



THORNTON TOWNSHIP
HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 205

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

FEBRUARY 14, 2024

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OPEN SESSION

C A L L T O O R D E R

ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE



COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

- A. Report from Curriculum Committee**
- B. Report from Finance Committee**
- C. Report from Policy Committee**
- D. Report from Discipline Committee**
- E. Report from Facilities Committee**

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of the Regular Meeting and Executive Session Minutes dated January 10, 2024**
- B. Approval of District 205 Bills: Dated January 11, 2024 through February 14, 2024**
- C. Personnel: Approval of Resignations, Leave of Absence, New Hires & Terminations dated February 13, 2024**

CONSENT AGENDA

D. Ratification(s):

- i. Approval of the Thornwood Competitive Dance Team State Competition Overnight, Normal, IL, January 25-26, 2024**
- ii. Approval of the Special Olympics Snowshoeing Tournament Overnight, Galena, IL, February 5-8, 2024**
- iii. Approval of the Thornton Chess State Tournament Overnight, Peoria, IL, February 8-10, 2024**
- iv. Approval of the Thornwood Competitive Dance Team State Competition Overnight, Springfield, IL, February 9-11, 2024**
- v. Approval of the Thornton State Speech Tournament Overnight, Peoria, IL, February 15-17, 2024**
- vi. Approval of the Thornridge Varsity Girls State Bowling Tournament Overnight, Rockford, IL, February 15-17, 2024**
- vii. Approval of the Thornwood Speech IHSA State Competition, East Peoria, IL February 15-18, 2024**

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

We now open the Public Participation section of our agenda. At this time, members of the community are invited to address the Board. We ask that you state your name and town, limit your total time to two minutes, and talk only about items on the current Board Agenda.

In addition, if your comments are of a critical nature about specific people, the Board requests that you present your comments during the personnel portion of the “executive session.”

Your name will not be called if you do not sign in and list a topic or the topic is not on the current Board agenda or if public participation has begun.

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOIA)

DR. DOSS





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COMMUNICATIONS

N E W S F R O M T H E S C H O O L S

MR. FICKES

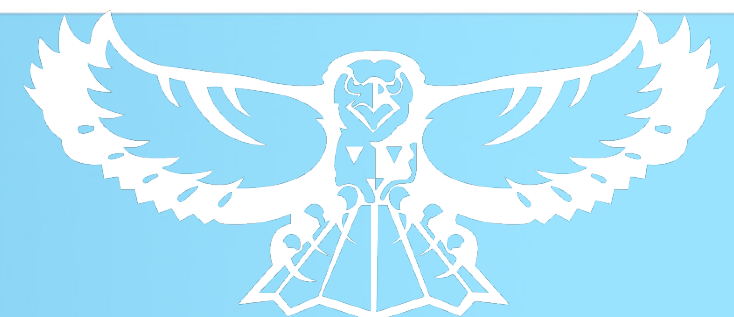
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Girls Bowling Team at Sectionals

1 Senior, **Nichaun Townsend**, will advance this weekend to State



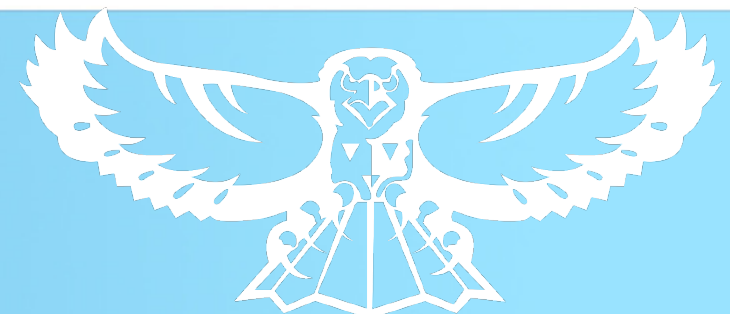
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1ST SEMESTER AWARDS CEREMONY

Students were honored for 95% attendance, honor roll, high honor roll and distinguished scholar awards. Food was served after ceremony.



