Tunica-Biloxi Education Department

TBED COLLEGE & CAREER NEWSLETTER

DIRECTOR'S NOTES



JOHN D. BARBRY Director of Development and Programming, & Education Department

How often do you think about your future? What are your goals after you graduate from high school? Ideally, we all should plan and take on opportunities that help us learn about continued education, military service, or workforce certification. TBED Academic Counselors can advise you on college and career preparation. TBED highlights career options in most of the enrichment activities we host. We remind you of ACT test schedules and provide prep classes and ACT fee vouchers

to help you take the test. TBED coordinates tours of regional colleges, universities, and vocational schools. I know the excitement of being a senior and anticipating graduation day. At some point, we must create a clear vision of our next phase of growth and career direction. We advise that students begin their preparation as they start high school. Some students start kicking the tires and exploring careers as early as middle school. Reach out to your Academic Counselor and make a plan today!

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TBED Services

Twenty-one (21) service options are available throughout the year for Tunica-Biloxi Tribe of Louisiana Youth (K-12) registered with the Education Department (TBED). There are five main categories:

ACTIVITIES (9)

Academic/Cultural Enrichment

Academic Skills Coaching (Check-n-Connect & Advocacy) · College / Career Prep · Academic Counseling / Mentoring · Test Prep-State · ACT/SAT Prep · STEM/STEAM · Leadership / Skill Development · Language & Culture · Life Skills

TOURS (2)*

- Academic/Cultural Enrichment

Educational · College / Voc-Tech

TUTORING (3)

Special Education (SPED Tutoring) · Online · In-Person

SUPPLEMENTAL EDUCATIONAL SUPPORTS (6)

Student Assessment/Therapy · Lessons** (one fine art at a time) · Workshops · Technology (Laptop or Tablet, Microsoft Office, Printer, Grammarly, Calculators, etc.) · Activity Supplies · School Supplies

SPECIAL SERVICES (1)

Special needs service requests for students with a disability and/or and/or affected by at-risk factors to overcome barriers to educational attainment

*Academic & Cultural Enrichment Tours facilitated by TBED only

**TBED may support one Fine Arts enrichment activity (such as music, dance, chess, graphic arts, and gymnastics) at a time

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COUNSELORS' CORNER

Leslie Carmouche

As we approach the end of the first semester, it's time to reflect on accomplishments and prepare for the opportunities ahead. December is a busy month, and staying organized will help ensure a smooth finish to the academic year. After the hard work, we can enjoy the holidays without stress and worry.

Key Tips for Success

- Plan Your Time Wisely: Final tests and projects are just around the corner. Keep up with your child's planner or calendar daily.
- Self-Care Matters: The holiday season can be hectic, so remember to rest, eat well, and take breaks to enjoy family and recharge.



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TAYLOR CANDELAS KHYLAN DAVIS RYLEIGH PIERITE

Ask for Help: If your child is struggling with classwork, studying, homework, or just feeling overwhelmed, don't hesitate to reach out. We are here to support your child with resources and tutoring!

Looking Ahead

As we head into the new year, please help your child to start thinking about their academic and personal goals. Whether setting goals to do better in a certain subject, joining a new club, or participating in Tunica-Biloxi culture workshops, Tunica language classes, or TBED activities, always help them remember the endless possibilities.

Let's finish the semester strong and enjoy a well-deserved winter break!



LESLIE CARMOUCHE
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Thank you for your ongoing support and dedication to your child's success.

Jacqueline Murdock

Check-in and Connect with Me...

Fall 2024 REWARDS Events

100 POINTS NEEDED TO EARN A REWARD

- □ CHECK-N-CONNECT w/ Counselor (2x/month) 10pts
- □ TBED ACTIVITIES & LA & TX GROUP MEETINGS 10pts
- ☐ CULTURAL WORKSHOP 10pts
- ☐ ATTEND THREE (3) TUTORING SESSIONS 10pts
- □ SUBMIT PROGRESS REPORT / REPORT CARD 10pts
- □ SEND PICTURES OF STUDENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS 10pts

CONGRATULATIONS

ALEXANDER RAMEY

represented his school in the

27th Annual Texas Grade

Championships

(7th grade chess tournament) and did very well.



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JAGGER DAVIS

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PARIS LEONARD

TRAVELLE PIERITE



JACKIE MURDOCK Academic Counselor LA Group (6-8) 318.955.1257 jmurdock@tunica.org

Heavin Chesne

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Our new ACT Prep sessions occur every other Tuesday at the CERC! The December dates are 12/3 and 12/17. I will send out the January dates towards the end of December, so look out!

