Tunica-Biloxi Education Department

TBED COLLEGE & CAREER NEWSLETTER

DIRECTOR'S NOTES



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

Please join us in welcoming Rachel Morales as our new Education Department Academic Counselor in Houston. Rachel brings a wealth of experience that will benefit our Texas students.

We encourage all of our Texas families to reach out to Rachel and discuss how we can better serve our children.

As we progress through this school year, TBED is striving to raise the academic bar for our students. There is much work to be done and we ask for your help.



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TBTLA SPOTLIGHT

LANGUAGE AND CULTURE REVITALIZATION PROGRAM (LCRP)

TUNICA LANGUAGE CLASSES began Monday, September 9, and will conclude Thursday, December 12. Classes are held in-person in the CERC and on ZOOM at 5:30pm—6:30pm.

TUNICA LANGUAGE CLASSES — Fall 2024

- Beginner 1, ages 14+ with RYAN LOPEZ on Mondays
- Beginner 2, any age with ELISABETH PIERITE on Wednesdays
- Beginner 1, ages 5-13 with ELISABETH PIERITE on Thursdays



TBED encourages TBTLA youth to participate in Tunica Language Classes and Culture Workshops. To sign-up for classes and workshops, contact Mrs. Babette Bordelon, TBED and LCRP Administrative Coordinator at babette.bordelon@tunica.org. You may also use this link http://tinyurl.com/LearnTunica to register prior to attending class.



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COUNSELORS' CORNER

Leslie Carmouche

Dear Parents and Students,

As we enter November, it's necessary to reflect on our students' academic and social growth. Here are some key updates, advice for staying on track, and resources to support your child in and out of the classroom.

ACADEMICS:

Mid-Semester Check-In: November is a great time to review your child's progress. If you have concerns about your child's academic performance, now is the time to schedule a meeting with their teacher or contact me. We can work together to develop strategies to help your child succeed, whether they need help with reading, math, or social-emotional skills.

Encouraging a Growth Mindset: Remind your child that learning is a journey and making mistakes is part of growing. Celebrate their effort and progress, and encourage them to keep trying, even when something is difficult.



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HOLLYNN BARBRE-STUART KAROLINE DUGAS

RYLEE BERTALOTTO
CHRISTOPHER DUPONT

Supporting Learning at Home and with TBED: Parents, you play a crucial role in your child's academic success. Create a consistent homework routine, praise their efforts, and make learning fun by incorporating educational games and activities at home. TBED offers online and in-person tutoring to help with any concerns or struggles your child may be facing academically.

SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL LEARNING

Gratitude and Kindness: Parents, with Thanksgiving approaching, it is essential to focus on gratitude and kindness in our homes. Practicing gratitude not only helps students feel more positive but it also improves their relationships with others. Please encourage your child to talk about things they are grateful for daily, whether at school, at home or with friends. Be a Good Friend: Students, remember to be kind to others. If you see someone feeling left out, invite them to play or sit with you at lunch. Helping others makes our school a better place!



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

Jacqueline 'Jackie' 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

1ST REPORT CARD

PRINCIPAL'S LIST

HUNTER HUTCHBY

A-HONOR ROLL

ALEXANDER RAMEY

A-B Honor Roll

AVERIE JUNEAU

STUDENTS, submit your report cards & progress reports.



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

Heavin Chesne

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Nov 16: Monet: The Immersive Experience & Audubon Aquarium Tour

Nov 18: Southern University Campus Tour & Info Session

NEWS:

CLOSE-UP USET 2025 YOUTH SUMMIT will be held March 8-15, 2025. The application deadline has passed and students who have applied need to be mindful of attending the required language and culture classes!

TUTORING @ THE CERC:

Monday 3:00pm-5:00pm Tuesday 3:00pm-6:00pm.

If you need tutoring, please contact me to schedule a time.

GRAMMARLY SUBSCRIPTIONS

If you have requested a Grammarly subscription and have not been utilizing it, especially our upperclassmen who are writing personal statements and the like for college applications, please check your email for a subscription activation email.

NACAC FEE WAIVERS

NACAC offers application fee waivers allowing students with limited financial resources to apply for college. The purpose of these forms is to ensure equitable postsecondary access and thus is intended for undergraduate applicants with financial need.

- · Admission Application Fee Waiver form
- · Enrollment Deposit Fee Waiver
- · SAT & ACT Fee Waiver

WE HAVE ACT FEE WAIVERS AVAILABLE!! 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! Link: ACT Test Prep | ACT

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



HEAVIN CHESNE Academic Counselor LA Group (9-12) 318.500.4056 hchesne@tunica.org



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ATTENTION STUDENTS/PARENTS:

- If you haven't done so, PLEASE submit a copy of your child(ren) latest report card or progress report. It's imperative that we have a sufficient understanding of each student's current academic standing.
- If your students have any technology requests, please reach out and arrange a pickup time. For those outside the Greater Chicagoland area, reach out so your supplies can be shipped.
- 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 week of November, they must be complete by 11/20.
 Make-up times and dates will be available. Zoom links will be sent via email.
- If your student(s) has/displays a need for mental health assistance. The Education Department can assist. Please give me a call.

