



Magnetic Force

August/September 2021

Welcome to the 2021-2022 School Year!

Magnet Students Compete!



Games for Change
(G4C)
Student Challenge



Congratulations to John "JP" Turney (Class of 2023)!
Last spring, JP entered the Games for a Change Challenge and was chosen as an Atlanta-area finalist. Read more about the challenge and play the Maze Challenge that JP created on <https://gamesforchange.org/studentchallenge/arcade/build-a-better-world/>.

Magnet Student Recognition

NATIONAL RECOGNITION PROGRAM SCHOLARS



Students Awarded with Academic Honors from College Board National Recognition Programs

Congratulations to KMHS students who are part of the group of 32,000 students from across the country to earn academic honors from the College Board's National Recognition Programs! These National Recognition Programs grant underrepresented students with academic honors that can be included on college and scholarship applications and connect students with universities across the country, helping them stand out during the admissions process. Colleges and scholarship programs use these honors to identify students from underrepresented groups through College Board's Student Search Service.

College Board National Hispanic Recognition Program Scholars

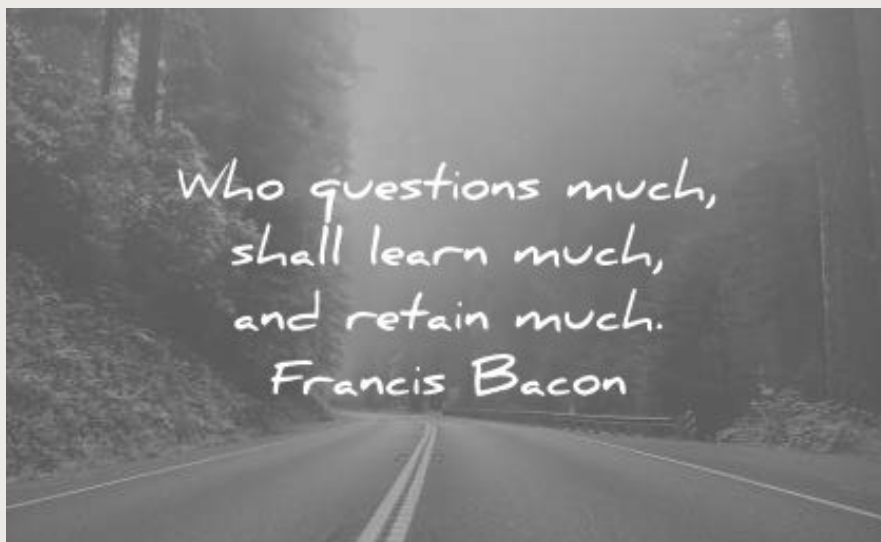
- Matthew Burt
- Isabella Insignares
- Lily Johnson
- Alex Mitchell
- Brendan Sheppard
- John Turney
- Ana Vadillo
- Sofia Vadillo

College Board National African American Recognition Program Scholars

- Destinee Davis
- Donovan DeWitt
- Jaise Green
- Sydni Hall
- Ekeminiobong Johnson
- Brendan Sheppard
- Melissa Ubani

These students earned this recognition by excelling on their PSAT/NMSQT, PSAT 10, or AP Exams and in their classrooms. Students who may be eligible have a GPA of 3.5 or higher and have excelled on the PSAT/NMSQT or PSAT 10, or earned a score of 3 or higher on two or more AP Exams; and are African American or Black, Hispanic American or Latinx, Indigenous, and/or attend school in a rural area or small town. Eligible students are invited to apply during their sophomore or junior year, and are awarded at the beginning of the next school year.

The Art of Asking Questions



Asking questions and engaging in discussions are essential for learning.

Students sometimes state that they do not know what questions to ask or that they do not want to ask questions in front of peers. Both of these situations lead to decreased understanding. Asking questions is important! The process of forming questions is beneficial to learning and understanding. When identifying questions to ask, students begin to realize what they do and do not know- self evaluation- which is the beginning to deeper understanding.

From **MindShift**: "coming up with the right question involves vigorously thinking through the problem, investigating it from various angles, turning closed questions into open-ended ones and prioritizing which are the most important questions to get at the heart of the matter." and when students ask questions, there are three positives "One is that students are more engaged. Second, they take more ownership, which for teachers, this is a huge thing. And the third outcome is they learn more – we see better quality work."

It is important that students are involved in their learning. Be sure to review Dr. Ingle's Friday post on Edmodo to learn more.

Naviance: Activities for all Students!

Naviance is a college and career readiness software we use to provide students with college planning and career assessment tools. Please review the Magnet Student expectations for each school year.



Naviance spotlight of the month: scholarship searching. Once logged in, students should click on "Colleges" in the menu bar.

