

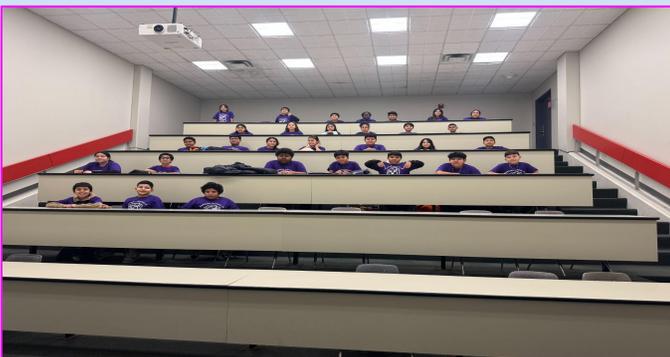
# PCSD College Readiness and Workforce Education Newsletter

## April 2025

### Elementary-College and Career Readiness from Exposure to Awareness

We are proud to announce our **winners of our 2nd annual 5th grade Attendance Contest!** Similar to last year, we tracked attendance for all 5th grade students for the months of January and February, with the winning class getting a free trip to Marist University in May! This year, we expanded it from just one class winning to a class in every school. **Special thanks to Ms. Bland and Mr. Alfred** for their dedication to tracking the data for us - this would not have been possible without you! The winners for each school are as follows: **Warring: Ms. Ennist; Clinton: Ms. Coston; Krieger: Ms. Rooney; Morse: Ms. Lombardi.** It was a close race, with two of the schools having to go into a sudden death! Please make sure to congratulate them when you see them! We will be working closely with Marist LPP to coordinate the visits for each winning class. We can't wait to see who the winners will be next year!

5th grade Warring Elementary School is embracing the District College and Career Readiness Initiative. They visited Dutchess Community College and toured the campus. Students engaged in a science lab lesson. College Bound is the College and Career Motto chosen by the school!



Future ready means now.: When students at the elementary level visit colleges, they begin to see themselves in those spaces and begin thinking about their future.

As students discover different careers, they begin to think about their future and what they want to be when they grow up. They also begin linking academic work with the world of work.

Dr. Janety Encarnación  
Director of College Readiness and Workforce Education



## Middle School-College and Career Exposure, Exploration and Planning



Our High School Seniors participated in **the first annual middle school college fair**. They created trifold presentations with information about several colleges and presented this information to our Middle Schoolers during March Madness Week. A collaboration with the Office of student Support Services and the Office of College Readiness and Workforce Education.

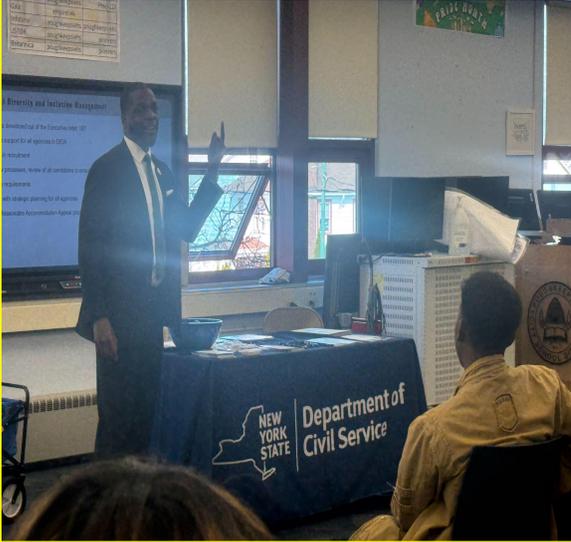


We want to thank our Seniors for their support and informational presentations. Because of you our Middle Schoolers took with them valuable information that will help them when making decisions about their college choices.

**At the Middle School,  
students begin their career exploration and planning.**

# High School: College and Career Exploration, Planning and Development

## Civil Service Jobs, a viable Post Secondary Option



Jason TomLinson- Program Outreach Specialist 1, a representative from our local Civil Service Office presented information to our Seniors about the Civil Service jobs available and how to apply.

He discussed different types of job opportunities from seasonal jobs who do not require a high school diploma, to those that required testing and jobs that do not require a test.

He shared the importance of networking and to make sure to check the address of the job you are applying to before applying as he shared his experience in applying for a job in the Capital Region, not knowing how far it was.

## Historically Black Colleges Tour



From March 31 through April 3, 2025, a group of PHS students, mostly juniors, with a few sophomores traveled to Washington, D.C. for a powerful and unforgettable Historically Black Colleges and Universities tour. Over four days, students visited four HBCU campuses, explored deeply meaningful historical landmarks, and reflected on what it means to take ownership of their future.



## Ultrasound Technician Presentation



Mrs. Semexant shared- "It was the largest turn out I've ever had for a career presentation!"

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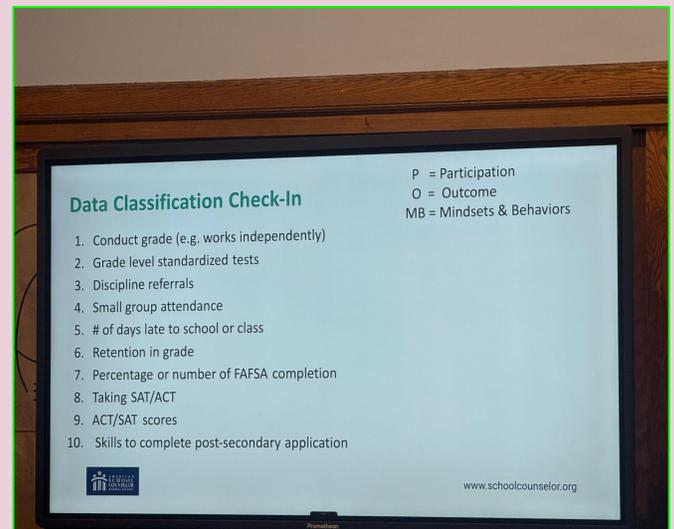
## Our PTECH Student Excelling!

Alexis Bali-Spence won **1st Place** in the Ketcham High School Science Fair with her Strawberry DNA project. Congratulations!



## Superintendent's Conference Day Professional Development for the School Counseling Department

To support the district's goals and data driven work, the school counselors engaged in meaningful professional development focused on "Data-Driven School Counseling" from the American School Counseling Association (ASCA). The discussion included the types of data school counselors collect, modes of collection and how to use data to drive their service provisions to improve student achievement. ASCA trainer, Dr. Truax, did an amazing job energizing the department with much needed information and reflection time.



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