middle school. While completing his master's internship at Arkansas State University, his supervisor, Audrey Parker, encouraged him to apply for his current role, which ultimately brought him to Blytheville High School.

Outside of school, he prioritizes exercise, eating healthy, spending time with friends and family, and traveling whenever he can. His nieces are especially important to him, whom he cares deeply about.



What's it like being a counselor?

Moore's main goal is to ensure students are on the right path—not just during high school, but beyond. ***"I make sure they are okay emotionally and socially and provide resources for those who need them,"*** he added. The counselor's job isn't without challenges. ***"No day is the same,"*** he explained. ***"Things can change at the drop of a dime."***

As part of the school's first response team, Moore must remain flexible and ready for anything. To cope with difficult days, he focuses on maintaining balance. He believes in leaving work at work. What he enjoys most about his job is advocating for students. He values building relationships, getting to know students personally, and being a resource they can rely on.

His advice to students: ***"Don't give up. Even if situations may not seem favorable at the time, there are always paths and ways to put yourself in a better position. Everyone has a different path, and success looks different for others."***



FBLA

FUTURE BUSINESS LEADERS OF AMERICA

Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) is a student organization that helps prepare high school students for careers in business, leadership, and entrepreneurship. Through competitions, workshops, and conferences, members develop skills in public speaking, teamwork, networking, and problem-solving. FBLA events allow students to apply what they learn in class to real-world business situations, helping them build confidence and professionalism.

FBLA also encourages community service and leadership development. Members often participate in service projects, fundraising efforts, and leadership roles within their local chapter. These experiences help students grow personally and professionally while connecting with peers who share similar career interests. Overall, FBLA provides valuable opportunities that prepare students for college and future careers.



BHS students recently attended the District II FBLA Spring Conference event in Pocahontas. During the February 6th competition, members met and spoke with other FBLA students from across the area as they presented their projects. The conference allowed participants to engage with peers and demonstrate their presentation skills at the district level.

Congratulations to the following members on their accomplishments!

Kaylee Kimble- 3rd in Accounting
Micah Wilson- 3rd in Visual Design
Ryley Walker- 5th in Journalism



SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

SHY'ERIS WEAVER

Shy'Erís Weaver has been attending the Blytheville School District since kindergarten. Her hobbies include working, reading, and singing sometimes. Weaver is an active member in Future Farmers of America (FFA) as Junior Advisor, French Club, Interact Club, and Science Club.

Weaver's former assistant band director, Mr. Montgomery, has had the biggest impact on her. "He was focused on teaching us as a whole and made sure that we sounded nice enough to go perform for others." If she could give any advice to underclassmen, it would be, **"Make sure that you're at school on time and doing your work, because all of that does catch up to you in the long run."** Her biggest inspiration is her mom because she shows her that she should always do better.

After graduation, Weaver plans to go to college to become a neurosurgeon. One thing that she is excited about for the future is making something of herself. To the current high school students and upcoming ones, she shares: **"No matter what is trending at the moment, such as skipping class and missing school, it's going to hurt you in the long run. That's not a good look."**



SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

JAVON LEWIS

Javon Lewis has been attending the Blytheville School District since Kindergarten. He can be described as smart, brave, and intelligent. Lewis is a student ambassador and has designed his own business.

Lewis' biggest accomplishment in high school, so far, is scoring one point shy of a perfect score on the ASVAB. In school, he enjoys the things he does in class the most. His teacher, Lisa Chew, has had the biggest impact on him because she wants to see and hear him do better. Lewis has grown a lot, especially from where he was freshman year compared to now. If he could give any advice to underclassmen, it would be, **"Keep your head up, stay in school, and fake it 'till you make it."**

After Lewis graduates from high school, he plans to join the Air Force, and then become a police officer, which is his ultimate goal. One thing that he is excited about for the future is joining the Air Force, and his favorite Bible verse is Matthew 11:24, **"But I tell you that it will be more bearable for Sodom on the day of judgment than for you."**



VALENTINE'S DAY ORIGINS

VALENTINE'S DAY ORIGINATED FROM A COMBINATION OF ROMAN, PAGAN FERTILITY RITUALS AND CHRISTIAN MARTYRDOM.