- Scholarship List: 2 options –
 - College-Specific Scholarships – enter GPA and test scores to view potential scholarships offered by colleges. For complete listings of college specific scholarships, students should visit the website of the college
 - Local & Regional Scholarships – this is our scholarship bulletin with opportunities posted by KMHS and CCSD. This will update often. This will include some local as well as national scholarships.
- National Scholarship Search: large database search engine

Freshmen

- Complete Learning and Productivity Assessment- review full report (approx. six pages) and apply to study habits
- Begin resume
- View Road Trip Nation videos

Sophomores

- Complete StrengthsExplorer Assessments
- Continue to update (club, activities, community service, etc.) resume
- Add one or more colleges to Colleges I'm Thinking About
- Complete Career Clusters Finder and Career Interest Profiler
- Conduct scholarship search in Scholarships and Money and identify two or more scholarships by identifying potential scholarships early makes it possible to prepare for eligibility

Juniors

- Continue to update (club, activities, community service, etc.) resume
- Add additional colleges to Colleges I'm Thinking About

Seniors

- Consider resetting the Learning and Productivity (formerly the Learning Styles Inventory) Assessment- review full report (approx. six pages) and apply to study habits
- Speak with teachers and then request teacher recommendation letters through Naviance (give teachers two weeks minimum to write letter)
- Add colleges to Colleges I'm Applying To o Apply to colleges

Access: Go to KMHS website, then to Naviance under *Find It Fast* in the upper right corner. Students must login through their Office 365 Account.

August 2021 MAGNET STUDENT & TEACHER of the Month

Each month, teachers are nominated by Magnet Students; Magnet Students may be nominated by Magnet Students or teachers.



Parker Avery (Class of 2023) is active in the school community as the president of multiple clubs. He is a natural student leader who does not seek out these positions but his professionalism, kindness, and reliability are recognized by his peers who encourage him to take on these roles. Parker excels in his coursework when working individually, in teams, or actively contributing to class discussions. Thank you, Parker, for leading by example!

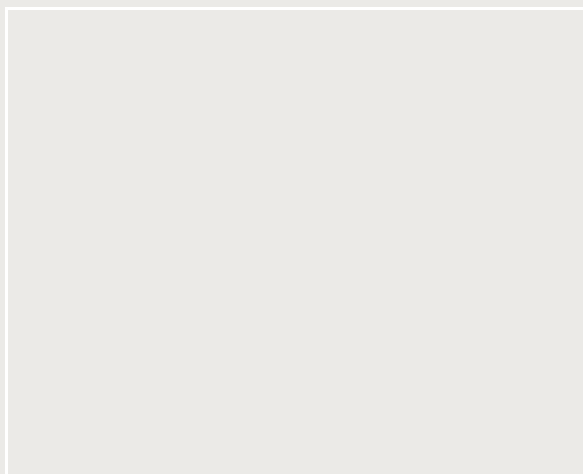
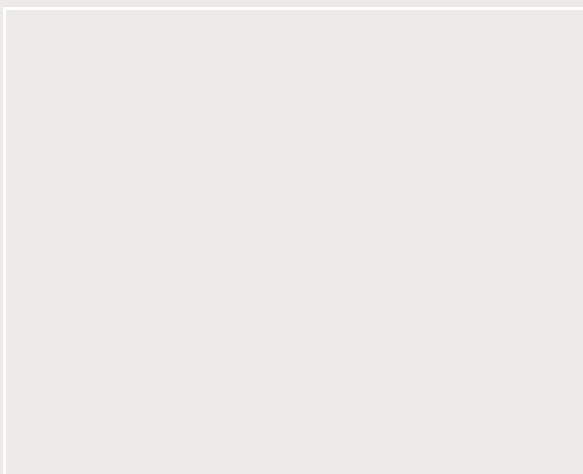


Dr. Stockton is a great math teacher! As the first month of the new, crazy year comes to close, Dr. Stockton has been such a great help. From explaining material to helping his students get back in the groove of things.



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Laura Oubre is able to balance school and sports and still has time to help her friends. I am in a group chat of friends and one of them told us she was having trouble with her studying. Laura immediately responded with advice on all the methods she uses for studying. In general she is always helping people when they are confused. Laura Oubre is a great nominee!



Mr. Palame is an incredible teacher. He is fascinated by what his students have to say and makes his lessons engaging and enjoyable. I have had trouble with decision making and overwhelming myself, and Mr. Palame has been able to help me overcome this. He is extremely caring and kind. I look forward to biology and we have very interesting conversations in his class. He is by far one of the best teachers that I have ever had and I tell my parents about how amazing he is on a daily basis. Another student shared the following: Mr. Palame makes my day, Magnet Biology is very exciting. Mr. Palame is understanding and makes class fun.

Junior Advisement

Junior advisement is starting soon! During each individual appointment, students will outline a plan of study for the remaining semesters of high school and discuss how to prepare for senior year. Details coming soon.



Junior list of "To-Dos"

- Plan ahead
- Identify a list of colleges on Naviance
 - Safety
 - Target
 - Reach
- Create a time-line
- Document experiences
 - How have you spent out of school time?
 - What have you learned about yourself through COVID?
- Start thinking about your story- your essay. Review prompts from **Common App**
- In late spring- chat with two teachers about recommendation letters for next fall.