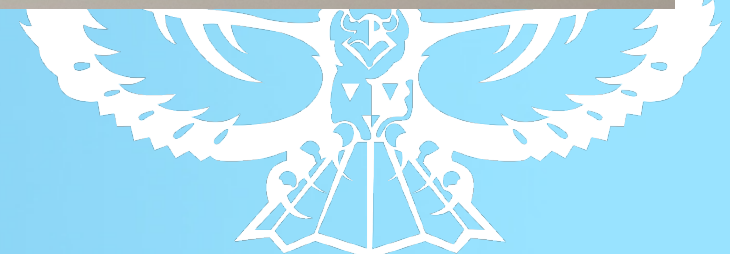
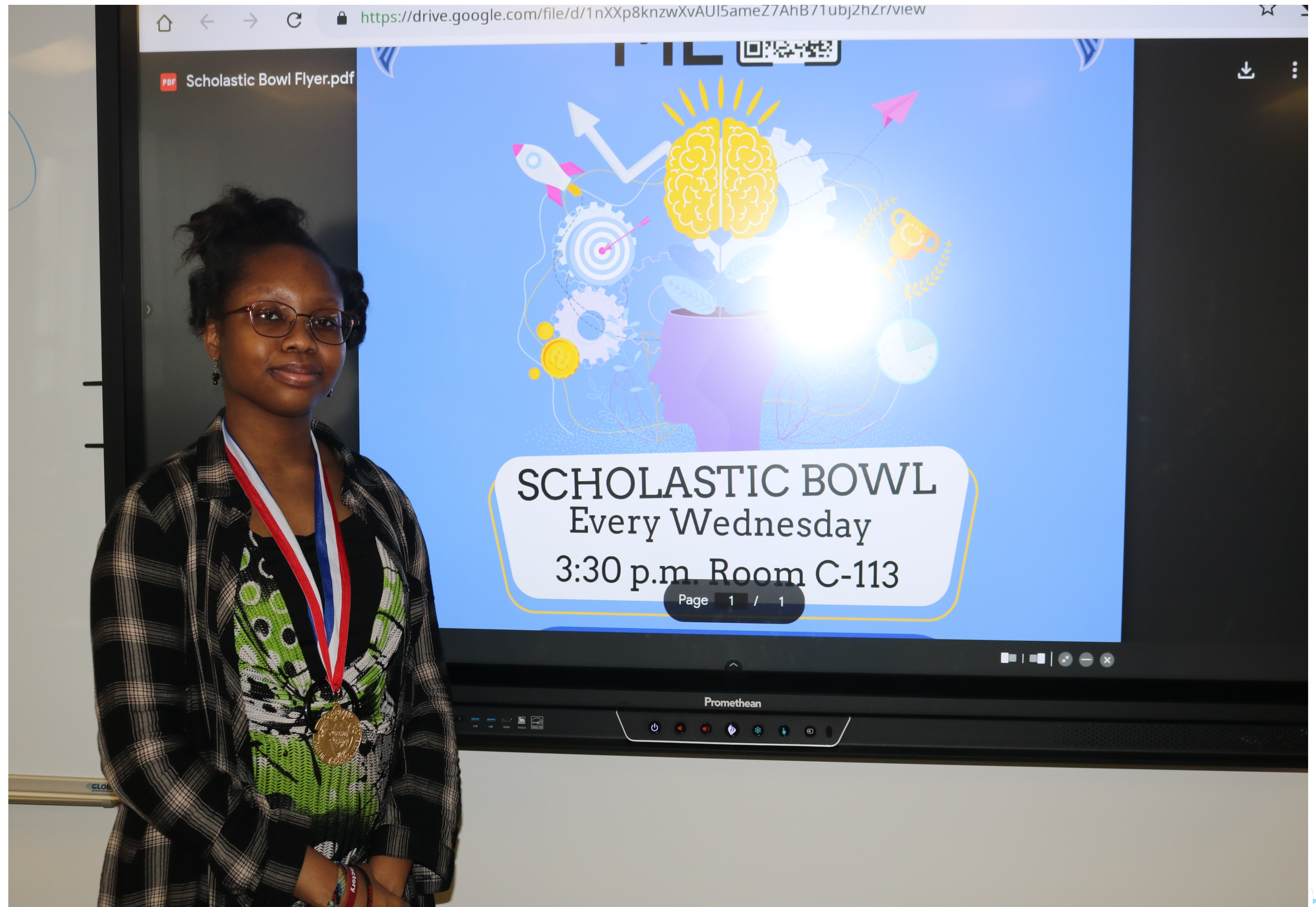
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Scholastic Bowl

