



**TC RENAISSANCE PRESENTS**

*People's Choice*  
*2021*

**WEDNESDAY**  
**MARCH 31ST**  
**TC GYMNASIUM**

**Sessions I & II**





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AND STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT IS THE RESULT**

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*Learn* from  
yesterday  
*Live* for  
today  
*Hope* for  
tomorrow

*-Albert Einstein*



# *Tonight's Program*

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Renaissance Club President

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Timber Creek Principal

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## Our Administrators Recognize



Every year, my kids ask me to watch the Kids' Choice Awards on Nickelodeon. And, every year without hesitation I celebrate this simulcast of fan favorites with them with anticipation and excitement. The nominees are their people; and their admiration for them is unmatched. The People's Choice Awards at Timber Creek feels just like that. And, similarly, on Wednesday I look forward to watching my fan favorites with total excitement and incredible admiration for being fun, awesome and unconventionally unique. Congratulations on this amazing achievement and best regards to your families who promoted your perfection. You are epic.

*Kelly McKenzie, Principal*



People's Choice is an event that recognizes students who made an impact in our building this year. Congratulations to all the nominees. Each of you are being honored for the lasting impression you made on someone else. For some, it may have been engaging in school activities, offering a helping hand, or choosing to be a student that is active in the classroom. These qualities make you unique. You have definitely affected others in some way. Thank you for being you and doing all you can to be a great student here at Timber Creek. Thank you parents for encouraging your children to be themselves and instilling in them the traits of good character. Congratulations and keeping being you!

*Jennifer Brown, Vice Principal*

## Tonight's Award Winners

People's Choice is one of my favorite events. It gives the staff the opportunity to recognize our greatest treasure—our students. I would like to thank all of the parents for allowing us to interact with your children every day. I know you are as proud as we are of all of our Timber Creek students. Thank you and enjoy the night because *You Are The People's Choice!*

*Garry Saunders, Vice Principal*



Congratulations to our students and parents! As we move forward in the remote learning process, it is a pleasure to continue to celebrate and recognize our students. Thank you to our parents in taking an active role in our children's education. Thank you to our students who are doing their part, focusing on their education, and continuing to be their best self every day. I am proud of each and everyone and miss you all. Be well, take care of yourself, and your loved ones. Goooooo Chargers!!

*Robert A. DiMaulo, Vice Principal*

Congratulations to all the nominees. This is certainly an unprecedented time in our lives. That being said, all of our nominees have made an impact. It could be a smile when you enter the room, extraordinary effort in the classroom, or making someone feel special. Whatever the case may be, you have made a difference. Thank you all for making Timber Creek a better place. I also want to thank the parents for reinforcing all the positive attributes and qualities we expect in our students. Stay strong, stay safe and stay healthy.

*Robert Milausky, Vice Principal*



# 2020-2021 Nominees

## *Freshmen*

Joel Biju	Brett Perez
Chloe Jones	Terrell Smith
Riley Leary	Darnell Smith
Christian Martinez	Gavin Talamo
Jack McKenna	Nina Taraborrelli
Olivia Palmer	Emily Vaughan

## *Sophomores*

Ariyanna Allison	Ilana Lindquist
Chantelle Amang	Christopher Linfors
Alex Brasberger	Cori Moore
Ryleigh Chance	Carlo Rossi
Julianna Coluccio	Najatene' Saunders
Makayla Dempsey	Lauren St. Leger
Taina Guillaume	Anthony Talamo
Halimah Khan	Justice Watts
Alijah Lacey-Johnson	

## *Juniors*

Dorothea Alexander	Imani Moore
Aneesah Amang	Chase Murray
Ronald Ardron	Brianna Quach
Mariama Barry	Samya Shamsid-Deen
Megan Firth	Erika Veneziani
Giavanni Gibson	



# 2020-2021 Nominees

## *Seniors*

Katharine Adkins	Colleen Manley
Olivia Albertson	Janise Medina
Grace Asare	Kolby Miller
Dior Boyd	Preston Niedig
Jennifer Canfield	Kiersten Parks
Amber Cao	Chastiney Pearson
Vincent Carestio	Xavier Perez
Zachary Collucio	Patrick Raube
Dana Garner	Cionnie Ray
Jalen Gibson-Greene	Kelly Schaffer
Jarrell Grant	Demetrius Smith
Natalie Henning	Faith Smith
Natalie Hogan	Shamar Swann
Shayla Johnson	



# Freshmen

## SESSION I OF TC PEOPLE'S CHOICE NIGHT 2021

### Joel Biju

Joel is an ideal student. He is conscious of his studies, respectful to his teachers and peers, and willing to participate. In these trying times, Joel has stepped up his game and put in the effort where it was needed. He is also a huge advocate for himself when he is struggling by either emailing, "stay after class" or jumping onto office hours to ask questions. It has been a real pleasure witnessing this transformation in him these past few months. Joel, I know that whatever you put your mind to, you will be successful. I am very fortunate to be able to watch you grow and get the most out of your high school experience. Thank you for being you.

