

Tunica-Biloxi Education Department

TBED COLLEGE & CAREER NEWSLETTER

DIRECTOR'S NOTES



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Director of Development
and Programming, &
Education Department

As I write this, I am basking in the success of the LCRP Language & Culture Revitalization Summer Youth Camp (June 9th-12th) and FitQuest Camp (June 23rd - 26th). These were wonderful opportunities to learn new things and get some exercise. The BIG trip to Tulsa, Oklahoma, is coming

up on July 20th-24th, for TBED students originating from the Marksville, Chicago, and Houston offices. This trip offers so many cultural attractions as well as time to hang out with other tribal youth. *Call your Academic Counselor!*



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*Knowledge is
Power*



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TBTLA SPOTLIGHT

SCHOOL SUPPLY DISTRIBUTION

SCHOOL SUPPLIES can be distributed to TBED students (K-12):

- who are enrolled in school for the 2025-2026 academic year, and
- have submitted a copy of their final report card 2024-2025 (students entering Kindergarten must provide proof of enrollment for the 2025-2026 school year).

Submit your final report card to your TBED Counselor or email to educationprogram@tunica.org.

CHICAGO TBED Students:

Contact Antonio Brown, TBED Counselor, to schedule pick-up.

HOUSTON TBED Students:

Contact Rachel Morales, TBED Counselor, to schedule pick-up.

MARKSVILLE TBED Students:

Contact your TBED Counselor (Heavin Chesne, Jackie Murdock, Leslie Carmouche), to schedule pick-up.

NATIONAL TBED Students:

Supplies can be shipped to students who do not live near one of the TBTLA offices., contact TBED Staff.



See your TBED Counselor for
SCHOOL SUPPLY DISTRIBUTION

MARKSVILLE

Thu, July 10th 4 pm-7pm
@ CERC (Rear Entrance)

CHICAGO

Thu, July 11th 4 pm-7pm
@ TBTLA Office — Chicago

HOUSTON

Thu, July 11th 4 pm-7pm
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COUNSELORS' CORNER

Mrs. Leslie Carmouche

🌞 Growing Minds & Summer Kindness! 🌞

I hope everyone is having a safe, sunny, and fun-filled summer! July is a great time to relax and recharge—but it's also a perfect time to keep our minds growing and our hearts kind.

📖 Summer Learning Tips:

Even 15–20 minutes of reading daily can keep those brains sharp! Try reading together as a family, visiting your local library, or letting your child choose a fun book or comic they enjoy. Don't forget to practice some math facts or explore learning games online!



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BRANDON JOUBERT LEANN PIERITE
TRISTAN PIERITE

💡 Life Skills for Success:

This summer, encourage your child to build independence by:

- Helping with daily routines (making a snack, organizing their backpack)
- Practicing kindness and manners
- Setting small goals (like cleaning their room or writing a letter to a relative)

🔗 Looking Ahead:

As we prepare for the new school year, I'll be here to help students feel confident, connected, and ready to learn. Please reach out if you have any questions or want to connect before school starts!

Keep in touch with TBED Calendar updates and emails, as school supply distribution and another field trip opportunity are coming up.



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Enjoy the rest of your summer and remember—every day is a chance to learn something new and be kind!

Ms. Jacqueline 'Jackie' Murdock

JOIN ME FOR OUR JULY EVENTS!

- Contact me to discuss any activities/projects you want to participate in.
- Please send your child's final report card and update any new addresses and phone numbers.

July 8 STUDENT/PARENT MTG – TULSA EDU-TRIP
July 10 SCHOOL SUPPLIES DISTRIBUTION (Marksville)
July 20-24 YACONA A OKLA HUMMA (Tulsa Edu-Trip)
July 28 THE WEEK JUNIOR MAGAZINE REVIEW



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MIA LOPEZ LIAM MARTINEZ-RILEY LEILANI MORA

PRINCIPAL LIST

Zayne Swindo

HONOR ROLL LIST

Hunter Hutchby Nevaeh Perez Avery Juneau
Travelle Pierite Dontrell Sampson

If you are interested in any summer tutoring or to jumpstart the new year, please contact me to discuss in-person or virtual services that TBED offer.

Please text or email me a picture of all your child's academic or community accolades.



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Ms. Heavin Chesne

I hope that you are still enjoying your summer break. Please send me your final report card if you have not done so already. The school supply distribution is scheduled for Thursday, July 11, and I must have your final report card to distribute the items.

