



AROUND OUR SCHOOLS

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CASH Students Graduate with Associate Degrees



While there were moments over the last three years when Stephanny Calle wondered how she'd manage to complete all of her work, she is now about to celebrate both her high school and college graduation. Calle, 18, is one of 26 proud Coatesville Area High School Seniors who are graduating this year with both a high school diploma and an associate degree from Delaware County Community College (DCCC).

The largest number of high school 'dual enrollment' students from one school at one time graduated May 19 from the DCCC program, called Structured Pathways, prior to the high school's graduation on June 9.

"Once I heard about the opportunity, I thought it would be a great way to get a taste of what would be expected from me in the future," said Calle, who lives in Valley Township and came to the United States from Ecuador at the age of 3. "I had all the resources, and it was cost-free, so there really was no question that I wanted to try it."

Students enrolled in the Structured Pathways program as 10th graders, taking classes at the College's Exton Center, from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m., Monday through Friday, then returning to the high school in the afternoon. To earn an associate degree, students take approximately 20 college courses including Philosophy, Sociology, Math, Statistics, and Psychology. The program is one of three high school dual enrollment programs offered by DCCC. The program provides a liberal arts associates degree that allows high schoolers to earn 62 college credits.

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Important Upcoming Dates

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL &
HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION
Thursday, June 9, 2022



C O N G R A T S !

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, June 14, 2022



(Continued from page 1) Many college and universities will allow students to transfer these credits, saving them money and shortening the time required for them to attain a baccalaureate degree. On average, the students in the program earned a 3.53 grade point average, and 10 students received more than \$200,000 in scholarships to colleges.

Coatesville Area High School Senior Jaleah Bowman-Blanton received a full scholarship to Cheyney University, where she plans to study business administration and eventually hopes to become a forensic accountant, possibly for the FBI.

"It was very challenging, especially in the first year since we were writing papers every single week, plus trying to keep up with sports and high school," said Bowman-Blanton. "I would recommend this program to anyone. I learned so much about patience and how to be a good student. This is a great experience and gives you valuable tools to put you ahead."

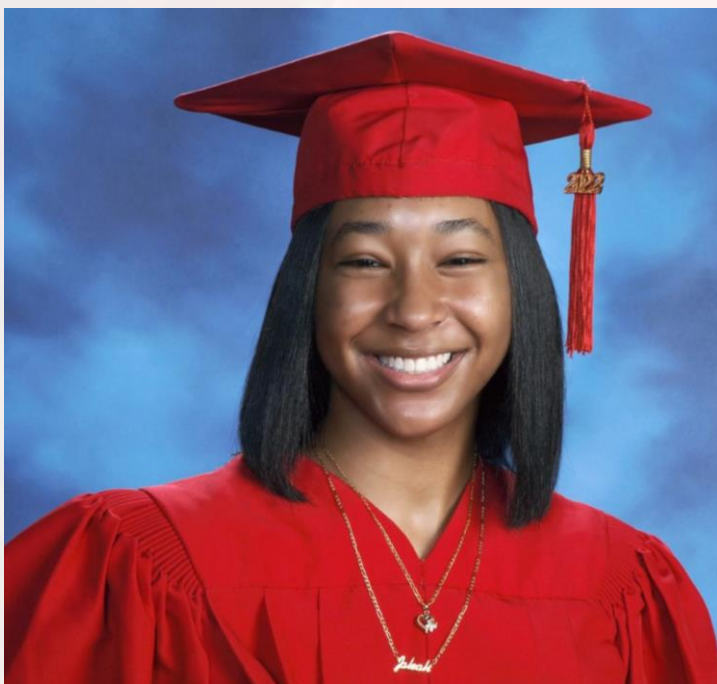
Coatesville Area School District covers the cost of the dual enrollment program, about \$120,000 for the 2021-22 school year. Student tuition, books, fees, and transportation are all provided at no cost to students. Coatesville began the dual enrollment partnership with the DCCC in 2018.

"The experience our students gain in this program is simply invaluable," said Michele Snyder, Principal of Coatesville Area School Senior High School. "They learn critical academic skills, gain a sense of maturity and confidence, and many save themselves thousands of dollars in college tuition. The program has been such a success and we look forward to its continued growth."

Students graduated from DCCC on May 19, but will be honored in a special ceremony focused on the dual enrollment program on June 1.

Calle, who is attending Cabrini University in the fall to pursue a nursing degree, said it was especially hard managing the program throughout the pandemic, when many of the college courses were online.

"One thing I really learned is that it's never too early or too late to go for your dreams, because at the graduation ceremony there were people of all ages. Anyone can do it if you really try. It's a great opportunity. At the end of the day, all the hard work was worth it."



Jaleah Bowman-Blanton



Stephanny Calle

Middle School Softball Team Goes Undefeated

Congratulations to our Middle School Softball Team, who won their last game and officially finished the season undefeated! The team's effort and hard work led them to this incredible accomplishment, which is especially exciting for the 8th graders, who can now say that they were undefeated for their entire middle school career. Without the commitment to teamwork and mutual respect amongst the players, this wouldn't have been possible. Congratulations for the outstanding record, sportsmanship, and friendships you all achieved this season.



