

# STEP!

Da'Maria Troupe,  
and Makhia  
Smith perform a  
step routine for  
Gateway's Black  
History Month  
celebration.

Photo  
by Colette  
Morton.



*The*  
**Gateway Goods**  
Issue 9





Selene Davis, teacher, wore clothes from the 1970s.

*Photo by Colette Morton.*

Joseph Smith, AIC, recites SLAM Poetry.

*Photo by Logan Allgood.*



# Teach!

Cathy Branson, Administrative Assistant for Operations, sings Whitney Houston's "The Greatest Love of All."

*Photo by Logan Allgood.*





Lamar Bogan rolls away.

*Photos by Logan Allgood*

# SPIN!



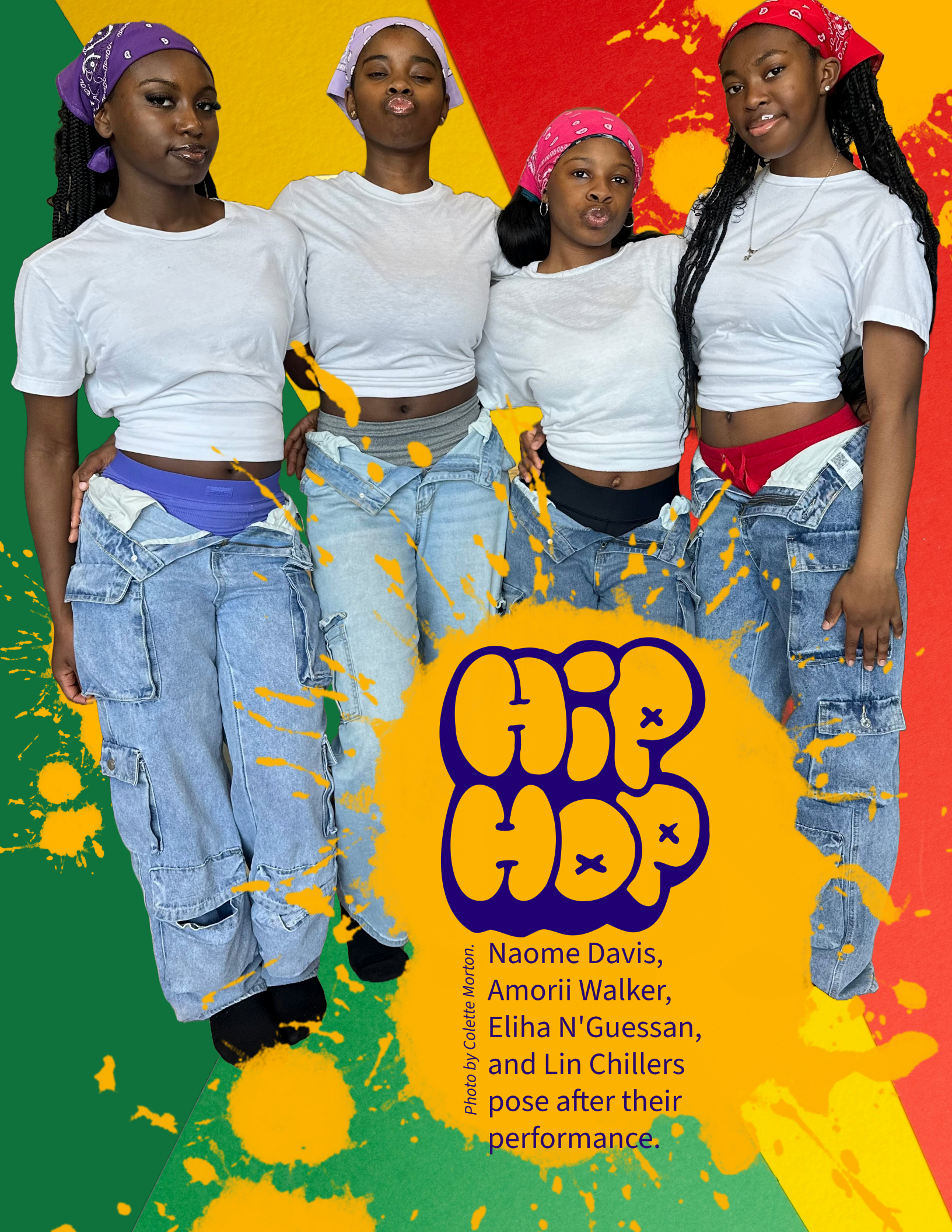
# SPEAK!



