

# **TPA Community Newsletter**

## **February 2021**



### **CALENDAR REMINDERS**

**Tuesday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>-** Guest Speaker Chris Perrin at 1:15pm  
**Wednesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> -** Guest Speaker Kamaiyah at 12:30pm

**Tuesday, February 9<sup>th</sup>-** Guest Speaker Shawn Thomas Capell at 1:15pm  
**Wednesday, February 10<sup>th</sup>-** Guest Speaker Eric Pearson at 12:30pm  
**Thursday, February 11<sup>th</sup>-** Guest Speaker Nachele Rivera at 1:15pm

**Friday, February 12<sup>th</sup> & Monday, February 15<sup>th</sup>- NO SCHOOL- President's Day Weekend**

**Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>-** Guest Speaker Randi Bryant at 12:30pm  
**Thursday, February 18<sup>th</sup>-** Guest Speaker Ahmed Muhammad at 1:15pm

**Tuesday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>- MAPS TESTING 9:00am-12:45pm**  
**Wednesday, February 24<sup>th</sup> - MAPS TESTING 9:00am-12:45pm**

**Wednesday, February 24<sup>th</sup>-** Guest Speaker Dawn Robinson at 12:30pm  
**Thursday, February 25<sup>th</sup>-** All School Assembly for Black History Month presentations from 11:30am-12:45pm

### **NEXT MONTH CALENDAR REMINDERS**

March 1st to 5th- 2nd week of MAPS MAKEUP TESTING  
March 22nd- LAST DAY for Yearbook submissions

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[www.thephillipsacademy.org](http://www.thephillipsacademy.org)

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### **YEARBOOK SUBMISSIONS**

March 22<sup>nd</sup> is the last day to submit any photos for the yearbook! If you have any fun pictures of your student working at home, online, on a project, hobbies, etc. Please submit these photos to this site, which is also available on the Distance Learning website:

<https://sites.google.com/thephillipsacademy.org/tpayearbook/home>





Black History Month is an annual celebration of achievements by African Americans and a time for recognizing their central role in U.S. history. In honor of this celebration, we will have special guest speakers every week of February.

# HISTORY MONTH 2021



## February 2nd, Chris Perrin

Christian Perrin was born in Canton Ohio. Instead of college, he decided to learn a trade as an electrician specializing in electrical wiring of buildings, transmission lines, stationary machines, and related equipment. He is currently working for REJ Electric.

## February 3rd, Kamaiyah

Kamaiyah Jamesha Johnson is an American rapper and singer from Oakland, California. Her debut mixtape, *A Good Night in the Ghetto*, was released in 2016 to critical acclaim. In 2017, Kamaiyah was named as one of the ten of XXL's 2017 Freshman Class. She released her second mixtape, *Before I Wake*, in 2017. In 2020, she launched her own label, GRND. WRK, releasing her third mixtape, *Got It Made*, through the label.



## February 9th, Shawn Thomas Capell

Shawn Thomas Capell, MS., BCBA, LBA holds a Master of Science degree in psychology with a concentration in Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) and is currently working towards a Ph.D. within the same field. In addition to his current full-time position Mr. Capell is the Owner and Executive Director of Covenant 15:16 LLC, an agency with the mission to ensure all families, regardless of socioeconomic status receive the highest quality ABA care possible. Mr. Capell's clinical and research interests include parent/staff training, multicultural and diversity issues within the field of ABA, and physical aggression within adult learners. With a love and passion for the field of ABA Mr. Capell has adopted as his personal/professional mission to increase the presence and impact of minority professionals within the field of ABA.



## February 10th, Eric Pearson

Eric Pearson is the supervisor for Home Entertainment at Pixar Animation Studios, where he works with Disney Distribution and Marketing to plan and deliver the finishing touches for all of the features, shorts shorts and streaming content. He's active in Pixar's diversity efforts, and working to pilot a program highlighting Black Pixar Filmmakers on the Juneteenth holiday. Eric also serves as the chair of the board of directors at BAYCAT, a nonprofit dedicated to teaching underserved youth and young adults how use digital media to tell their unique stories and one day work in the industry. In his spare time he writes Feature and Television screenplays and has fun with his family.



## February 11th, Nachelle Rivera

NaChelle Rivera was born in Oakland California and raised in Reno NV. She was a cocktail waitress for 6 years until she decided to become her own boss, entrepreneur, and local business owner. She attended Redkin International Academy of style to become an Esthetician. She is certified in micro-blading, lash extensions, and semi permanent lip fillers. This February will have mark 3 years since she has owned her business!



