



Public Charter High School

# Warrior Weekly

February 2, 2024

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Happy Black History Month,

Beyond its physical infrastructure, this TMA's neighborhood, Anacostia, Barry Farm, and Hillside, have woven itself into the fabric of American history. Anacostia and Barry Farm have long stood as a testament to resilience and determination. Established in 1867 by the Freedmen's Bureau, this neighborhood served as a refuge for those who courageously fled the shackles of slavery during the tumultuous era of the Civil War.

Like our students, community members have been at the forefront of pivotal social movements over the years, contributing significantly to the struggles for women's suffrage, civil rights, and welfare rights. Their unwavering commitment to justice and equality has left an indelible mark on the nation's narrative. In celebrating the rich roots of Black history embedded in this community's soul, we honor the past and acknowledge the enduring impact of these collective efforts on shaping a more inclusive and equitable future.

Best Regards,  
Raymond Weeden, Jr.

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## College Counseling

Seniors and families:

Please save the date, Feb 7, 2024, for our [FAFSA Completion/Financial Aid Night](#). The evening will feature information related to Paying for College and Trade Schools, important dates, and assistance with completing the FAFSA . We will have Representatives from different colleges, as representatives from College Tracks and College Success foundation to assist families.

You will need the following documents:

1. Social Security number (SSN), legal name, date of birth, and email address.
2. 2022 federal income tax returns (including all applicable schedules)

Please plan to join us by RSVPing [HERE](#):

You do not want to miss this event!

Please see the attached flier for details, or to reserve your seat by February 2, 2024, please click here:

Additionally, Capital One is providing TMA students and families Free FAFSA support over the course of the next few months. At each workshop, students will be supported by counselors from local college access organizations to answer questions and help submit the FAFSA. Plus, students can opt-in to text Oli, a Virtual Assistant that answers FAFSA questions 24/7 and sends helpful reminders to keep them on track.

Workshop dates:

January 13, 2024 | 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

February 16, 2024 | 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

March 16, 2024 | 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

No RSVP is required for the workshops. Drop in and stay as long (or little) as needed to get your questions answered. They are inviting ALL who may need support to participate.

**Thank you,  
College Counseling Team**

**Announcing the 2024 Pre-College Summer Program for DC high school students at  
Stevens Institute of Technology**

Since 2018, the A. James & Alice B. Clark Foundation has sponsored DC students to attend the Stevens Institute of Technology Pre-College Summer programming in Hoboken, NJ. This includes a **full tuition scholarship, roundtrip transportation and full room and board** for DC public and charter high school students.

## Ready to learn more? Stevens in DC February 12th, 22nd, 23rd

Joel Rolon, Stevens Institute of Technology Director of Pre-College Programs, will be in DC February 12th, 22nd and 23rd to meet directly with groups of students and school teams. Schedule a meeting [here](#).

*Please sign up by February 2nd. To note, you do not need to meet with Mr. Rolon for students to apply.*

We are pleased to offer this experience again for Pre-College Summer 2024. Applications for this summer's [one-week on-campus residential experience](#) are due in April (exact date to be announced by Stevens, the priority deadline is March 1). The [application](#) takes less than an hour to complete.

Students will leave DC on Saturday, July 6, 2024 and return on Saturday, July 13, 2024.

Students may apply for the the programs starting on July 7th including focus areas in:

- Engineering
- Biology
- Business
- Pre-Med Biomedical Engineering
- Cybersecurity
- Data Science
- Electronic Music Production
- Neuroscience

*The partnership does not include other program offerings or different sessions/dates.*



The banner features the Stevens Institute of Technology logo on the left, which includes a stylized building icon and the text "STEVENS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY 1870". To the right of the logo, the text "PRE-COLLEGE SUMMER PROGRAMS" is written in large, bold, white letters, with "A SUMMER EXPERIENCE THAT LASTS A LIFETIME" in smaller white letters below it. The banner is divided into three vertical panels: the left panel shows a student in a lab coat and gloves working with a small animal; the middle panel shows a group of diverse students standing in front of a city skyline; the right panel shows students gathered around a table, focused on a small robot on a track. At the bottom left, the text "SUMMER PROGRAM FOR DC PUBLIC AND CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS" is written in blue, and at the bottom right, the dates "JULY 6 - 13, 2024" are written in red.