We have the top varsity scorer in the conference here at TR, **Kailah Oparah**, along with Freshman All-Conference honoree Jaleil Bibbs, who also medaled in Chess (3rd place).



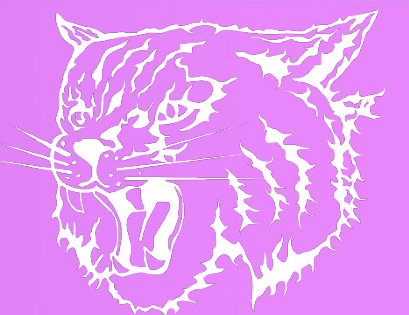
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W I L D C A T S

Students in the My Influence Matters program had the opportunity to privately screen the film *Origin*. In collaboration with Thornton's own LaRoyce Hawkins, the students were treated to concessions and had the opportunity to discuss the importance of the film. MiM members in attendance also received a free year subscription to MasterClass to further develop a growth mindset and clearer pathway. MasterClass is a subscription service created by Oprah Winfrey where industry leaders provide in depth sessions on their expertise.



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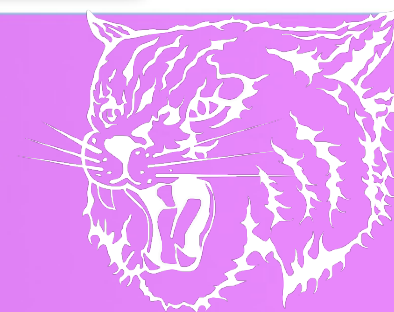


CHESS TEAM HEADED TO STATE

Nine students and 1 coach headed to Peoria, Illinois February 8th – 10th to compete in the Chess State Tournament



Taofeeq Amuda won an individual medal for winning 5 games and 1 tie.



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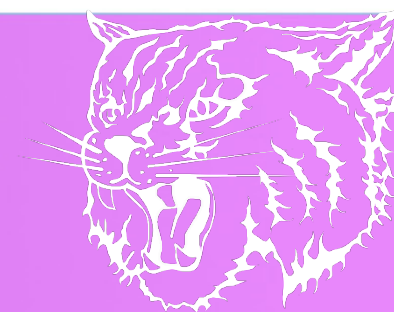
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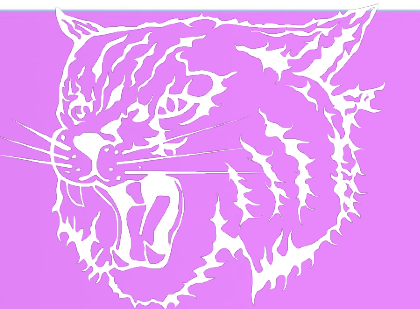
My Influence Matters held its school wide pledge day this past Friday where 300 students stood in solidarity to take the pledge of success and to commit to be a positive influence on their peers and in their community. The pledge was also extended to all staff and faculty members to make their influence matter.





