

# Tunica-Biloxi Education Department

## TBED COLLEGE & CAREER NEWSLETTER

### DIRECTOR'S NOTES



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

*By the time you read this, we would have eagerly anticipated and experienced the 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Tunica-Biloxi Pow Wow.*

Pow Wow is a time when we get to visit with family and friends whom we may just see once a year. Our gathering is a celebration of indigenous culture and the resilience of our people. Pow Wow is a reminder of our treasured role in the Tunica-Biloxi community and a recommitment to traditions that make us who we are. As we consider the shared trauma of our Native relatives, we stand in unity and strength against racism and bigotry. We take pride in our legacy and look forward to a promising future for our people. My elders tell me that I must not sit on the sidelines but pick a path and lead.

GET READY FOR



SUMMER  
ENRICHMENT

### TBTLA SPOTLIGHT

#### TUNICA-BILOXI LANGUAGE & CULTURE SUMMER CAMP



**June 9 - 12 • 9:00am — 4:30pm**

Language & Culture Revitalization Program (LCRP) is planning a spectacular cultural experience for youth (ages 5-16).

Tunica-Biloxi Education Department (TBED) would like to support students' attendance at the TBTLA Language & Culture Youth Camp. We will provide free lodging, meals, and mileage reimbursement for Tunica-Biloxi families whose children are registered in TBED programs and live 60+ miles from Marksville.

TBED serves students in grades K-12. Contact BABETTE BORDELON ([babette.bordelon@tunica.org](mailto:babette.bordelon@tunica.org)) to schedule arrangements or learn more about the program.

**JUNE 2025**

*Knowledge is  
Power*



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## COUNSELORS' CORNER

### LESLIE CARMOUCHE

#### *Wrapping Up and Looking Ahead!*

As the school year winds down, it's a great time to reflect on how much our students have grown — academically, socially, and emotionally! June is filled with excitement and a mix of emotions as students prepare for summer and the transition to the next grade level. Our babies are growing up!

**JUNE CHALLENGE:** Encourage your child to reflect on their school year:

- What was something they're proud of?
- What did they learn about themselves?

What goals do they have for next year?

**SUMMER GOALS:** To help your child stay on track during summer break:

- **Read together daily** - Set apart 10 minutes from the busy day and read something together.

- **Practice responsibility** - Set up daily chores that your children can be responsible for.

**Keep a routine** - Keep a few days of earlier wake-up and bedtime scheduling. Make sure lunch is at a set time. Secure three hours a day of technology downtime!

#### **WHAT'S AHEAD?**

Several Summer Camps have been scheduled for our TBED students. Keep them involved and active this summer. School supplies and technology distribution will take place this coming July. Make sure final report cards are submitted! We're already planning ways to support our students next year with positive habits, goal setting, and social-emotional learning tools. If your child will be experiencing a big change — like switching schools or moving — please reach out so we can support their transition.

#### **Thank You!**

Thank you for a wonderful year of partnership. I'm so proud of our students and grateful to be a part of their journey. Have a safe, relaxing, and joyful summer!



**LESLIE CARMOUCHE**  
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**JUNE 2025**  
ISAAC CURRY  
ASHER FONTENOT

### JACQUELINE MURDOCK

*It's that time of the year we've been waiting for... JUNE.*

You've been working hard this school year. Come, Relax, and Have Fun with the Tunica-Biloxi Education Department this summer. Contact me to register for the following events:

June 5	Vermilionville Tour
June 9-12	Tunica-Biloxi Language & Culture Camp
June 23-26	Fit Quest Summer Camp
June 30	Louisiana State Capitol / 13 <sup>th</sup> Gate Escape

Send your child's final report card and update any new address and phone number.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to me if you have any questions.

LET'S HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!