*Alison Basile, Science*

### Chloe Jones

Chloe is a freshman in my Physics class this year. Even though I haven't had the opportunity to meet Chloe in person this year because she is remote only, She has one of the highest grades in my class. She is always present in class and has exceeded the expectations of my class this year. Physics is an extremely difficult subject to teach even when in person. She has managed to keep an A in my class all marking periods this year and has shown tremendous strength and flexibility during this crazy time. I am so proud of her and hope that I get to interact with her more in the future!

*Leyna Ambrose, Science*

### Riley Leary

Riley is one of my awesome freshmen. She jumped right into high school by making the varsity cheerleading team and serves as the Vice President of the Class of 2024. She is also an outstanding student. She is taking honors level classes and is maintaining A's in her courses. She is the last of the four Leary siblings to come through Timber Creek and her accomplishments have been impressive. Thank you Riley for being the awesome person and student you are and I look forward to three more great years.

*Robert Milawsky, Vice Principal*

# Class of 2024

## **Christian Martinez**

It is a privilege to recognize Christian Martinez as my People's Choice for this year. I have Christian first bell everyday with Mrs. Vittese in our Algebra 1 class. It can be a lot of notes and thinking first thing in the morning, especially while learning at home, but this has never slowed Christian down. He has shown amazing commitment as a full remote student and is the perfect example of how to adapt to this ever changing school year. Christian is prompt, conscientious, and hardworking. His work ethic has proven successful, as his marking period averages have not only gone up each marking period, but he ended the 3rd with the highest average in the class! Besides his mathematical talents, Christian is also one of our most polite and friendly students. He congratulates his peers when they are recognized for an award or achievement, he laughs at our corny math jokes, and will even send some of his own "zingers." Everyday Christian will send both myself and Mrs. Vittese an individual "Good Morning" and "Have a nice day" message. I am not sure if he realizes how much this small gesture means to us, but we are both very appreciative of it. For all these reasons and more, Christian was an easy choice for my 2021 People's Choice Award.

*Lauren Curiale, Mathematics*

## **Jack McKenna**

Jack is a reliable and determined student. He always makes sure he completes his work and does not hesitate to ask me every class "what should I do when I'm done". He is a great addition to my classroom and I am excited to see where the next 4 years take him.

*Christopher Vittese, Physical Education*

## **Olivia Palmer**

Olivia has been, by all standards, a perfect student in our English class this year. She takes pride in her work, has maintained a grade every marking period that rounds up to a 100, and is always engaged, whether in person or remote. However, those are not the only reasons I chose her as my People's Choice nominee this year. On a daily basis, I know I can count on Liv to bring the sickest Tik-Tok dances to class with her, provide THE best facial expressions and chat comments during Zoom, and use her wrestling prowess to keep her classmates in check. Liv's personality and sense of humor are infectious and she definitely provides many rays of sunlight in an otherwise extremely over-cast year. .

*Lynsey Smith, Special Education*

# Freshmen

## **Brett Perez**

Brett's admirable character and determined attitude have contributed greatly to managing this unique freshman year. A year like this is not without its struggles, and Brett has shown time and time again that he can overcome anything. Giving up is easy, but Brett works tirelessly to be the best student possible. Outside of academics, Brett demonstrates an emotional intelligence beyond his years. I cannot stress enough how important it is to know who you are, and being able to share that with others is a wonderful thing. Congratulations, Brett! I'm looking forward to having you in French II next year.

*Paige Weisman, World Languages*

## **Darnell & Terrell Smith**

There are many times teachers meet students who we know have great potential to unlock. Then there are other times we meet students who show how great they are. This is one of those times where not only have I met one exceptional student but two and they happen to be twins. Darnell and Terrell Smith, since they first stepped foot in class have shown not only excellent character for exemplary academics. These two I hope will soar to the top in whatever they choose to do. Stay great!! Do great things!

*Christie Doppler, Social Studies*

## **Gavin Talamo**

Gavin aka Robo Gav 3000 aka Kratos - is simply put, the man. My relationship with Gavin quickly flourished over discussions about all things Italian and his interest in the UFC. From there, I was able to observe Gavin progress into an outgoing and promising scholar. When I think of an exceptional student, I think of someone who works hard, cares for their peers and teachers, and takes pride in their work. Gavin Talamo does all of this and more. He is always the first student to ask for feedback and ask me about my day or weekend. He has a positive energy that can liven even Zoom classes. In a very strange and at times confusing year, Gavin has been a constant source of happiness and optimism for the future.

*Marc DiSipio, English*

# Class of 2024

## **Nina Taraborrelli**

Nina, or Neen on the Scene, is our go-to gal in English class this year. She's our class meteorologist, personal shopper, assistant teacher skilled in classroom management, and above all else, an excellent student. Now she can add "People's Choice Winner" to that list of accolades. Nina has a contagious smile, even behind her mask. Though I'm her English teacher, I've been lucky enough to also see Nina excel on the field hockey field! Nina is strong-willed and determined to do well, and doesn't let anything hold her back. Her tenacity and work ethic in the classroom and on the field are second to none, and she pushes me to want to be a better teacher every day.

