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SENIOR NEWSLETTER

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BRICK SALES

Makes a great graduation gift!

Buy a Brick Program! Leave your legacy with the purchase of a personalized, engraved brick installed by the Ida B. Wells Boosters in the Stadium Plaza. Proceeds will be used to benefit students in sports and clubs. Bricks are LIMITED!! Makes a great graduation gift, memorial, or tribute! Please be sure you complete a Buy a Brick form. Order [here!](#)

SENIOR PHOTOS

If you haven't yet submitted your senior photo, although it is past the due date, you still can submit a picture to whstroyanyearbook@gmail.com At this point, your picture is not guaranteed to make it into the yearbook but still submit if you haven't!!

If you had a photo taken by Lifetouch this year, it will be included in the yearbook unless you submit something different

GRADUATION

CAP AND GOWN

Make sure that you order a Cap & Gown for your graduation in June. Although we do not know with certainty what Graduation will look like this year, we do know that it will be a special day for students and families, and we want to make sure that you are prepared to celebrate with a Cap & Gown.

Although the date has passed to receive the best rates through a group order, it's not too late to put in an order. You can do that one of 2 ways:

- You can go to the Jostens website, the direct IBWHS link for all available products is [here](#).
- For just the cap, gown, and tassel package, you can click [here](#).
- You can call toll-free at 1-800-JOSTENS (567-8367) *

* If you wish to place your order without payment, use this option.

Please note that while we want all of our seniors to wear a cap and gown, we recognize that finances can sometimes be a barrier. We do not want financial concerns to impact your participation in this year's graduation ceremony, so please reach out to Sharon Dailey (sdailey@pps.net) if this becomes an issue.

WHAT NAME WILL BE ON DIPLOMAS?

[Here](#) is a letter from the principal containing news about **what name will be on the diplomas this year.**

IMPORTANT DATES

June 2, 2021, is the last day of class for seniors

June 7, 2021, is when graduation for seniors will be

A more robust senior calendar will be available in next months newsletter

COLLEGE NEWS

SCHOLARSHIPS

[Ida B. Wells Community Scholarship Application Here](#)

We are excited to offer three - \$1,000 scholarships to Ida B. Wells seniors. The funding for these awards comes from contributions by local businesses and alums as well as proceeds from the Ida B. Wells Scholarship Initiative and fundraisers.

[Gifford Family Scholarship Application Here](#)

This is a \$1000 scholarship designated for a deserving Ida B. Wells High School graduate. Funding comes from Dr. Gifford, a local Hillsdale general dentist and the owner of Gifford Family Dentistry.

[The Ida B. Wells High School PTA Scholarship is also now open!](#)

This scholarship is worth \$1000 and will go to two high school seniors this year! See the attached PDF to apply. Deadline: Friday, April 2nd, 2021.

FINANCIAL AID DECISION

There is a lot to consider in comparing offers and identifying the best package.

- [Please see this article and video from Get Schooled](#) to help you make decisions.

To follow it up, [use this tool from Big Future](#) as a worksheet to help you see your options more clearly.

UPDATE MAIA LEARNING

When you do decide where you will land next fall, please add your plan to your Maia Learning account!

- We would like to **celebrate your success** and need to **send your final transcript** to your college!
- Log into Maia Learning with your google email by clicking the Log In button in the top right corner
 - Go to Universities and then Applying List
 - At the bottom of each college box, you can add the application decision in the drop-down menu under Application Status

For the college you will attend, enter **Accepted -Attend**

CAREER HAPPENINGS

The [March Career Happenings](#) is now available featuring **Summer Employment!!** Also included in this issue:

- Future You 2 Go events spotlighting Electrical and Construction Trades
- Healthcare training including HIPAA and Emergency Services
- Job search resources and more!

March Featured Event for Seniors:

Start Your Professional Branding with LinkedIn!

Wednesday, March 17, 1:00-2:30 pm

Presented by Dr. Faith Avery, Goodwill Industries in partnership with Lincoln HS Business CTE Program Learn how to craft a LinkedIn profile and an engaging brand on the most popular professional networking website/app. Practice building a professional network and interacting with potential colleagues, mentors, and employers through LinkedIn. [Join on Google Meet](#)

Check out all your options for after graduation including Construction Careers, PCC Certificate to Transfer Programs, Job Corps, AmeriCorps, and more. Recorded presentations are now available [here](#) or explore your career options [here](#).

RESUME HELP

Need help with your Resume? [Schedule an appointment with Ms. Wade](#)

MEET WINSTON RIVAS

Originally from Austin Texas, Winston Rivas holds a B.A in Spanish with a focus in Education, he has been working at David Douglas School District for the last 5 years helping establish equity practices and supporting students as a Graduation Mentor. Winston is very excited to support Ida B Wells students achieve their academic and college goals. When not working Winston enjoys playing soccer, traveling, and grilling

