

# **Student Services Team Newsletter**

## **Who we are**

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**Career Technology Center –Dr. Vernita Robinson, Lead Counselor ([robinsov@myips.org](mailto:robinsov@myips.org)) and Mrs. Theresa Morning, Counselor ([morningt@myips.org](mailto:morningt@myips.org))**  
Dr. Robinson serves CTE students with last names A-K and Mrs. Morning serves L-Z. Our students are in cohorts 2022 and 2023. Our offices are located on the second floor of Morgan Hall Rooms 580 and 582. We are here to serve your needs in making sure you stay on track for graduation and assist you in finding the right career pathway that is perfect for you. We also can assist you in completing your 4-year plan, goals, and other tasks offered on Naviance. The CTC is the district’s traditional Career Technical Education (CTE) program site. Many of these programs offer opportunities to earn dual credits and/or industry recognized certification. The CTC offers 12 CTE pathways that can help you to walk into an entry level job. Stop by our office for more information

- ❖ Animal Sciences
- ❖ Automotive Service Technology
- ❖ Certified Nursing Assistant
- ❖ Computer Science
- ❖ Culinary Arts
- ❖ Cosmetology
- ❖ Dental Careers
- ❖ Fire and Rescue
- ❖ Graphic Imaging Technology
- ❖ Sound Engineering
- ❖ Pharmacy Tech
- ❖ TV Broadcasting

**Mrs. Raechelle Turnley, Freshmen Academy Counselor located, Stuart Hall. ([hansbroughr@myips.org](mailto:hansbroughr@myips.org))**

New students entering high school as freshmen will be introduced to the high school life. They spend their first year with Mrs. Turnley learning what high school is all about and what makes it different from Middle School. The freshman Academy is located on the third floor of Stuart. Classes are dedicated to the new students who will be placed in cohorts for their learning experience. Mrs. Turnley is instrumental in familiarizing them to the process.

**Ms. Amy Orange – Counselor, Treadwell Hall, 133A, ([orangea@myips.org](mailto:orangea@myips.org)) is the contact person for Math Science and Construction Engineering. She is ready and willing to help in any way to make sure students are on track for graduation.**

### **Math Science Academy**

The Math and Science program includes math/science, pre-engineering and informational study that includes accelerated and enriched courses in the areas of mathematics, science, technology, communication and research. Students receive intensive instruction in advanced math and science, including sessions with university and research personnel. The pre-engineering sequence of courses, combined with college preparatory mathematics and science courses, introduce students to the

scope, rigor, and discipline of engineering prior to entering college.

### **Construction Engineering & Design Academy**

The Construction Engineering Academy is intended for students interested in exploring the skilled trades associated with the building industry as well as engineering disciplines. Steadily growing industrial and high-tech manufacturing segments of the local economy combine with an exceptionally strong construction industry to provide context for the academy. Students begin exploration through general introductory courses. Here they learn the fundamentals, basic construction tool use and handling, as well as technical communication skills. Higher level courses allow students to explore more specific areas of building construction and engineering:

- ❖ Architecture and Design Pathway
- ❖ Construction Trades Pathway
- ❖ Mechanical, Electrical and Plumbing Pathway
- ❖ Engineering pathway

**Mr. Dechon Grice, Counselor, Lone Hall ([griced@myips.org](mailto:griced@myips.org)) is the contact person for both New Tech and Law and Public Policy Academies.** He will assist with any and all questions or concerns students have in planning their academic journey. He continues to work with cohorts 2022 and 2023 assigned to either of these academies.

**New Tech** provides students with the knowledge and skills they need to be

successful in the 21st century. This program focuses on citizenship, work ethic, presentation, critical thinking and collaboration. Within the New Tech program, students acquire these skills through integrated group projects. New Tech teachers strive to develop students into the analyzers, evaluators and creators who will be successful in the global economy. As seniors, students have the opportunity to enroll in college-level courses if their high school course requirements are complete.

The **Law and Public Policy** program provides students with the opportunity to explore the legal profession in depth. The program offers students the opportunity to get a true sense of the legal profession by providing them with real court experiences, learning opportunities from law professors and other legal professionals, and introducing them to the field of law enforcement. The program has partnerships with several institutions of higher education, including Butler University, Indiana University McKinney School of Law, and Vincennes University.