*Lynsey Smith, Special Education*

## **Emily Vaughan**

Even in a normal school year, Emily would have stood out as a bright and hard-working student, but in the extraordinary circumstances of this year, Emily has truly been exceptional. Not only have I been able to count on her to complete every assignment, she always arrives to class ready to work and puts in her best effort. She has become the student I can always count on to participate, whether she is in-person or virtual. Emily has truly been a pleasure to have in class this year and I appreciate how well she's adapted to this learning environment.

*Nicole Woodward, Mathematics*

# Sophomores

## **Ariyanna Allison**

My nominee for People's Choice has been a true highlight to a tough year. One of the very best parts of teaching is being able to build relationships with students and that has proven to be very difficult this year. My nominee has made a point from the very beginning of the year to engage in class discussions in and outside of the classroom setting. She consistently messages to laugh about little jokes even when we are on zoom which always brightens my day. On top of her awesome personality, she consistently wants to make sure she puts forward her best effort academically. It has been a joy to teach her and get to know her this year. Thank you Ariyanna Allison for all of your hard work and dedication during a year that has been anything but normal. You are so appreciated!.

*Catherine Lawrence, Special Education*

## **Chantelle Amang**

When I read the criteria to choose my People's Choice Award, Chantelle Amang instantly came to mind. Chantelle was new to the district last year, and she acclimated perfectly. She always has a smile on her face, a positive attitude, works hard in the classroom and for the Cross Country and Track teams, and is just all around wonderful, strong, and resilient young woman! Chantelle is the kind of lady that you want your daughters to emulate! I'm so happy, and lucky, to be able to work with Chantelle through her years here at Timber Creek, and I can't wait to see what she does in the future! Thank you, Chantelle, for being who you are and for making my job that much more enjoyable!

*Kimberly O'Callaghan, Counseling*

## **Alex Brasberger**

Alex is one of my favorite students ever and a true role model in and out of the classroom. As my student last year, Alex always helped me during class and showed true concern for his friends, classmates, and teachers. His engaging personality, solid work ethic, and dedication to excellence exemplify what the People's Choice Awards are all about. Alex is the perfect example of why Timber Creek is such a great place to teach. Congratulations Alex!

*Lauren Griffin, Social Studies*

# Class of 2023

## **Ryleigh Chance**

Ryleigh Chance has been a student of mine for almost two full years now, and she has always been a credit to the class. Ryleigh receives high marks on all of her assignments, but what stands out about Ryleigh is that she is pleasant to fellow students and teachers alike. Ryleigh is willing to participate in class, which helps serve as a model for other students. These characteristics not only make it enjoyable to have Ryleigh as a student in the classroom, but they make her a deserving recipient of the People's Choice Award!

*Edward Callinan, English*

## **Julianna Coluccio**

Julianna is a student that exemplifies leadership. This has been a very different school year, but Julinna continues to take it with stride. She comes to school, maintains her grades, participates in three sports and is the secretary for the Class of 2023. She is flexible and offers her time to help when needed even with her busy schedule. Julinna is a true "Charger" and continues to do her best even through the toughest times.

*Jennifer Brown, Vice Principal*

## **Makayla Dempsey**

Makayla is an inspiration to so many. She works extremely hard at everything she does, and meets challenges head on. She is a great advocate for herself. Her drive and determination will lead her to much success in life. Her positivity is infectious and I appreciate all she has done during this pandemic. Congratulations Makayla!

*Joseph DeVecchis, Counseling*

## **Taina Guillaume**

Taina is an ideal student and works hard to be successful in math. Learning remotely is not an easy task but Taina asks questions, stays on top of her assignments and is achieving high grades. She has embraced the changes and rose to the challenge of being a remote student. She is a determined young woman with a drive to succeed and I am sure she will accomplish anything she sets her mind to.

*Alexis Rabeau, Mathematics*

# Sophomores

## **Halimah Khan**

Switching between virtual and in-person learning is not easy, for students or teachers, but Halimah makes the best of it every day no matter what mode of learning we are in. She is thoughtful, funny, creative and a joy to have in class. In a year that building rapport has been so important, but so difficult to do, I am thrilled to find a student who shares her passions and look forward to seeing the amazing clothing and costumes she has put together. Halimah demonstrates every day a level of engagement that I could hope others would emulate. She is willing to take educational risks out loud and in the Zoom chat. In history class, we talk about the deep patterns of our society and confront controversial topics, questions that require deep critical thinking, for which there are no clear "right" answers, but Halimah is always willing to wrestle with the ideas. I love that she types "Hmmm..." in the chat to let us know that she's thinking rather than let the crickets chirp. Halimah has demonstrated that it is possible not just to survive, but to thrive, no matter what obstacles we face. With that fundamental outlook, I expect Halimah to achieve success in whatever she turns her hand to.