Kylie Perry and Jayceon Street.

*Photo by Logan Allgood.*





*Photo by Colette Morton.* Naome Davis,  
Amorii Walker,  
Eliha N'Guessan,  
and Lin Chillers  
pose after their  
performance.



Tylin  
Moore  
models  
90s  
clothes.

Haley  
Robinson  
served as  
the Host  
of our  
Black  
History  
Day.

*Photos by  
Logan Allgood.*







Left: Brooklynn Williams  
dances. Below: Xavier Wesley  
recites his original poetry.

*Photos by Logan Allgood.*





# Erika Johnson

Vocalist extraordinaire Erika Johnson, known as a "Young Lion" in the jazz world, is a master educator, activist, and a dynamic vocalist who has made a significant impact on the St. Louis Metropolitan music community for many years. A native of East St. Louis, Erika began her musical journey with the Lincoln Senior High School Jazz Band, where she first showcased her talents, before continuing her studies at Jackson State University, performing with the university's big jazz band for three years.

*Photos provided by Erika Johnson.*





As a student of bebop and vocalese, Johnson is celebrated for her unique word-scattering style, drawing influences from jazz greats such as Eddie Jefferson, Jon Hendricks, Betty Carter, Dee Dee Bridgewater, and Dianne Reeves. She later returned to St. Louis, where she began a long collaboration with legendary saxophonist Willie Akins at Spruill's International Catering, solidifying her presence in the local jazz scene.

Johnson's career highlights include being the Voice of 88.7 WSIE from 1997–2005, performing at The Blue Note in Italy and the Detroit Jazz Festival with James Carter's organ trio, and being a featured vocalist with The Cab Calloway Big Band. She has also opened for renowned artists such as Dakota Staton, Betty Wright, Morris Day and the Time, and Boyz II Men.

Beyond her performance career, Johnson is passionate about teaching, having worked with students from cradle to college. She is also the co-founder of Street Reach, a free arts summer camp for inner-city youth. Her most recent album, *Raising Standards*, was recorded by students and produced by up-and-coming young talent, showcasing her dedication to nurturing the next generation of jazz musicians. Gateway is lucky to have a legend in our halls.



# POETRY OUT LOUD 20 YEARS



Imani Brown, seen below on the far right, is set to set to advance in the Poetry Out Loud competition.

*Photo provided by Imani Brown.*

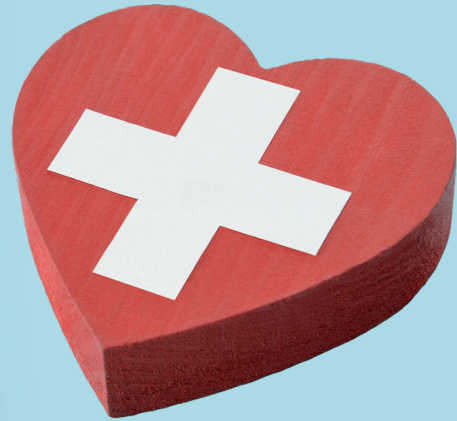


Imani Brown, left, recites poetry during the competition.

Photo by Joseph Smith.