I am offering ACT Prep each Monday and Wednesday of the month - in person or hybrid. Please let me know if you would like to schedule your personalized session.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- July 9: **EXPLORING CHEMISTRY** through Biopolymers and Catalysts Experiments
- July 14-18: **3D DIGITAL FIELD SCHOOL**
- July 20-24: **YACONA A OKLA HUMMA** (Tulsa Edu-Trip)

FYI... NACAC Fee Waivers

NACAC offers application fee waivers allowing students with limited financial resources to apply for college. These forms ensure equitable postsecondary access and are intended for undergraduate applicants with financial need.

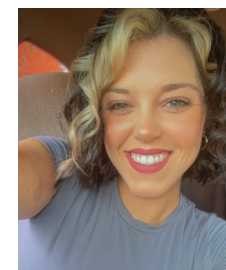
- Admission Application Fee Waiver form
- Enrollment Deposit Fee Waiver
- SAT & ACT Fee Waivers

TUTORING SESSIONS will resume in August with the start of the new school year!

OFFICE HOURS:

Please call to schedule an in-person meeting!

- Monday, Wednesday- Friday 8:30-3:00 PM
- Tuesday- 8:30-9:30 AM and 10:45-3:00 PM



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LYRIC LEONARD
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ISABELLA RIVAS

Rachel Morales

HAPPY JULY!

I hope everyone is off to a great start and enjoying summer. Congratulations to all students for completing this school year. Summer is a great time to keep practicing those new skills for transitioning to the next grade level.

Numerous free reading and math programs, resources, and activities are offered this summer online and in person. Don't miss out!

Also, if you are interested in tutoring, please reach out so I can help! I am available at our Houston office, or I can help find one near you.

PARENTS/GUARDIANS:

- Please contact me if your personal information or your child's info has changed, such as home address, phone numbers, school, etc. It is important to keep your profile current. Don't miss out on important information and events!
- Don't forget to turn in those final report cards!

Please remember our Program 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.
- Watch for flyers and registration dates for upcoming events!

Thank you to everyone for such a great year! Meeting and speaking with so many wonderful families and students has been extraordinary! Enjoy your summer, and I hope to see you at our future events!

We want to celebrate your student with our Texas Group Reward Program -Tunica-Biloxi Students' Grades K-12! Students Can Earn Points for:

- MEETING with your TBED Counselor – 25 points each
- Student PARTICIPATION in the Tunica-Biloxi Education Department and Language & Cultural Revitalization Program events – 50 points each
- Submission of DOCUMENTS (ex. Report cards, surveys, and other forms) – 25 points each
- Sharing STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS – 15 points each
- COLLEGE, TEST PREP, or TUTORING Sessions – 25 points each

When students reach 100 points, they will be entered into the drawing for that month. One reward per month (in each grade group K-2, 3-5, 6-8, 9-12) will be issued.

June Reward Winners- Congrats to:

3-5- Reed Bilecki
6-8- Arya Bilecki
9-12- Ayanna Morales

**Thank you to everyone who participated in our "Science and Art Discovery Day!" We enjoyed creating an eagle painting, learning several painting techniques, building a bird house, and creating a live terrarium. We enjoyed learning about different birds we find in nature, their habitat, and how to identify and care for specific plants.*



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LAILA MARTINEZ
SAIDIE REBOLLAR
COLBY VERNOR
JENNETTE VILLANUEVA

Mr. Antonio Brown

ATTENTION STUDENTS/PARENTS:

- If you haven't done so, **PLEASE** submit a copy of your child's latest report card. It's imperative that we have a sufficient understanding of each student's current academic standing.
- For your student(s) to receive school supplies and technology. We **MUST** have a copy of their final report card.
- If your student(s) need any service request, please feel free to send an email, text, or call.
- One-on-one meetings will be held throughout July on a "need" basis. Please send a text or email if you need to schedule a one-on-one meeting. Make-up times and dates will be available. Zoom links will be sent via email.
- If you have any questions or concerns, I am available via email, phone & text Monday through Friday 8:30 AM-5:30 PM. 318-359-1672 or abrown@tunica.org
- I am available for school visits, parent/ teacher conferences, and IEP meetings as well. Please reach out if you have any questions or need any assistance.
- We have resources to assist with studying and funding the ACT & SAT exams.

JULY 2025 UPCOMING EVENTS

- **School Supply Distribution: - Chicago**
July 11th , 4 PM-7 PM
If you can't meet at the agreed time, please reach out for a different time.
- **YACONA A OKLA HUMMA (Tulsa Edu-Trip)**
July 20th - July 24th
We have 7 youth and 2 adults traveling to Tulsa, OK representing the IL group.
- **Student/Parent Meeting (virtual) TULSA EDU-TRIP**
Tuesday, July 8th @ 6:00pm
A link will be provided.

For those in summer school, camps, sports and/or working a summer internship/ job. FINISH STRONG!