THORNTON STUDENTS HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO SEE THE PLAY HAMILTON

A select group of students had an amazing opportunity to go see the Tony, Grammy, Oliver & Pulitzer prize winning musical called Hamilton on January 24, 2024. The play was performed at the James M. Nederlander Theatre in Chicago. For many students, this was a foreign experience because they have never had the chance to see a live musical production in person. Students were selected by their teachers to attend as a reward for displaying positive classroom interactions, good participation and overall effort. Students and teachers took charter busses to downtown Chicago and were able to eat lunch at the Macy's Marketplace food court before the 2 hours and 45-minute show. Many students reported that they enjoyed the show, and this was a memorable experience for all that attended. February



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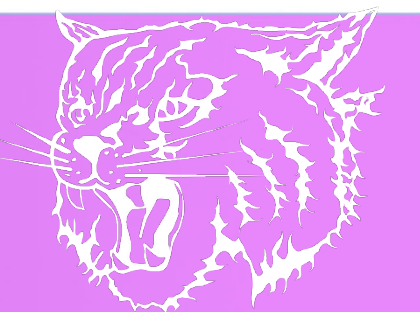
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VARSITY WILDCAT BASKETBALL TEAM IS ON FIRE!!!

The TTHS Varsity boys basketball team is on fire this season! They are currently 24-4 Overall. They will play their last home game of the season Tuesday, February 13th against Crete-Monee. Good Luck Gentlemen!





Competitive Dance IHSA State Competition



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Our Thornwood Competitive Dance team qualified for IDTA State Competition.

This is the first time in Thornwood History!

They qualified for one solo performance, one pom pom routine, and one hip hop routine.

They advanced to the next round of competition in Springfield, IL.





The Thornwood Varsity Team WON the Southland Athletic Scholastic Bowl Conference Championship with a 6-1 record!

The Varsity Team consists of the following students:

Curtis Spence Laurence Nnabuo Victoria Collins

Alternate Captain: Nnenna Iheme

Alternate Captain: Addison Perkins

Team Captain: Deven West

JV team finished in 4th place with a 4-3 record.

The JV Team consists of the following students:

Ariana Whitaker Isabella Rojas Danielle Moore

Mirian Onyenso Madison Wright Jayla Butler

Eria Owens Xayvion Matthews

Special shoutout to The Southland Athletic Conference team members.

These students finished in the top 15!!!

Deven West (Varsity - 6th place)

Ariana Whitaker (JV - 7th place)

Isabella Rojas (JV - 8th place)

Nnenna Iheme (Varsity - 13th place))

Danielle Moore (JV - 14th place)





Thornwood Senior Twins Selected as Evans Scholars

In addition to pursuing academic excellence in the classroom, twins Aranzazu and Christopher Munoz have served as golf caddies at the Olympia Fields Country Club in Olympia Fields, IL for the last 4 years. Their academic excellence, impressive caddie record and outstanding character has resulted in **both** being named Evans Scholars who will receive the prestigious Chick Evans Scholarship for Caddies.

This scholarship is the equivalent of a “full ride” scholarship covering full tuition and housing for a maximum of 4 years to select 4-year post-secondary institutions of higher learning. Both siblings have applied and been accepted to many colleges and universities. They desire to attend school together at their first-choice institution, the University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign.



Thornwood Mathletes



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Had their conference competition where they competed against all the schools in the SAC conference. Thornwood Mathletes team placed 2nd overall in the conference. Thornwood was the only school to earn medals in ALL 15 events.



