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# The PawPrint

“Making Lanier better one PawPrint at a Time.”

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## Culture Corner: A Look at the Beauty of our Heritage



Lanier High School

Lanier High School takes its name from that of the late, distinguished W.H. Lanier, a former President of Alcorn College and the first Supervisor of Jackson Colored Public Schools. Lanier was born a slave in Huntsville, Alabama in 1851. He attended Tougaloo College, Oberlin College and Fisk University and received his B.A. degree from Roger Williams University. He served as president of Alcorn A&M for six years. Lanier taught school in Forest, Winona, Black Hawk, Carrollton, Yazoo City and Jackson. He was principal of the Robertson School from 1912-1929.

Lanier was first organized as a junior-senior high school in 1925 providing instruction for pupils from the seventh through the twelfth grades. A new chapter was added to our history when, on February 8, 1954, we transferred from the old Lanier at 136 East Ash Street and occupied the new Lanier Junior-Senior High School building at 833 West Maple Street. On January 27, 1972, the United States Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals ordered that Lanier School be designated as a center for the enrollment of 10th, 11th, and 12th grade students. In 1991, 9th grade students were added to the enrollment.

## From Bullied Teen to 17-year-old CEO

By Lillyunna Robinson, freshman

Valerie Weisler is a 17-year-old senior who has had a rough start to high school. Valerie was bullied by the kids at school, because she was an introverted student. They would call her mute, make up rumors, etc. Soon Valerie's life changed, in 2013, when she saw a classmate getting bullied. She approached him and said "You matter." He told her he was planning to commit suicide; that really validated him.

When she went home later that day she looked up the word "validated".

That word inspired her to start a global movement. She started it off with \$25. She became the CEO of the Validation Project. Soon after she reached the White House and met celebrities. She said that some of the girls that bullied her asked her for an internship at her organization. She accepted them hoping that she showing how powerful being kind is they won't think being mean is a need.

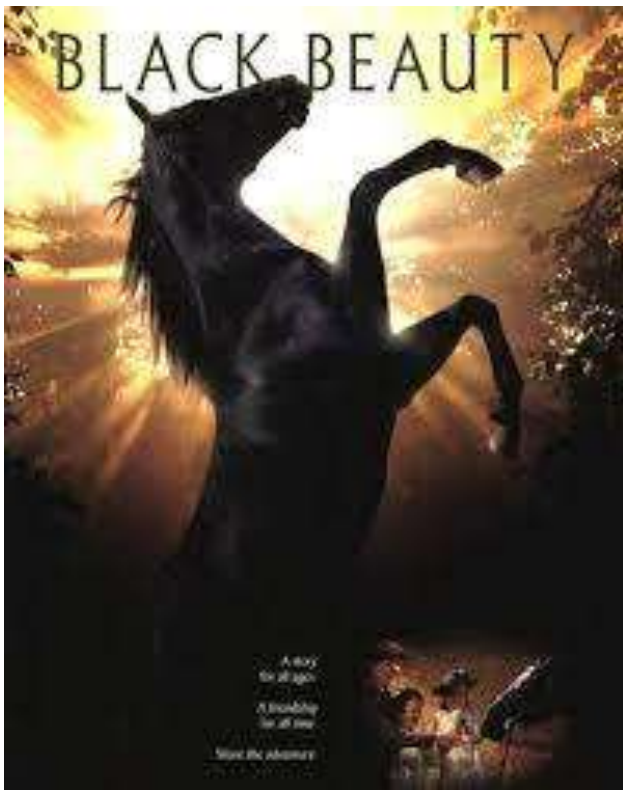


## The Book Review Black Beauty

By Daniel Wynn, Freshman

Black Beauty is written by the wonderful author Anna Siwell which gives a vivid heartwarming soul breaking description of the life a normal horse goes through. When Black Beauty was just foal his mother told him not rough house like the other horses because of this upbringing lead him to be a gentle horse. . He was then moved to Farmer Grey's home where he was treated and trained well with new friends to comfort him such as the rambunctious Horse Ginger and the lovable pony merry legs. He was then purchased by Earl of Was Farmer Grey's mistress fell quite ill and was told to move to a more suitable for her.

