



# 2023 FLASHBACK

## RELIVE ALL THE MOMENTS FROM LAST SEMEMSTER!



### Sit-down with Dr. Middleton



### Events and memories

In the year of 2023 Lucy Craft Laney hosted many events and shared memories with the students here on the BLVD, we hosted our annual homecoming which put the rest of the CSRA on notice, we had major success with our football teams and other sports, our very own *Mrs. Terri Green* winning Teacher Of The Year for the whole district, and much, much that happened here at our amazing institution.

Our staff here at Lucy Craft Laney’s journalism team had a chance to sit down with our beloved principal *Dr. Cordaryl Middleton* to ask him the hard-hitting questions we all want to know.



What’s next for our programs and sports here at Laney? What is the *Pride Of Augusta’s* marching band up to? Does Chief or the leadership in the *JROTC Battalion* have any trips or competitions planned? What does Mrs. Davis have planned for the *P.E.A.R.L.S* and *SkillsUSA*?

# An Interview from the Teacher of the Year

Aniyah Jones and Vertez Moore



Aniyah Jones and Vertez Moore sat down with Laney High School’s very own Terri Green. Mrs. Green received the great honor of “Teacher of the Year” of Richmond County. She will represent the whole district as the “Teacher of the Year”. In this interview, they will be asking about this experience.

**[Aniyah]** How did you feel about winning Teacher of the Year?

**[Terri Green]** Oh, I was excited. I was in shock because I didn't really, I wanted to win it, but I didn't really know if I would win it. I didn't really know if the process was like how it goes, how they make a decision. They gave me nothing in regard to a scoring rubric, or anything like that. So, it just was just an amazing, you know, when it happened. And the funny thing is they didn't call my name. They called the school's name first, which when they said Lucy, my first mind was like, who is Lucy? And then I heard one of my teachers yell out and then by that time they said my name and I knew it was me. So it was exciting.

**[Aniyah]** So, speaking of the process, how was the process during qualifications for Teacher of the Year?

**[Terri]** Oh, it was, hmm, what's the word? It was like a roller coaster. It was up and down. It was exciting to know what you have to do, but it was a lot of work. It was a lot of extra work. I will say in some moments I did become a little discouraged because it just seemed like it was a little confusing, not confusing, but it would seem like it wasn't as organized as I would have thought. But there was a series of about five teachers and administrators that came through my room and observed me doing an entire lesson. And of course, they tell you it's planned. Tell us what time, tell us what day, but for me, it never worked out that way, there was a conflict somehow and so they had to come on a day that was not announced, a day that was not planned. So luckily for me, I was teaching every day. There was no movie days. **[Vertez]** Yes. **[Terri]** Right.





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## 2023 RECAP

DEONAH SCURRY, CHRIS SANDERS, AND TERENCE HUNTER  
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Our 2023 semester consisted of drastic changes, a lot of new policies, never-ending problems, and a bunch of new activities. One of the biggest accomplishments this year was our Coronation and Homecoming, this was by far one of the biggest homecomings Lucy C. Laney High School has ever had. Coming into the new school year, Dr. Middleton, our principal, had a lot of new expectations, new rules, and new policies set in place to promote better learning and better responsibility for the students. Phones became something like a privilege especially in our classes, catching up as a learner became more of self-learning to teach us how to stay focused and get our work done on time. This year I think was more about building our scores and getting our school in a higher percentage based on previous years. The graduating numbers such as the people graduating are becoming very important.

They are giving us all the tools and opportunities to get as much done so we can graduate on time and have a higher rate than in previous years. We have had a lot more opportunities such as things after school to help us or even promote better learning. Lastly, our school now has clubs, sports, and activities for everyone. If you like a certain thing, there's a spot for you because we have everything to give people a chance to feel important and included. We won several regional championships, and a few made it to the state. Our band participated in many events in and out of state and received many rewards. Overall, the 2023 school year's first semester gave everyone a chance to see what Laney has to offer and how we operate. We are hoping for a prosperous and growing year. Thank you all for your support!





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## ALL ABOUT DR. MIDDLETON

LEILANI MOORE AND JAQARI STEWART  
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### 1. What degrees has Dr. Middleton earned?

Dr. Middleton has earned a Bachelor of Science in Middle Grades Education, a Master of Education in Curriculum & Instruction, a Specialist in Education in Teaching & Learning, a Specialist in Education in Educational Leadership, and a Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership.



### 2. What is Dr. Middleton's content/subject matter expertise?

Dr. Middleton's content/subject matter expertise includes English Language Arts, Mathematics, Gifted, and Leadership.

### 3. What positions has Dr. Middleton held in education?

Dr. Middleton has held various positions in education, including teacher, instructional coach, and administrator. He has worked at Morgan Road Middle School, CT Walker Magnet School, Spirit Creek Middle School, Hephzibah High School, Richmond Hill K-8, and Lucy C. Laney High School.



