

Tunica-Biloxi Education Department

TBED COLLEGE & CAREER NEWSLETTER

Have a great school year!

DIRECTOR'S NOTES



JOHN D. BARBRY
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As we prepare for the closing of the ACE Grant, I am reminded of a story about a boy who received many gifts from his family and the people in his village. The first boy and his family were grateful and expressed their thanks for all of the gifts. The first boy had a friend who was very poor and lived in a small cabin on the edge of town. The poor boy asked the first boy if he could help by passing on some of the gifts so his family could afford his warrior training. The gifts received by the first boy could only be used to pay for his education and training. This was the

law of their people. The first boy was disappointed that he could not use his gifts to help his friend, especially as he was not using his gifts to pay for his education. The first boy had a choice of completing his education now and offering help to his poor friend in the future. Have you made the right choices with how you use the gifts from your family and village?

It has been our privilege to serve the students enrolled in the Education Department, and we look forward to more opportunities in the future.

SEPTEMBER 2025

Knowledge is Power



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IN THE NEWS

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TBTLA SPOTLIGHT — LCRP

TBED encourages TBTLA youth to participate in Tunica Language Classes and Culture Workshops offered by LCRP. Contact Mrs. Babette Bordelon, Administrative Coordinator for TBED and LCRP, at babette.bordelon@tunica.org to sign-up for classes and workshops.

STORYTIME

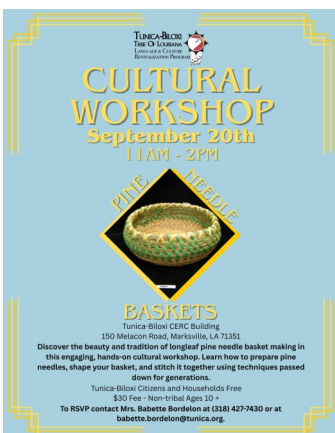
WEAVING A STORY
Sept 13 @ 11:00am
CERC Building

CULTURAL WORKSHOP

PINE NEEDLE BASKETS
Sept 20 @ 11am
CERC Building

CULTURAL WORKSHOP

9TH INTERTRIBAL BASKETRY SUMMIT
Oct 28 @ 11am
Tunica Gym



COUNSELORS' CORNER

LESLIE CARMOUCHE

WELCOME BACK TO A BRAND-NEW SCHOOL YEAR! My name is Mrs. Leslie Carmouche! As your Academic Counselor, I am here to support our Tribal students in building strong learning habits, setting personal goals, and developing the social skills they need to succeed — both in and out of the classroom. I would love to stay in communication with all my parents at least twice a month with a quick Counselor Check-In Session to stay up to date with my students' successes, struggles, and academic/social/emotional needs.

AUGUST 2025

LEVI BERTALOTTO AIDEN GILMORE
MIQUEL LOPEZ, JR. RUBY PIERITE

SEPTEMBER 2025

MASON BERTALOTTO AVA DUHON
ARABELLA NEIGHBORS KAYSON PIERITE
OLIVER PRICE WYATT ROSZELL



TOGETHER, we can accommodate the needs of our students as effectively and efficiently as possible.

This month, we are focusing on **"Starting Strong."** Here are some focus points you should explore:

Getting to Know Your Child's School Family –

- Make a point to reach out and meet your child's school administration, teachers, and paraprofessionals.
- Take an interest in your child's new and old friends.

Growth Mindset – Encourage your child to believe in themselves and learn from their mistakes and efforts.

Organization & Routines – Get a routine going to help keep up with homework, backpacks, and schedules.

You can help by setting consistent homework time, encouraging daily reading, and asking about one thing your child learned each day. LET'S MAKE IT A GREAT YEAR.



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JACQUELINE 'JACKIE' MURDOCK

CATCH ME for WEEKLY JR. CURRENT EVENT sessions on September 8th and 22nd at 6:00pm. **Earn Rewards.**

Check-in and Connect with Me...

