“Black History Knowledge Bowl Team”
The Knowledge Bowl Team led by Mrs. Collins and Mr. Burton was tasked with the job of learning as much as they could about Black History including inventors, politicians and even the history of the Orange Mound Community. The Annual Black History Knowledge Bowl is a community event that allows high school students an opportunity to showcase their knowledge of world history while developing character and enriching the lives of all who attend. The goal of the event is to provide an avenue for young adults to show that they are more than just athletes or entertainers, while participating in an academic competition.

Join us in celebrating and cheering for their academic accomplishments! Pictured are students participating in the Knowledge Bowl Event. The participants included Diana Martinez, Maitree Patel, Jesus Hernandez, Kennedi Stone, Shalon Scruggs, Leslie Cabrieles and Dany Pablo Mendoza. The team placed third in the high school division.

Mrs. Collins, S. Studies Dept. Chair
STAFF OF THE MONTH

S. STUDIES - DEPT. CHAIR, MRS. COLLINS

Mrs. Collins is a native of Upstate New York. She received her Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science from Spelman College. She later earned a Master of Public Administration and Public Policy as well as a Master of Science in Nonprofit Organization and Management. She has also pursued a Doctor of Philosophy in the field of Public Policy and Public Administration.

For the last six years, she has served as a proud educator at Melrose High School in the Memphis Shelby County School District. A quote by Benjamin Elijah Mays drives her teaching philosophy. It states, "Every man and woman is born into the world to do something unique and something distinctive and if he or she does not do it, it will never be done." She feels that it is the job of a true educator to help guide students to reach their truest potential on their journey to self-discovery.

Mrs. Collins was chosen by her students because she sets an example for her students of a successful sophisticated person. She cares about her students and gives her time in and out of the classroom with no complaints. She allows students to come and talk to her without being judgmental of them. She is always there to help when a student is in need. She has a wonderful personality; she is always full of joy. She personifies an exemplar teacher and is a true asset to the students and staff here at Melrose High. Mrs. Collins embodies the 5 P's!!

STUDENT OF THE MONTH

SENIOR, DIANA MARTINEZ

Diana Martinez is a Senior here at Melrose High School. Her favorite school subjects include math, science and pharmacy tech. Her hobbies include listening to music, drawing, and playing games. Upon graduation, she would like to go to the University of Arkansas major in pre-pharmacy and become a pharmacist.

Diana was selected by her senior teachers because she is preparing herself for college by participating in upward bound and has gone on multiple college tours. She is productive and stays on task in her dual enrollment courses. She will go into college with 9 credit hours. Her personality is sweet; she is hard-working and willing to assist. She is a stellar student, goes above and beyond in all classes. She has excelled in the pharmacy tech program and is on track to receive her pharmacy technician certification before graduation. Diana truly embodies the 5 P’s.

STUDENT OF THE MONTH

JUNIOR, SHALLON SCRUGGS

Shalon Scruggs is a junior here at Melrose High School. Shalon’s favorite school subjects are history, English, and art. Her hobbies include drawing, reading, and listening to music. Upon graduation, she wants to attend a university and major in communication.

Shalon was selected by her junior teachers because Shalon is the ideal student, she is punctual, respectful and willing to go above and beyond. She truly tries her best and has a great personality. Shalon is positive, productive and a joy to have in class. She is punctual, reliable and pushes herself to be the best in all she does. She has a great personality, she is a cheerful student and a pleasure to have in class. She has excelled in dual enrollment, AP and honor courses. Shalon is on track to be in the top 10% of her class. Shalon embodies positivity.

STUDENT OF THE MONTH

FRESHMAN, TAMERA WESTBROOK

Tamera Westbrook is a freshman here at Melrose High School. Tamera’s favorite school subjects are reading and math. Tamera was also a cheerleader in middle school. Her hobbies include singing, dancing, and cooking. Upon graduation, she wants to be a baker and own her own bakery.

Tamera was selected by her freshman teachers because Tamera makes it her business to complete assignments. She has proven herself to be trustworthy and accountable. Tamera is very outgoing and has a positive outlook. Tamera embodies perseverance.

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TOGETHER WE MUST BELIEVE.
TOGETHER WE WILL ACHIEVE.
TOGETHER WE ARE REIMAGINING 901!

STUDENT OF THE MONTH

SOPHOMORE, JOHN GRIFFIN

John Griffin is a sophomore here at Melrose High School. John’s favorite school subjects are math and geometry. His hobbies include running track, participating in the Boys & Girls Club and studying for class. Upon graduation, he plans on attending college, majoring in law, and becoming a lawyer.

John was selected by his sophomore teachers because John is the definition of a star student. John is always eager to learn and a helping hand inside and outside of the classroom. John exhibits the 5 P’s everyday. Every teacher deserves a John in their classroom. John is always engaged in genuine and thoughtful conversation in whatever situation he’s in, academic or otherwise. He is not just diligent to complete his work—he is genuinely curious about the world and determined to grow as a student and as a person. John embodies productivity.