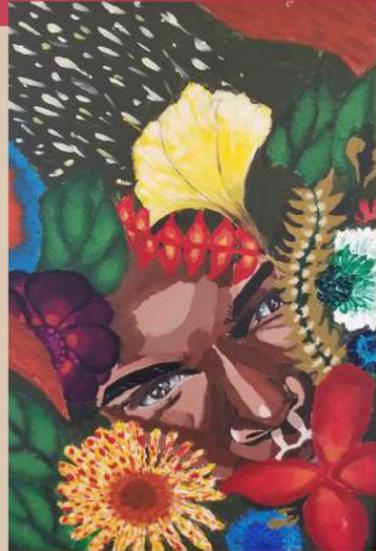


# Newark TEEN ARTS Annual



**IMPORTANT DATES**

- 5/30 Teen Parent Summit
- 6/4 Eid al-Fitr (Schools & Central Office Closed)
- 6/13 Clarity 2020 Unveiling
- 6/20 Last Day of School (Except for Sussex Avenue School - Last Day 6/21)

**Newark Board of Education**  
FORMAL PRESENTATION TO THE SUPERINTENDENT  
CLARITY 2020 COMMUNITY CONVERSATION ROUNDTABLE MEETING

Date: Wednesday, May 1, 2019 • Time: 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. • Location: Paul Robeson Center

**Teach Newark**

**Educator Job Fair**

Saturday, May 18, 2019 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

**CLASS OF 2020 COLLEGE FAIR**  
MAY 29, 2019  
NJIT Arena 8:30 am - 3:30 pm  
Where Passion Meets Progress

**Newark Board of Education**

**Class of 2019 Senior Day**  
June 7, 2019

**SUPERINTENDENT'S CORNER**

## CREATING A NEW EDUCATIONAL ECOSYSTEM FOR NEWARK

Dear Parents, Students & Community:

Thank you for helping to move our school district forward, particularly as we continue to be a district in transition; from state control to local control and especially as a district that has incorporated stakeholder engagement in our mission and vision for our students going forward. Your input has and will continue to be a vital part of the (new) Newark Board of Education.

As we continue to expand our plans for every student to excel, we also began a journey of what education should look like in Newark. From the start, we knew community input (government, civic and business) must be a part of the narrative because of their significance in moving our students forward.



The foundation of our future is presented in NPS Clarity 2020. NPS Clarity 2020 is the strategic plan that has at its core, to identify how we begin to develop our schools and our students in a way that our students and the community has long desired and deserved. The objectives of this one-year strategic plan are three-fold. The three major public components of the plan are a Community Conversation, which I hosted in January at which more than 300 people attended, followed by 9 roundtable stakeholder teams who have met regularly. The second public element of NPS Clarity 2020 is the Formal Presentation to the Superintendent from the 9 stakeholder groups who were charged with developing a plan. The meeting to present the plan will be held on May 1 at the Paul Robeson Center at Rutgers University. The final public element of NPS Clarity 2020 is the unveiling of the Strategic Plan in June.

The formal presentation of the findings of the 9 stakeholder groups will be presented on May 1. I will present the final plan on June 13. NPS Clarity 2020 is intended to create a one-year strategic plan that fuels and funnels a 10-year strategic plan entitled The Next Decade: 2020-2030. Every voice in Newark can help us move closer to the ultimate goal of creating a new educational ecosystem in Newark, that will benefit our students, our district and our city for the next 10 years.

Also, you should know that we are continuing to conduct a needs assessment. We are looking at best practices, curriculum, textbooks, evaluation tools for teachers and school leaders, interim assessments, facilities (from roof to boiler and every room in between), budget, and other opportunities to improve instructional delivery, facilities and the entire educational experience.

These are just some of my priorities, as we continue to create and cement a footprint for our students and our district. In addition to NPS Clarity 2020, we continue to show improvements in attendance, with an overall attendance rate above 90 percent.

Thank you again for your input, engagement and ideas - together we are making a difference for every student in Newark.

In closing, I want to thank two members of the Board whose leadership and commitment to the students of Newark was evident in their role as members of the Board. Kim Gaddy and Leah Owens, on behalf of the students, parents, teachers, administrators, and Central Office staff, thank you for everything you have done to advance education in Newark. To the two new Board Members, Shayvonne Anderson and A'Dorian Murray-Thomas, we would also like to welcome you, and wish you success as we embark on this new endeavor.