As he and ginger where their she reverted back to her old ways of being mean and biting and kicking due to the fact that their previous master didn't make them where reigns to keep their head up. He was then purchased by Jeremiah Barker A.K.A Jerry to be a cab horse but he didn't work on Sundays and he also witnessed a very tragic loss of someone he held dear to him while at work. As if all hope was lost Black Beauty ended up with three kind old ladies and one of his old stablemen as he lived out the last of his days.



## How to Deal with The loss of Someone?

By Joseph Jiles, freshman

We've all experienced the loss of someone in our lives but not everyone can find ways to cope or deal with the loss. So here are some useful ways to deal with the loss of someone. First it's ok if you feel angry at that person for leaving you should let all your anger and frustration out so that the healing process can begin to happen. Secondly don't do things or go places that remind you of that person the reason why is you don't want to feel sad but instead go places they wanted to go or do stuff they wished they could do and you'll feel better knowing you did something special for that person. Thirdly talk out your feelings with someone you trust and feel comfortable telling them this will benefit you due to the simple fact that a problem shared is a problem halved. They will also be there to guide you and help you get over the emotions you are feeling. Lastly if all else fails make an



Don't worry if your family doesn't have the means to pay for the sessions because our government has a place called Hinds Behavioral Health Center which is designed to help those who cannot afford and if you aren't accepted we do have a counselor at school designed to help with these problems.

## May Horoscopes

By Joseph Jiles, Freshman

**Aries:** As an Aries you are adventurous by nature; however, don't let this trait cause you to be impulsive. Take time to think your situations through completely before acting.

**Taurus:** You are strong and reliable, and always there when your friends need you. That being said you should make sure your friends are just that, your friends. So as to make certain your good nature is not being taken advantage of.

**Gemini:** Your intellectual character and witty humor may get you admiration from many but be careful not to offend those around you or make them feel manipulated.

**Cancer:** When you think of loving you associate this feeling with happiness and joy. However, this trait of yours Cancer may be your downfall, do not be so quick to get attached

**Leo:** As a Leo you are enthusiastic and put your heart and soul into all of your endeavors, however be sure not to take everything this seriously as this may lead to control issues.

**Virgo:** The shy nature that you exhibit as a Virgo allows you to analyze people and situations, but at the same time can cause you to worry too much and over criticize yourself

**Libra:** Libras are very sociable and make friends easily. But at the same time they are easily changed by others ideas. Make sure to stand your ground for your thoughts and feelings, your true friends will stay with you regardless.

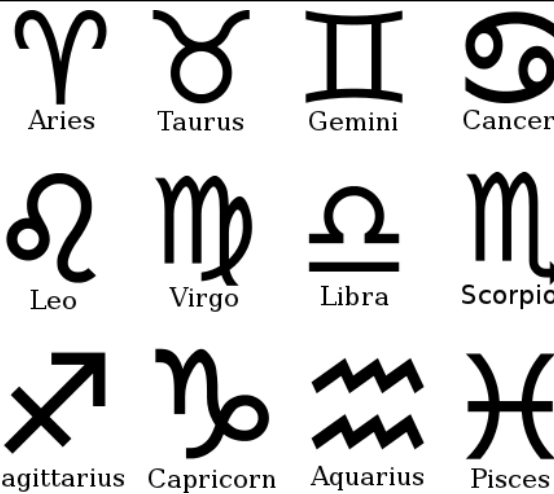
**Scorpio:** Your fierce determination will get you where you want to go in life; however, be open to change and new ideas. Don't let your stubbornness keep you from communicating healthily with your friends

**Sagittarius:** You, as a Sagittarius, adore your freedom. However, this at times causes you to be irresponsible. Be sure to get your priorities in order and to take some things more seriously

**Capricorn:** As a Capricorn you may feel that people must be just as disciplined and reserved as you are. But this is not the case, in fact you should learn to loosen up and let loose once in a while, don't take life so seriously

**Aquarius:** Your independence is something you value very deeply however doesn't allow yourself to become unemotional and detached from the people around you. Remember being independent does not mean you cannot have friends

**Pisces:** Imaginative and creative, these traits give you another view on the world. Just be sure not to let this new view interfere and cause you to lose perspective on what's in front of you. Make sure to see things from all angles.