THE FIRST VALENTINE



LEGEND SAYS THAT THE ORIGINAL "VALENTINE" WAS WRITTEN FROM PRISON. IT SUPPOSEDLY SAID "FROM YOUR VALENTINE."

VALENTINE'S DAY CHOCOLATE

THE FIRST HEART-SHAPED BOX OF CHOCOLATES WAS CREATED IN 1868 BY "CADBURY."

Cadbury



VALENTINE'S DAY CARDS



HANDWRITTEN NOTES WERE POPULAR DURING THE 18TH CENTURY. THEIR USE LESSEned AFTER IMPROVEMENTS IN PRINTING, WHICH LED TO THE MASS-PRODUCTION OF GREETING CARDS.



LUPERCALIA



ONE OF THE ORIGINS OF VALENTINE'S DAY WAS A ROMAN FERTILITY FESTIVAL CALLED "LUPERCALIA", IN WHICH THEY DREW NAMES FROM A BOX TO PAIR UP COUPLES.

VINEGAR VALENTINES

DURING THE VICTORIAN ERA, PEOPLE WOULD SEND "VINEGAR VALENTINES." THESE WERE RUDE CARDS SENT TO PEOPLE THEY DIDN'T LIKE.

"WEARING YOUR HEART ON YOUR SLEEVE"

THIS SAYING COMES FROM THE MIDDLE AGES, WHERE PEOPLE WOULD RANDOMLY DRAW THE NAME OF THEIR VALENTINE, AND WEAR IT ON THEIR ARM FOR A WEEK.

VALENTINE'S DAY EXPENSES

DID YOU KNOW THAT THE AVERAGE PERSON IS EXPECTED TO SPEND \$200 ON VALENTINE'S DAY GIFTS?





SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

JAQUAN PIGGEE

Jaquan Piggee is the son of Vernessa Johnson. His favorite teacher at BHS is Orissa Williams because she lifts up his spirit and gives him great advice on his future.

After high school, Piggee wants to work toward a career in HVAC and entrepreneurialship, designing clothes, and being a public figure. He looks up to his Grandma Lee because, after his grandpa died, he loved how she kept pushing herself after all the things she went through. ***“It makes me realize she’s a true soldier and just wants me to succeed.”***

Piggee is thankful for his friends being around through all the years and keeping him afloat, making him realize there’s more to life. He is motivated by his Grandma Jessie, stating, ***“I loved staying with her when my parents were gone. No matter how bored I was, she did everything for me and was a good woman overall.”***

Finally, Piggee encourages underclassmen to, ***“Be a leader, not a follower, and make sure you leave a great spirit behind everywhere you go.”***



TEACHER SPOTLIGHT

DAVID CORNICHIONNE

World History & English

David Cornacchione is beginning his first year in the classroom at Blytheville High School. He was born and raised in Maryland and graduated from William Carey University with a Bachelor of Science in Communications, graduating Magna Cum Laude. He also graduated from the University of Mississippi with a Bachelor of Science in Communications, with minors in Philosophy and English, as well as earning his Juris Doctor. He is currently working on his Master of Education. He is married and has two cats and a very spoiled dog.

Mr. Cornacchione became a teacher to help students avoid mistakes before they are made later in life. His goal:

“I want to make sure my students take away knowledge that they can use in life to make themselves better.”

Cornacchione’s greatest accomplishment is his relationship with the Lord. His favorite quote is, ***“You must know where you have been to see where you are at, and where you are going,”*** by Maya Angelou. Cornacchione hopes to touch someone’s life who will go on to be successful.





