PROSPECTIVE HIGH SCHOOLS FOR THE TENACITY CLASS OF 2024:
Emily Barros– John D. O’Bryant School of Math and Sciences
Victor Batista– Madison Park Technical Vocational High School
Sarah Cardona Tavares– Jeremiah E. Burke High School
Janayda Delacruz– Muriel Snowden International School
Samoya Galloway– English High School
Aniyah Givens– Muriel Snowden International School
Isaiah George– Fenway High School
Hallie Gomez– Boston Arts Academy
Eliana Gutierrez– Boston Arts Academy
Shaleeca Joseph– John D. O’Bryant School of Math and Sciences
Daniel Justiniano– New Jersey Public Schools
Rosalye Mejia– John D. O’Bryant School of Math and Sciences
Andrew Rodriguez– To be determined
Angelys Soto Gonzalez– Boston Community Leadership Academy
Nathaniel Williams– Fenway High School

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATING 8TH GRADERS
8th Grade Memories

Eighth Grade Celebration
The Tenacity staff would like to congratulate all of our 8th grade students, who are now completing their middle school journeys. There were many highlights this year, below are a select few.

- In December, eighth graders Isaiah George, Victor Batista, Sarah Cardona-Tavares, Hallie Gomez, Daniel Justiniano, and Shaleeca Joseph led the McCormack team to yet another Holiday Classic Tennis championship over the other Tenacity schools.
- Academically, students worked on their final projects: Some students did research, while others participated in group games, get a heads up on vital Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday at 3 p.m. During these live zoom classes, students can explore the topics more thoroughly during Tenacity’s office hours or during Live Classes every Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday at 3 p.m. During these live zoom classes, students also compete in group games, get a heads up on vital topics, and learn more about the Tenacity staff and program.

Reminder!
Our Virtual End of the Year Ceremony will take place on ZOOM this Wednesday, June 3rd, from 4:30–5:30! We hope to see all students there!

- Hallie Gomez and Eliana Gutierrez dazzled the staff at Boston Arts Academy, the only arts based public school in Boston and one of the most competitive schools to get into, with their musical and artistic abilities.
- Aniyah Givens, Emily Barros, and Janayda De la Cruz, modeled to the entire community not only what strong friendships look like, but also what it means to be kind and thoughtful each day!
- Andrew Rodriguez and Joseph Vizcaino have grown not only as students, but also in their curiosity for music, science, individuality, and all-around learning.
- Samoya Galloway continues to impress her educators with her humor, softball skills, and deep thoughtfulness.
- Nathaniel Williams continues to impress us with his artistic abilities, focus, and unwavering moral compass.

We wish all of our students the very best in high school as they transition to our College Prep (CP) Program!

Literacy
During this online learning time, students have been engaged in book clubs in a virtual format. Each week, students are assigned a certain number of pages to read and also receive book club packets, in which there are a variety including comprehension checks and dialogue about social issues. When we were in school, 6th grader Termonnic Onop looked to read passages aloud to all his classmates, and since distance learning began, he has enjoyed reading independently. Many students showcased strong critical thinking skills, including sixth grader Benilson Correia, who was able to defend what he actions he believes certain characters should take in different situations. Seventh grader Yazlin Ventura Gutierrez reflected on the character dynamics in her book in Ish National Museum in London, England. Participants were asked to locate objects in and around the world, tying in the art being viewed with concepts being read about in class. The first VFT students, via a Zoom call with Ms. Li and Mr. K, was to the British National Museum in London, England. Participants were asked to locate certain objects in the art, and then describe how they relate to the theme of Power and Identity in the book “The Sun Also Is Also a Star”

The highlight of this VFT is when one of the students created the same hair-style as the brass commemorative head of a Nigerian Queen Mother we were studying!

Girls Got Game
While all in-person field trips and events have been cancelled for the rest of the school year, McCormack girls continue to participate in Girls Got Game events each week. Once a week, Ms. Brown hosts Zoom meetings open to all female students in our program to chat, hang out, and play games! So far, these hour-long Zoom meetings have occurred on Friday afternoons in which students have competed virtually in games such as Pictionary, Scattergories, and Trivia! Shout out to India Pickett, Cristal Welch, Hallie Gomez, Eliany Domke-Vargas, Carmen Garcia, Aniyah Soto-Gonzalez, Kim Nguyen, Lia Heyaime, Katelyn Huynh, Laussa Goncalves and Suriani Andrews for attending Girls Got Game Zoom meetings so far!

To join a Girls Got Game event, all students have to do is look in their emails for Ms. Brown’s announcements and click on the Zoom link at the assigned time. Girls who participate have the opportunity to win prizes, such as their favorite snacks or candy delivered to their homes by Ms. Brown!

Virtual Field-Trips
To continue offering field trips to DMC Tenacity students while the McCormack School remains closed for the end of the school year, Ms. Li’s Book Club developed the concept of offering online Virtual Field Trips (VFT) to museums around the world, tying in the art being viewed with concepts being read about in class. The first VFT students, via a Zoom call with Ms. Li and Mr. K, was to the British National Museum in London, England. Participants were asked to locate certain objects in the art, and then describe how they relate to the theme of Power and Identity in the book “The Sun Also Is Also a Star”

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