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DHS Welcomes New 9th Grade Principal



Duncanville ISD welcomes Nneka Bernard as Duncanville High School's new ninth grade principal. Although she has only been in her new role for a few weeks, Bernard is already building collaboration between teachers, administrators and

District Requests Community Input for Strategic Plan



As Duncanville ISD creates a long-term plan for our school district, we are seeking candid feedback from our community. It is important that your voice is heard as we work together to meet the needs of all Duncanville ISD students. By participating in our Strategic Planning Survey,

paraprofessionals. At a recent faculty meeting, Bernard's staff discussed the district's core values and the reasons why each became a teacher. When days or blocks are tough, teachers are reminded of the importance of helping students achieve lifelong success.

"Although what we do is personal, it's about more than us," she said. "It's about student achievement."

Read [more](#).

Shine a Light: Maintenance Department Ensures Duncanville ISD Runs Smoothly

They mow lawns, fix faucets, spray for bugs and paint walls. And that doesn't even

begin to describe

the all the responsibilities of Duncanville ISD Maintenance Department's nearly 200 employees.

Maintenance Department Director Charles Moore, who has been with Duncanville ISD for 24 years, said a realization came to him just shy of his impending retirement. "I'm responsible for everything in the district except for the staff and students," Moore said.

Read [more](#).



Duncanville ISD Maintenance Department By the Numbers

- 12,000 Work Orders Completed each Year
- 466 Acres to Maintain Including Buildings and Grounds
 - 144 Custodial Staff
 - 50 Maintenance & Grounds Staff

Editor's Note: The Communication Department is launching a new feature. Every month, we will "Shine a Light" on a department at Duncanville ISD in an effort to better acquaint all of us with our coworkers and learn how they contribute to our success. Please enjoy this first in our series of stories on the people of Duncanville ISD.

you will help us discover potential barriers to success, reveal untapped opportunities, identify weaknesses and maximize the district's strengths. We are collecting feedback through **December 1**. Please, click [here](#) to participate in the Duncanville ISD Strategic Planning Survey.

DHS Athletes Sign for Collegiate Play



Several Duncanville High School student-athletes will receive scholarships to play collegiate basketball next year.

On Thursday, November 12, Senior Panthers guard Jalen Harris signed with Louisiana Tech to play men's basketball.

On the girls' side, Ciera Johnson, who plays post, signed with the University of Louisville in Kentucky.

Forward Madison Townley signed to play for the University of North Texas in Denton, Texas. Finally, guard Rosie Davis signed with Xavier University in New Orleans.

See [photos](#).

DHS Photography Student Takes Top Honors in State



photos and read [more](#).

Duncanville High School Senior Karla Estrada took first place at the 2015 Association of Texas Photography Instructors Fall Contest. Estrada's winning photo in the category, Advanced Sports Reaction, is titled Agony of Defeat and was taken during the Pantherette's 2014 – 2015 girls basketball season. DHS junior, Alexis Rosebrock, received two honorable mentions for her entries. See additional

Reed Choir Students Excel at UIL Contest

Reed Middle School choir students competed at the UIL Solo & Ensemble competition Saturday, November 7 and came back with great success. Of seven students from Reed that attended, six received superior ratings and medals. Choir teacher James Worley says this is the best his students have performed at the Solo & Ensemble Contest in many years.

Pace High School Graduates Large Class



Duncanville ISD's Pace High School celebrated one of its largest graduations to date with 19 seniors who graduated on Friday, November 13.

Graduates included: Clayton Echerd, Linda Flores, De'Anthony Franklin, Jennette Guman, Jared Jobe, Cedric Johnson, Xavier Jordan, Luis Lopez, Adolpho Munoz, Kevin Moreno, Tony Peters, Paula Pipes, Ashlee Pugh, Joshua Satchell, Maria Soto, Tachera Turner, Liliana Vazquez, Aliyah Walton and DeMaria Williams.

District Recognizes Safest Schools and Departments



Duncanville ISD's Risk Management Department awarded the 2014-2015 Top Safest Schools and Auxiliary Department for their success in preventing or reducing injuries.

See awards [here](#).

DHS Honors Military Veterans



Cedar Valley College is now offering free Earn & Learn grant-funded courses for adults in the community. Classes are held at Cedar Valley College in Lancaster, and include GED Prep I, ESL Prep I, and Transitions (Workplace Readiness). Click [here](#) for more information.

Each year, Duncanville High School staff honors district employees who served our country during a special Veterans Day ceremony. English teacher Margaret Thomas was inspired to find a way to celebrate veterans after her own father, who was in the Marines, passed away three years ago. As the veterans arrived at the DHS library for their special lunch, they were greeted by the DHS High Hats, cheerleaders and Sparklers, and were serenaded by members of the DHS choir.



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