**JUNE 2025**

Z'AYLON BONTON JAKESE PIERITE



**JACKIE MURDOCK**  
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Do you want to work in laboratories analyzing blood samples, detecting illnesses, and solving forensic cases?  
SOUTH LOUISIANA COMMUNITY COLLEGE — LAFAYETTE is seeking high school graduates to enroll in their MEDICAL LABORATORY SCIENCE program. <https://www.solacc.edu/academics/programs-offered/clinical-laboratory-technician/index>

### HEAVIN CHESNE

#### UPCOMING EVENTS:

**May 8:** GRADUATE HONOR CEREMONY

**July 14-18:** 3D DIGITAL IMAGING SCHOOL

#### **3D DIGITAL IMAGING SCHOOL (GRADES 6-12)**

The 2025 3D Digital Field School offers rising 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students hands-on experience using drones and 3D imaging to document Tunica-Biloxi historic sites. Participants will earn a \$250 stipend for full attendance.

#### **ACT WAIVERS AND TEST DATES:**

We have fee waiver vouchers available. These will cover your ACT fees if you register by the regular deadline. If you register late, the waiver will still cover the test fees but not the late fees; those will have to be taken care of on your own. Please reach out if you need one!

#### ACT TEST— UPCOMING TEST DATES

June 12 [registration deadline 5/9/25]

July 12 [registration deadline 6/6/25]

Reach out if you need a voucher and test prep materials.

#### **SCHOLAR SPOTLIGHT**

AVERIE RACHAL received honors for achieving the HIGHEST GPA of the junior class at Hicks High School!



#### NACAC FEE WAIVERS

NACAC offers application fee waivers allowing students with limited financial resources to apply for college.

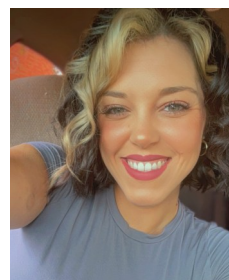
- Admission Application Fee Waiver form
- Enrollment Deposit Fee Waiver
- SAT & ACT Fee Waiver

We also have fee waiver vouchers available. They cover your ACT fees if you register by the regular registration deadline. If you register late, the waiver will still cover the test fees; you must cover the late fees separately.

#### OFFICE HOURS

Please call to schedule an in-person meeting!

- Mon., Wed., Thur., & Fri. • 8:30 AM - 3:00 PM
- Tue. • 8:30 AM - 9:30 AM and 10:45 AM - 3:00 PM



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**JUNE 2025**  
KARTER ABADIE  
COLIN FONTENOT  
MALLORY LOPEZ  
AVERIE RACHAL

## ANTONIO BROWN

### ATTENTION STUDENTS/PARENTS:

- **If you haven't done so, PLEASE submit a copy of your child's latest report card or progress report. It's imperative that we have a sufficient understanding of each student's current academic standing.**
- If your student(s) need any services, feel free to send an email, text or call.
- One-on-One meetings will be held throughout the month. Please send a text or email if you need to reschedule your assigned time/date. Zoom links will be sent via email.
- If your student is looking for service learning hours, please reach out via email.
- We have the resources to help with study 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

Please submit your student(s) academic accolades for our newsletter!!

have questions or need assistance.

- If you have any questions or concerns, I am available via Phone & Zoom Mon. through Fri. 9:30AM — 6:30PM.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**May 8<sup>th</sup>** Graduate Honor Ceremony  
**May 9<sup>th</sup>** Monthly in Person Tutoring  
**May 19<sup>th</sup>** Tunica Biloxi 27th Annual Pow Wow

### CONGRATULATIONS to our GRADUATES

Cristian Aguilar	Thomas Bell
Samantha Craig	Kaylin Kadlub
McKinley Lopez	Martin McMullin
Justin Smith, Jr.	Jazilyn Tobias
Larissa Wade	

### Class of 2025 Best Wishes!



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### JUNE 2025

JAZMIN CARRILLO  
 E. COLE DEWEESE  
 JALISSA RODRIGUEZ  
 EMMA SCANLON

## RACHEL MORALES

### PARENTS/GUARDIANS!

#### **Please Remember:**

- To update me if you or your child's contact information, such as home address, phone numbers, school, etc., has changed. It is important to keep your profile up-to-date.
- Our Program Participation Requirements:
  - At least 1 TBED or LRCP activity each quarter
  - Check-n-Connect with TBED Counselor twice a month.
  - Submit report card at the end of each grading period.