BLACK HISTORY MONTH

BLACK LEADERS IN

Blytheville



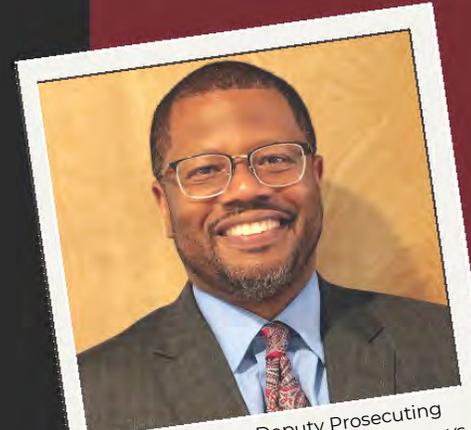
Mayor Melisa Logan, Blytheville's first female African American mayor.



James Sanders, first African American mayor of Blytheville. Served for 12 years (2011-2023).



Vanessa Stewart serves as the Assistant Chief of Police for the Blytheville Police Department



Curtis Walker, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney at Walker & Nelson, Attorneys at Law.

Many black leaders in Blytheville believe in hard work, pride, and supporting one another. From hardworking students and dedicated teachers, to business owners, doctors, artists, and many other individuals, black leaders continue to make a positive impact in our community. Families, churches, and local non-profit organizations also play a big role in uplifting one another and the community.

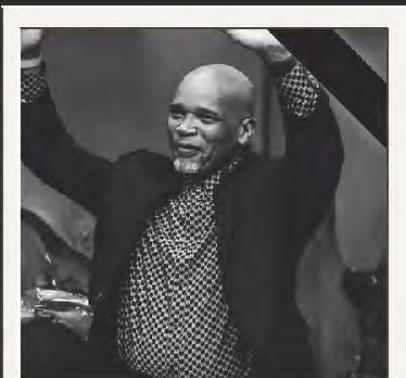
Black excellence isn't just about success, it's about unity, leadership, and culture. Here is a glimpse at just a few of the many black leaders in Blytheville who are inspiring the next generation to dream big and keep pushing forward.



Chef Shemekia Jackson, business owner of OMG That's Sweet at Nucor-Yamato Steel



Sandy "Bebe" Gillespie, founder of the nonprofit organization, *Healing in the Hood*, which focuses on community healing, men support, and mentoring.



Frederick Clay Sr, local pastor of Morning Star M.B Church. He is also volunteers in the Blytheville School District



SENIOR SPOTLIGHT AKAYIA VEASLEY

Akayia Veasley has been attending the Blytheville School District since kindergarten. She is described as very outgoing, nice, and loud. Akayia was one of the football team's managers this year.

Akayia's favorite high school memory is Homecoming. **"We get together as a class, decorate posters, and cheer on our classmates."** Her biggest accomplishment in high school, so far, is applying to ANC for pharmacy. Her teacher, Dorothy Brooks, has had the biggest impact on her because she is always on her about her grades and motivates her to keep going. If Akayia could give any advice to underclassmen, it would be, **"Always be on time for class, have good grades, and be positive about everything you do."** Her biggest inspiration is herself because even when she's at her lowest, she always reminds herself to keep going.

After Akayia graduates from high school, she plans to go to pharmacy school to become a pharmacist. One thing that she is excited about for the future is getting older, and her favorite Bible verse is Philippians 4:13, **"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."**



SENIOR SPOTLIGHT ZION VEASLEY

Zion Veasley has been attending the Blytheville School District since kindergarten. She is described as sweet, passionate, and smart. Something that people don't know about her is that she likes to read. Her other hobbies include working, eating, and listening to music.

Zion's favorite memory from high school is Homecoming because she enjoys everyone coming out and coming together. If she could relive one high school day, it would be the first day of senior year. Her teacher, Lisa Chew, has had the biggest impact on her, saying, **"She's a good listener, she doesn't judge, and she gives great advice."** If she could give her own advice to students, it would be, **"Come to school because trying to catch up in your senior year will be really hard."**

After graduation, Zion plans to go to nursing school at ASU Newport to become an LPN, and then continue working her way up from there. One thing that she is excited about for the future is living life freely without struggle. Her favorite Bible verse is comes from Ephesians 4:32.

"Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you."