# JROTC BLOOD DRIVE

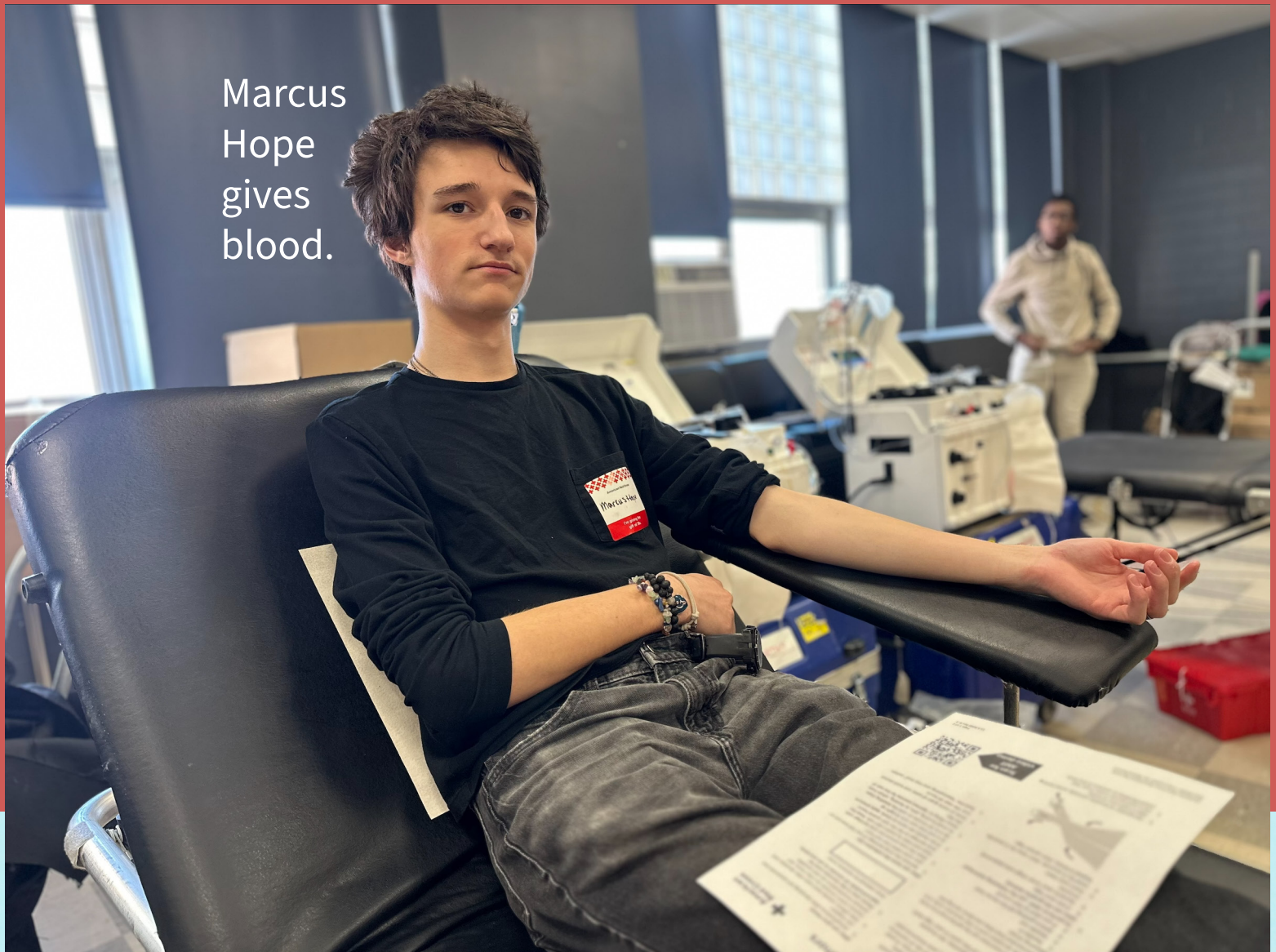


Above:  
Angel  
Carcamo  
and Shakira  
Abiola look  
on as Max  
Dueker calls  
for  
students.  
Left bottom:  
Daona  
Birchfield  
gives blood.