*Laura White, Special Education*

## **Alijah Lacey-Johnson**

It has been a pleasure getting to know Alijah. He has shown great maturity over the past two years. Though we all have struggles, Alijah is choosing to overcome them and make the best of himself. I am confident that Alijah will continue to rise above to be anything he sets his mind to. It is important to look at where you were, so you can see where you are going.

*Sean Ortzman, Counseling*

## **Ilana Lindquist**

Ilana is one of the first to contribute during my Journalism class. In fact each time I ask for contribution, she is prepared enough to add to the conversation. She speaks with insight, confidence and inspiration. Still, what mostly impresses me is how Ilana is the first student to say, "Have a good day" when we are ending our Zoom. This simple act of kindness goes a long way! Thank you, Ilana for being at TC and for taking Journalism. Congratulations!

*Joseph Hart, English*



## Class of 2023

### **Christopher Linfors**

Most days when my students come in to class, I ask them to rate how their day has been on a scale of one to ten. One being a really terrible day, and ten being a day that couldn't be going better. My student nominee consistently comes into class reporting that they are anywhere from an eight to a ten, and this type of positivity in one of the weirdest, hardest school years to date is what I find most admirable. My nominee comes into class with a good attitude despite the circumstances, and is ready to learn and participate no matter the lesson. He and several of his classmates have made hybrid teaching feel "normal", so I'd like to recognize Chris Linfors as my People's Choice nominee.

*Ashley Nichols, English*

### **Cori Moore**

Cori is a present in the virtual classroom each time we have class. I am so very thankful to have her as a student. She is sure every class to say hello and good bye. She is an amazing person and a strong individual. Cori, thank you for being you!

*Jennifer Ciccotelli, Mathematics*

### **Carlo Rossi**

My 2021 nominee stands out for the way he brings me back to normalcy. It's been a stressful year and tough to remember we are all human but this young man's personality warms the room and is a glowing example of all the great people hiding behind masks this past year. He has made a marked difference in my class to restore a bit of the fun we have all lost. I am grateful for his example and more than happy to recognize Carlo Rossi as my 2021 People's Choice nominee.

*David Ackley, Science*

# Sophomores

## **Najatene' Saunders**

My People's Choice award winner is Najatene' Saunders. In an online learning, zoom world, this young lady is a breath of fresh air. When I'm seeing a lot of walls and ceilings all day and this student comes on to do her workouts with either ankle weights or hand weights, it's just so refreshing. She always goes above and beyond. When she told me in the beginning of the year that she was going full remote, it made me sad because I knew I would miss her bubbly personality. I'm thankful to her for being just as bubbly on zoom.

*Jean DeMarco, Physical Education*

## **Lauren St. Leger**

In a year where we've had very little in-person instruction that allows us to have the time to get to know our students on a more personal level, Lauren has stood out from her peers in my class. She has been an avid participant in discussions, both voluntarily and involuntarily. Her responses are always well developed and genuine. I've appreciated her confident delivery and I can only assume that she would continue to be the quintessential classroom leader had our educational environment not been turned upside down. Thank you, Lauren.

*Christopher Grottini, Social Studies*

## **Anthony Talamo**

Anthony is an exceptional student, in person and on the computer. In a year where it is so easy to make excuses why you can't do work or attend class, he is always present and participates everyday. He says good morning and goodbye whether he is in the classroom or on Zoom. He has chosen to excel this year when so many others have chosen not to. Another great thing about Anthony is, he's a connoisseur of movies as am I; and he will understand what I mean when I say as far as students go, he is the "Hattori Hanzo" type.

*Brian Ernst, Mathematics*

## Class of 2023

### **Justice Watts**

Justice recently transferred to TC at the beginning of the year in order to play basketball. His aspirations were sidelined for this season with a major knee surgery. Some students may have used this as an excuse, but Justice has fought hard through his recovery to maintain his good grades and positive outlook. He's such an optimistic young man, that he thought that he'd attend his Zoom class later in the day right after his surgery--crazy I know right?? Overall, Justice is an intelligent, determined, hardworking, polite, & respectful young man. With his many positive attributes, I foresee great things in his future. Justice, you are such a pleasure to have as a student and I thank you for being the upstanding young man that you are. I can't wait to see what's in store for you!

*Kaitlin Wong, World Languages*

## TRANSITION TO SESSION II

# Juniors

## SESSION I OF TC PEOPLE'S CHOICE NIGHT 2021

### **Dorothea Alexander**

I've known DeeDee for a couple years now, and I've always been impressed with her ability to adapt and overcome challenges. 2020 was obviously a very difficult year for everybody, but DeeDee's positive attitude and resilience allowed her to make impressive progress in my English class. She is never afraid to speak her mind, ask insightful questions, and advocate for herself. I'm so proud of how far she's come this year, and I know that she has a bright future ahead.