To our graduates preparing for post-secondary studies, we wish you the best with your future endeavors.

Please reach out if you have any questions or concerns



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JELINA BECCERA
EMORIE DEWEESE
JACKSON JANIS
LATHEN WADE

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	https://clubztutoring.com 708.247.5020
MCS TUTORING	Grades 8-12	Online math tutoring and test prep sessions	https://mcs tutoring.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	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 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 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 Tutors (Sessions can also be schedule with TBED Academic Counselors)	Grades K-12	Monday • 3:00pm — 5:00pm Tuesday • 3:30pm — 6:00pm 30 min to 1 hour sessions	To schedule in-person tutoring sessions in Marksville contact Mrs. Jackie 318.955.1257 or Mrs. Leslie 318.305.3826

ACTIVITY PHOTOS

Louisiana State Captiol Tour & Escape Room

Mon., June 30, 2025 • LA Rising 6 –12



FitQuest Camp

Mon., June 23 – Thu., June 26, 2025 • National Rising 6 –12 Group



ACTIVITY PHOTOS CONTINUED

Vermilionville Field Trip

Mon., June 5, 2025 • LA Rising 5 –12 Group



Science & Art Discovery Day

Sat., June 7, 2025 • TX K-12 Group



Let's Celebrate Father's Day!

Sat., May 31, 2025 • TX K-12 Group



Mitchell Park Domes Horticulture Conservatory

Sat., June 14, 2024 • IL K-12 Group



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

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



ACT - ENCOURAGE

<https://encourageme.com/act>

Grades 8–12

Future Planning App — Get
matched w/ Scholarships & Schools



SYMBOLAB

<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/>

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8 □ Student/Parent Mtg: Tulsa Edu- Trip (National)	9 □ Exploring Chemistry (National)	10 □ STEM Splash (LA) □ School Supply Distribution (LA)	11 □ School Supply Distribution (TX & IL)	12
13	14 □ 3D Digital Field School (National)	15 □ 3D Digital Field School (National)	16 □ 3D Digital Field School (National)	17 □ 3D Digital Field School (National)	18 □ 3D Digital Field School (National)	19
20 □ Tulsa Edu-Trip (National)	21 □ Tulsa Edu-Trip (National)	22 □ Tulsa Edu-Trip (National)	23 □ Tulsa Edu-Trip (National)	24 □ Tulsa Edu-Trip (National)	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

CONTACT YOUR ACADEMIC COUNSELOR AND
CONFIRM YOUR ATTENDANCE AT ONE OF THE FUN ACTIVITIES

UPCOMING EVENTS



**TULSA EDU-TRIP
STUDENT & PARENT
MEETING**
FANTROY

Tue., June 8th
6:00pm — 7:00pm CT
NATIONAL
Rising 6- Rising 12
Virtual



**EXPLORING
CHEMISTRY**
CHESNE

Thu., July 9th
2:00pm — 4:00pm CT
NATIONAL
Rising 4 - Rising 12
Hybrid



STEAM SPLASH
Explore, Learn, Play!
CARMOUCHE

Thu., July 10th
8:00am — 7:30pm CT
LOUISIANA
Rising 1 - Rising 6
In-Person



**SCHOOL SUPPLY
DISTRIBUTION**
YOU MUST SUBMIT YOUR
FINAL REPORT (2024-2025)
TO BE RECEIVE SUPPLIES

Thu., June 10th
4:00pm — 7:00pm CT
MARKSVILLE
Rising K - Rising 12
In-Person



**SCHOOL SUPPLY
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TO BE RECEIVE SUPPLIES

Fri., June 11th
4:00pm — 7:00pm CT
HOUSTON & CHICAGO
Rising K - Rising 12
In-Person



**3D DIGITAL FIELD
SCHOOL**
CHESNE

**Monday thru Friday
June 14th — June 18th**
8:00am — 4:00pm CT
NATIONAL
Rising 10- Rising 12
In-Person



**EACH FRIDAY
IN JULY AT
12 NOON
(VIRTUAL)**



**MONDAY
JULY 28
6:00PM
(VIRTUAL)**



**'YACONA A OKLA HUMMA' (Tulsa Edu-Trip)
Sunday, July 20th — Thursday, July 24th**

TBED students (rising 6 – rising 12) will journey from Marksville, Houston, and Chicago to Tulsa, Oklahoma, on a culturally immersive multi-day/night educational trip. During this trip, student groups from each TBTLA office location (3) will meet in Tulsa and participate in educational/cultural enrichment activities at Cherokee Nation Historical Tours, College/University tours, & other local attractions.

PARENT/STUDENT MEETING (VIRTUAL) Tue., July 8th 6pm