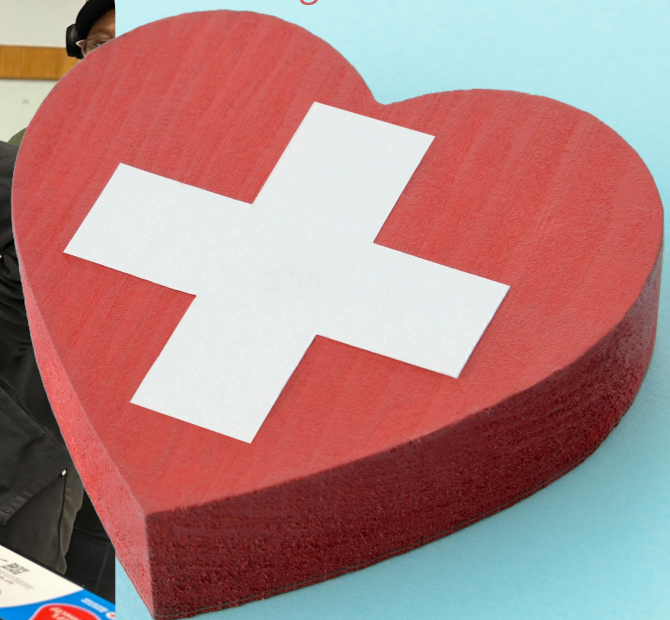
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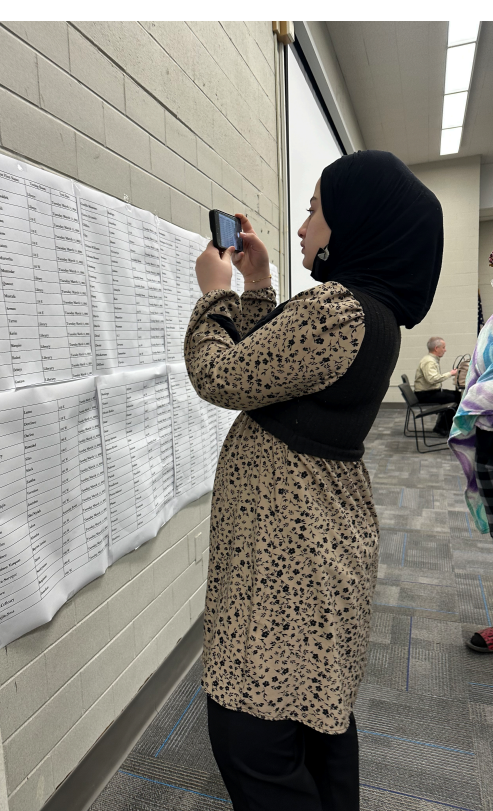
Marcus  
Hope  
gives  
blood.



Angel Carcamo and Shakira  
Abiola organize the event.







# Gateway STEM takes the ACT<sup>®</sup>

Left: Maism Alkurdi checks to see which room she will test in.

Bottom: Adrianna Hemphill, Araejah Jackson, and Ayanna Blanchard wait in the library for the test to start.

*Photos by Colette Morton.*





# Rewards

Rewarding high school students like Branae Grime, Emani Gerdine, and Ranya Jabbar (seen below), for grades and attendance is important because it reinforces positive behaviors and motivates them to strive for academic success. When students are recognized for their hard work and commitment, it boosts their self-esteem and encourages a sense of responsibility.

