



# THE EAGLE

## “ACHIEVING COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS”



Pontiac Academy for Excellence  
Superintendent  
Dr. Jacqueline Cassell

In order for our students to be college and career ready upon graduation, they must achieve success outside of the classroom too. Colleges and Universities look for their incoming freshmen to be well-rounded successful candidates that are ready to make the world a better place. Our goals as educators are to prepare our students to be successful candidates in academics across the curriculum. We also prepare our students in the area of *leadership, sports, student politics, music, art, academic games and community services*. Having our students be successful in several of the above mentioned areas will prepare them for so much more to come in their productive lives. In the area of academic excellence, we are proud to be inducting new students this month into the National Honor Society. These students will proudly wear their pin and their National

Honor Society insignia sweaters showing everyone that excellence matters. We have a top notch Athletic Program that is showing our students the importance of team building and collaboration. Most importantly, we are seeing that sports are giving our students a sense of focus in the classroom. They are also learning how discipline in the game has taught them how discipline is an important factor of having a successful life after high school. We have selected the best of the best 12 graders to represent the High School Student Council as officers. We are preparing for them to not only make a difference in the high school, but to help make a difference



High School Principal  
Mr. Terry



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## “BLACK HISTORY MONTH AT PAE HIGH SCHOOL”

We have charged our teachers with coming up with very creative ways of exploring “Black History Month”. Since writing across the curriculum is very important, some of our students will be entering entries in Kroger’s 5th annual “I Can Make History” contest. Kroger is awarding

more than \$60,000 in scholarships, laptops, and trips. There are four categories that our students will be able to submit their entries in; art, music, essay and poetry. In the classrooms our students will learn that “Black History is American History”. They will learn that it takes all

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### Upcoming Activities & Events...

- MDE Monitor Visit...Feb. 6th
- Family Math Night...Feb 9th
- HS/MS Principals' Coffee...Feb. 16th
- PAE School Board Meeting...Feb 21st

## JANUARY 2012 "STUDENT OF THE MONTH"



The criteria for my selection of the high school "Student of the Month" is not just solely based on the student's grade point average, even though that is very important. We look at the student's growth, and maturity from the previous school year. We also look at the student's attitude towards wanting to, and being engaged from the very first day of

school with their education. We also take into account their behavior in their classrooms, hallways and the cafeteria. This student truly embodies what a student should be. Focused, dedicated, a quite spirit, and goal oriented. She has always been a student that is known by her teachers to display the attitude and mannerism of a proper young lady.

So, our congratulations goes out to our 12th grader

Shalanda Taylor for being Pontiac Academy for Excellence High School's "Student of the Month" for January 2012. Continue to be an inspiration to your classmates. Continue to go for your dreams and life's goal.



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in the Pontiac community. Our PAE Music Program has taken on a more dedicated shift this year. Mr. Phenix is instilling the concept of being dedicated to the craft of music, and not just playing an instrument. Again dedication is the key to success after high school. Our Art classes are helping the students to express their inner selves, and to be distinctive when showcasing the talents. The Academic Games are teaching our students to look at math in a whole different way. It's not just about solving a math problem; it's about dissecting the math problem piece by piece to get true

underline understanding of what the math problem represents. Our Students will be taken part of several Community Service projects in the upcoming months. Next Saturday some of our students will be participating in "Walk for Warm". The Octagon Club along with other PAE students will assist in the "Rebuilding Together", a community services program aimed at helping local senior citizens. This spring will find our senior class students partaking in the "Go Green" community service initiatives that also assist in the beautifying of our own campus. All of these extra-

curricular activities will help our students be well rounded and ready to take on their next phase in life. To sum up what Dr. Cassell said to our senior class students just the other day. "Prepare yourselves for the future, and what is next in your lives. Follow your own paths, and not those of your friends. Continue to strive for excellence, and to not rest on your current accomplishments." The collective message that our students are receiving is proof that our students are being prepared for achieving college and career readiness here at PAE High School.