*Thank you to everyone who has sent in their child's report card. Please keep sending them in as soon as you receive them from your child's school.*

**Parent Learning Corner:** Keep your students engaged this summer! How? Enjoy your time at your local library! Libraries have great summer activities, including puppet shows, summer reading programs, and guest authors, to keep your student(s) engaged and learning over the summer.

### ATTENTION STUDENTS!

#### **TEXAS REWARD PROGRAM 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.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- **June 7<sup>th</sup>** - Science and Discovery Day - Grades K-7
- **June 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>** - Tunica-Biloxi Language & Culture Camp - Grades K-12

\*Thank you to everyone who participated in our Mother's Day and Father's Day events! We had a great time learning about how these holidays came to be celebrated and enjoyed making gifts for them!

#### **Tutoring:**

Does your child need some extra support? Please contact me for more information! I can tutor students at our AICH location or help you find a location near you!

#### **STUDENT FEATURE!! :**

#### **CONGRATULATIONS TO....**

• **JADE RIOS & JAIME MORALES JR.,** high school graduates from Houston! Good luck in your future endeavors!

• **REED BILECKI** - Reed did his State Fair Project on Louisiana and featured his Tribe! He worked on this in class for 4 months before presenting it. We recognize your hard work! Way to Go!



• **ARYA BILECKI** - Arya won awards for science, social studies, music, Spanish, and theatre at her school! Awesome job!!

• **ZEKE MARTINEZ** - Zeke received a score of 1 in his band competition for his trombone solo and received a medal! Great job!!

• **Texas Reward Program Winners** — Congrats to:

- K-2: CORA COBB
- 3-5: FRANK ORTIZ
- 6-8: JOSEPH RAMIREZ
- 9-12: SIENNA GARCIA



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What lies behind us, and what lies before us are small matters compared to what lies within us.

Ralph Waldo Emerson



### JUNE 2025

ALAINA FARIAS  
 SERENITY MORALES



# TBED GRADUATING CLASS OF 2025

*Congratulations, You did it!*



**KIMBERLY BARBRE**  
Calvary Chapel Fourteen  
Six Christian Academy  
3.8 GPA  
POST-SECONDARY PLANS  
Ottawa University  
Elementary Education



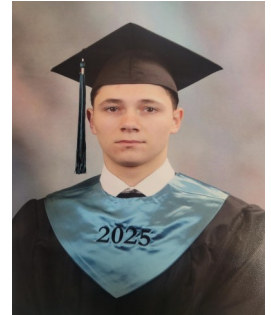
**T. GREYSON BELL**  
Angleton  
High School  
3.97 GPA  
POST-SECONDARY PLANS  
University of Texas  
at Austin  
Biology



**CAITLIN CHAPMAN**  
Chapman  
Academy  
4.0 GPA  
POST-SECONDARY PLANS  
Central LA Technical  
Community College  
Business Administration



**SAMANTHA CRAIG**  
Portage Community  
High School  
3.59 GPA  
POST-SECONDARY PLANS  
University of Wisconsin  
- Stevens Point  
Interior Architecture



**GAGE DESOTO**  
Avoyelles Public  
Charter School  
3.50 GPA  
POST-SECONDARY PLANS  
Army National Guard  
Basic Training  
Mechanics

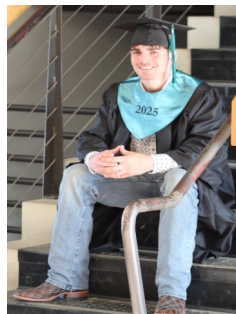
*"The Future Belongs to Those Who Believe in the Beauty of Their Dreams."  
~ Eleanor Roosevelt*



**KAYLIN KADLUB**  
Lincoln-Way Central  
High School  
4.50 GPA  
POST-SECONDARY PLANS  
University of Illinois  
Speech Pathology



**KIMBERLY LANDRY**  
Bridge City  
High School  
POST-SECONDARY PLANS  
Blinn College  
Undecided



**CARSON LEMOINE**  
Avoyelles Public  
Charter School  
3.08 GPA  
POST-SECONDARY PLANS  
Trade School  
Electrical Technician