Sincerely,

Roger León



Photographed with the students are Superintendent Roger León, Director of the Newark Public Library (NPL) Jeffrey Trzeciak, NPL Principal Librarian Dale Colston, Esq., and Dr. Sherri-Ann P. Butterfield, Executive Vice Chancellor and Associate Professor of Sociology

**Panasonic and the Hispanic Heritage Foundation Launch Code as a Second Language in Newark, NJ, to Introduce Students to Needed Tech Skills**

From left to right: Linda-Marie Brandon, Executive Director, The Salvation Army; and Girls Club of Newark; Brandon, Executive Director, Office of Corporate Social Responsibility & Government Affairs, Panasonic Foundation; Nelson Tigrino, President and CEO of the Hispanic Heritage Foundation; Roger León, Superintendent, Newark Public Schools; Assemblywoman Susan Foster Mann; Dalia Rivera, Program Director of the Boys and Girls Club; Hispanic Heritage Foundation; BOYS & GIRLS CLUB; DOING THE MOST GOOD; Panasonic

# Thank you for your Service & Commitment to our Students and Staff



**KIM GADDY**  
BOARD MEMBER



**LEAH OWENS**  
BOARD MEMBER

## Students Bring Home First Place and Other Awards in National & State Debate Competitions



The Board recently recognized five students who are nationally recognized and/or ranked as the best debaters in the country.

Read more about the students below:

Hasna Jahnyah Aliyy is the Senior Class President at Central High School. Hasna she finished 2nd in Humorous Interpretation at Harvard University; 2nd Place in Princeton Humorous Interpretation and 2nd Place in Montville Humorous Interpretation. She is also a part of Central HS dual enrollment program at Essex County College.

Yamin Reddick of Central High School won Octofinals Dramatic Interpretation at Harvard University, 5th Place at the University of Pennsylvania Oral Interpretation, 1st Place at Hunterdon Central Oral interpretation and 3rd Place DUO Interpretation at Princeton. He is captain of the debate team and his academic performance in class and in the national debate circuit has resulted in city, state and national recognitions.

Osmane Sanogo is a senior at Science Park who won the State Championship Lincoln-Douglas Debate. Osmane defeated Millburn High School's top two debaters to become the 2019 NJ State Champion in Lincoln Douglas debate. Osmane is also ranked the 11th best Debater in the United States by the National Debate Coaches Association. His national ranking comes in part from placing 4th out of 180 debaters from across the United States at the Glenbrooks Debate Tournament in Chicago and the 4th out of over 150 debaters from across the United States at the Blake Debate Tournament in Minnesota.

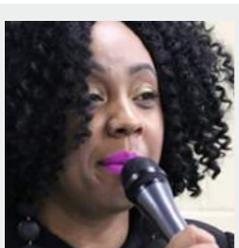
Also, the Board recognized the Central High School Speech and Debate Team for taking 6th place in the State Championship. Zawadi Kabazimya, State Champion in Oral Interpretation; Zawadi Kabazimya & Isiah Briggs placed 2nd in Duo; Isiah Briggs placed 4th in Dramatic Interpretation; and Yamin Reddick placed 5th in Oral Interpretation. Dennis Philbert is coach and Saul Groullon is assistant coach.

### THE BOARD RECOGNIZES PARENTS

- Central Ward:** Cheryl Dessasau, Central High School
- East/Central Ward:** Maria Rodrigues, Oliver Street School
- North Ward:** Leslie McGlowin, Luis Muñoz Marin School
- South/West Ward:** Zakia Ezghari, Mount Vernon Elementary School



## Welcome to our New Board Members!



Shayvonne Anderson



A'Dorian Murray-Thomas



Tave Padilla

### MEET THE BOARD



**Josephine C. Garcia**  
Board Chairperson



**Dawn Haynes**  
Vice Chairperson



**Andre Ferreira**  
Student Representative



**Reginald Bledsoe**



**Kim Gaddy**



**Yambeli Gomez**



**Flohisha Hill**



**Asia J. Norton**



**Leah Owens**



**Tave Padilla**



Congratulations to the following Board Members on achieving NJSBA Board Member Certification.

- Reginald Bledsoe
- Josephine C. Garcia
- Flohisha Hill
- Tave Padilla
- Leah Owens

### Student Representative Application for 2019-2020

#### Requirements

1. Rising Junior or Senior
2. Minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0
3. No disciplinary issues
4. Must maintain good standing

#### Application Process

- Completed application
- 1 teacher recommendation
- 1 guidance counselor recommendation
- 2 peer recommendations
- 1 administrator recommendation
- Copy of transcript and junior year report card
- Photograph
- Email typed application and all required documents to the studentrep@nps.k12.nj.us along with a photo