We also have fee waiver vouchers available. These will cover your ACT fees if you register by the regular registration deadline. If you register late, the waiver will still cover the test fees but not the late fees; those will have to be taken care of on your own. Please reach out if you need a voucher and test prep materials.

ACT TEST DATES

Dec 14 [registration deadline 11/8/24]
Feb 8 [registration deadline 1/3/25]
Apr 5 [registration deadline 2/28/25]
Jun 14 [registration deadline 5/9/25]
July14 [registration deadline 6/6/25]

Don't forget that there is FREE access to test prep on the ACT website! www.actstudent.org

GRAMMARLY SUBSCRIPTIONS

Grammarly subscriptions are available.

NEWS:

Close-Up USET Youth Summit Impact Week will be held March 8-15, 2025. Students selected for attendance must remain mindful of language and culture class dates and completion deadlines. Communication about upcoming meetings will be shared via email and text message, and these communications will need to be responded to as they are pertinent to your participation in the program.

TUTORING @ THE CERC:

Monday (Dec. 2nd, 9th & 16th) 3:00pm-5:00pm Tuesday (Dec. 3rd, 10th & 17th) 4:00pm-6:00pm If you need tutoring, please contact me to schedule a time.

NACAC FEE WAIVERS

NACAC offers application fee waivers allowing students with limited financial resources to apply for college. Admission Application Fee Waiver form

- · Enrollment Deposit Fee Waiver
- · SAT & ACT Fee Waiver

OFFICE HOURS

Please call to schedule an in-person meeting!

- Mon., Wed., Thur., & Fri. 8:30-3:00 PM
- Tues. 8:30-9:30 AM and 10:45-3:00 PM



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ATTENTION STUDENTS/PARENTS:

- If you haven't done so, PLEASE submit a copy of your child's latest report card or progress report. It's imperative that we have a sufficient understanding of each student's current academic standing.
- If your student(s) need any service request, feel free to send an email, text or call.
- One-on-One meeting will be held during the first third weeks of December, they must be complete by 12/20. Make-up times and dates will be available. Zoom links will be sent via email.
- If your student is looking for service learning hours, please reach out via email.
- If you have any questions or concerns, I am available via Phone & Zoom Mon. through Fri. 8:30AM — 6:30PM.
- We have the resources to help with studying and funding for the ACT & SAT exams.

An extra special congratulations to MARTIN MCMULLIN of Chicago, IL. Martin, a senior and the class president at St. Rita High School, was selected as a Posse Scholar by the Posse Foundation. The Posse scholarship is highly competitive, with more than 25,000 student applicants vying for 40 individual full-tuition scholarships.

I am also available for school visits, parent/ teacher conferences and IEP meetings. Please reach out if you have any questions or need any assistance.

UPCOMING EVENTS

☐ CHRISTKINDL MARKET
Sat., Dec. 14th 11:30am — 4:00pm



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LAUREL BELL WARNER CANDELA DAX MCDONALD
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Happy Holidays!

Make studying easier with

Quizlet Plus







Rachel Morales

I am so excited to be your child/children's TBED Academic Counselor for the 24-25 school year!!! I hope to connect with you all this year and get to know your students so that I may help them in their future educational goals/careers. Please let me know how I can help!

A Few Reminders:

- Send in first nine weeks progress/report cards
- Send any Updated IEP/IAP documents if they apply to your student
- Update any phone, address, school, or email information

I'd like to celebrate your students! Please let me know if your child is being recognized in school or at a special event so we may celebrate with you!

This Month: CHLOE LAGUNA



Congratulations, CHLOE, for making the Merit Honor Roll! Keep up the good work! For high school students, November can be very important for those considering college. Early admissions deadlines are here! For juniors, it's a great time to start exploring and visiting campuses, building resumes, and preparing for standardized tests! For middle schoolers, they are discovering their interests, developing study habits, and finding their way.

This month, I encourage you to support your students by helping them create a balance between their academic responsibilities, extracurriculars, and personal time. For college-bound high schoolers, help them stay organized with their application timelines and exploring scholarship opportunities. Middle school parents, it's never too early to start discussing college and career aspirations and how academic choices now will support future goals. Let's make November a productive, supportive, and encouraging month for our students and let me know how I can help! We have several options for tutoring support, and I can help you apply for scholarships offered through the education department. Just let me know!