*Carrie Clements, English*

### **Aneesah Amang**

I had the honor of teaching Aneesah for US I Honors during one of the toughest years in education for students, during the 2019-2020 school year. Aneesah always entered the classroom with a pleasant greeting and was involved with the lesson. However, it was when the pandemic hit and we were home and not having live classes that Aneesah continued sending those pleasant greetings through email, with a history fact for the day. Timber Creek is lucky to have students like Aneesah which makes going to work so much more rewarding. Thank you Aneesah, for being so involved and congratulations!

*Edward Auge, Social Studies*

### **Ronald Ardron**

I have had the honor of learning alongside Ronald for the past three years. His love of learning is infectious and he has added so much discovery to our Science classes. He brings energy and calm to the class and I appreciate every moment. He is polite, friendly and creative. I am grateful for Ronald's presence in my life.

*Mary Dressel, Special Education*

## Class of 2022

### **Mariama Barry**

I feel so fortunate to have had the pleasure of teaching Mariama during this "not so normal" school year. Mariama truly brightened up many of my days with her positivity and humor. She is a delight to be around, is polite and friendly to her classmates, and a leader in our math class. Mariama always puts forth her best effort and never gives up, bravely facing the challenges that this school year has brought. Whether it was her showing up on time to all our virtual classes, to participating during class, answering questions, or sharing stories, to submitting completed assignments on time, Mariama is the type of student every teacher hopes for in a class. I thoroughly appreciate her willingness to learn and the effort she put forth daily. Mariama, I feel lucky to have been able to teach you and get to know you this school year. I'm so proud of you, and I wish you nothing but the best in your future.

*Lauren Ritz, Mathematics*

### **Megan Firth**

This year I have chosen Junior Megan Firth for the People's Choice Awards. Megan enters my classroom each day with a great attitude and a smile. She has had a lot of new responsibilities and challenges this year but always stays on top of her game and achieves her goals. Megan is a very kind and caring person to those around her and is a pleasure to work with in Vocal class. .

*John Perkis, Performing Arts*

### **Giavanni Gibson**

Giavanni Gibson is a great example of what makes working in education so great. She is personable and friendly, conversations with her are engaging and enjoyable. As her counselor, it is great to see her grow over her time here at TC. We are so lucky to have her here she makes an impact on her teachers, coaches, and peers! She is kind and friendly and I love being her counselor. Congrats Giavanni and thanks for all you do.

*Robert Cooper, Counseling*

## Juniors

### **Imani Moore**

Imani is someone who enters the room (or Zoom meeting), and immediately brings the energy up. She has a way of shining and inspiring her peers through a video camera, that is difficult sometimes even for me to do. Though I know Imani has struggled through difficulties and hardships this year I cannot imagine, she has overcome it in more ways than one and continues to be one of the students I have seen grow the most. As a dance teacher, seeing my students grow in their technique and master my choreography is amazing. But, having a student who develops their own ideas, choreography, and inspiration behind their own individual projects is the highest level of achievement I could ask for. Imani does all of this and more every day, and I feel so lucky to have gotten to know her. I cannot wait to see what she can accomplish in the future!

*Haley Leuth-Hamilton, Performing Arts*

### **Chase Murray**

I am truly proud of the student and person Chase Murray has become. Although he has had many challenges and obstacles, he continues to maintain a positive, cool, and collective demeanor. Now more than ever, I appreciate having Chase as one of my students and always look forward to seeing him in the halls at Timber Creek. Chase has great potential as an athlete and student. I look forward to witnessing all of his future accomplishments in high school and in life. Chase, thank you for being you and continue to be your best self everyday.

*Robert DiMaulo, Jr, Vice Principal*

### **Briana Quach**

I have had the pleasure of teaching Brianna for the past 2 years. She is a remarkable young lady, who strives for nothing but the best. She is never afraid to seek help or participate. I can always count on her to stop by the extra help link for help or simply to say hello. She deserves to be recognized for all her hard work and dedication especially during this time of distance learning. Even though she is fully remote this year, she has proven that learning and connection is possible. Thank you Brianna for being you!

*Melissa Ernst, World Languages*

## Class of 2022

### **Samya Shamsid-Deen**

My People's Choice nominee for this school year is Samya Shamsid-Deen. Samya has been a pleasure to work with in our zoom meetings. In a class that is not very motivated to participate on camera, she is always doing our PE workouts and never has a complaint. She is a hard-working student who shows leadership through her participation. And it is nice to hear a "hello, or "have a nice day" every once in a while! Keep up the good work, Samya!

*Jacqueline Cooper, Physical Education*

### **Erika Veneziani**

As the school librarian and an advisor for a few activities, I am fortunate to have the opportunity to get to know the students in a variety of situations and settings. One student I have been lucky to see in almost all of these environments is Erika Veneziani. From a quiet freshman running the prompter on the Morning Jolt, to a confident Junior crushing a dance solo in color guard, Erika has always been one that I could count on to not just show up and do the job she's assigned, but to go above and beyond by taking initiative and sharing ideas and suggestions. Despite past setbacks such as a long-lingering concussion and a global pandemic, she has managed to thrive and blossom into the kind of young woman I wish my own daughters will one day become. Her journey of growth has included a dedication to health and fitness and working at a super cool job, all while rocking her remote learning and dedicating so much time and energy to Indoor Color Guard. She's a straight-A student and a fabulous dancer, and an all-around good human being. Erika, I see you, I appreciate you, and I am so thankful that we get to have one more year with you. I can't wait to see what you do next.