1st place events:

Fresh/Soph Calculator: Kaden Bentley-Townsend, Miriam Onyenso, Jayla Butler, Destiny Johnson, Duke Agyepong, Giselle Herrera

Polynomials: Taylor Thrasher, Curtis Spence, Audrey Davis, Isis Hernandez, Oluwanifemi Ajayi, Andrea Ramirez

Linear Equations/Inequalities: Giselle Herrera, Destiny Johnson, Duke Agyepong, Laylah Hobbs, Jaidyn Rowe, Joiye Burton

Matrix Algebra: Deven West, Victoria Collins, Laurence Nnabuo, Beautiful Nickerson, Melanie Peinado, Nnenna Iheme

Graphs: Danielle Moore, Giselle Herrera, Destiny Johnson, Laylah Hobbs, Joiye Burton, Jaidyn Rowe

Graph Theory Oral: Deven West and Victoria Collins

Mathematics of Finance Oral: Jeremy Price and Fabiola Herrera

We also had numerous perfect scores:

Deven West (perfect for the whole night!): Matrix Algebra, Vectors, and Graph Theory Oral

Victoria Collins: Graph Theory Oral

Miriam Onyenso & Danielle Moore: Linear Functions

Taylor Thrasher: Polynomials and Systems of Equations

Curtis Spence, Isis Hernandez, Oluwanifemi Ajayi, & Audrey Davis: Polynomials

Laurence Nnabuo: Matrix Algebra and J/S Calculator





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Congratulations to Thornwood Students:

Linsday Langley, Antwon Barfield, Jalen Bean, and Elijah Harris for taking 1st place at the Midwest Regional Drone Competition. Thornwood is heading to the Nationals in May 2024!



Child Development



Congratulations to our Thornwood students who have acquired their Child Development Associate (CDA) credentials through our Early Childhood Education Program!!! This credential allows them to receive 9 college credit hours in addition to the 3 college credit hours acquired through dual credit, giving them a total of 12 college credit hours which is equivalent to one full semester of college.

This saves them at least \$20,000 in college tuition fees depending on the college.

The Thornwood students that were recently awarded credentials are as follows: Melanie Peinado, Gabrielle Galloway, Euginia Paul-Wash, and recent graduate Trinity Saxton (Class of 2023) have successfully completed the CDA program.



NEW BUSINESS

A. Breaking the Cycle Event- Student Board of Education

NEW BUSINESS

B. Thornton Township HS Students, Hamilton Field Trip- Mr. Fickes

NEW BUSINESS

C. My Influence Matters, Program Update- Mr. Jason Clark & Mr. Fickes

NEW BUSINESS

D. Recommended Approval of 2024-2025 Revised School Calendar- Mr. Fickes

NEW BUSINESS

E. Recommended Approval of Thornton HS Coca Cola Great Lakes Experience Fieldtrip, Milwaukee, WI, February 19, 2024

NEW BUSINESS

**F. Recommended Approval of Thornton Mielle Cares
Overnight, Washington, DC, April 1-4, 2024**

NEW BUSINESS

G. Recommended Approval of Thornton Band Fieldtrip to Westside Cougars
Spring Band Jamboree, Gary, IN, April 20, 2024

NEW BUSINESS

H. Recommended Approval of Thornwood Aerial Drone Nationals Overnight, Grand Blanc, MI, May 16-18, 2024

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- **Motion to enter into Closed Session, pursuant to 2(c) of the Open Meetings Act to consider the following:**
 - **The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees;**
 - **Student discipline;**
 - **Collective negotiating matters; and**
 - **Pending, probable or imminent litigation**

RECONVENE OPEN SESSION

ACTION ITEMS FOLLOWING OPEN SESSION

- A. Approval of Issuance of Tenured Teacher Notice to Remedy**
- B. Approval of Settlement Agreement with Former Student**

ADJOURNMENT

Next Regular Meeting

March 13, 2024

THORNTON TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL

District 205 Vision: Building an exemplary high-quality organization that produces major gains in student achievement and prepares all students to be productive citizens in a global society.

District 205 Mission: To develop productive citizens who are enrolled, enlisted or employed at the completion of high school.

District 205 Core Values: Empathy, Trust, Pride, Responsiveness, High Expectations with High Support Integrity, Commitment to Excellence, Innovation, and Collaboration