

March 12
MAP Verification and Orientation at 9am

March 21
Memphis Youth City Council Lottery

March 21-25
Spring Break

March 25
Good Friday

MOYS is springing into action! MPLOY Youth and MAP applicants are preparing for the verification process and interviews. Businesses are making preparations for 2016 MPLOY Youth participants. In this month's issue get tips on interview attire and beating senior-itis.

WHAT'S NEXT FOR MAP AND MPLOY YOUTH



The results are in for the 2016 MPLOY Youth and MAP Lotteries. Mayor Jim Strickland had the honor of initiating the selection process, in which applicants were randomly selected and ranked according to their City Council district through a computer-based lottery. The invitations for the verification process, detailing next steps and important dates, have been mailed. Unfortunately, everyone who applied will not be invited, so be sure to read your letter completely.

IMPORTANT NOTE: An invitation to the verification process **DOES NOT** mean that you will be part of the program. Attendees must also successfully complete the interviews to be invited to participate.

If you applied for MAP or MPLOY, you will receive either a letter by U.S. mail or an email from MOYS. If you haven't seen the email, check your SPAM folder.

Good Luck, and remember -- if you don't make it into one of these great programs, there are more opportunities throughout the year to be a part of the youth movement through the Office of Youth Services. Stay tuned!

DRESS TO IMPRESS

Did you know that what you wear can sometimes speak louder than what you say? In fact, before you shake the hand of interviewers, they have already made note of your appearance, so make it count...dress to impress!

Ladies:

- Wear a blazer or a dark cardigan over your shirt
- Pants are great. If you decide to wear a skirt instead, make sure it is knee-length
- Wear shoes that are clean and classically comfortable with a medium to low heel, if not flats
- Keep jewelry simple. A simple string of pearls and pearl earrings are always winners



Gentlemen:

- Wear a blazer or a dark cardigan over your shirt
- Wear a tie. If the business culture of the job does not include ties, you can remove it, but it's best to start with one
- Wear shoes that are clean and classically comfortable. **NO SNEAKERS!**
- Unless suggested by the interviewer in advance, **NEVER** wear jeans to an interview. Always opt for a pair of dark slacks with a belt



BACK IN BUSINESS



Local business leaders took time out of their day on February 18 to participate in a special meeting called by the Director of the Office of Youth Services, Ike Griffin. During the meeting, businesses were able to engage in dialogue about the successes and challenges of the 2015 MPLOY Youth Summer Experience and share ways the 2016 program can be even better.



I completed the application.



WHAT'S NEXT?

VISIT CITYOFMEMPHISYOUTH.ORG FOR ANSWERS TO YOUR LOTTERY QUESTIONS.

SEN-IOR-I-TIS:

Symptoms, Causes and the Five-Step Cure

There is a dis-ease that hits many students across the United States in their final year of high school. You may recognize some of the symptoms: Decline in interest after taking the ACT; decline in motivation, although the finish line is just ahead; burnout; low desire to perform the duties of an upperclassman that once brought joy. Recognize any of these? Don't panic. There is a name for it. It's Senioritis and it's curable! Here are five ways seniors can make it to and through graduation.

- 1 Use your planner** - Make it a priority to keep a running list of assignments and projects your teachers have assigned. This will allow you to schedule time to study, participate in extracurricular activities and have a social life.
- 2 Ask for help** - Senior year can be overwhelming. You're not alone. It's important to share your struggles and concerns with your teachers, counselors and parents.
- 3 No Procrastinating** - Avoid doing homework the night before it's due or cramming for a test at the last minute. Get it done ahead of time.
- 4 Reward Yourself** - After you've completed an assignment or aced a test, do something nice for yourself, even if it's just stopping to acknowledge your good work. You deserve it!
- 5 Enjoy your senior year** - Preparing for college can be stressful and could lead to senioritis. Don't let stress interrupt you enjoying your senior year. Make memories, do the work and have some fun!

IT'S A PROM PARTY!



Memphis Prom Closet is back for the third year, providing gently loved prom dresses to some deserving juniors and seniors who otherwise would not be able to enjoy this special high school event.

Saturday, March 12
Oak Court Mall
Registration required

Visit www.browngirl dreams.org to submit an application and see if you qualify.

BE A PART OF MEMPHIS' REAL LIFE LAW AND ORDER



One way to make change happen in our city is to be involved in the change. The Memphis Youth City Council (MYCC) will serve as an official youth advisory board to Mayor Strickland and the Memphis City Council on issues that affect youth in the city. The MYCC will be a voice for Memphis youth and propose legislation to improve relations between youth and authorities. The MYCC will include 13 high school students all from different schools across the city.

MOYS is scheduled to host a lottery on March 21 at 3pm in the Hall of Mayors where the 13 participating schools will be announced. Following the lottery, freshman, sophomores and juniors from those schools will have the opportunity to run for office and be elected to represent their school in the first MYCC beginning in August. Election Day for all schools is April 28 during school hours and the announcement of MYCC school representatives will be that evening at 6pm.

"Engaging Our Youth in the Political Process. Creating Leaders for the Future."

Trivia - Answers for February

D. Bessie Coleman; **C.** Carter G. Woodson; **C.** An African-American literary, artistic and intellectual movement; **A.** I've Been to the Mountaintop

Thanks to everyone who submitted answers for last month's trivia questions.