**MCKINLEY LOPEZ**  
Stagg  
High School  
POST-SECONDARY PLANS  
Community College/  
Trade School  
Undecided



**KAYDEN MARICLE**  
Plainview  
High School  
3.50 GPA  
POST-SECONDARY PLANS  
Undecided  
Undecided

**MARTIN McMULLIN**

*St. Rita of Cascia  
High School*

*4.60 GPA*

POST-SECONDARY PLANS

*University of Illinois*

*Business*

**JAIME MORALES, JR.**

*South Early  
High School*

*3.4 GPA*

POST-SECONDARY PLANS

*Texas A&M  
at Galveston*

*Marine Biology*

**GABRIEL OLIVIER**

*Christian  
Home School*

*3.20 GPA*

POST-SECONDARY PLANS

*1-year Deferment  
then SLCC*

*HVAC Technician*

**MAGGIE PHARIS**

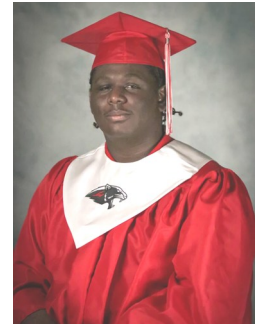
*Grant  
High School*

*3.00 GPA*

POST-SECONDARY PLANS

*Northwestern  
State University*

*Kinesiology*

**JAYLEN PIERITE**

*Bunkie Magnet  
High School*

*2.24 GPA*

POST-SECONDARY PLANS

*Undecided*

*Undecided*

**KAIDEN PIERITE**

*Marksville  
High School*

*3.10 GPA*

POST-SECONDARY PLANS

*Ottawa  
University*

*Undecided*

**KEIGAN PIERITE**

*Avoyelles  
High School*

*2.42 GPA*

POST-SECONDARY PLANS

*Barber  
College*

*Barber Licensure*

**KEYSHAWN PIERITE**

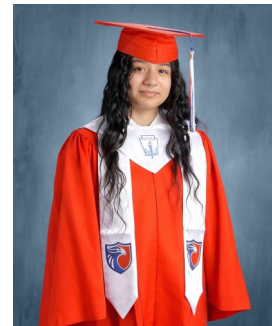
*Marksville  
High School*

*3.40 GPA*

POST-SECONDARY PLANS

*Barber College —  
Barber Licensure*

*Global Trucking Academy  
— CDL*

**JADE RIOS**

*KIPP East End  
High School*

*4.20 GPA*

POST-SECONDARY PLANS

*TBD*

*Radiologic Sciences/  
Engineering*

**DAKOTA RIVAS**

*Louisiana School for  
Agricultural Sciences*

*4.0 GPA*

POST-SECONDARY PLANS

*Louisiana State University  
at Alexandria*

*Political Science/Business*

**JUSTIN SMITH JR.**

*Pearland  
High School*

*3.68 GPA*

POST-SECONDARY PLANS

*Texas Lutheran  
University*

*Pre-Med*

**JAZILYN TOBIAS**

*Morton East  
High School*

*2.8 GPA*

POST-SECONDARY PLANS

*Morton  
College*

*Early Childhood  
Development*

**MORE TBED GRADUATES**

- CRISTIAN AGUILAR
- DANTONIO RIVAS
- LARISSA WADE

TUNICA BILOXI TRIBE  
OF  
LOUISIANA

Cherishing Our Past  
Building For Our Future

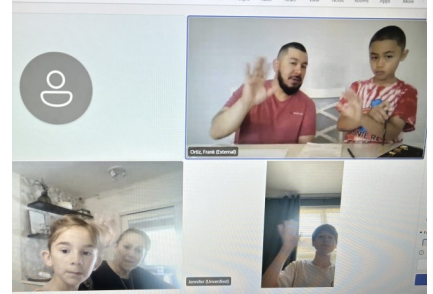




# ACTIVITY PHOTOS — EDUCATIONAL & CULTURAL ENRICHMENT

## LET'S CELEBRATE MOTHER'S DAY — HOUSTON

Sat., May 3, 2025 • Texas K-12



### BOXITECTS

April 15, 2025 • LA K-3



### LEAP 2025 ELA TEST PREP

Mondays in April 2025 • LA K-5



### STEM 2025 LEAP TEST PREP with MS. ALISHA

Tues., April 8, 2025 • LA K-5



DAKOTA RIVAS (above)  
&  
KAIDEN PIERITE (below)  
awarded Scholarships  
by the  
AVOYELLES COMMUNITY  
& YOUTH COALITION