September 2025 REWARDS Events

100 POINTS NEEDED TO EARN A REWARD

- CHECK-N-CONNECT w/ Counselor (2x/month) - 25pts
- TBED ACTIVITIES & GROUP MEETINGS - 25pts
- CULTURAL WORKSHOP - 25pts
- PARTICIPATE IN A TUTORING SESSION - 25pts



AUGUST 2025

PIPER ABADIE
ANJELICA BARBRY
JULIET BROWN
MADDILYN CALLAHAN
COLTON DIXON
CONNOR FISHER
DARIUS MATHIS

SEPTEMBER 2025

NIYA HOLMES
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UPCOMING EVENTS

NACAC HIGH SCHOOL COLLEGE PLANNING WORKSHOP SERIES

Grades 9-12 • Hybrid • 5:00pm — 7:00pm

Session 1: **Aug 25**— Personal Goals & College Readiness

Session 2: **Aug 27**— Standardized Testing & Academic Planning

Session 3: **Sept 2**— The College Search & Fit

Session 4: **Sept 3**— The College Application Process

Session 5: **Sept 15**— Application Essays & Decision Making

Session 6: **Sept 17**— Financial Aid Literacy (Parents must attend)

NATIONAL ACT TEST DATES Register at www.actstudent.org

- Sept 6 [registration deadline 8/1/25]
- Oct 18 [registration deadline 9/12/25]
- Dec 13 [registration deadline 11/7/25]

NATIONAL SAT TEST DATES Register at www.collegeboard.org

- Sept 13 [registration deadline 8/29/25]
- Oct 4 [registration deadline 9/19/25]
- Dec 8 [registration deadline 10/24/25]
- Dec 6 [registration deadline 11/21/25]

SCHOLARSHIP SEARCH WEBSITES

- College Board Scholarship Search
- Career OneStop Scholarship Finder
- Scholarships.com
- The American Indian College Fund

NACAC FEE WAIVERS <https://www.nacacnet.org>

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

NACAC NATIONAL COLLEGE FAIRS

Free and open to the public, National College Fairs are the perfect place to kick off your college search.

In-Person: Baton Rouge, LA - Sept 9 • New Orleans, LA - Sept 10 • Chicago, IL - Sept 13

Virtual: Sept 14 <https://www.nacacattend.org/fairs/attend>

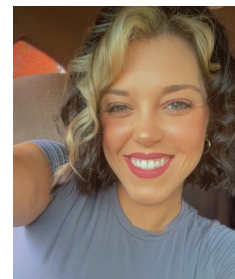


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RACHEL MORALES

Henii! (Hello!)

Welcome back, families, to another academic year.

I hope everyone was able to enjoy their summer! I wish all our wonderful students a great start to the school year. If you have not turned in those final report cards from last year, please do so.

PARENTS/GUARDIANS:

Please remember to contact me if your personal or your child(ren) information has changed, such as home address, phone numbers, school, etc. It is important to keep your profile up to date. Don't miss out on important information and events!

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS:

We have a few events coming up at our Houston office you won't want to miss! It's that time again! Start preparing for those ACT and SAT tests! It's also not too early to start preparing for college by understanding the financial aid process. You'll receive important information for preparing throughout the year for high school classes, help with choosing the right classes, and college information. This will also be great prep time to prepare you for these important tests!

STANDARDIZED TESTING — ACT/SAT

- ◆ ACT PREP, a free online tutorial service, is available on the ACT Website.
- ◆ Check out The College Board (collegeboard.org) for SAT & PSAT, AP, BigFuture & Accuplacer for college & career prep.
- ◆ KHAN ACADEMY, a free online tutorial service, has partnered with College Board to provide free SAT prep at Khan Academy.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SAT: Ready, Set, Prep! Sept 6th - 8:30 am-12:30 pm
Financial Aid 101 Sept 20th 9:30 am-12:30 pm

I'm looking forward to connecting with you all this year and having a fun and meaningful year!