Rainbow Teacher Runs 5K

On May 21, Rainbow Kindergarten Teacher Trina DiFrancesco completed the Joggin' for Frogmen 5K with her son. This race series intends to honor the sacrifices made by our Naval Special Warfare service members and their families.

Ms. DiFrancesco said, "My son ran it in his weighted vest and steel toe boots, but stayed with me the whole race encouraging me and keeping me safe. There were way more hills than I anticipated, but I still ran the whole thing and beat all my practice times!"

This particular race benefitted the [Travis Manion Foundation](#) whose mission is to empower veterans and the families of fallen heroes to develop character in future generations. Learn more about this organization by clicking the link above.



Students Compete in CalcuSolve

On Thursday, May 19th, teams from each CASD elementary school and the Scott 6th Grade Center competed in the CCIU's annual CalcuSolve math tournament. The students worked both individually and in teams of four to answer a variety of questions requiring them to use math to solve challenging, real-life problems. The students worked hard to apply their knowledge, competing against 18 teams of fifth and sixth grade students from schools around Chester County. Three young ladies from Scott earned scores strong enough to tie for third place in the individual division. Congratulations to top scorers Naomi Manthey, Tamsyn Calvert, Gretchen McCafferty, and to all of our other competitors as well! We are so proud of your hard work.

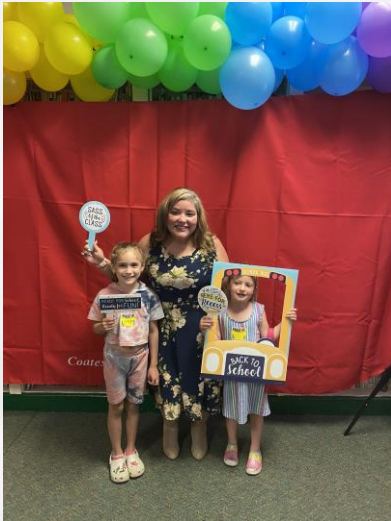


Fun at Field Day

Over the last few weeks, our elementary schools have been celebrating their annual Field Days! The students enjoyed getting outside, running around with their friends, and playing exciting games. A few student favorites were the Sponge Pass and the parachute. The parachute was so much fun that we spotted a few teachers and principals joining in the games!



Welcome to Kindergarten, Class of 2035!



Welcome Class of 2035! Our elementary schools have been preparing for you to start kindergarten next year and can't wait to meet you. Some of our schools recently hosted events where incoming kindergarteners could see the school, meet some of the teachers, and learn about how much fun they'll be having next year! If you're still curious about what kindergarten will be like, be sure to check out your school's video below! If you're not sure what school you'll be attending next year, try using our school locator!



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SCHOOL LOCATOR



Cyber Academy Hosts Family Fun Day

Last week, the Coatesville Cyber Academy hosted its 1st Annual Family Fun Day filled with food, games, and friends! Everyone enjoyed spending time together to celebrate all their accomplishments during the 2021-2022 school year. The students and staff in the Cyber Academy have worked so hard this year and a day of fun spent together in the sun was a perfect way to kick off the last few weeks of the year.



PATHWAYS TO GRADUATION



[CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION](#)

STEM Challenge

Miss Stambaugh and Mrs. Fulmer's 5th grade classes have been working on their STEM challenge of saving Humpty Dumpty. We'll see if their safety engineering was enough to withstand gravity's pull. Check out their prototypes!



Interact Club Completes Beautification Project

The members of the Coatesville Area Senior High School Interact Club joined their parent organization, The Rotary Club of Coatesville, in helping to plant flowers for a beautification project. Under the leadership of Michelle Wolf and Rotarian Dave Seegers, the students completed a service project near the tennis courts. Thank you for your hard work and dedication!



KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Welcome Class of 2035! Kindergarten Registration is officially open!

The Coatesville Area School District is so excited to begin its partnership with you to prepare your child for his or her future. A child's early years are the foundation for success both academically and emotionally. The kindergarten registration process can be completed online. Please access the **2022-2023 Kindergarten Registration** form by clicking on links here: [English](#) [Spanish](#)

In addition to basic information about your child, please be prepared to upload copies of the following documents: (1) Birth Certificate (2) Immunization Records (3) Proof of Residency

Please click [here](#) to determine which Elementary School your child will attend. Check that school's website for upcoming in-person registration dates.

Should you have any general questions or concerns pertaining to the online registration process, please do not hesitate to contact our central registration team at 610-466-2400.

The Alliance for
HEALTH
equity
STRENGTHENING COMMUNITIES

The Alliance for Health Equity, in collaboration with **The Greater Coatesville Hospital Closure Group**, made up of 20 local and county organization leaders, are working toward rebuilding a strong and equitable healthcare system for Greater Coatesville.

To do this, **we need to know your current and future health needs.**

Please complete a confidential survey relating to healthcare to help in understanding the health care needs of the community **by June 17, 2022**. The survey should take approximately 10 minutes to complete.

