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Honoring Our Senior <u>Athletes in Soccer and Volleyball</u>



A month Filled With New Experiences: From the Principal's Desk



Greetings New Heights Community,

We have made it through our first full month of school! This has been a month of adjustments to the new school year, filled with new experiences inside and outside of the classroom. We have enjoyed our first Community Days for both Middle School and High School, including our Advisory Step Show.

Congratulations to LSU and the University of Miami, who are our first advisory winners. We have also celebrated our senior scholar-athletes' wonderful contributions on our Boys & Girls Soccer Teams and our Girls Volleyball Team. We appreciate and celebrate you for representing our school!

Thank you for all that you do to contribute to making New Heights a wonderful community for scholars and families. Best wishes,

Dr. Jones

Honoring Our Senior Athletes: A Message from the Athletic Director



Dear New Heights Community, During the past week, we bid a heartfelt farewell to our seniors in a series of successful senior nights. The New Heights athletic staff extends a special thank you to Ashaki Murrell P'25 for her dedicated efforts in organizing an exceptional send-off event for our senior athletes. We also want to recognize the outstanding leadership of our captains, Andre Lubin (Boys Varsity Soccer), Jaylah Michel (Girls Varsity Soccer), and Taell Augustin (Varsity Volleyball). Additionally, a big congratulations to our middle school soccer team for their hard work throughout the season; they are the future of our program!

As the season draws to an end, it is essential to celebrate the unwavering dedication, hard work, and sportsmanship displayed by all of our athletes this year. Our coaches, teachers, and families have all acknowledged the remarkable growth shown by each team throughout the season. This growth is a testament to the passion displayed by our athletes on the field and court. Our teams consistently rose to the challenges and demonstrated what it means to be great Phoenix teammates and athletes. Congratulations to our players, coaches, and support staff for a season of remarkable growth and development. We also want to extend a heartfelt thank you to our fans for their unwavering support of our Phoenix athletes. We are eagerly anticipating the future of our fall-season sports teams!

Now, let's get ready for our winter season! Tryouts begin on December 2nd. Please register here for sports to receive additional information.

With gratitude, Terrell Diggs

Staff Spotlights Candra Dixon | 9th Grade ELA Instructor



Ms. Dixon has been working in education for over 15 years. She received her Bachelor of Science from Springfield College, focusing on Youth Development. Throughout her career as an educator, Ms. Dixon has held various roles, such as classroom instructor, community development coordinator, and administrative positions at different public and private educational institutions. She has experience with students ranging from K1 to 12th grade. Before joining the NHCSB family, she was a 9th-grade ELA Teacher and HBCU Lead Coordinator at a Boston Public School. Ms. Dixon also founded a non-profit program called Journey to HBCUs, where students are educated about Black colleges' rich history and empowering culture and tour the college campuses.

In Dixon's spare time, she enjoys traveling with her family and organizing community events.



Jennifer Torregano| 9th Grade HS Math Instructor

Ms. Torregano is a native New Orleanian who was educated at Ursuline Academy and went on to pursue her undergraduate and graduate studies at Xavier University of Louisiana. As a third-generation educator, Ms. Torregano is fully committed to the holistic nurturing of the mind through critical thinking and engaging activities that allow scholars to indulge their curiosities and foster their conceptualization of the content as it correlates to the world around them. Ms. Torregano believes that each scholar is a unique individual who needs a secure, caring, and stimulating atmosphere to grow and mature emotionally, intellectually, physically, and socially. As an educator, I want to help students meet their fullest potential in these areas by providing an environment that is safe, supports risk-taking, and invites the sharing of ideas. There are three elements that I believe are conducive to establishing such an environment: (1) the teacher acting as a guide, (2) allowing the child's natural curiosity to direct their learning, and (3) promoting respect for all things and all people.





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Educational Forum: Traveling Miles to Share and Learn from Other Experts in the Field

New Heights Executive Director Omari Walker, alongside Maria Fernandes, the Assistant Executive Director, and Chief of Compliance Jess Geier, are currently in Austin, Texas, to participate in the National College Board Forum annual meeting and deliver a compelling presentation titled "Elevating Potential by Building a College-Going Culture." This educational event gathers K–12, higher education, and college access professionals from various fields to share best practices, innovative ideas, and the latest insights on college readiness, access, affordability, and student success. Visit us at www.nhcsb.org to learn more about our mission and instructional philosophy.





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