



EXPRESS

A NEWSLETTER FOR PGCPS EMPLOYEES

GRAD SZN Wrap Up



High school graduation ceremonies concluded today with more than 6,000 seniors earning their high school diplomas, and over \$200 million in scholarships earned!

Visit our [GRAD SZN portal](#) for highlights, including photo galleries, videos and more celebrating this year's grads.

Super Grads Make Headlines



Grace Under Fire

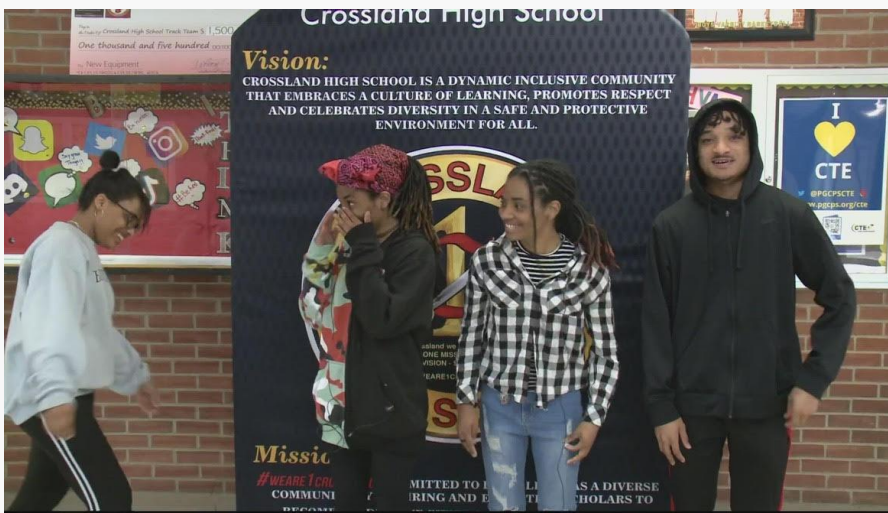
Gwynn Park High School Fire Cadet Program grad Diel Rhinehart saved his younger brother from a house fire earlier this year. He credits the training he received in this Career and Technical Education program with preparing him to act quickly.

[WUSA9 Story](#)



Excelling & Breaking Barriers

Meet Jisleni Saavedra, the International High School at Largo Class of 2023 valedictorian who is breaking barriers as the first in her family to attend college.



Diploma x Four!

Check out the Crossland High School Ward family, who recently celebrated high school graduation for quadruplets Kaitlyn, Kaylee, Kaylah and Calvin.



Creating a New Life

Laurel High School twins Vlad and Yarik Vashchuk, who escaped war in Ukraine, are headed to Susquehanna University in Pennsylvania this fall to study computers and artificial intelligence on full scholarships!

[Read More: WTOP](#)

Equity Summer Learning Series



The flyer for the 2023 PGCPS Equity Summer Learning Series features the PGCPS logo at the top left. The main title is "2023 PGCPS EQUITY SUMMER LEARNING SERIES". A call to action in a blue circle says "Interested in facilitating? Click here". The text describes the series as a virtual opportunity for Black and Brown boys. A yellow box lists the dates: June 27th, July 11th, and August 1st, with sessions at 11 AM or 6 PM. A circular photo shows a man and two boys playing with blocks. At the bottom, it instructs to "LOGIN TO EDOCTRINA FIRST, THEN CLICK THE LINK BELOW TO REGISTER: AM SESSIONS OR PM SESSIONS".

The 2023 Equity Summer Learning Series led by the Office of Equity and Excellence will provide a foundation for a strong year of learning aligned with our fall systemic professional development focused on Black and Brown boys. Register in eDoctrina.

Session 1

June 27, 11 a.m. or 6 p.m.

Participants will acquire foundational knowledge to prepare for an equity learning series about Black and Brown boys.

Session 2

July 11, 11 a.m. or 6 p.m.

Participants will explore the sociopolitical context and cultural forces impacting Black and Brown boys.

Session 3

August 1, 11 a.m. or 6 p.m.

Participants will develop counter-narratives to deficit thinking about Black and Brown boys.

Spotlight

Professional School Counselor Honored for Impact



Kenmoor Middle School Professional School Counselor Dr. William Clay was awarded the Minority Educator of the Year by the State of Maryland and a National Life Changer of the Year Grand Prize Finalist Winner!

#TeamPGCPS Weigh In on Education Policy

Academy of Health Sciences Principal Dr. Daria Valentine and Career and Technical Education Director Dr. Jean-Paul Cadet were featured on a national panel discussing the future of high school education and workforce development.

[Read More](#)

Announcements & Professional Development

Registration Open: 2023-2024 Aspiring Leaders Program

Registration for the [2023-2024 Aspiring Leaders Program](#) is open. The Aspiring Leaders Program is an integral component of the school system's comprehensive leadership development pathway. The Aspiring Leaders Program provides leadership development opportunities for qualified teacher leaders who are actively seeking their first assignment as assistant principal. The application deadline is June 16. [2023 Aspiring Leaders Program Application.pdf](#)

Explore National Board Certification



Are you interested in pursuing National Board certification during the 2023-2024 academic year? Don't pass up the opportunity to learn more about this prestigious certification and how it can advance your teaching career.

Register in eDoctrina for a final National Board information session.

You will receive valuable insight into the certification process, the benefits of certification, how to prepare for this rigorous process and scholarship opportunities. **Applications are due Saturday, June 10.**

Update: Maryland Strategic Planning Survey

The final phase of the Strategic Plan will launch this month. Share your input with the State Board of Education and Maryland State Department of Education.

[Share Input](#)

ICYMI: In Case You Missed It

Empowering Your Learning — Summer Edition



The Technology Training Team's popular Empowering Your Learning Conference will be held **Wednesday, June 21 from 9 a.m. to**

2:30 p.m.

[Learn More](#)

PGCPS Paparazzi

"It never gets old!" CEO Dr. Monica Goldson celebrated the Class of 2023 this week!



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