



# **Peninsula Preparatory Academy Charter School**

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## **Director of Student & Family Support Monthly Report**

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### **Career / College Awareness**

The month of March was a packed month. One of the main events that occurred was our Career/College Awareness Days. The objectives for the Career Awareness Day were to: 1) offer the scholars an opportunity to learn about different professions, 2) inform them of the specific skills required for each occupation, 3) encourage the scholars to identify their interests and 4) stress the importance of the subjects they are currently learning in school and their connection to their future. We had 17 different professions/occupations that were represented by people within the community, as well as by some of our parents. Some of these professions were: veterinarians from the Animal hospital – Dr. Zamora and representatives, Dr. Wiltshire, a pediatrician from Adobo, Police Officer, a chef, nurses, lawyer, an artist, a professional musician, financial advisor, etc. The scholars were afforded opportunities to ask the presenters questions about their particular field of expertise. College Awareness Day was established to inform the scholars about college and its importance in their future. Some of the staff members went into the classes to talk about their life experiences in college and the impact a college education has on their profession. Ms. Reeves spoke to both 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade about her college experience, studying abroad and how she paid her way through college through grants and scholarships.

I had an opportunity to talk to the fifth graders about college, its breakdown as far as semesters are concerned, the grading system, the degrees that are offered when they graduate and the difference between a two-year college education and a four-year one.

### **Middle School**

- 16 scholars have been prepped for their interviews at Scholars' Academy.
- Parents and scholars are now waiting to receive decision letters from the middle schools.

### **Partnership**

- I met with Mrs. Sventoraitis, Clinical Director from Catholic Charities to establish a partnership so that our parents don't have to go through a long wait period before their children receive therapeutic services outside of school.
- Mrs. Sventoraitis will speak at the next PTO meeting to inform the parents of the services available for adults as well as children.