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AUBREY BENN
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SEPTEMBER 2025
REED BILECKI
KALEB COBB
GIOVANNI FARRIS
ARIELLE VILLAGRAN

ANTONIO BROWN

ATTENTION STUDENTS/PARENTS:

- Please remember to submit a copy of your child(ren) final report card 2024-2025. This report card is needed for students to receive school supplies/technology.
- If your student(s) need any service request, feel free to send an email, text or call.
- One-on-One meeting sign-up will resume 9/1/2025.
- If your student(s) has/displays a need for mental health assistance. The Education Department can assist. **Please give me a call.**
- If your student is looking for service learning hours, please reach out via email.
- If you have any questions or concerns, I am available via Phone & Zoom Mon. through Fri. 8:30AM — 5:30PM.
- 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.

*First Day of school is around the corner!
Let's Get Excited!!*

SCHOLARSHIPS

- TBTLA SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
<https://www.tunicabiloxi.org/wp-content/uploads/Application-031423-2.pdf> Contact Jessica Barbry jabarbry@tunica.org for more info
- CATCHING THE DREAM
<https://catchingthedream.org/application-forms/>
- 2026 COCA-COLA SCHOLARS PROGRAM - SEPT 30TH
<https://www.coca-colascholarsfoundation.org/apply/>
- THE GATES SCHOLARSHIP
<https://www.thegatescholarship.org/scholarship>
- THE NATIONAL COLLEGE MATCH
<https://www.questbridge.org/high-school-students/national-college-match>

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tues., Sept. 9 through Thu., Sept. 11 at 5:30pm – 7:00pm,
Join me virtually this month for the DIGITAL EDUCATION RESOURCE SESSIONS for listings of K-12 educational resources.



AUGUST 2025
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"KNOWLEDGE IS POWER"



SEPTEMBER 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 Labor Day (Office Closed)	2 □ NACAC The College Search & Fit	3 □ NACAC The College Application	4	5	6 □ SAT: Ready Set Prep
7	8 □ Weekly Jr.	9 □ Digital Education Resource Sessions	10 □ Digital Education Resource Sessions	11 □ Digital Education Resource Sessions	12	13 □ LCRP Storytime
14	15 □ NACAC Application Essays	16	17 □ NACAC Financial Literacy	18	19	20 □ LCRP Cultural Wksp □ Financial Aid 101
21	22 □ Weekly Jr. □ Highlight Hub	23	24	25	26 Native American Day (Office Closed)	27
28	29	30 ACE Grant Ends				

UPCOMING EVENTS



SAT: READY SET PREP
MORALES

Sat., Sept. 6th
8:30am — 12:30pm CT
NATIONAL
9 - 12
Hybrid



Happening September 2025
DIGITAL EDUCATION RESOURCE SESSIONS (VIRTUAL)
K12 Educational Resources with Mr. Antonio Brown
Tues., Sept. 9 — Thurs., Sept. 11 5:30pm—7:00pm



CURRENT EVENTS
WEEKLY JR.
MURDOCK

Mon., Sept. 8th & 22nd
6:00pm — 7:00pm CT
NATIONAL
5 - 8
Virtual

NACAC HIGH SCHOOL COLLEGE PLANNING WORKSHOP SERIES



8/25/2025

8/27/2025

9/2/2025

9/3/2025

9/15/2025

9/17/2025

5:00pm — 7:00pm

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NATIONAL 9-12

Hybrid

SESSION 1: PERSONAL GOALS & COLLEGE READINESS

SESSION 2: STANDARDIZED TESTING & ACADEMIC PLANNING

SESSION 3: THE COLLEGE SEARCH & FIT

SESSION 4: THE COLLEGE APPLICATION PROCESS

SESSION 5: APPLICATION ESSAYS & DECISION MAKING

SESSION 6: FINANCIAL AID LITERACY



FINANCIAL AID 101
MORALES

Sat., Sept. 20th
9:30am — 12:30pm CT
NATIONAL
9 - 12
Hybrid



HIGHLIGHTS
CARMOUCHE

Mon., Sept. 22nd
6:00pm — 7:00pm CT
NATIONAL
K - 4
Virtual

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