JUNIOR
AP ACTIVITIES SAT ACT
TOURS LEADERSHIP GRADES

College Applications



Upcoming college fairs and info sessions: [CLICK HERE](#)

Some FAQ's from seniors:

- *When will my transcript/letter of recommendation requests be processed?* We process these in the order they are received but also rely heavily on the application deadline.
- *What if the scholarship deadline is before the application for admission deadline?* Indicate that in MyPaymentsPlus
- *What is the "senior survey" in MyPaymentsPlus?* This is your Student Profile Sheet (needed to complete recommendation letters or school reports).
- *How many teacher letter of recommendations do I need?* It varies by college; check their admissions page. Not all colleges require recommendations. Only request letters if the college requires/recommends this. Also, if they do want recs, check how

many. They will not accept additional letters.

- *What if I need help with Naviance, how to request transcripts or letters of rec?* **CLICK HERE** for quick guide with steps. If still unsure, students should stop by to see their counselor or email their counselor for assistance. Magnet students may also send an Edmodo message to their counselor
- *Where do I look for scholarships?* Many places! You should never pay scholarship search fees or application fees. Check for scholarship opportunities with the college you're applying to as well as within the major, clubs, employer (yours or your parent/guardian), online search engines, etc.
- *How do I apply for HOPE/Zell Miller?* Complete the FAFSA beginning October 1. You must apply; it is not automatically granted.
- *Is my HOPE GPA on my transcript?* No; you must check your HOPE GPA at www.gafutures.org
- *What are the HOPE Scholarship, Zell Miller Scholarship, and HOPE Grant requirements?* All criteria can be found at www.gafutures.org. Also, we must have your social security number on file.
- *When do I fill out the FAFSA?* Beginning October 1st at <https://fafsa.ed.gov>. This is a FREE application.

Virtual College Visits

Students should access their Naviance account and select colleges they are interested in. By doing so, they will receive notifications when representatives from their selected colleges host a virtual visit with KMHS students. All students must update their email address in Naviance. Please change it from your Office 365 to your personal email address.

Once logged into Naviance >> About Me >> My Account. Click on the Edit pencil in the "Contact" box, update your email address, click Save. Students may check their weighted and unweighted GPA in Naviance! About Me >> My Account



Important Information & Opportunities

Scholarship, College, and Senior Information

Help is available 24/7 to assist those in crisis! School may be virtual but help is available. Trained counselors are available to help you. Connect with a counselor via one of these crisis lines

- Text line: text HELLO to 741741
 - Georgia Crisis & Access Line: 1-800-715-4225
 - National Crisis Line: 1-800-273-TALK (1-800-273-8255)
 - Suicide Prevention Hotline: 1-800-SUICIDE (1-800-784-2433)
 - LGBTQ Youth - The Trevor Project - <https://www.thetrevorproject.org/>.
- TrevorLifeline - 1-866-488-7386 or TrevorText - text START to 678678

HOPE/Zell Miller Scholarship

- Important: It is essential that students have their social security number on file; otherwise, they will not be eligible.
- Students may check their HOPE GPA by creating an account at www.gafutures.org. This is the only place to check it; it is NOT listed on student transcripts.
- If an error message is received when students check their HOPE GPA, it is likely KMHS does not have their social security number on file. A copy of the social security card is one of the requirements for HOPE/Zell eligibility. Please email Mrs. LaRoy if you find this information needs to be updated.
- Students must apply for HOPE/Zell Miller during their senior year (after October 1st) by completing the FAFSA. Seniors may also may also complete the GSFAPP through www.gafutures.org.
- Info on how you can submit your SAT or ACT scores for Zell: <https://www.gafutures.org/hope-state-aid-programs/hope-zell-miller-scholarships/zell-miller-scholarship/>

Follow the Counseling Office on Twitter and Instagram @KMHS_counseling
Counselors will Tweet out college admission related webinars they find.

Magnet Weekly Updates

Don't Miss Out!

Every week Mrs. LaRoy and Dr. Ingle share information via Edmodo (Mrs. LaRoy posts on Tuesday and Dr. Ingle on Friday). If you are not reading the weekly posts, please begin doing so to *avoid missing out on important information and opportunities!*



Share your talents and get involved with the Magnet Academy Foundation! The Foundation organizes magnet events, and supports students and teachers.

Magnet At-a-

Many Thanks

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Glance

September 6: Labor Day
September 8: Magnet Parent Meeting on Teams
September 9 and 16: Countywide Online Magnet Program Information Sessions
October 1: Magnet Online Portal Opens for 8th grade Students
October 13: PSAT/NMSQT at KMHS

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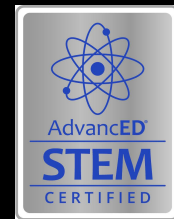
Foundation Funds

- 1) Enhance Magnet classroom education with additional supplies.
- 2) Provide out-of-classroom experiences.
- 3) Provide funding for additional training for Magnet Teachers.
- 4) Provide enhanced opportunities for Magnet students to interact and engage in STEM activities.
- 5) Identify and promote Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics programs to better equip students to face challenges of the future.

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