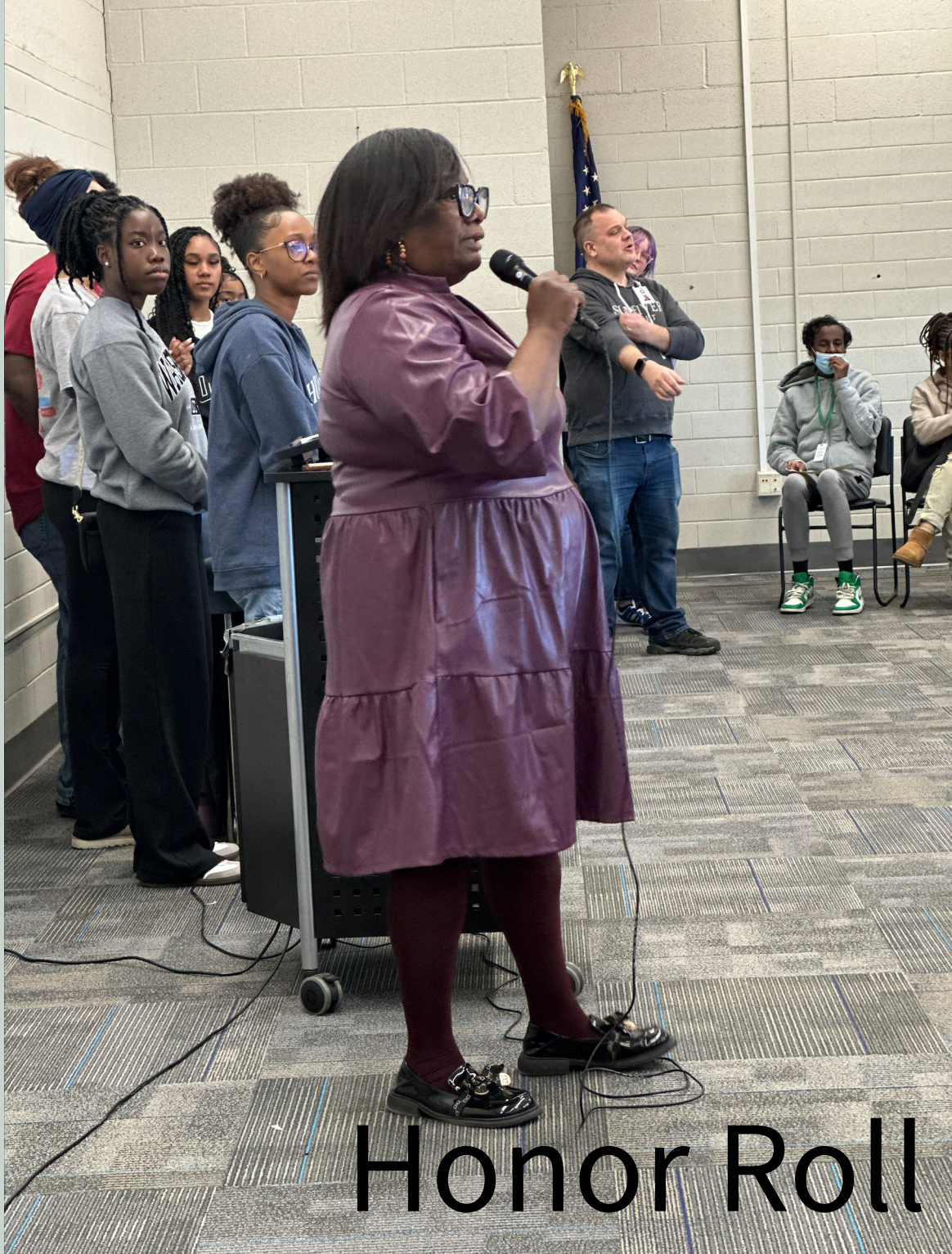
This recognition can foster a healthy competitive spirit, promote consistent attendance, and set a foundation for lifelong habits of discipline and achievement. Ultimately, it creates an environment where students feel valued, which can lead to improved performance and a stronger desire to succeed.

The next few pages are about rewards. and the joy they bring.

*Photo by Colette Morton.*







# Honor Roll

*Semester Two*

Honor Roll recipients received a trophy for their GPA. Students from Howard University were on call to hand out the awards. Dr. Berry (seen above) was the MC.







Top left: Lacey Banda shows off her award. Top right: Henrietta Knox waits for her trophy.

*Photo by Colette Morton*

Abdul Alabrash takes his award.