**PRE-COLLEGE  
SUMMER PROGRAMS**  
A SUMMER EXPERIENCE THAT LASTS A LIFETIME

SUMMER PROGRAM FOR DC PUBLIC  
AND CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

**JULY 6 - 13, 2024**

## EXPLORE CAREER OPTIONS IN ANY OF OUR ONE WEEK PROGRAMS

Biology: Genetics & Medicine • Business Explorer • Civil Engineering • Cybersecurity-Advanced  
Data Science for Social Policy • Electronic Music Production • Engineering Bootcamp • Introduction to Programming  
Introduction to Neuroscience: Exploring the Human Brain • Pre-Med Biomedical Engineering

### INTERESTED IN LEARNING ABOUT THE STEM FIELDS?

Make the most of your summer by participating in Stevens Institute of Technology's Pre-College Programs! From creating lasting friendships to engaging in academic activities and workshops, Stevens Pre-College offers you the opportunity to explore a college major, participate in evening research projects and experience the classroom with our distinguished faculty.

### ACCEPTED STUDENTS RECEIVE:

- FULL tuition scholarship
- Round trip transportation from D.C. to campus
- Full room and board
- NYC DINNER CRUISE
- College-prep workshops and social activities



### INSPIRED TO LEARN MORE?

Visit [stevens.edu/summer](https://stevens.edu/summer)  
or call 201.216.3683

### Details for DC students:

- Programming is best suited for rising 11th and 12th graders.
- Students must apply through the Stevens website. Application and more information can be found [here](#).
- The A. James & Alice B. Clark Foundation will sponsor up to 40 DCPS and DC charter high school students. Sponsorship includes fully paid tuition and transportation provided by Stevens to/from Union Station in DC to campus (a total value of over \$3,000 per student).

### Important notes about the online application:

#### Students must complete the personal statement (max 500 words).

- Letter of recommendation and PSAT, SAT or ACT scores are both OPTIONAL. You do not need to provide this.
- Uploading any supplemental materials on the application is OPTIONAL. You do not need to provide this.
- DCPS and DC public charter school students do not need to fill out any financial aid information on the application. When you get to the financial aid section of the application it will ask you if you would like to be considered for financial aid -- select no and continue.

Please contact Joel Rolon, Director of Pre-College Programs, with questions or for more information. Mr. Rolon may be reached at [summer@stevens.edu](mailto:summer@stevens.edu).

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## **Wellness Team**

### **Social/Emotional Wellbeing**

In high school students are managing a lot: school, friendships, relationships, family, and many other stressors that could be impacting them. The Wellness Team at TMA is here to support students' social/emotional wellbeing through check-ins with students, therapy or referrals to outside providers.

Please reach out to **Ms. Whieldon** ([swhieldon@tmapchs.org](mailto:swhieldon@tmapchs.org)), Clinical Social Worker/Mental Health Coordinator, if you would like to have your student connect with a member of the Wellness Team.

If your family is in transitional living (sheltered, doubled-up, etc.) please reach out to **Ms. Hayden** ([yhayden@tmapchs.org](mailto:yhayden@tmapchs.org)),

Clinical Counselor and McKinney Vento Homeless Liaison.

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### **Strengthening School Behavioral Health Survey 2024**

The Department of Behavioral Health (DBH) has partnered with Child Trends, a nonprofit research organization, to learn about school behavioral health (SBH) services and support at all public and public charter schools in DC. From January 15 through **March 15**, schools are being asked to administer brief, online surveys of students, families and school staff about their perceptions of school behavioral health services. Based on the survey data, each school will receive a report that can be used to help them complete their School Strengthening Work Plan and monitor the delivery of school behavioral health supports. Several school behavioral health coordinators have shared that these reports helped them:

- Identify student and school-wide behavioral health needs and areas for growth
- Plan behavioral health and wellness goals, initiatives and activities for the following school year

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The Office of the Deputy Mayor for Education (DME) is holding a virtual Boundary and Student Assignment "Lunch and Learn" for families with students who have special education needs or Individual Education Plans (IEPs). Please join us on **Tuesday, February 6 at 12 pm**.

**The goals of the meeting are to:**

- Ensure families are aware of the 2023 Boundary and Student Assignment Study.
- Share the current self-contained special education options for DCPS schools and how the DC Special Education Cooperative works.
- Share ideas about how to help improve families' access to these services focusing on assignment policies.
- Hear feedback and suggestions from families about these student assignment ideas, and answer questions related to the study.

Staff members from DCPS's Division of Specialized Instruction and the DC Special Education Cooperative will also be in attendance. During the meeting, panelists will not be able to answer specific questions about students' IEPs but panelists will provide a link where families and staff can follow up separately.

Please register for the meeting using [this link](#) and share the attached flier with your networks!

DME Planning Team

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### **Calendar Facts**

- **February 7**
  - 9th and 10th Grades Honor Roll Assembly
  - Financial Aid Completion Night
- **February 8**
  - 11th and 12th Grade Honor Roll Assembly
- **February 15**
  - TMA Board of Trustees Meeting
  - Admissions Meet and Greet
- **February 16-20**
  - No School
- **February 21**
  - Classes Resume

[Remember to use the calendar to support your family's plan to help prevent students from missing school as much as possible.](#)

**The TMA Calendar is linked here!**

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