



THE CHALLENGE

January 15, 2021



STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to the Challenge Early College HS Academic Team. This past weekend they competed in their 2nd Invitational meet with the following results:

Ready Writing:

4th- Sophia Ponce
5th- Riley Pappas

Lincoln Douglas Debate:

1st- Joshua Adegoke
2nd- Kafi Umma Tul
5th- Shafi Umma Tul

Prose Interpretation

1st- Abigail Torres
2nd- Yarselyn Flores

Current Events:

3rd- Diana Canales

OVERALL TOP SPEECH TEAM!

Literary Criticism:

1st- Ceyda Koksoy

Spelling:

1st- Adanna Onyeka
6th- Kate delos Angeles

Science

9th- Nathaniel Hail

Mathematics

15th- William Vasquez

Persuasive Speaking

1st- Tegann Franco
2nd- Ayanna Rose

Congratulations to **Ayanna Rose** and **Annalisa Cintron** on their full-tuition Posse scholarships to Carleton College and the University of Virginia, respectively!



Carleton

POSSE



Senior Pictures

FOR SENIORS ONLY: Senior portraits will be available to take on-campus on **January 25 and 26**. All males are expected to wear a white collared shirt or undershirt. All females please wear attire that is not visible above graduation gown. Cap and gown will be provided (for pictures only) and will be steam-cleaned between every student. Sign up at tinyurl.com/ChallengeSeniorPortraits. Remember not to schedule your appointment during a final!

Finals Week Schedule

Finals for the Fall Semester will take place **January 25-28** with **half-days**.

Monday, January 25: A1: 8 AM -10 AM

A3: 10:15 AM- 12:15 PM

Tuesday, January 26: B5: 8 AM -10 AM

B7: 10:15 AM- 12:15 PM

Wednesday, January 27: A2: 8 AM -10 AM

A4: 10:15 AM- 12:15 PM

Thursday, January 28: B6: 8 AM -10 AM

B8: 10:15 AM- 12:15 PM

Best of luck! Go Eagles!

Important Dates

January 18: Martin Luther King Jr. Day (No School!)

January 25-28: Finals week

January 25-26: Senior Picture Day

January 29: Teacher Preparation Day (No students)

February 1: First day of spring semester

Attendance Policy

ATTENTION ALL STUDENTS: In order to have an absence excused by Ms. Penna, the excuse note must be sent by a parent/guardian. Excuse notes cannot be accepted from students. Notes to excuse absences must be submitted within 3 school days of return. For the full attendance policy, go to <https://tinyurl.com/CECHSattendance>

OUTSIDE OPPORTUNITIES

Atlas Scholars: This 3-year paid summer internship connects high-performing 10th graders with energy/finance industry leaders. An interest in energy or finance is not required. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis until March 12th. If interested, please contact [Yarselyn Flores](mailto:Yarselyn.Flores) through GroupMe or Teams.

If interested in these following opportunities, please contact [Ms. Blocker at ablocker@cis-houston.org](mailto:Ms.Blocker@ablocker@cis-houston.org)

2021 Summer Legal Internship- Juniors & Seniors apply by February 10th! The Houston Bar Association (HBA)/Communities In Schools Houston (CIS) established the paid summer legal internship program to give deserving high school students an opportunity to gain employable skills while being exposed to the legal profession.

2021 Summer Nursing Externship- Senior apply by February 10th! Houston Methodist /Communities In Schools Houston (CIS) established the paid summer nursing externship program to give seniors an opportunity to gain employable skills while being exposed to the nursing profession.

Photo of the Week



Congratulations to Mr. Dostert's Advisory for winning the Challenge Cup in the Student Spelling Bee!