- SAT Dec 7 · Mar 8 · May 3 · Jun 7
- ACT Dec 14 · Feb 8 · Apr 5 · Jun 14 · Jul 14



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SIENNA GARCIA
ENRIQUE MALDONALDO
FELIX PEREZ
RAUL REBOLLAR, JR.
JADE RIOS

TUTORING RESOURCES

TUTORING AGENCY	GRADE LEVEL	SERVICES	CONTACT INFORMATION
ANDERSON ACADEMICS	Grades K-12	One-on-One, Semi Private, and Small Group Lessons	www.andersonacademics.com · 714.369.8671
CLUB Z TUTORING	Grades K-12	In-home and online tutoring offered in over 400+ locations	www.clubztutoring.com · 708.247.5020
MCS TUTORING	Grades 8-12	Online math tutoring and test prep sessions	www.mcstutoring.com · 714.696.6284
SKOOLI	Grades K-12	24/7 Instant online tutoring – all subjects, anytime, anywhere	www.skooli.com · 844.475.6654
SPECIAL ED TUTORING	Grades K-12	One-on-One Special Education Tutoring (individualized plans for all academic levels)	www.specialedtutoring.com · 844.773.3822
STUDYVILLE - ALEXANDRIA	Grades 4-12	all subjects; in-person & virtual tutoring	www.studyville.com · 318.541.8655
STUDYVILLE - BATON ROUGE	Grades 4-12	all subjects; in-person & virtual tutoring	www.studyville.com · 225.408.4553
SYLVAN LEARNING - ALEXANDRIA	Grades K-12	all subjects; in-person & virtual tutoring	www.sylvanlearning.com · 318.290.3731
SYLVAN LEARNING Atascocita / Humble (TX)	Grades K-12	all subjects; in-person & virtual tutoring	www.sylvanlearning.com · 281.668.7892
SYLVAN LEARNING Bellaire / Sugarland (TX)	Grades K-12	all subjects; in-person & virtual tutoring	www.sylvanlearning.com · 713.280.3343
SYLVAN LEARNING Chicago (IL)	Grades K-12	all subjects; in-person & virtual tutoring	www.sylvanlearning.com · 312.635.6493
SYLVAN LEARNING Clearlake / Webster	Grades K-12	all subjects; in-person & virtual tutoring	www.sylvanlearning.com · 713.893.1539
SYLVAN LEARNING Cypress / Houston (TX)	Grades K-12	all subjects; in-person & virtual tutoring	www.sylvanlearning.com · 832.497.5191
SYLVAN LEARNING East Spring (TX)	Grades K-12	all subjects; in-person & virtual tutoring	www.sylvanlearning.com · 832.239.5291
SYLVAN LEARNING Forest Park / Oak Park (IL)	Grades K-12	all subjects; in-person & virtual tutoring	www.sylvanlearning.com · 708.689.4140
SYLVAN LEARNING Glendora (CA)	Grades K-12	all subjects; in-person & virtual tutoring	www.sylvanlearning.com · 626.513.4471
SYLVAN LEARNING Fulshear (TX)	Grades K-12	all subjects; in-person & virtual tutoring	www.sylvanlearning.com • 832.685.4046
SYLVAN LEARNING Katy / Houston (TX)	Grades K-12	all subjects; in-person & virtual tutoring	www.sylvanlearning.com · 832.772.4235
SYLVAN LEARNING Kyle (TX)	Grades K-12	all subjects; in-person & virtual tutoring	www.sylvanlearning.com · 512.377.1098
SYLVAN LEARNING Lafayette (LA)	Grades K-12	all subjects; in-person & virtual tutoring	www.sylvanlearning.com · 337.901.8317
SYLVAN LEARNING Oak Lawn / Evergreen (IL)	Grades K-12	all subjects; in-person & virtual tutoring	www.sylvanlearning.com · 708.572.0171
SYLVAN LEARNING Midland / Odessa	Grades K-12	all subjects; in-person & virtual tutoring	www.sylvanlearning.com · 432.897.1593
SYLVAN LEARNING Spring / Humble (TX)	Grades K-12	all subjects; in-person & virtual tutoring	www.sylvanlearning.com · 832.610.3356
SYLVAN LEARNING Orland / Tinley Park (IL)	Grades K-12	all subjects; in-person & virtual tutoring	www.sylvanlearning.com · 708.336.3130
TBED Tutoring (Sessions can also be schedule with TBED Academic Counselors)	Grades K-12	Monday · 1:00pm — 5:00pm Tuesday · 3:00pm — 6:00pm Wednesday · 3:00pm — 5:00pm 30 min to 1 hour sessions	To schedule in-person tutoring sessions in Marksville (CERC) contact Mrs. Jackie 318.955.1257, Mrs. Leslie 318.305.3826, or Ms. Heavin 318.500.4056.