- 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.
- 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

November 14, 2024 5:30PM- 6:45PM November 21, 2024 5:30PM- 6:45PM



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Cristian Aguilar Addison Blackstock Waylon Candela Genivicia Hellenbrand McKinley Lopez Raina Saller

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Rachel Morales

Heni! (Hello!) My name is Rachel Morales, and I am honored to be welcomed into the Tunica-Biloxi Education Department as your new Texas Academic Counselor!

I look forward to working with you and your children to guide and help them with their education and academic future. Being in the field of education is my passion, and I am so grateful to give back to the Tunica-Biloxi community. This is a wonderful community that my husband, 2-children, Lucas and Maddie, and in-laws have been blessed to be members of for the past few years.

As your new academic counselor, my goals are to provide as much support as possible to ensure your children's success in their learning and help them prepare for their future while holding on to their native heritage and values. I have a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education and a Master's degree in Educational Leadership. I have been in Education for the past 17 years, five of those serving as an elementary school principal. I have worked in private and public school educational systems and overseas for five years in Ukraine and China. It was such an honor to learn and experience other cultures. I have experience in Pre-K through 2nd grades, tutoring, teacher assistance, computer teaching, and substitute teaching. My job is to support students with academic counseling and mentoring, advocacy,

academic skills coaching, college/career prep, skill development, STE(A)M enrichment, Tunica language and cultural enrichment, and educational support to students in grades K-12.

I look forward to meeting and partnering with you all in your children's education!

HONOR ROLL

A-HONOR ROLL SIENNA GARCIA
A-B HONOR ROLL EZEKIEL MARTINEZ

PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS:

- Participate in at least 1 TBED or LRCP activity each quarter.
- Check-n-Connect with the Education Department twice a month.
- Submit report card at the end of each grading period.

REMINDERS:

- Send report cards to rmorales@tunica.org at the end of each grading period.
- If your student(s) need any service request, feel free to send an email, text, or call.
- Mental Health Matters! If your child has/displays a need for mental health assistance, please reach out. The Education Department can help.



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Joseph D'Alfonso Genevieve Perez Maxwell Perez Joshua Ramirez

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 — NOVEMBER & DECEMBER



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

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CHICK-FIL-A COMMUNITY SCHOLARS - November 1

https://www.chick-fil-a.com/communityscholars

COLGATE-PALMOLIVE HAZ LA U SCHOLARSHIP - November 3

https://hispanicheritage.org/programs/leadership/youth-awards/

REGENERON SCIENCE TALENT SEARCH COMPETITION - November 7

https://www.regeneron.com/responsibility/sts-isef

THE JACK KENT COOKE COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM - November 16

https://www.jkcf.org/our-scholarships/college-scholarship-program/

FRITO-LAY COMMUNITY BUILDER SCHOLARSHIP - November 20

https://learnmore.scholarsapply.org/frito

EDUCATION MATTERS - November 30

https://www.educationmatters.ca/students/applying-for-a-scholarship/

DECEMBER

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/

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

WORLD TRAVELERS



Let new adventures begin...

Virtual Tour of the Titanic "2022 Version" Complete Tour

Virtual Tour of the Titanic "2022 Version" Complete Tour - YouTube

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

San Francisco Zoo Virtual Tour | Bay Area Zoo San Francisco Zoo Virtual Tour | Bay Area Zoo - YouTube

COLLEGE PREVIEW



White Earth Tribal & Community College White Earth Tribal and Community College (tribalcollegejournal.org)

Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute

Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute (tribalcollegejournal.org)

The University of Texas at Dallas-Richardson

The University of Texas at Dallas - Profile, Rankings and Data | US News Best Colleges

Northwestern State University of Louisiana-Natchitoches

Northwestern State University of Louisiana | Traditional School (collegeconsensus.com)

CAREER SPOTLIGHT



Cytotechnologists

https://www.careeronestop.org/Videos/careeronestop-videos.aspx?videocode=29201102

Fraud Examiners, Investigators and Analysts

https://www.careeronestop.org/Videos/careeronestop-videos.aspx?videocode=13209904

Agricultural Inspectors

https://www.careeronestop.org/Videos/careeronestop-videos.aspx?videocode=45201100

Brokerage Clerks

https://www.careeronestop.org/Videos/careeronestop-videos.aspx?videocode=43401100

Travel Agents

https://www.careeronestop.org/Videos/careeronestop-videos.aspx?videocode=41304100