*Nora Hartley, Library*

# Seniors

## **Katharine Adkins**

Kate appears to be your average Timber Creek student who can go unnoticed. However in the classroom and during competition you need to pay attention. She works very hard and has the positive results to show for it. Currently ranked number 9 in the Senior Class with 4.5436 GPA , She sets the example in the classroom of how to get it done. She appears laid back with that special smile but when she is playing soccer or lacrosse, the best way to describe her is that she is a Warrior.

*Garry Saunders, Vice Principal*

## **Olivia Albertson**

Olivia Albertson is an extraordinary young lady that possess all the qualities of a true leader. She is one of the best Student Council President's that I have had. She's super intelligent, dependable, hard working, dedicated and very down to earth. She carries herself with poise and I am very proud to say she is one of the very few that has earned the seal of Bi-literacy in Spanish. I am very proud to be your teacher and advisor. You have a very bright future ahead of you. I will miss you very much! Keep in touch!

*Elizabeth Perez, World Languages*

## **Grace Asare**

Grace Asare is an amazing, intelligent and beautiful young lady. Grace and I developed a bond since she joined DECA 3 years ago. Grace's leadership as the Vice President and VP of Competitive Events have proven to be very successful. It is on the TCDECA Officers' shoulders that our club members stand on. Along with her other TCDECA family members Grace has helped to pave the way for other members to be extremely successful in their journey with the club. While being a part of the club, Grace found her voice and has done a stupendous job leading our members to winning in their competition all 3 years, finding their passion and helping to train students to be great presenters. As I observed Grace year after year I witnessed a dedicated, caring, respectable and truly hard working young lady. I am so proud of her and her accomplishment.

*Verna Karim, Business*



## Class of 2021

### **Dior Boyd**

This year, my People's Choice nominee is Dior Boyd. I met Dior when he was the quiet new kid in school. I introduced myself to him one time when he first started at Timber Creek and from then on out he made it a point to say hi to me whenever he saw me in the halls. Unfortunately, I did not have the privilege of Dior being in my class, but that just goes to show what kind of student/person he is. Dior, it has been a pleasure witnessing your leadership skills flourish on the football field. I appreciate you being such a positive role model for the underclassmen. I look forward to cheering you on at the next level.

### **Jennifer Canfield**

Jennifer is a wonderful example of a mature young woman. She is polite, friendly, considerate, and responsible. Jennie makes sure to stop by and say hello even though she is no longer in my class. She has maintained a positive attitude over the past year and half and it has been refreshing to see her face on the days she is at TC. Her kindness and dedication do not go unnoticed. I truly consider it an honor and privilege to have taught another Canfield family member. Thank you to the entire Canfield family and especially to Jen for being such an outstanding young lady.

*Jennifer Pavelik, Mathematics*

### **Amber Cao**

Amber is an amazing young lady always ready to help. She is the president of World Language Club and she has been a member for 4 years. Amber your disposition to help others, your sensitivity to others, your intelligence and many other qualities will help you to get very far in life. I can't wait to see all the big things you are going to accomplish.

*Paola Alacqua, World Languages*

### **Vincent Carestio**

I have known Vince since 10th grade, when he was enrolled in my Lab Bio course. We would talk cars and Vince would show me pictures of cars he saw at various car shows and dealerships. Vince would stop by and chat during his junior and senior year as well, you guess it—cars. We would talk about the various cars he was interested in purchasing. When Vince did purchase his car, he showed me pictures of the Charger and explained to me what work he needed to do on it to get it running right. Vince's great character and his passion for cars is why I nominated him for my People's Choice Award. Congratulations Vince.

*Joseph Sokolic, Science*

## Seniors

### **Zachary Coluccio**

Some people are blessed with a certain skill that can sometimes go unnoticed. Well if you had a chance to watch any of the varsity football games this year, you had to notice Zack. He is what is called in football, Mr. Automatic. When he stepped on the field you expected great things. Zack was Mr. Reliable this year, kicking Field Goals and Extra Points. But that is not the only place he shined after being selected to the Men's Leadership Club, this young man leads by example. He walks the walk instead of just talking the talk.

*Garry Saunders, Vice Principal*

### **Dana Garner**

What can I say about Dana Garner? Well, for one, he's probably the most polite student that I have come into contact with in 23 years in education, but that is not all. He is a super nice and respectful person who always has a kind word or conversation. I look forward to when he stops in because after he leaves, I am left with such a good feeling! Plus he has a great smile!!! He is the future and the future looks so much brighter with a Dana in it!! Thanks for making my days bright!!!

