

The **ROUNDTABLE**

EDUCATION. OPPORTUNITY. EQUITY.

Bienvenido Ms. Culpepper!

Along with welcoming in the New Year, Mansion scholars and staff welcomed our new Spanish teacher **Ms. Deja Culpepper**. Ms. Culpepper was born and raised in upstate New York. As a young woman of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, incorporated education is extremely important to her, especially the education of Black youth. However, she thoroughly enjoys Netflix and listening to music as much as the next person. She was first introduced to the Spanish language at the age of six and her interest in it and the culture of the people who speak it increased with her age. She is a proud Temple University graduate who majored in Spanish and minored in Criminal Justice, and her love for the former runs deep. She is super excited to share this passion with her new students here at The Mansion. When you see Ms. Culpepper, be sure to say "HOLA!"



Abdullah Nets 1,000 Career Points

For a high school boys basketball player, scoring 1,000 career points is the ultimate goal. Strawberry Mansion High School Knights' **Mustapha Abdullah** made Mansion history on January 3rd, 2020 by doing just that. The senior point guard secured his place in the record books joining an illustrious group of Knights, like Maurice Rice, during a SMHS win against SLA Beeber. Congratulations Mus!



JANUARY 1
New Year's Day
NO SCHOOL



JANUARY 20
NO SCHOOL!
MLK Day of Service



JANUARY 24
12pm Dismissal
Staff Professional
Development



JANUARY 30
Senior Retakes

Culinary Scholar Secures Internship

Strawberry Mansion High School Culinary Arts student **Tahira Briscoe**, recently was offered an internship at Saxbys Coffee Company. Saxbys is a hospitality company fueled by a rave-worthy menu, and driven by its mission to “Make Life Better,” and fiercely dedicated to social impact in the communities it serves. As part of her internship, Tahira will have the opportunity to create a variety of coffee concoctions from the Saxbys’ menu as well as work as part of the team on the operational side of the business. Saxbys even offers competitive wages, benefits, and resources for their team members. She will be gaining invaluable experience for her future culinary endeavors... Best of luck Tahira!



Did you KNOW?

As we celebrate MLK Day of Service here's 5 facts that you might not already know...

1. King's birth name was Michael, not Martin: The civil rights leader was born Michael King Jr. on January 15, 1929. In 1934, however, his father, a pastor, traveled to Germany and became inspired by the Protestant Reformation leader Martin Luther. As a result, King Sr. changed his own name as well as that of his 5-year-old son.
2. He entered college at the age of 15: King was such a gifted student that he skipped grades nine and 12 before enrolling in 1944 at Morehouse College, the alma mater of his father and grandfather.
3. King was imprisoned nearly 30 times: He was arrested for acts of civil disobedience and even for driving 30 miles-per-hour in a 25 mile-per-hour zone.
4. King's mother was also slain by a bullet: While King's mother played the organ church, shots were fired, struck her, and she died steps from where her son had preached nonviolence. The shooter life imprisonment, in part due to the King family's opposition to capital punishment.
5. George Washington is the only other American to have had his birthday observed as a national holiday: In 1983, President Reagan signed a bill that created a federal holiday to honor King. The holiday, first commemorated in 1986, is celebrated on the third Monday in January, close to the civil rights leader's January 15 birthday.

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