Dear Parents,

Next week is our College Awareness Spirit Week. Please see the attached schedule of events and days for your child to dress up. I know that all of our students can and will attend college and an easy way to begin that process is simply discussing college with children. College can be very attainable and affordable for everyone and college degrees are now needed for most career fields. Some easy conversations to have with your child are around topics of their future career path and what they want to be when they grow up. Discuss how your child will need to go to college to fulfill their aspirations. Answer any questions that may come up about college from your child and if you do not know the answers, tell them you will find out. It is a simple way to begin the idea of college for your child.

Deborah Avalos, EdD
Principal

**WEEK 19 GET CONNECTED**

Online activism can be powerful. Spend some time this week looking for Facebook groups to join so you can unite with other students interested in anti-bullying issues. Make an effort to post at least 3 comments and see what happens. See if you can pick up any good ideas that you can use in your school or community. There’s power in numbers, and you may be surprised by how many meaningful connections you make.

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**Upcoming Events**

- Jan 19th: PFO Movie Night (6pm)
- Jan 31st: Re-enrollment
- Jan 31st: Academic Talent Search
- Feb 1st-28th: Open enrollment
- Feb 19th-23rd: Presidents week break
- Feb 28th: End of second of trimester

**How to Volunteer**

1. Volunteer in the classroom
2. Volunteer with playground supervision during recess and lunch
3. Volunteer during ASES
4. Help write, update, and organize the Wednesday Weekly
5. Donate gently used school uniforms
6. Organize the lost and found/clothes closet
7. Wash clothes needed for the clothes closet
8. Volunteer and accompany during Field Trips
9. Seek awards, donations, gift certificates, and incentives from local and national businesses/organizations
10. Help clean up/beautify the campus
11. Attend or Participate in the PFO meetings and activities
12. Help with social events on campus
13. Attend any HLA hosted or promoted event (School Site Council, parent workshops, Board Meetings, School Assemblies, Back to School Night, Open House.)
**Higher Learning Academy’s College Spirit Week**

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| Monday, January 22\(^{nd}\) | -Begin door decorating for contest judged on Friday  
-Teachers share college experiences in class  
-College of the Day PowerPoint shown                             |
| Tuesday, January 23\(^{rd}\)  | -Collegeday.org lesson plans  
-College of the Day PowerPoint Shown                              |
| Wednesday, January 24\(^{th}\) | -Create My future board (K-3)  
-Create college pennant research activity (4-8)  
-College of the Day PowerPoint Shown                                |
| Thursday, January 25\(^{th}\)  | -Career Day: dress up as what you want to be when you graduate from college  
-College of the Day PowerPoint Shown                                 |
| Friday, January 26\(^{th}\)   | -College Spirit Rally- Door decorating contest winner announced  
-Wear your college gear  
-College of the Day PowerPoint Shown                                 |

**PFO’s Student Spotlight**

The PFO would like to recognize **Sanoma Bevens** for her honorary behavior both at school and at home. Sanoma displays kindness to those around her and is quick to help out when others are in need. Mother Tina Bevens says Sanoma “is very deserving of the student spotlight” and the PFO is proud to salute her. If you have a student you feel warrants recognition for excellent behavior at school or in the community, please submit their name and honorary deed to the front office for the PFO.
We are on the web! Visit us @ www.hlacharter.org