## February 17th, Randi Bryant

Randi Bryant learned during her time at the HBCU, Tuskegee University, about the importance of pride, self-love and communication. After earning her Masters at William & Mary and starting as a teacher at a high school comprised of teens speaking 37 languages, she learned of the importance of cross-cultural understanding, awareness and respect. Her PhD studies at the University of Virginia taught her fundamentals about communication, behaviors and the keys to true change. And Randi's time as the Director of Training at two Tech start-ups – where she intentionally downplayed her womanhood – helped her understand that playing fields remain uneven and that a lack of awareness and understanding underlie many workplace offenses. And the past 17 years of running the Company she founded and lead, Bryant Consulting Group, took her around the country and exposed her to every combination of race, gender, religion, culture, education and sexual orientation under the sun. Those experiences, and her work in authoring her first published book *Neversays*, impressed upon her how uninformed people in the United States are about racial, gender and cultural issues – and how scared people are to have a conversation with someone different than them.



## February 18th, Ahmed Muhammad

Ahmed Muhammad is currently a high school senior at Oakland Technical High School. He's lived in Oakland for his whole life, and is passionate about science. He plans on attending Stanford University this fall where he will be majoring in computer science and some sort of engineering discipline. He also loves to play basketball, video games, and is an avid cartoon lover! Much of Ahmed's attention at the moment is spent on completing his senior year coursework at high school, taking college courses at local community colleges, and running the organization Kits Cubed ([www.kitscubed.com](http://www.kitscubed.com)). They are a youth-led, nonprofit organization whose mission is to introduce youth to the wonders of science through fun, affordable, and accessible means. Ahmed got the idea to create Kits Cubed while babysitting his younger nephew and niece, Ahmeer and Ayla.



## February 24th, Dawn Robinson

Dawn Robinson is an American singer, songwriter, and actress. Robinson is best known as a founding member of the R&B/Pop group En Vogue, one of the world's best selling girl groups of all time. In 2013, she joined the cast of *R&B Divas: Los Angeles* for the first season of the series. Throughout her career, Robinson has sold a combined total of over 11 million records as a solo artist as well as with En Vogue and Lucy Pearl. Her work has earned her several awards and nominations, including two American Music Awards, a Billboard Music Award, seven MTV Video Music Awards, four Soul Train Music Awards and eight Grammy nominations.





# THE PHILLIPS ACADEMY



Dear TPA Community,

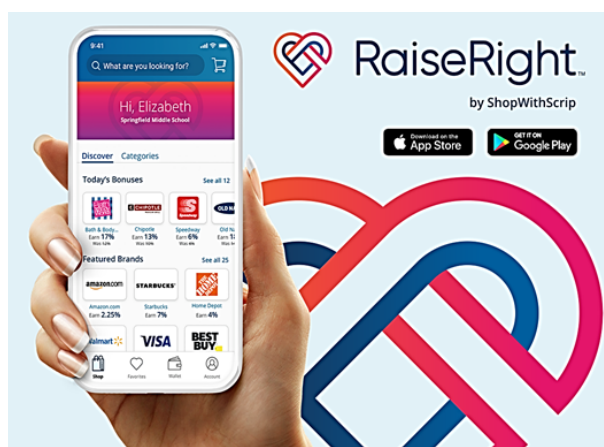
We are preparing for Graduation and 8th grade promotion! To celebrate our Seniors and 8th graders accomplishments even through these unprecedented times. We are so proud of them and how they have persevered and continue to grow by meeting their goals. Even though this year will look different, we will not let it stop us from making these beautiful and magical celebrations!

This year, we will be hosting a virtual middle school promotion and virtual high school commencement ceremony. As well as a high school drive-by-ceremony on campus. But we're going to need your help...

Gift card fundraising is the best way to raise money for our organization. Buy gift cards from your favorite brands to earn on your daily purchases. It's never been easier to create opportunities for what matters most to you. No extra money spent. No extra time wasted.

## How it works:

- Buy gift cards at face value
- A percentage of the gift card purchase will go to The Phillips Academy, which will help for the expenses of the ceremony, new cap & gowns, and a 2021 graduation sweatshirt
- Use gift cards at full value for your everyday purchases



## Get started

Create an account on the **RaiseRight app** or at **ShopWithScrip.com** using our organization's enrollment code: **922L1A6748168**

Seamlessly check out by securely paying online with a linked bank account or credit card.

Have questions? Contact: Gladys at [gsanchez@thephillipsacademy.org](mailto:gsanchez@thephillipsacademy.org)



Because not all families have the financial ability to contribute, consider helping our efforts by sponsoring a student in contributing an additional amount. I know that together, we can make this year's 8th Grade Promotion and High School Graduation the best yet!

Sincerely,

TPA Fundraising Committee



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*Daniela R., earns for tuition*

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