## 2015 BLOCKBUSTERS

**Avengers: Age of Ultron**

**Jurassic Park**

**Mad Max: Fury Road**

**Mission Impossible: Rouge Nation**

**Terminator: Genisys**



# Lanier High School Newspaper Staff 2015-2016

Newspaper Staff Favorite Quotes

Philandra Green-We may encounter many defeats but we must not be defeated. -Maya Angelou

Akeria Jones- “Strength doesn’t come from what you can do, it comes from overcoming the things you once thought you couldn’t. – Rikki Rogers

Joseph Jiles- No man knows what he can do until he tries. – Carter Woodson

Blair Lee- “Those who mind, don’t matter, and those who matter don’t mind.” – Dr. Seuss


Taja Lewis- “Never be limited.”- Mae Jemison  
Lillyuanna Robinson-“If you don’t understand yourself you don’t understand anybody else.” – Nikki Giovanni

Marquise Parker-“The time is always right to do what is right.” –Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Eriana Williams-“Success doesn’t come to you...you go to it.” – Marva Collins

Daniel Wynn- What you work or pay for is what you get. If you don’t pay or work for nothing you get nothing.”

Newspaper Staff 2016-2016



Back row, L-R: Monique Durr, Eriana Williams, Daniel Wynn, Marquise Parker, Sabastian Robinson

Front row, L-R: Lillyanna Robinson, Blair Lee

Not Pictured: Philandra Green, Akeria Jones, Joseph Jiles, Taja Lewis

Extra Curriculum at Lanier

**100 Black Men-Band-** Mr. Wynn  
**Baseball-**Coach Jones  
**Basketball, Boys-**Coach Neal  
**Basketball, Girl-**Coach James  
**Cheerleading-** Ms. Jackson  
**Choir-** Mrs. Barron  
**Cross Country-**Coach Neal  
**Drill Team-** Ms. Jackson  
**Drama Club-** Mrs. Barron  
**DYO-**Mr. Ford  
**Football-** Coach Stapleton  
**JROTC-**Stg. Battle, Stg Burnett, Stg. Daniels  
**Newspaper Staff-** Mrs. Moffett/Mrs. Andrews  
**Robotics-**Mr. Randolph, Ms. B. Davis  
**Soccer-** Dr. Virgil  
**Sigma Beta-** Dr. Catchings  
**Tennis-** Dr. Virgil  
**Track-** Coach James, Coach Houston  
**Yearbook Staff-** Ms. Barnes

*By Taja Lewis, Junior*  
For the year of 2015-2016, the Bulldogs are gearing up for an exciting season. Coming off of 18 and 12 last year and Coach Neal's third year here at the hand of the Bulldogs. This year it's either gold ball or bust with nine guys returning with plenty of experience. This year, with a tough schedule ahead of us we plan to come out each game getting better. This year could be the year!

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## BRAINTEASER

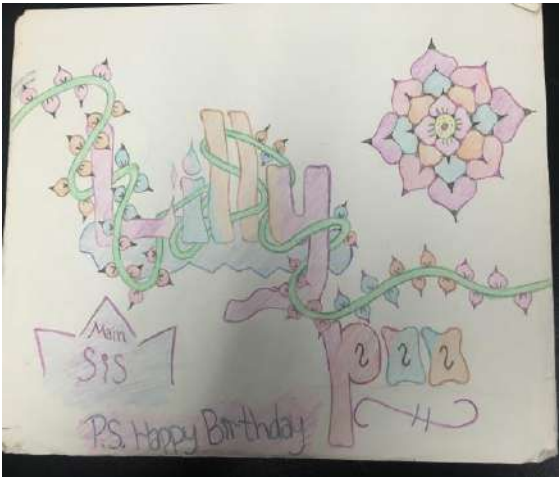
Many have Heard me, but no one has seen me, and I will not speak back until spoken to. What am I?

Check next issue for the Answer>>>>

## Student Corner

Original Art work by Philandra Green.

“I created this picture for my dear friend on her birthday to let her know we are and will always be good friends.”



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