*Patricia Farricone, Counseling*

### **Jalen Gibson-Greene**

Mrs. Jaensch's nominee for a People's Choice Award is Jalen-Gibson Greene. Jalen demonstrates the true qualities of what it means to be a Timber Creek Charger. He has participated on many of our sports teams over the years and puts forth his best effort in the classroom. Knowing Jalen since 10th grade, it has been a pleasure to see him mature into the spirited young man we see before us today. Jalen asks for help when he needs it, and he is willing to be a leader in the classroom - even in this remote learning environment. Jalen has faced some challenges this year, but with his resilience, perseverance, and heart, he will stop at nothing to achieve his dreams! He will be missed next year. Congratulations, Jalen!

*Bridget Jaensch, English*

### **Jarrell Grant**

We nominated Jarell "Moose" Grant because of his genuinely kind manner and his caring ways. He has always demonstrated respect for everyone at Timber Creek and for himself. We admire his perseverance and dedication to succeeding academically and athletically. He has proven himself to be a mature, well-rounded, young man that Timber Creek can be proud of.

*Holly Bradley, Front Office & Jack Campbell, Special Education*

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## **Natalie Henning**

I was lucky enough to have Natalie in my first period class. I looked forward to class every Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday because of Natalie. Natalie never failed to brighten my day and she brought out the best in every situation. Natalie keeps up with her school work while working multiple hours after school. Even when she is tired she is the first one to greet the class whether in person or on the Zoom call. I really appreciate Natalie's positive and upbeat attitude. Natalie, I see a bright future in you sweet girl. Keep SHINING! Good luck next year! You will be missed.

*Kevi DiPietro, Physical Education*

## **Natalie Hogan**

Natalie is a young woman with drive and compassion. These are two dangerously good qualities for a young person to have, and she uses them well. Over the past few years, I have seen Natalie grow into a young woman who cares not only about her destinations, but the journeys. She has practiced self-discipline even, and especially, when it wasn't easy. Whatever her goal is, she genuinely cares about how she gets there, and that she becomes a better version of herself in the process. I've also watched her advocate for others, and for herself. She sees the best version of every person and situation, and she does what she can to ensure that it comes to fruition. I have been so proud to see her growth these past few years, and I can't wait to see where she will go next.

*Siobhan Collins, English*

## **Shayla Johnson**

As a freshman, Shayla was quiet, shy and hard working. Over the last few years, I have watched Shayla grow into an outgoing, confident young woman. Last year she was more outspoken and I noticed students were drawn to her when they had questions. I even saw her encouraging some of her friends to complete their work and pay attention. During common lunch, Shayla would come to my classroom with some friends. Her friends were always asking her for advice and she responded with such mature, thoughtful answers. I miss seeing her smiling face everyday. I know with her work ethic and positive attitude she will continue to shine outside of TC!

*Christine Vittese, Mathematics*

# Seniors

## **Colleen Manley**

It has been such an absolute joy having Colleen in Probability and Statistics this year! I feel fortunate that I got to see Colleen in-person for the first few months of school, because I really enjoyed getting to know a little about her and got to see her bright smile. These days, as a remote student, I luckily still get to see her face because she is one of the few students who will turn her camera on and has no problem unmuting herself to answer or ask questions. Thank you for making me feel like I am not talking to myself! Colleen's achievement in my class has been astounding...this girl is a statistics rock star with her 98 average. I was floored when she told me that math was never her strong subject, because what she is doing for me this year is nothing short of amazing. In a crazy year where I have seen many students push my elective to the side, Colleen has stuck with it, worked hard and achieved success. Colleen -- thank you for all that you have given to my class this year; you have made me feel that my job has been meaningful and you have made me feel appreciated. I know you are headed for great things, but I wish you the best of luck in all your future endeavors!

*Dienna Breier, Mathematics*

## **Janise Medina**

It is a privilege to recognize Janise Medina as my People's Choice. I have been Janise's School Counselor for the last 4 years. Janise is an intelligent student who is able to exhibit confidence and compassion. When Janise started here at Timber Creek, she was not motivated about school. At the beginning of 10th grade, something clicked for Janise. She realized that she needed an education and deserved to receive one. Janise has done a complete 180. She takes pride in her education. Through all of Janise's trials and tribulations, she never wanted to give up on her education and her future. Janise's inspiration, drive, commitment, persistence, enthusiasm and perseverance will make her a great Social Worker one day.

*Jennifer Harley, Counseling*

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## **Kolby Miller**

Not many of you have probably heard the old Sade' song, Smooth Operator. If you did you would know that song was written for Kolby , even before he was born. Kolby has a gift that separates him from the rest. He is a student athlete who always gives 100% but never seems to sweat. This young man just knows how to get it done. A true gentleman, he is the ultimate competitor, who defines the word "cool". I bet if you look that word up in the dictionary, you would see his picture. A member of the Men's Leadership program, Kolby only knows how to do it one way. The Right way.