Take the Community Health Survey

SURVEY

Recognizing Raiders: Employee Spotlights

We are so lucky in the Coatesville Area School District to have some of the most dedicated and caring teachers and staff in the world! This year, we want to highlight a few of our favorite teachers and staff who help us learn and grow every day.

Tammy McHugh Scott Middle School

"We have known Mrs. McHugh since her time at Reeceville and love her and her bubbly personality and never-ending energy. She has been helpful in our time of need this school year and to her we are most grateful. The work she does with her special needs students is beyond amazing to watch unfold. She is one of the best!"

- Submitted by LaToya Morton



Becky Daugherty Caln Elementary

"Dr. Daugherty is a 'go to' person for questions that deal with behaviors, data or curriculum. When the children are at school- her classroom is the learning model that a lot of us try to emulate, when the children are not in school, you can find her with a line of staff, asking advice on child management, posing technology questions or asking for help with reading students' trends through current data. She has so much knowledge that she is ready and happy to share. Not only do the children look up to her- faculty members hold her in the highest regard. Becky Daugherty is one of those teachers that kids will remember with the knowledge that she helped shape them and their future with love as well as the highest standards."

- Submitted Anonymously



Recognizing Raiders

Nominations are welcome from anyone who recognizes the excellence in someone who dedicates their time to our schools and always goes the extra mile! Please use the form below to nominate someone to be recognized in our next issue!

[EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION FORM](#)

The Strawberry Festival is Back!

ROTARY CLUB of COATESVILLE

2022 Strawberry FESTIVAL

Thursday, June 2 • 5-10pm (Wristband Night)
Friday, June 3 • 5-11pm (Fireworks)
Saturday, June 4 • 12noon-11pm
Sunday, June 5 • 12noon-6:30pm

Rides
Music
Games
Delicious Food
Fireworks
So Much More!

Held on the grounds of the former Tower Health/Brandywine Campus
 Parking is available at the school lots off of Reeceville Road. \$2.00 parking fee.
 Proceeds from the Strawberry Festival go directly to support local non-profit organizations.

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Presenting Sponsor:
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 CHESTER COUNTY
 Building Stronger Futures

NOTE: Parking is NOT available at CVS or Wawa and should not be used as a drop-off or pickup location.

Festival Guidelines: To make the festival enjoyable for all, please follow these guidelines:
 No smoking, alcohol or drugs on the festival grounds. No pets on the festival grounds, including but not limited to dogs, cats, snakes, etc. Shoes and shirts are required.

School Board Updates

The Coatesville Area School Board met on Tuesday, May 24, 2022. The full meeting agenda can be found [here](#) and you can find the recording [here](#).

A moment of silence was observed at the start of the meeting for Hagar Nero, a first grade Rainbow teacher who recently passed away.

CASH Principal Michele Snyder recognized students who recently completed their dual enrollment program at DCCC. You can view that [here](#).

Student Class Representatives Alazia Hudnell and Alison Scheivert provided their reports, which you can hear [here](#). Congratulations to Alazia who graduates next week and is going on to Florida A&M University to pursue a degree in Psychology!

Substitute Superintendent Dr. Richard Dunlap provided his Superintendent's Report. You can view that report [here](#).

Joseph P. Lubitsky, CCIU Director of Administrative Services, led a discussion concerning their proposed land purchase. You can hear that discussion [here](#).

Dr. Richard Dunlap and Lori Diefenderfer, Director of Business Administration, provided a 2022-2023 School District Budget Update. You can listen to that presentation [here](#).

Dan Pellegrin, Director of Operations and Facilities, presented a [Facility Department Maintenance and Custodial Review](#). You can view his presentation [here](#).

Mike Sobczak, Director of Technology, provided a Technology Update. You can listen to that presentation [here](#).

There were numerous public comments made during the meeting, which can be found at two separate timestamps in the meeting recording:

- [Public Comment on Agenda Items](#)
- [Public Comment](#)



Coatesville Area School District
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Penn Medicine
 Chester County Hospital

Saturday, June 18
11:00 AM-3:00 PM
 Rain or Shine

Community Wellness + Colon Cancer Prevention Event

Juneteenth Drive-by

LOCATION:
 Jubilee Evangelistic Ministries
 920 Lincoln Hwy E, Coatesville, PA 19320

Join us and our community partners as we host a health and colon cancer prevention event for our Coatesville-area community!

- Drive-through or walk-up
- **FREE** at-home colon cancer screening kits (\$20 gift card for returned kits)
- **FREE** blood-pressure screenings
- Giveaways

Let's tackle cancer together...
 block by block and neighborhood by neighborhood!

Did you know:

- African Americans/Blacks between the age of 45-70 are more likely to get and die from colon cancer?
- Colon cancer is easy to treat if found early?
- There is a test you can do at home to check if you are at risk for colon cancer?

To Register for a Screening Kit:
 Scan the QR Code or call the W.C. Atkinson Memorial Community Service Center at 610-380-6193

<https://redcap.lnk/329zra8\>

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