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SCHOLARSHIPS & MORE — DECEMBER & JANUARY



TBTLA SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

https://www.tunicabiloxi.org/wp-content/uploads/Application-031423-2.pdf
Contact Jessica Barbry jabarbry@tunica.org for more information

THE AMERICAN INDIAN COLLEGE FUND SCHOLARSHIPS

https://collegefund.org/students/scholarships

https://collegefund.org/students/scholarships/additional-scholarships/

https://catchingthedream/application-forms/

AMERICAN INDIAN SERVICES SCHOLARSHIP

https://www.americanindianservices.org/scholarships

https://www.americanindianservices.org/trade

https://www.americanindianservices.org/scholarships

EDUCATION MATTERS—UNIGO.COM

https://www.unigo.com/scholarships/our-scholarships/education-matters-scholarship

NATIVE AMERICAN WOMEN'S TRAIL OF HOPE FOUNDATION

https://nativeamericantrailofhope.org

Is seeking Native American female students who are nearing high school graduation and demonstrate strong academic achievement, community involvement, and a commitment to their future goals.

<u>College Scholarship Application Form</u> https://form.jotform.com/242164212653146

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DELL SCHOLARS PROGRAM - December 1

https://www.dellscholars.org/scholarship/

THE BURGER KING SCHOLARS PROGRAM - December 15

https://burgerking.scholarsapply.org/

EQUITABLE EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM - December 18

https://learnmore.scholarsapply.org/equitableexcellence/

NATIONAL TRIBAL GAMING COMMISSIONS & REGULATORS - December 20

https://www.ntgcr.com/scholarships

ELIE WIESEL PRIZE IN ETHICS ESSAY CONTEST - December 29

https://eliewieselfoundation.org/prize-in-ethics/

HOME DEPOT FOUNDATION'S PATH TO PRO SCHOLARSHIP - December 31

https://www.myscholarship.app/home-depot-foundation skillpointefoundation homedepot-pathtopro

JANUARY

 ${\bf SCHOLARSHIPS.COM}$

https://scholarships.com/

- Amazon Future Engineer Scholarship \$40,000 January 20
- HBCU Week x FOSSI STEM Scholarship \$40,000 January 31
- Melvin Kruger Endowed Scholarship Program \$20,000 January 31
- Toshiba/NSTA ExploraVision Science Competition \$20,000 January 31
- PanHellenic Scholarship Foundation \$10,000 January 31

SCHOLARSHIPS 360.COM

https://scholarships360.com/

- Taco Bell Live Más Scholarship \$25,000 January 8
- U.S. Creative Writing Awards Scholarship \$10,000 January 15
- JFK Profile in Courage Essay Contest \$100-10,000 January 17
- Bezos Scholars Program \$1,000 January 21
- College Horizons Summer Workshop Varies January 29
- Broad Horizons Scholarship for High School Juniors \$1,000 January 31

Check out AISES WINDS OF CHANGE

the premier nationally distributed magazine with a single-minded focus on career and educational advancement for all Indigenous people in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM). https://woc.aises.org

WORLD TRAVELERS



New adventures await...

AUGMENTED REALITY ZOO

Augmented Reality Zoo - YouTube

VIRTUAL TOUR OF THE TITANIC "2022 VERSION" COMPLETE

TOUR

<u>Virtual Tour of the Titanic "2022 Version" Complete Tour -</u>

TORONTO ZOO - COMPLETE TOUR [4K]

Toronto Zoo - Complete Tour [4K] - YouTube

ZOO TOURS: MEMPHIS ZOO'S ANIMALS OF THE NIGHT ZOO Tours: Memphis Zoo's Animals of the Night - YouTube

COLLEGE PREVIEW



TURTLE MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY COLLEGE

<u>Turtle Mountain Community College</u>

(tribalcollegejournal.org)

SAN CARLOS APACHE COLLEGE
San Carlos Apache College (tribalcollegejournal.org)

TEXAS CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY-FORT WORTH

Texas Christian University (TCU) - Profile, Rankings and

Data | US News Best Colleges

SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY AND A & M COLLEGE-BATON ROUGE Southern University and A & M College | Traditional School (collegeconsensus.com)