Recognizing Excellence



NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

INDUCTION CEREMONY

The National Honor Society (NHS) induction ceremony is an event that celebrates the accomplishments of students who have demonstrated excellence in scholarship, leadership, service, and character. During the ceremony, selected students are formally inducted into NHS with a pin and a certificate to recognize their achievements.

NEW MEMBERS INCLUDE:

Reyadh Alkayfee
Chad Bell
Erin Bell
Payden Brown
De'asja Daniels
Jazmyne Hill
Rubi Juarez
Kaylee Kimble
LaDonna King
Zyrihanna McNear

Johnny Moore
Jordan Moore
Jon'Bernai Prunty
Adreonna Reed
Courtney Rogers
Tatiana Rumph
Matthew Selvy
Tykira Smith
Tori Stewart
Sherri Walton
Koree Weatherspoon



NHS officers opened the ceremony by highlighting the values and mission of the organization. Inductions featured a candle-lighting tradition that represents the four pillars of the NHS:

Scholarship

Presented by Micah Wison

Service

Presented by Ella Miller

Leadership

Presented by Rico Moore

Character

Presented by Ryley Walker



SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

KY'MARA MCDUFFIE

Ky'mara McDuffie came to Blytheville from Memphis, Tennessee. She wants to go to college and cosmetology school, so she can start her own hair and makeup business. McDuffie advises younger students to take their first year of high school seriously. ***"It really matters and follows you throughout."*** One of her best memories from high school is Homecoming, a time full of excitement and school spirit.

McDuffie is inspired by her teacher, Patricia Blankenship, who helped her stay focused, even when things got tough. Outside of school, she spends a lot of time practicing her hair and makeup skills. Her favorite quote is by Mallory Hopkins: ***"Life is short. Smile while you still have teeth."*** It reminds her to enjoy life and have fun along the way.

Looking ahead, McDuffie is excited about graduating and starting the next chapter of her life. ***"I'm ready for what's next,"*** she says. She is proud of making it to 18 and becoming a senior. ***"I'm proud of how far I've come."*** She is excited for the opportunity to continue working toward her dreams.



SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

TRENTEL WILLIAMS

Trentel Williams is passionate about baseball and enjoys playing sports outside of school, especially basketball. He has big plans after graduation. He hopes to become a business manager and also pursue a career in welding.

Trentel's favorite high school memory is his first touchdown in football during his ninth-grade year. It's a moment that stuck with him and brings back great memories. One teacher who has inspired him is Lisa Chew. ***"She always looks out for me."*** He says he is grateful for her support throughout his high school journey.

Looking ahead, Trentel is most excited about graduating and going to college. ***"The future is uncertain, but this is the end of the beginning,"*** he quotes, drawing inspiration from Gustavo Fring. Trentel is ready to take the next step in his life and pursue his dreams, confident that this is just the start of an exciting future.

Trentel believes balancing enjoyment and responsibility is key to success in high school. His advice to underclassmen is:

"Have fun, enjoy your high school life, and make sure you do your work."





SNOW DAYS

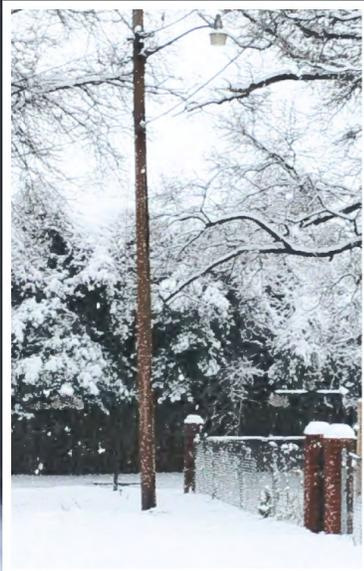
WINTER BREAK PART TWO?

A historic winter storm, spanning from Mexico up to parts of Canada struck North America during the weekend of January 23, 2026. With a mix of rain, sleet, freezing rain, snow, and ice, this storm caused widespread power outages and millions of dollars in damages across numerous states, not to mention sub-freezing temperatures that lasted for more than a week. Unsafe road conditions caused many schools across the nation to close. After a normal school day dismissal on Friday, January 23, Blytheville School District was also impacted by the weekend storm was unable to reopen until February 4, giving students a "winter break part two." Some went outside and enjoyed the snow, while others chose to stay inside to enjoy the winter wonderland that blanketed the town from the comfort of their home.