*Photo by Colette Morton*





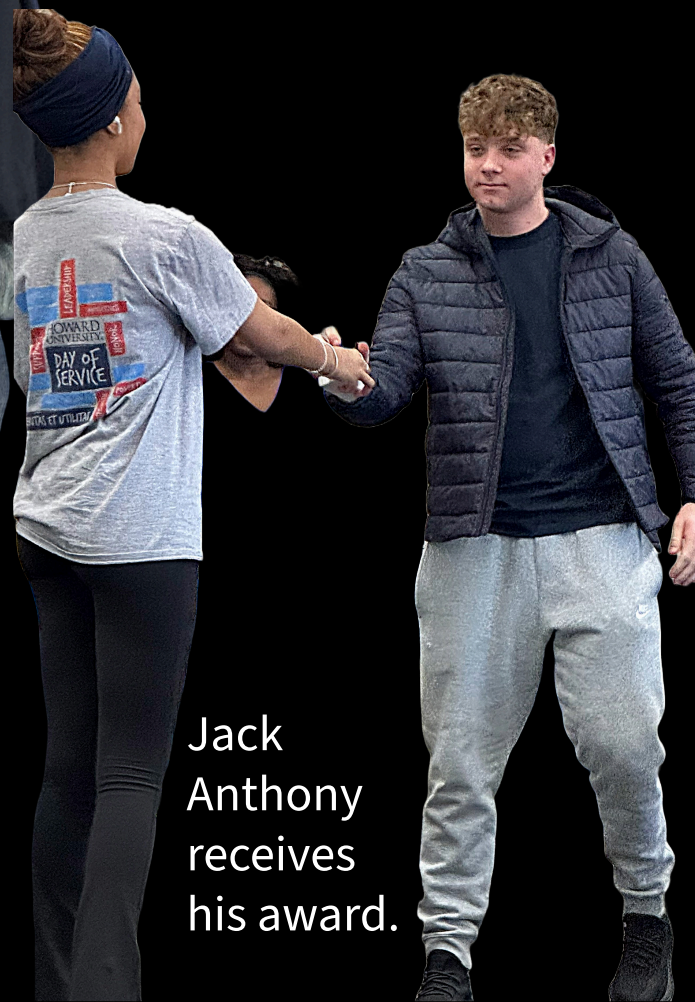
# Rewards



Mustafa  
Al-Yasseri  
accepts his  
award.



Massa Al  
Sadat  
accepts  
her  
award.



Jack  
Anthony  
receives  
his award.

*Photos by Colette  
Morton.*





Laron Spencer  
shows  
off his pizza swag.







Top: Kayahna  
and Akira  
Tambadou  
show off their  
prizes.  
Bottom: Sylvia  
Knox shows off  
her 10K tickets.





above:  
Souleymane  
Mbow  
Air Hockey  
Extraordinaire



Maurice  
Davis is  
seen with  
Doria  
Evans.

below:





above

Kevin Brown waits for his pizza.

Logan Allgood and  
Gavin Dillon play  
Guitar Hero while  
Erika Johnson  
cheers them on!.

*Photos by Colette morton.*

below







Left: Mariah Macon  
wins big.  
Below: Senaah  
Vaughn and Cathy  
Branson watch Dr.  
June Berry play  
the claw machine.

*Photo by Colette Morton.*







above  
Keith Jacobs  
stops on his  
way to the  
diner.

Rahmatullah  
Nowroz won  
a toy  
airplane.  
below







Annmarie  
Maher and  
Zoey Allen.

*hoto by Colette  
Morton.*



,Lederein  
Petty and  
,Sha'Nyiah  
MacLin  
enjoy their  
pizza.

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Morton.*





Top left: Mariah Macon and Nery Maclas who try to win a stuffed animal. Bottom left: Officer Gates enjoyed his day out! Bottom right: Erika Johnson, Sarah Jordan and Ta'Neisha Hamilton talk as they chaperone!


*Photos by Colette Morton.*





*Rodrigo  
Castillo  
Montano*





Elijah N'Guessan  
Delniya Battle, Amorii  
Walker, Lin Chillers, Ja'Niya  
Brandon, and Naome Davis  
pose together at  
Incredible Pizza.

*Photo by Colette Morton.*



# Senior Luncheon Senior Luncheon

Briana Williams

Ranya  
Jabbar

Branae Grimes

Emani  
Gerdine

# Style



# Senior Luncheon



Lela Franklin

Deja Todd

Elizabeth Shumppert

Saniya  
Williamson



# Senior Luncheon



*Lawell Walker*

*Shawn Robinson*

*Shamon Starks*





Bottom Row: Channon Ross, Juan Washington, Romero Canida, Jayden Williams, Ben Dura, Lee Goodman, Keith Jacobs, Coach Stith. Top Row: Denzell Perry, Jason Reeves, Deandre Addison, Gavin Dillon, and Dontrell Williams.

The Clayton Greyhounds claimed victory in the Class 4 District 4 boys basketball championship, defeating Gateway STEM with a 71-58 win. The final game took place at Clayton High School in Clayton, MO, marking a significant achievement for the team.

Left: Jayden Williams watches the ball, looking to get a rebound as Gavin Dillon looks on.



*All photos provided by Sean Kenny.*





Top: Ben Dura at the free throw line. Right: Dura shoots a layup.

Photos by Sean Kenny.

Congratulations  
**BEN DURA**  
**SCORED**  
**1000**  
**LIFETIME POINTS**







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