MOODY BIBLE INSTITUTE-CHICAGO
Moody Bible Institute - Niche

CAREER SPOTLIGHT



CONSTRUCTION LABORERS

https://www.careeronestop.org/Videos/careeronestopvideos.aspx?videocode=47206100

BROADCAST ANNOUNCERS AND RADIO DISC JOCKEYS https://www.careeronestop.org/Videos/careeronestop-videos.aspx?videocode=27301100

LIGHTING TECHNICIANS

https://www.careeronestop.org/Videos/careeronestop-videos.aspx?videocode=27401500

EDITORS CAREER

https://www.careeronestop.org/Videos/careeronestop-videos.aspx?videocode=27304100

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ACTIVITY PHOTOS — EDUCATIONAL & CULTURAL ENRICHMENT

NATIVE AMERICAN CRAFT & FUTURE PLANNING

Sat., Oct. 12, 2024 • Illinois K-12 Group



NATIVE AMERICAN CRAFT & FUTURE PLANNING

Sat., Oct. 26, 2024 • Illinois K-12 Group



MONET IMMERSIVE ART & AUDUBON ZOO TOURS

Sat., Nov. 16, 2024 • Louisiana 6-12 Group



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CM FARMS TOURS

Sun., Nov. 17, 2024 • Louisiana K -3 Group





ACT - ENCOURAGE https://encourageme.com/act

Grades 8 -12

Future Planning App - Get matched w/ Scholarships & Schools

Source: Encourage `Show me the Money'

FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) season is approaching fast! The application opens in December this year. We want to give you a head start by reviewing some financial aid types and terms.

Here are the main types of aid you can get through the FAFSA ranked in the order you should accept them:

1. Scholarships

Money for school you never pay back, usually linked to need or merit.

2. Grants

Money for school you don't pay back if you follow the rules.

3. Work-Study

Money for school you work for as a

student employee at the college. 4. Subsidized Loans

Money you pay back. The amount you owe will begin to increase after you're done with college due to interest.

5. Unsubsidized Loans

Money you pay back. The amount you owe immediately starts increasing as soon as you take out the loan due to interest.

6. Direct Plus Loans

Money parents can borrow and pay back for their students. The amount they owe back immediately starts to increase due to interest.

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Sun	Мом	TUE	WED	Тни	FRI	SAT
1	2 □ Tutoring @ CERC	3 □ Tutoring @ CERC □ ACT Prep	4 □ Tutoring @ CERC	5	6	7
8	9 □ Tutoring @ CERC	10 □ Tutoring @ CERC	11 Dutoring @ CERC	12 CLOSE UP MTG 1 (NATIONAL)	13	14 LCRP STORYTIME & ORNAMENT WKSP CHRISTKINDL MARKET (IL) WINTER BLITZ! (TX)
15	16 Tutoring @ CERC HIGHLIGHTS HUB (NATIONAL)	17 □ Tutoring @ CERC □ ACT Prep	18	19	20	21
22	23 Office Closed	24 Office Closed	25 Office Closed	26 Office Closed	27 Office Closed	28
29	30	31 Office Closed				

CONTACT YOUR ACADEMIC COUNSELOR AND CONFIRM YOUR ATTENDANCE AT FUN EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

UPCOMING EVENTS



HOLIDAY QUEST CASRMOUCHE **Sun., December 1** st 11:00am — 7:30pm CT

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ACT PREP CHESNE **Tue., December 3rd & 17th** 4:00pm — 5:00pm CT

LOUISIANA 10 - 12 In-Person



CLOSE UP MTG 1

CHESNE

Thu., Dec. 12th 4:45pm — 5:30pm CT

NATIONAL 2025 Close-Up Students Zoom & CERC Building



THE
CHRISTKINDL MARKET
BROWN

Sat., Dec. 14th 11:30am — 4:00pm CT

> ILLINOIS K - 12 In-Person



WINTER BLITZ
MORALES

Sat., Nov. 14th 2:30pm — 4:00pm CT

TEXAS K - 12 In-Peron



HIGHLIGHTS HUB CARMOUCHE Mon., Nov. 18th 6:00pm — 7:00pm CT

> NATIONAL K - 3 Virtual





TBED encourages TBTLA youth to participate in Tunica Language Classes and Culture Workshops offered by LCRP. Contact Mrs. Babette Bordelon, Administrative Coordinator for TBED and LCRP, at babette.bordelon@tunica.org to sign-up for classes and workshops.

