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## Kennedy Lady Knight Taniesha Gilbert Scores 1,000 Points



Taniesha Gilbert achieved a major milestone in scoring her 1,000<sup>th</sup> career point in the JFK Lady Knights' game against the Clifton Lady Mustangs on January 15. Gilbert's 33 points were a great contribution to the team's 52-30 win against Clifton that night. Gilbert, who is a senior at Rosa L. Parks School of the Fine and Performing Arts, said she hopes to continue playing basketball in college. She is interested in a career in criminal justice. In a PPS Communications video interview, Gilbert gave a lot of credit to her teammates and her coach, Lady Knights Head Coach Marquette Burgess, in helping her achieve 1,000 career points. See her entire interview [here](#).

## PANTHER Student Wins First Place, Team Takes Second in Statewide Math Contest

Nada Aly, an 11<sup>th</sup>-grader at PANTHER Academy, took first place honors in the 42<sup>nd</sup> annual Association of Mathematics Teachers of New Jersey (AMTNJ) math contest while the PANTHER team won second place for their division. In addition to Aly, students Amanda Moctezuma Barbosa, Ashley Sanabria, Antonio Williams, and Solomon Wilson competed on the PANTHER Academy team. Moctezuma Barbosa, a senior, won an honorable mention in the contest, along with Sanabria and Williams, who are both juniors.

Aly earned a perfect score in the competition held on Dec. 12, which required students to take a 15-question math test during a 45-minute period, with test topics ranging from algebra to precalculus. In the contest, each question is worth one point. The highest five scores from a school's team constitute the school's score.

The PANTHER Academy team scored 62 out of a possible 75 points to take second place in the Delta Division, which is comprised of schools with fewer than 750 students. Each of the PANTHER students who received an honorable mention scored 12 out of 15 points in the contest.

The students are scheduled to be honored at the regular Paterson Board of Education meeting on February 20.

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## A Lady Knight to Remember Scheduled to Come Home

Nicole Loudon, Passaic County's all-time top scorer in girls basketball, is scheduled to be honored at a special ceremony on Thursday, February 7 at 6:45 p.m. at the John F. Kennedy Educational Complex gymnasium. The ceremony will precede the Lady Knights' game against Passaic High School. Loudon scored 2,928 career points before graduating from John F. Kennedy High School in 2000.

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## BTMF Students Shine at NJ DECA Regional Conference

Four students from the School of Business, Technology, Marketing & Finance (BTMF) wowed the judges at the northern regional conference of New Jersey DECA (Distributive Education Clubs of America) on January 7. DECA is a national nonprofit organization that prepares emerging leaders and entrepreneurs for careers in marketing, finance, hospitality and management.



Enequenil Fortunado, Shuhrat Kabir, and Nataly Merino performed well enough in the "Principles of Finance" event to qualify for the competition at the statewide NJ DECA conference in Atlantic City, while Enyeli Galvez shined in the "Professional Selling" event.

A total of 29 BTMF students attended the regional conference, which attracted more than 3,000 participants. Thirty business-themed events were held at the conference. Winners were chosen based on their performance on a 100-question online test, and by role-playing in a problematic business scenario in front of a judge.

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## Eastside Alums Come Home with College Stories



Eastside High School's School of Information Technology and School of Government and Public Administration recently hosted its second annual college fair. The event featured recent Eastside graduates speaking about their experiences in college. The returning alumni hailed from a variety of colleges and universities including George Washington University, American University, University of Richmond, Rutgers University, Stockton University, St. Peter's University, Seton Hall University, the College of St. Elizabeth, Bloomfield College, William Paterson University, NJ Institute of Technology, Passaic County Community College,

Rider University, Kean University, Montclair State University, Caldwell University, Ramapo University, the New School of Manhattan, and New Jersey City University.

The students spoke about their experiences in college. One returning alumnus said that even though he was taking ESL courses, he still had to take academic courses. The audience applauded when he said that he had achieved a 4.0 grade point average in his first semester.

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## Rosa Parks Drama Students Take Governor's Award Honors

Drama students from the Rosa L. Parks School of the Fine and Performing Arts took home honors at the annual Governor's Award Theatre Competition at Montclair State University on January 12. Teacher Tiffany Wilson advised students in preparing for the competition, which was sponsored by the Speech and Theater Association of New Jersey. The winners included:

- Latasha Johnson, senior scholarship award
- Crystal Graham for contrasting monologue, 2nd place
- DiAndre Davenport for dramatic monologue, finalist
- Brianna Davis for dramatic monologue, 3rd place,
- DiAndre Davenport & Latasha Johnson for comedic pairs, finalists
- Ambiorix Henriquez & Lisbeth Blanco for comedic pairs, finalists
- Ronya Martin, musical theater solo, finalist



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## A Gatsby Bash



Eastside High School's AP Language & Composition students rang out the old year by playing roles in F. Scott Fitzgerald's classic novel, *The Great Gatsby*, at a party dubbed, "A Gatsby Bash." The "shindig," held before the winter recess in the Eastside library, was the idea of two English teachers, Yanilla Trastoy of the School of Information Technology and Ashley Crater of the School of Government and Public Administration. The party was thrown to

encourage students to read to the end of the novel, which both teachers assigned to their students in the second marking period. Students were asked to dress up as characters from the novel or a person of the 1920s. It was student Ricardo Inoa who took on the role of the title character, Jay Gatsby, dressed in a white button-down shirt, black slacks, and suspenders.

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## Upcoming Events

**Jan. 29: 2019 School District Budget Community Forum**

5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. at Eastside High School Campus

**Jan. 31: 2nd Marking Period Ends**

**Feb. 1: Staff In-service**

1:00 p.m. Student Dismissal

**Feb. 5: 2019 School District Budget Community Forum**

5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. at John F. Kennedy Educational Complex

**Feb. 6: Board of Education Workshop**

6:30 p.m. at the 90 Delaware Ave Administrative Offices

**Feb. 11: Report Card Distribution**

All Pre-K-8. 4:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.

**Feb. 12: Report Card Distribution**

School 7, Don Bosco, NRC. 4:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.

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