*Garry Saunders, Vice Principal*

## **Preston Niedig**

Preston has been part of the Wrestling team throughout his four years in high school. During that time, he has demonstrated dedication, hard work, and a great attitude. He is a huge asset to our team and I feel fortunate to have been able to coach him during his time here at Timber Creek.

*David Ritz, Special Education*

## **Kiersten Parks**

I'm very happy to share that my People's Choice student is Kiersten Parks. Kiersten came to us as a sophomore from Glassboro. She was the happiest new entrant I've ever met! Her positive energy was and is contagious and she has always brightened up my day. Kiersten has so much to offer this world and I cannot wait to see what she does next. Thanks for being you Kiersten!!

*Sherry Capello, Counseling*

# Seniors

## **Chastiney Pearson**

I've had the privilege of getting to know Chastiney and Faith, individually and as a packaged deal. It has been a pleasure getting to know them and being a part of their high school journey. Both of these young ladies have been through more than most young women their age are expected to manage. They are both so strong, and have chosen to take tragedy and turn it into resiliency. They are both intelligent and dedicated to their academics, athletics, and care deeply for those around them. They are always both willing to lend a helping hand and they love being a part of the Timber Creek community. Chas, thank you for all of your help, your vulnerability even though I know you are tough as nails, and for your honesty and always telling me exactly how it is. I am so proud of you and all you have accomplished during your 4 years as a Charger, through your academics and athletic achievements. You are both confident in who you are but recognize everyone needs help, support, and care and it is truly a privilege to provide this to both of you. I am really going to miss you both next year, but I look forward to seeing what your bright futures have in store for you.

*Nicole Hohl, Counseling*

## **Xavier Perez**

I have had the pleasure of Xavier being in my Ceramics I, II, and III classes. Xavier is, and has always been, such a respectful and hardworking student. Xavier has always pushed himself with his ideas in class and never just takes the easy way out. I have seen Xavier grow tremendously as an artist as well as a young adult. I see Xavier as a constant in my classroom over the past few years. He is the type of student that is a little more reserved, but is reliable and I can always count on him to do the right thing. Xavier might not draw the most attention to himself, but his actions speak louder than most. Xavier was a part of my first group of students to take Ceramics II and among an even smaller group to take Ceramics III. I may not say this often enough, but I want to thank Xavier for his contribution to my classroom the past three years and being a part of a group of students that have had a big impact on my teaching career. I know Xavier will go on to do great things in the future. Congratulations!

*Keith Kozak, Fine Arts*

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### **Patrick Raube**

I nominated Patrick Raube because everyone else wanted to, and I won! All joking aside, Patrick deserves this award because of his positive contributions he has made to Timber Creek. He has been on the executive committee of the Class of 2021 since its beginning and has been a valued member from the start. But that's not all Patrick does, from the Morning Jolt, to numerous other clubs, to being a great student in the classroom, Patrick seems to sum up what being a "Charger" is all about. Patrick, we at Timber Creek would like to thank you for your service and contributions to our school and we wish you the best!

*Diane Masters, Mathematics*

### **Cionnie Ray**

Cionnie is one of the hardest working, kindest, and most dedicated seniors in the building. I have had the privilege of having Cionnie in class both her junior & senior years and I always smile whenever I see or hear from her. She pays attention in class, takes careful notes, and asks good questions to clarify any issues she might have. She worked so hard to keep her grades up last year and continues to do so this year, so as soon as I saw the nomination form, I knew I was going to choose her. Congratulations on all of your hard work and diligence--I can't wait to see you in your cap & gown come June!

*Karlyn Miller, English*

### **Kelly Schaffer**

I have had the honor of knowing Kelly for the last four years as first her class advisor and then her Math teacher. She has been a dedicated class president who has worked towards making the school year better for her peers. As a student she works hard and stays on track. She is going to go far in life. Congrats Kelly!

*Julie Grone, Mathematics*

# Seniors

## **Demetrius Smith**

I absolutely enjoy teaching Demetrius in Environmental Science. His mellow demeanor and his calm sense of humor help to balance a classroom that can be hectic at times, or spark more activity when we are spinning our wheels. Demetrius has a great perspective on life that is centered around family and community. He understands the value of sustainability because it includes taking care of each other in order to create a better future for all people. He is a modest young man who takes it easy...but continues to make great strides. I will always cherish our conversations, even when we don't see eye to eye, literally or figuratively. We have always had a mutual respect that helps us all do better in all things.

*Dr. Elliott Karetny, Science*

## **Faith Smith**

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*Nicole Hohl, Counseling*

## **Shamar Swann**

I first had this student as a junior in my personal finance class and then convinced him to take me again when he was a senior for my marketing class. Through getting to know him, I realized what a caring, selfless, thoughtful, and dedicated young man he is. He is an exemplary student and an overall amazing person. I am honored to have had the opportunity to teach Shamar Swann and I am excited to see where the future leads him!

*Alicia Truman, Business*



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**PATH** may lead,  
Go instead  
where there is no path  
and leave  
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