**Senior Academy – Ms. Gloria Stewart, Counselor ([stewartg@myips.org](mailto:stewartg@myips.org)) and Ms. Elizabeth Barrett, Counselor ([barrette@myips.org](mailto:barrette@myips.org)) – Treadwell Hall, Room 119**

Greetings from Ms. Stewart and Ms. Barrett! We are your school counselors working with SENIORS this year! We are here for you to assist with your social/emotional, academic, and career

development needs. This is a challenging and ever-changing time in which we are living, so please let us know when you need to talk. We can assist with your academic planning, making sure that you are on track for graduation and ensuring that you are well-prepared for your plans beyond high school. As your senior counselors, we also work in conjunction with the Future Center to connect you with career guidance and preparation, college planning, scholarships, and financial aid education. Our school utilizes Naviance as a hub and a resource for college, career, and life readiness. We can assist you in navigating Naviance so that you can take advantage of the tools it has to offer, such as resume builder, career searches, college searches, scholarship searches, independent lessons, and more. Our goal is to make sure that all our seniors graduate prepared for what comes next, whether that be employment, enlistment, or enrollment, so that they meet their goals and live productive and fulfilling lives. Please keep up to date with us by checking your Schoology Counselor 5A group regularly and reach out via Schoology message or email when you have questions or need to talk with Ms. Stewart/Seniors with last names A-K) and Ms. Barrett/Seniors with last names L-Z).

## **SOCIAL WORKERS**

"10 MILLION STUDENTS ARE IN SCHOOLS WITH COPS, BUT NO SOCIAL WORKERS"(ACLU, N.D.)." Social Workers are mental health professionals | advocates | trauma-informed | whole child focused |

culturally competent | collaborators | system changers | mediators | connectors.

This is what they do:

### **Services to Students**

- ❖ Provide crisis intervention
- ❖ Work to ensure academic success
- ❖ Implement positive behavioral intervention supports
- ❖ Address social, behavioral, emotional, and physical concerns

### **Services to School Personnel**

Serves as a resource to teachers to help address:

- ❖ Classroom management and student concerns within the classroom
- ❖ Develop staff trainings/professional development
- ❖ Member of the Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS) team to address how to best serve students

### **Services to Parents/Families**

- ❖ Collaborate with families to address the barriers that their student may be facing that is preventing them from being successful in school
- ❖ Connect families to school and community resources

### **Services to Districts**

- ❖ Reporting any signs of child abuse or neglect
- ❖ Provide services that adhere to the school and state laws/rules
- ❖ Implement the school district's programs, policies, and initiatives (i.e. social-emotional learning initiative)

## **School-Community Liaison**

- ❖ Promote and advocate for the utilization of school-based/off-site mental health agencies
- ❖ Provide school and community resources, such as: food pantries and medical providers, to meet students and their families' needs

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## **FAMILY AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT LIAISON**

Mrs. Connie Chew – [chewc@myips.org](mailto:chewc@myips.org)

Mrs. Cinthya Brown – [brownce@myips.org](mailto:brownce@myips.org)

We work with all grades levels and all parents attending Arsenal Tech through various ways.

We are a bi-lingual department with many responsibilities which include translating for parents and students and emergency meetings and have monthly parent meetings to empower them to assist their students to be successful. We utilize community partners, as well as translating all PowerPoints and meetings into Spanish. Also, we make and translate flyers, set up school messenger and make individual phone calls in order to inform parents of these monthly meetings.

We serve as a resource for parents which includes navigating PowerSchool in order to maintain teacher contact and obtain student information and updating PowerSchool information.

Working closely with Social Workers, we make parent contact for attendance issues and home visits. Our department also works closely with our community members to benefit Arsenal Tech in a variety of ways. Other responsibilities along with maintaining immunization records are: Titan Table Food Pantry, PIT days, participating in MTSS meetings, Behavior, Attendance, Grades (BAG) awards, Title 1 mailings and requirements, School Improvement Plan, principal chats, PTO and IndyGo.