# ACTIVITY PHOTOS — EDUCATIONAL & CULTURAL ENRICHMENT

## GRADUATE HONOR CEREMONY

Thu., May 8, 2025 • National 12



*Congratulations*  
**TO OUR GRADUATES**



Tunica-Biloxi  
EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

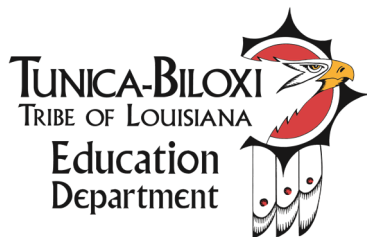
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"KNOWLEDGE IS POWER"



# JUNE 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5 VERMILIONVILLE FIELD TRIP	6	7 Science & Art Discovery Day!
8	9 LCRP SUMMER LANGUAGE CAMP	10 LCRP SUMMER LANGUAGE CAMP	11 LCRP SUMMER LANGUAGE CAMP	12 LCRP SUMMER LANGUAGE CAMP	13 BAKETIVITY	14 MITCHELL PARK DOMES
15	16 CURRENT EVENTS w/ MS. JACKIE	17	18	19 Juneteenth (Office Closed)	20	21
22	23 FITQUEST	24 FITQUEST	25 FITQUEST	26 FITQUEST	27	28
29	30 LA STATE CAPITOL TRIP					

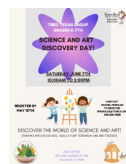
CONTACT YOUR ACADEMIC COUNSELOR AND  
CONFIRM YOUR ATTENDANCE AT FUN EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

## UPCOMING EVENTS



**VERMILIONVILLE  
FIELD TRIP**  
MURDOCK

**Thu., June 5<sup>th</sup>**  
8:00am — 5:00pm CT  
LOUISIANA  
Rising 6 - 12  
In-Peron



**SCIENCE & ART  
DISCOVERY DAY**  
MORALES

**Sat., June 7<sup>th</sup>**  
10:00am — 12:00pm CT  
TEXAS  
Rising 1 - 12  
In-Peron



**TUNICA-BILOXI  
LANGUAGE & CULTURE  
SUMMER CAMP**  
BARBRY

**Sat., June 9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>**  
9:00am — 4:30pm CT  
NATIONAL  
TBLA YOUTH (AGES 5-16)  
In-Person



**BAKETIVITY  
SUMMER CAMP**  
CARMOUCHE

**Sat., June 13<sup>th</sup>**  
10:00am — 12:00pm CT  
NATIONAL  
Rising 1 - 6  
Virtual



**MITCHELL PARK  
DOMES HORTICULTURE  
CONSERVATORY**  
BROWN

**Sat., June 14<sup>th</sup>**  
10:00am — 5:00pm CT  
ILLINOIS  
Rising 1 - 12  
In-Person



**CURRENT EVENTS**  
w/ MS. JACKIE  
MURDOCK

**Fri., June 16<sup>th</sup>**  
6:00pm — 7:00pm CT  
LOUISIANA  
Rising 6 - 8  
Virtual



**FITQUEST  
SUMMER CAMP**  
CARMOUCHE

**June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>  
8:00am — 5:00pm CT  
& June 26<sup>th</sup>  
8:00am — 2:00pm CT**  
NATIONAL  
Rising 1 - 12  
In-Person



**LOUISIANA STATE  
CAPITOL & 13TH GATE  
ESCAPE**  
MURDOCK

**Mon., June 30<sup>th</sup>**  
8:00am — 5:00pm CT  
LOUISIANA  
Rising 6 - 8  
In-Peron



## SCHOOL SUPPLY DISTRIBUTION — JULY 10 & 11, 2025

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).