AN IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE BSD:

Due to the seven inclement-weather days and five make-up days already built into the school calendar, the district will review the remaining days and inform families if additional make-up days are required.



Scheduled Make-Up Days:

- MD1 – February 16, 2026
- MD2 – March 20, 2026
- MD3 – June 3, 2026
- MD4 – June 4, 2026
- MD5 – June 5, 2026





INSTRUCTIONAL LEADERSHIP SPOTLIGHT

KIM MCGEHEE

Kim McGehee is a BHS educator who enjoys building connections with students and the school community. McGehee was born in Little Rock, Arkansas, and raised in Dumas. She graduated from Dumas High School in 2002 and went on to attend college at the University of Central Arkansas in Conway, Arkansas. It was there that she obtained a bachelor's degree in Middle Level Education with an emphasis in math and science. McGehee stated that she came to Blytheville School District as the result of an answered prayer. She prayed to God that she would go to a school where she could make a lasting impact, and she was offered a job at the former Blytheville Intermediate School in 2007.

In her 18 years as an educator, McGehee has operated in several roles. First, she taught 5th grade math for ten years before moving up to the 8th grade for about six years. Afterwards, McGehee became a Multi-Classroom Leader at Blytheville Elementary School for about two years before joining the BHS staff this year to serve as an Instructional Facilitator and Building Test Coordinator.

When she's not working, McGehee enjoys going to church, spending time with family, dining out, watching movies, and traveling. In the coming years of her career, McGehee hopes to see students improve their mathematical skills and teachers improve their instructional practices.

"I hope that me being here in Blytheville has been impactful and that students and teachers will grow."



What exactly does Ms. McGehee do as IF & BTC?

McGehee is both an Instructional Facilitator (IF) and Building Test Coordinator (BTC) at BHS. As an Instructional Facilitator, she is a secondary instructor who helps both students and teachers become successful in the classroom. Some of her duties include observing classrooms, monitoring students, engaging with students to improve learning, and supporting teachers' instructional methods.

As a Building Test Coordinator, McGehee helps to make sure that standardized tests are administered properly. She, along with Candice Groves, the other BTC at BHS, helps ensure that teachers are trained to help supervise testing sessions, prepare and secure confidential testing materials, make sure the testing environments are free from any violations, and review data. McGehee describes her job as one that "keeps you busy," but isn't difficult for her because of the way she handles it.



SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

JACEI RAZOR

Jacei Razor cherishes her high school experiences, especially "Throwback Thursday" in the 9th grade, which brought her class closer together. Influenced by Dorothy Brooks' CTE Survey of Business class, she gained essential skills for college applications and job readiness. Lisa Chew has also been a supportive teacher, balancing fun with focus, making her classes enjoyable and engaging.

After graduation, Razor plans to study Business Technology at schools like Green Tech, Arkansas State University, or Louisiana State University. Her advice to incoming freshmen is to enjoy their high school years, avoid distractions, and:

"Never change yourself for anyone."

Proud of making the Honor Roll while staying committed to her studies, Razor believes in the power of perseverance. She hopes her classmates find success and emphasizes that ***"God always has you."***



SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

CARSON PREBLE

Carson Preble is #32 on the Blytheville Varsity Basketball team. His hobbies include playing basketball, video games, and cooking. Preble's dream job is to become an NBA player. At school, Preble mostly enjoys talking to his friends. Some fun facts about Preble are that he is a good Fortnite player, he can dunk, and he has an extensive shoe collection. He is most inspired by the Dallas Mavericks forward Cooper Flagg.

Preble's biggest accomplishment in high school, so far, is making all A's and B's on his report card. His words to the underclass are:

"Time Flies."

