

"Success is not final; failure is not fatal: It is the courage to continue that counts." - Winston Churchill

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On December 4th, the South Shore Vikings football team went to Yankee Stadium to face Erasmus Hall in the PSAL City Championship game. In route to the big game, the Vikings had cruised through previous competitions. They attained an undefeated 11-0 record throughout the season, including a 20-12 road game win against the Erasmus Hall Dutchmen (10-1) who were seeking revenge after suffering their only loss of the season to the Vikings. In this championship battle, there was much at stake for both teams. For Erasmus, they looked to continue their impressive run of reaching 5 straight championship games and to win their first title since 2012. As for the Vikings, they were looking to capitalize on their first city championship appearance since 1978 and bring South Shore their first championship win in 40 years.

In the first quarter, all was not well for the Vikings as they fell into an early 14-0 deficit by way of a 13-yard quarterback run by Erasmus quarterback Jordan Armstead and an extraordinary 35-yard one-handed touchdown catch by wide receiver Justin Bellido.

Going into the second quarter, the Vikings' offense got going as they were able to finish off a long drive with a 3-yard run by Darius Thompson. Then, after the defense was able to get a stop, they were in prime position to tie the game but failed to do so after a 27-yard touchdown pass was dropped. That led to a halftime score of 14-7 in favor of the Dutchmen.

The Future is Bright for the South Shore Vikings



In the second half, the Dutchmen counter South Shore's recent surge by turning it up a notch on both offense and defense. Starting with their opening drive, they were able to score a touchdown with a 30-yard touchdown run by RB Andre Hines, increasing their lead to 21-7. And thanks to a defensive stop and a long punt return from Antoine Joseph, Erasmus Hall was able to attain an even bigger lead on the Vikings with a 5-yard touchdown run, leading to a score of 28-7 by the end of the third quarter.

The final quarter began with both teams trading possession of the ball a few times as South Shore looked to mount a comeback. But their comeback would have to start on their own 1-yard line because of a

long punt by the Dutchmen's special teams. Despite their best efforts, their drive and unfortunately their season, ended with a fumble recovered by the Erasmus defense. On offense, the Dutchmen delivered the game, sealing a touchdown pass to end the game on a final score of 34-7.

Although they weren't able to win it all, South Shore played a memorable season and with a good collective of juniors and sophomores on the team, the future is bright for our South Shore Vikings.

Contribution by 12th grade: Tyler Haywood

The House System

This year, our Advisory Teams, comprising of four HOUSES representing CUNY, HSBU, IVY LEAGUES and SUNY colleges created their Culture and Vision statements to reflect the individuality, personality and expectations of each team within the HOUSE.

House of F.O.E [Family Over Everything] [CUNY HOUSE]

Vision Statement: We are determined to do our best. This advisory is active, funny, goofy, optimistic and have a close relationship with each other. As a team, we will work together and respect each other in every way to get work done and succeed. Our goal is to be the best at what we do. #All Gas. No Brakes!

House of... Stak Fam Advisory [SUNY HOUSE]

Vision Statement: We are the future who bring inspiration for change.
#YouKnowtheVibes #YKTV

House of Big Scholarz [SUNY HOUSE]

Vision Statement: We are vigorous scholars in the making who will strive for greatness to be our best possible selves. #Striveforgreatness

House of Binghamton Great Strivers [SUNY HOUSE]

Vision Statement: We are unique in individuality, so we strive to support each other as a collaborating force to always push each other to work harder, do more and make our mark! #WeStrivetoB.I.N.G.! Be Great Increase Faith, Never Settle, Go in Grace.

House of Cobleskill [SUNY HOUSE]

Vision Statement: We are a team. We are intelligent in our own way. We will defeat all obstacles in our path to success to be dripped in excellence. You have to be balanced in every way. #dripinExcellence

House of Chasers [SUNY HOUSE]

Vision Statement: We are unique and underestimated, so we will strive to succeed. #StayinyourLane

House of Howard University [HBCU HOUSE]

Vision Statement: We are powerful & we will achieve greatness together to be college-bound! Reaching for a Brighter Future (#do_the_bright_thing)

House of Tuskegee University [HBCU HOUSE]

Vision Statement: We overcome any obstacle BIG or small. Strive to be successful. You can't beat what you can't touch! #HoopsWeDidItAgain

House of Legendary Prodigies [HBCU HOUSE]

Vision Statement: We are determined to be the best we can be. We will strive for greatness in being successful. #Makingeachmomentlegendary

House of Fisk University B.A.S.E.

Vision Statement: We excel and we will strive to achieve a better tomorrow.

#BelieveAchieveSucceedExcel

VC Scholar Demonstrating P.U.R.P.O.S.E

P.U.R.P.O.S.E guides our students and educators in becoming our best self within the Victory Family. Every month we will feature an individual from our school community who demonstrates: Perspective, Understanding, Rigor, Problem Solving, Open Communication, Social Conscience, and Expectations.