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ACTIVITY PHOTOS — EDUCATIONAL & CULTURAL ENRICHMENT

2024 AISES NATIONAL CONFERENCE — SAN ANTONIO, TX Wed., Oct. 2 — Sun., Oct. 6, 2024 • National 10-12 Group



Advancing Indigenous People in STEM

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ACADEMIC RESOURCES — EDUCATIONAL & CULTURAL ENRICHMENT



EPIC!

https://www.getepic.com

Grades K-5

Kids' Books & Videos Learning Digital Library for Kids



TIME4LEARNING

https://time4learning.com

Grades K-12



ACT - ENCOURAGE

https://encourageme.com/act

Grades 8-12

Future Planning App — Get matched w/ Scholarships & Schools



Online Curriculum · Flexible & Student-Paced • Fun & Engaging



https://www.symbolab.com

Grades 8 -12

Symbolab Math Solver — Step by step solutions to math problems



KHAN ACADEMY KIDS **KHAN ACADEMY**

K - 5 & 6 - 12

https://www.khanacademy.org/



QUIZLET PLUS

K -12

https://quizlet.com/



GRAMMARLY AI WRITING ASSISTANCE

K -12

https://www.grammarly.com



COLLEGE BOARD

9 –12

https://www.collegeboard.org/



MOSAIC BY ACT -SOCIAL EMOTONAL LEARNING (SEL)

https://www.act.org/content/act/ en/products-and-services/socialemotional-learning.html



MY ACT

https://my.act.org/account/signin? location=https://my.act.org



ACT TEST PREP

https://www.act.org/content/act/ en/products-and-services/the-act/ test-preparation.html



ACT WORKKEYS —

CAREER READINESS CURRICULUM

https://www.act.org/content/ act/en/products-and-services/actworkkeys/act-workkeyscurriculum.html



PBS Learning Media for Students

https://lpb.pbslearningmedia.org/ student/



Math, Language Arts, Science, Social Studies, & Spanish

https://www.ixl.com/



Unlock every student's

true potential

https://www.education.com/



Turn your child's interests into real-world STEM skills

https://www.idtech.com



Adventure Academy for Kids 8-13

https:// www.adventureacademy.com/



Adapted Minds

https://www.adaptedmind.com/



Learn 30+ languages online

https://www.duolingo.com



Scholly

Stay on the Scholarship trail

https://www..myscholly.com

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Sun	Мон	TUE	WED	Тни	FRI	SAT
					1	2 LCRP STORYTIME CULTURAL WKSP
3	4 Dutoring @ CERC	5 □ Tutoring @ CERC	6 □ Tutoring @ CERC	7 Resume Writing (National)	8	9
10	11 Office Closed	12 □ Tutoring @ CERC	13 □ Tutoring @ CERC	1.4 □ Resume Writing (National)	15	1 6 MONET & AUDUBON TOURS (LA)
17	18 Southern Univ. Tutoring @ CERC Highlights Hub	19 - Tutoring @ CERC	20 □ Tutoring @ CERC	21 Resume Writing (National)	22	23
24	25 Tutoring @ CERC Apple Pie Online (National)	26 Tutoring @ CERC Paint the Town (National)	27 Office Closes @ Noon	28 Office Closed	29 Office Closed	30 □ SLOOMOO INSTITUTE (TX)

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

UPCOMING EVENTS



LCRP **CULTURE WORKSHOP** CLAY GORGETS

BARBRY

Sat., November 2nd

NATIONAL K - 12

1:00am — 5:00pm CT

In-Person

Writing

RESUME WRITING WORKSHOP Brown

Thu., Nov. 7th, 14th & 21st 4:00pm — 5:00pm CT

> NATIONAL 11 Virtual



MONET: IMMERSIVE ART & AUDUBON ZOO TOURS — BATON ROUGE CHESNE

Sat., Nov. 16th 6:15am - 6:00pm CT

> LOUISIANA 6 - 12 In-Person

COLLEGE TOUR SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY CHESNE

Mon., Nov. 18th 8:00am — 5:00pm CT

> NATIONAL 10 - 12 In-Person



HIGHLIGHTS HUB CARMOUCHE

Mon., Nov. 18th 6:00pm — 7:00pm CT

> LOUISIANA K - 3 Virtual



APPLE PIE ONLINE COOKING CLASS CARMOUCHE

Mon., Nov. 25th 6:00am — 7:30pm CT

> LOUISIANA K - 12 Virtual



PAINT THE TOWN MURDOCK

Tue., Nov. 26th 5:00pm — 7:00pm CT

> NATIONAL K - 12 In-Person



SLOOMOO INSTITUTE MORALES

Sat., Nov. 30th 10:00am — 4:00pm CT

> **TEXAS** K - 12 In-Person