



# CONNECTION

*A newsletter for the Thomas Academy family*  
*Keeping connection through communication*

October 2018 Edition

## *From the Director's Desk*

### *What a start to the year!*

The start to our academic year has taken more twists and turns than the biggest roller coaster at Carowinds! Luckily, we were all buckled in and ready.

Because of the way our academic calendar is put together, we have no concerns about making up days to meet Department of Public Instruction requirements. With our additional 30 minutes of instructional time daily, we are more than meeting expectations for contact time with our students.

Our commitment to the students remains the same. We want our students to keep achieving so we have expanded our after school tutoring from three days to four in an effort to make sure that we continue to make gains that exceed expectations.

Please remember, I practice an open door policy for students, staff, and parents. If at any time you have a question or concern, please call me. I can be reached on my cell phone at **910-874-1456** or by email at **geraldine.bradshaw@thomasacademync.org**. The best time for a focused conversation is after 6 p.m. as I will be able to give you my full attention. During school hours my focus is on the children.

Thank you to all involved in giving me the opportunity to grow our children.



Yours in service,  
*Geraldine Bradshaw*

## *Dates to Remember*

October 31 - Teacher Work Day/No School for Students	November 12 - Veteran's Day (Observed) No School for Staff or Students
October 31 - Teacher Conferences 5 - 7 p.m.	November 21 - 23 - Thanksgiving Holiday
November 1 - ACT Testing	No School for Staff or Students

**Connection** is the newsletter for Thomas Academy designed to uphold the commitment to connection through communication. It is distributed once a month during the academic year to provide continuing updates on the happenings of the school. To remain connected between issues, visit the website at [www.thomasacademync.org](http://www.thomasacademync.org) and become a fan on Facebook: [www.facebook.com/ThomasAcademyNC/](https://www.facebook.com/ThomasAcademyNC/)

## Students of the Month

The Students of the Month are selected by the faculty. In addition to their performance in the classroom, they are chosen through the demonstration of their commitment to the Thomas Academy motto of Connection, Compassion, & Character.

The October students of the month are:

**Norah Sessoms**  
**Middle School Student**

**Holly Collins**  
**High School Student**



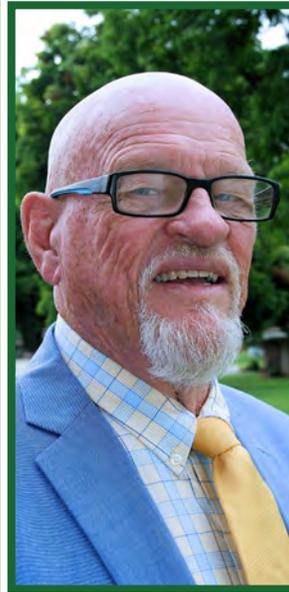
## Staff of the Month

**Shanita Ward**  
**Office Manager**



Ms. Ward is the smiling face in the office to provide the administrative support for our school. She is the one who keeps things going on a day to day basis and is always willing to go the extra mile to support our staff to educate our children!

## Doc's Corner



***"Don't ever let a glass ceiling steer you away from your dreams. Break through those glass ceilings for your future and those who come after you. You will be a positive force in the world. Just make me proud."***

Dr. Tom Simmons  
Vice President for  
Education

## News at a Glance

- After school programs are now in session! We have after school tutoring for one hour and clubs for the final hour. Transportation is provided only if the student stays for the full 2 hours. If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Bradshaw.
- The gym floor has been spruced up with layers of old wax removed and a fresh coat applied. We are expecting to hold tournaments in our gym this year along with games against schools like East Columbus High School and Whiteville High School. We will have many new visitors on campus visiting for our sporting events.
- The Remind app remains the fastest way to receive updates on the school. Make sure to sign up!