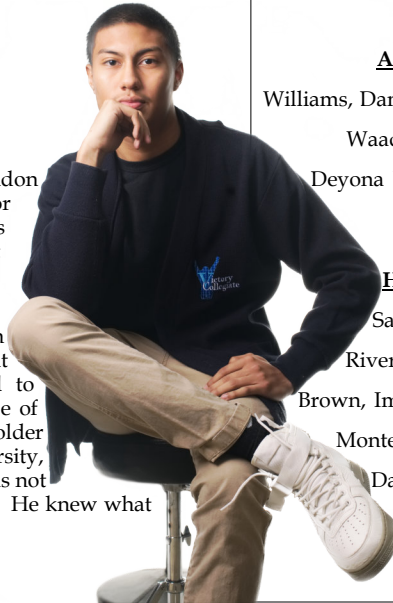
Our VC Scholar for December is Brandon Bueso. Brandon exemplifies the E for Expectations in P.U.R.P.O.S.E. for his rigorous, timely and efficient approach to the college application process.

Through the college process, Brandon felt more responsible, self-confident and self-motivated as he prepared to enter into the next challenging phase of his educational journey. Having an older sister who is attending Kean University, Brandon explains that the process was not as overwhelming as he first thought. He knew what to expect and how to work through it correctly. He faced the challenge of writing his personal statement over several weeks trying to perfect his ideas because "it was the most personal essay I have ever written in my life." He enjoyed researching the different majors to find the one major that would suit his interests and future goals. His interest in finance grew with his love for mathematics and dealing with numbers, so his immediate plan is to study finance. He hopes to increase his financial literacy knowledge about investments with the certainty of supporting his family in the long run. He looks forward to becoming a budget analyst.

"It was a relief pressing the submit buttons for all my college applications," he said.

For the lower classmen, Brandon offers some advice: 1) Learn to be independent during the college process because you may not have someone to hold your hands every step of the way. 2) It's never too early to start. Begin researching your major, the colleges you are interested in and start thinking of your unique story to share with the admissions committee.

Want to nominate a Victory Scholar? Email: mjeanclaude@victorycollegiate.org



Acknowledgements

Congratulations Aymar Altidor! As a 10th grader, he is currently the only student at Victory designated as an SEO scholar. Aymar describes SEO as a community of bright students with different backgrounds collaborating to support and sharpen each others' minds and learning. The SEO program provides him with an advisor who plans not only his short term goals such as applying for college and increasing SAT scores, but also his long term goals after college. Lastly, he says, "SEO helps me tell my unique story."

SEO Scholars look for applicants who have a demonstrated track record of academic engagement and who are eager and motivated to invest in themselves and commit to the rigorous program.

MY BROTHER'S KEEPER: A group of Victory Collegiate Male Scholars have been selected for the MY BROTHER'S KEEPER Initiative for the 2018-19 school year. The Exceptional Project is an earnest effort to consistently promote positive images and narratives of Black men in America. Victory congratulates our young men: Justice Wallace Jean, Jaheem Franklin, Ricardo Hendricks Kahawn Pounder, Brandon St. Bernard, Fredrick Thomas, Julian Thomas, Devin Mercado and Kamari Walker.

1st Marking Period Honor Roll Celebration

Principal's Honor Roll (Avg. 95+): Angel Joseph, 10th grade

Assistant Principal's Honor Roll (Avg. 90-94): Gabriella Lemard, Teanna Williams, Damar Bins, Aymar Altidor, Fatoumata Diallo, Atiyah Dayes, Eliza Carpio, Waad Elsidig, Jahiem McLeod, Shanae Peter, Britney Morris, Ralph Paul, Deyona Banks, Dwight Jr. Davis, Promise Guy, Gerdjana Toussaint, Gabbiella Lemard.

Honor Roll (Avg. 85-89): Syvianne Destin, Brianna Barrett, Jade Flood, Saifullah Malik, Sherkira Moses, Nasser Nasser, Christina Reed, Samantha Rivera, Briana Terry, Gonaifa Altairi, Brianna Barrett, Britney Barrett, Tyler Brown, Imani Clesca, Jalene Cummings, Daina Jean-Louis, Jessica Lopez, Fabrice Monterose, Jamiah Richardson, Shanae Peters, Darryl Charlot, Rori Cox, Daniella Kelly, Naquan Pounder, Kelis Rogers, Brandon Bueso, Karmalie Grazy, Tyler Haywood, Gazaria Moore, Kayi Sallah, Charnee Sealy.

Special Shout-outs

Shout out to Daphney Cadichon. We all may have experienced Daphney as a vocal student who certainly makes her presence known as she enters a room with her friendly demeanor and her beautiful singing voice. In addition to these special qualities, Daphney is a very caring person and is usually the first person to jump in during any occasion to support anyone around her, especially her peers.

Student of the Week demonstrating PURPOSE:

The 10th grade team congratulates:

Quarviss Mack.

The 11th grade team congratulates:

Destiny Cox

Isaiah Robinson

Shamecca Smith

Nakayla Wright

Upcoming Events

DEC. 24-JAN 1 WINTER RECESS (SCHOOLS CLOSED)

JAN, 2 SCHOOL RESUMES

JAN 21 DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY (SCHOOLS CLOSED)

JAN. 22- JAN. 25TH - REGENTS WEEK

JAN 28 CHANCELLOR'S DAY(SCHOOL CLOSED FOR STUDENTS ONLY)

JAN 29 SPRING TERM BEGINS FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

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