## **GRADUATION COACHES**

Ms. Nichole Thomas and Mr. Edward Sanders are Arsenal Tech's Graduation Coaches. We support students who are behind in credits and are in danger of not graduating on time. We are your Dropout Prevention Specialist. We, as your Graduation Coaches will help support, advocate, and create short/long term goals that help students reach the finish line. Contact information for Ms. Thomas is: [thomasnj@myips.org](mailto:thomasnj@myips.org) or in her office in Treadwell 117C. Contact for Mr. Sanders is: [sandered@myips.org](mailto:sandered@myips.org) or in Lone Hall, Room 242.

## **ESL COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS COORDINATORS**

As an ESL College and Career Readiness Coordinators (CCRCs) we support current English Learners to graduate from high school prepared to enroll in college, enlist in the military or become gainfully employed. We work alongside Future Center, Student Services, & ESL staff to ensure that supports are in place for English Learners and their families to achieve these goals.

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## **FUTURE CENTER**

The Future Centers are physical spaces within high school buildings that will provide supportive services to students including mock interviews, math and writing support, guidance on FAFSA completion, and any wrap around services aimed to increase the number of students completing high school and moving on to enlistment, meaningful employment or education opportunities. We partner with students and families to support the district's 3E's. Enrollment, Enlistment, or Employment.

We invite you to visit us in the Future Center located in Treadwell Hall on the Arsenal Tech Campus. Each day is filled with activity at the Future Center, including post-secondary readiness counseling appointments, virtual appointments, workshops, mock interviews, employer information sessions, and more. Whether you are visiting for a specific purpose or

want to get more information, our team members are always happy to assist you.

Visit the Future Center

Treadwell Hall – Room 107

Future Center Hours: 7:00 AM – 4:30 PM

317-693-5409

Contact the Future Center Staff:

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Please join the 2020-2021 Future Center Schoology Resource Group

Access Code: F3PQ-MXH6-HQ2N5

## **REGISTRAR**

Ms. Melody Lundsford –

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Arsenal Building, assists students in the registration process and is the keeper of records. Mrs. Lundsford is the first-person students and families meet to join the Arsenal Tech Family. She directs each student to their counselor, social worker or others they may need to see. New students should have their transcripts and other documentation needed with them or on file in order to meet with her to enroll. She is more than happy to assist.

## IMPORTANT TESTING INFORMATION

### ACT DATES

ACT Test Date	Registration Deadline
February 6, 2021	January 8
April 17, 2021	March 12
June 12, 2021	May 7
July 17, 2021*	June 18

### SAT DATES

SAT Date	Registration Deadline
October 27, 2020	ATHS Cohort 2021 School Wide Testing Date
December 5, 2020	November 5, 2020
March 13, 2021	February 12, 2021
May 8, 2021	April 8, 2021
June 5, 2021	May 6, 2021

### ASVAB Dates

Wednesday, November 4, 2020

Wednesday, April 14, 2021

\*Both tests begin at 8:00 a.m.

## OTHER IMPORTANT DATES – MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!!!

### October

- OCT. 1: 6–7 PM Invested (11th and 12 grade) (Microsoft Teams)
- OCT. 8: 12-12:30PM: Titans Parents Teaming Up (PTO) (Microsoft Teams)
- OCT. 8: and 21st Century Scholars (9th and 10th grade) (Microsoft Teams)
- OCT. 22:9AM-2PM Titan Table Food Pantry (Drive Through)
- OCT. 28: 6–7PM BAG Awards (More information through school messenger)

### November

- NOV. 3: Election Day (no school)
- NOV. 4: 7:30–8:30 AM — Principal Chat (Microsoft Teams)
- NOV. 12: 6–7 PM — Gear Up/ Study Skills and Test Taking Tips (Microsoft Teams)
- NOV. 12: 9AM-2PM Titan Table Food Pantry (Drive Through)
- NOV. 19: 12-12:30 Titans Parents Teaming Up (PTO) (Microsoft Teams)
- NOV. 25–27: Thanksgiving Break

### December

- DEC. 3: ELL Meeting (Microsoft Teams)
- DEC. 10: Titan Table Food Pantry (Drive Through)
- DEC. 10: 6-7PM- Gear Up/Building Relationships (Microsoft Teams)
- DEC. 17: 12-12:30PM Titans Parents Teaming Up (PTO) (Microsoft Teams)
- DEC. 18–JAN. 1: Winter Break
- JAN. 4: First Day Back from Winter Break