His favorite high school memories are the awards ceremonies and the energy on game days. After high school, Preble would like to play college basketball and study to become a basketball coach. His favorite motivational quote is:

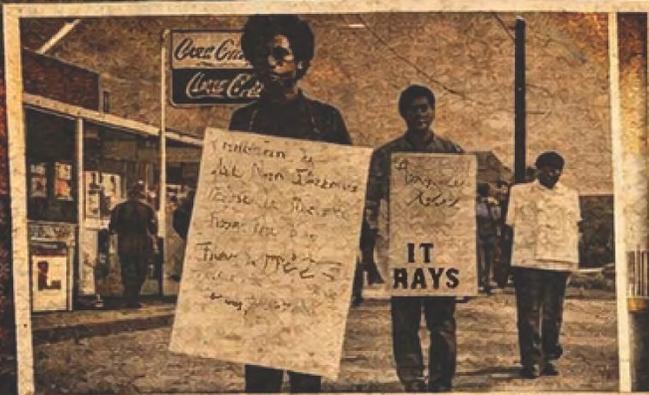
"You miss every shot you don't take."

BLACK HISTORY EVENT

AT THE DELTA GATEWAY MUSEUM

SATURDAY · FEBRUARY 28TH · 12:00PM - 2:00PM

★ EXHIBITS ON: ★



Ray's Grocery Protest



Blytheville School Walkouts

DELTA GATEWAY MUSEUM

210 W. MAIN, BLYTHEVILLE, AR

BHS CHOOSES KINDNESS

Blytheville High School is excited to celebrate Random Acts of Kindness Week for us to intentionally spread positivity, encouragement, and joy throughout our campus.



Dress-up themes for the week of February 16-20

Monday, February 16 – “Kindness Makes the Heart Grow”

Wear red, pink, or clothing with hearts.

Tuesday, February 17 – “Kindness Colors Our World”

Dress in your favorite color.

Wednesday, February 18 – “Kind Words Matter”

Wear clothing with positive or kind messages.

Thursday, February 19 – “Kindness is Magical”

Wear your favorite Disney character.

Friday, February 20 – “Kindness is My Superpower”

Wear your favorite superhero shirt.



SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

KADARIUS JONES

Kadarius Jones is the son of Krystal Fowler and Marvin Fowler. Jones stays focused on his classes and works hard to stay on track. Outside of school, Jones spends a lot of time in the gym, improving strength, mindset, and overall health. His favorite teacher at BHS is his math teacher, Bill Brandon, because ***“he consistently motivated me to push my limits and improve to get better grades.”***

His favorite high school experience is spending time with his friends and making memories. He is grateful for his parents and friends. ***“They have always been there for me, supporting me through challenges and celebrating my successes. Their encouragement means everything to me.”***

After high school, Jones plans to go to college for computer science. He is motivated by the desire to succeed ***“not only for myself, but also to make my parents proud of everything I accomplish.”*** He looks up to his parents and teachers because of their hard work, dedication, and the sacrifices they’ve made to help him achieve his goals.



SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

ANTHONY TAYLOR

Anthony Taylor is the son of Anthony Taylor and Kimberly Anderson. Taylor is number 22 on the basketball team, playing the small forward position. Taylor's favorite teacher is Patricia Blankenship because, ***“She stays on me to get my work done, and some kids just need that to do better.”***

Taylor is still undecided about his plans after high school, but is leaning towards the workforce and is hoping to travel out of Blytheville. Taylor looks up to himself because, ***“I've worked so hard to reach personal goals, and I respect myself for that.”***

Outside of school, Taylor likes to go outside, play basketball, or his favorite, sleep. Taylor's favorite high school experience was Homecoming of ninth grade. Taylor appreciates his mom and grandma, ***“They have never let me go without, and they were hard on me at times because I wasn't the best me, and I appreciate them for that.”*** He also appreciates them for keeping him in church when he was younger which helped him build a relationship with God. Taylor's biggest accomplishment was going to class, getting all his credits, and being able to graduate. His farewell message to the underclassmen is, ***“Come to school do your work listen be respectful. It'll all pay off.”***



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