## “MDE MONITORING OF PAE HIGH SCHOOL”

The PAE High School will begin being monitored by the Michigan Department of Education to ensure we do not slip back into the habits that lead the high school to not achieving AYP (Adequate Yearly Progress). The MDE will provide support to assist us in effectively implementing reform plans, and support student achievement in the high school. The goals of this monitoring process is to provide targeted technical assistance, professional development to improve instruction, school climate, and school operations. The MDE will review our school's current data, and implementation indicators to make recommendations about our school's oversight. The MDE will also suggest ideas from quality reform efforts to develop a model for a continual school turnaround. The MDE will have regular communication with faculty and staff, primarily through the principal and the school improvement team. There will be 6 MDE site visits between February and June 2012. There will also be an online professional learning community, and web based professional development to assist in this process.



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people to build a nation, a dream, a promise and a future. Our high school teachers will challenge our students with projects and writing assignments, that will broaden their knowledge of the great that African Americans contributed to this great nation. We are expecting them to learn that what is current had a predecessor from which

it came from. They will also learn that through opposition comes triumph, and that one must always know their past in order to know what their future can bring. Black History Month also will allow our teachers to be very creative in the incorporate African American history into their current curriculum. We are also celebrating the history

of African Americans with decorations around the high school. This will allow students to visual see the past and to make connects with it. To compare and to understand how both positive and negative events can be circular in nature. “Black History Month will be a month we all learn a lesson in his-

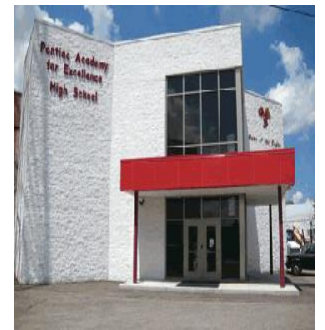
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## THE PAE HIGH SCHOOL YEARBOOK IN THE MAKING

We decided that it is time for our senior class students to have a real yearbook to cherish for life after graduation day. So we created a yearbook class to also teach our students how to put together, and create a

booklet that they will reminiscence over for years to come. Our ELA teacher Mr. Conwell has taken on this challenge with zeal, and has begun the process with his class to create this PAE artifact. The students are

using technology, marketing, and their writing skills to prepare the yearbook. They have become their own little publishing company, putting together their first masterpiece.



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## HIGH SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT

Pontiac Academy for Excellence High School in partnership with students, parents and community, cultivates a safe, learning environment that facilitates student growth and achievement while fostering a positive self-image. We believe this will assist students in transitioning from young adults to effective leaders who impact the world.

## HIGH SCHOOL VISION STATEMENT

**We envision a school where...**

- Stakeholders hold a true partnership in fostering student achievement.
- Students learn the value of growth and achievement.
- Students are knowledgeable of technology and research skills that will enable them to be lifelong learners.
- Students have both rational and critical thinking skills.
- The school team will aspire to continue professional growth in all aspects of the educational process.

## “PAE AFTER SCHOOL TUTORING SCHEDULE”

The PAE High School After School Tutoring program segment 2 will begin on February 6, 2012. We are offering student tutoring in the core subject areas of Math, Science, ELA, and Social Studies. Tutoring will take place on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 3:30 to 5:00 pm. All of our high school students are encourage to take advantage of being able to receive that extra one on one time with their teachers. It will give them a chance to brush up on any strategy that they may be struggling with, while learning new strategies to help them excel higher.



The PAE Boys Varsity Basketball Record is 10 wins and 2 losses. Lets continue to cheer them on.

## “STUDENT COUNCIL OFFICERS 2012”

*Student Council President*



*Devante  
Griffin*

*Student Council Secretary*



*Quamail  
Walker*

*Student Council Historian*



*Timothy  
Tucker*

*Student Council Vice-President*



*Kineasha  
Wiggins*

*Student Council Treasurer*



*Angelique  
Cage*

*Congratulations to our PAE High School Student Leaders*