### 4. What is Dr. Middleton's life motto?

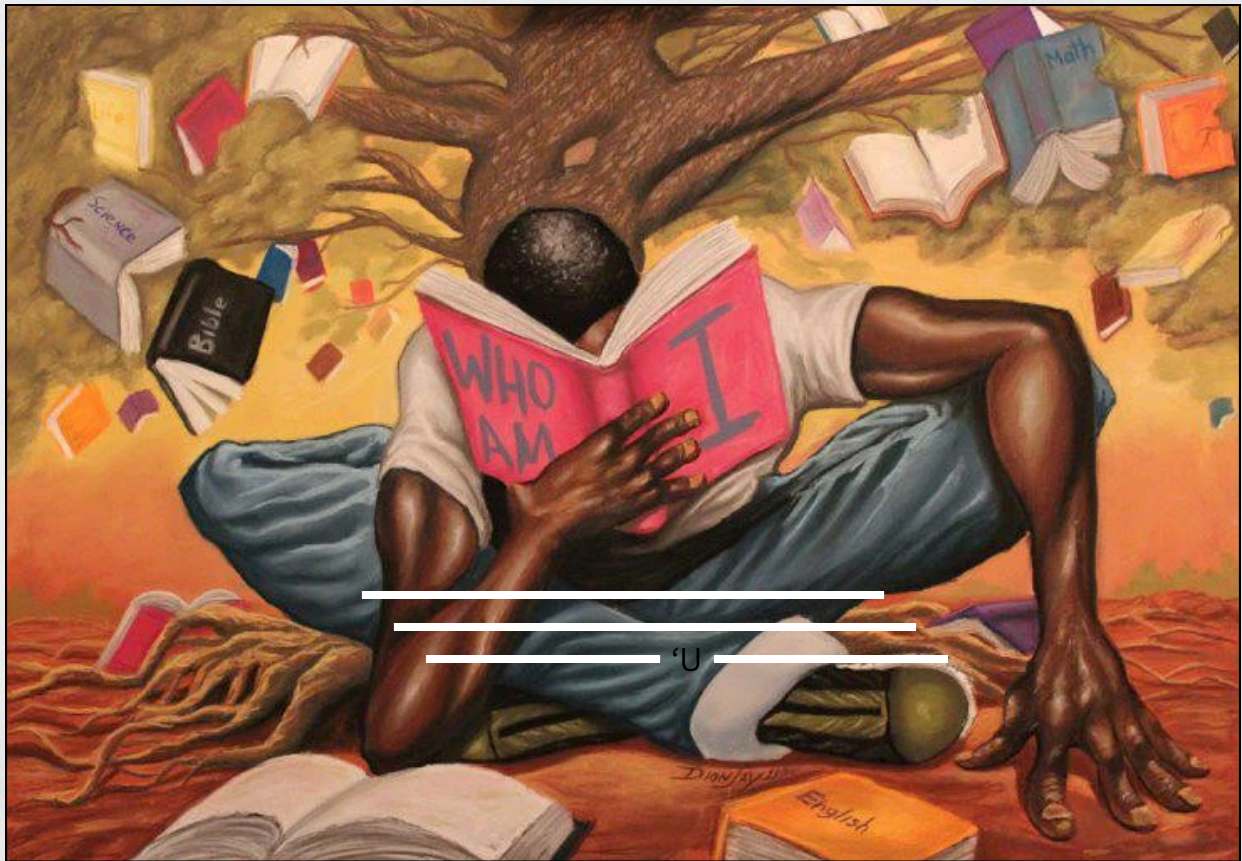
Dr. Middleton's life motto is to have a greater impact on his community and to serve as an inspiration to others in fulfilling their purpose in life.

#MovingOnPurposeWithAPurpose.



# THE KICKOFF TO BLACK HISTORY MONTH

BY: TIYANA PARKS



## TREE OF KNOWLEDGE BY DION POLLARD

### THE MEANING BEHIND THIS ART?

In world where there are many books going in depth about certain subjects, a young man (seen in the painting) pushes them all to the side to find a better book about who he is. On top of that, the viewer could make an inference that he isn't just deep diving into himself but more of his history or heritage, which is a great idea to the reason for the tree being in the piece; It could stand for his roots and where he has started and what he has grown from or into, which is depicted behind him with the tree and roots growing under him.

### WHY DID I CHOOSE THIS PIECE?

I chose this painting because I believe that the education of young African Americans is important. This painting conveys how much of our heritage is hidden, or restricted. We deserve to know and explore our past so that the children of the future remember what happened so long ago and are educated in our rights and develop better opportunities for the future.



## JV CHEER

LE'AUNNA BRIGGS  
CRAFT CHRONICLES



I am apart of Lucy Craft Laney cheer team. My cheer season has been an absolute blast for me. Being part of the team and cheering on our school has been such an incredible experience. It's amazing to see how our hard work and dedication pay off during games and competitions. The energy on the sidelines is electric, and the bond we've formed as a team is unbreakable. From learning new routines to perfecting stunts,



every practice has been filled with excitement and growth. I've made lifelong friendships and created memories that I'll cherish forever.







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## VARSITY

## CHEER

DEONAH SCURRY  
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My name is *Deonah Scurry* aka “Miss Laney” and I have been a Laney Varsity cheerleader for the past year. My experience this time has been nothing but amazing; I participate in so many more activities and now I’m able to feel comfortable being in front of crowds at games. We right now are participating in a “Double Good” fundraiser to help raise money for future uniforms and better funding for the upcoming cheerleaders. We participate in parades, runs/walks, and any community service we can. We are close with our coach Miss Lawrence. Our Varsity cheer team supports all sports and help promote school spirit. We currently have senior night coming up February 9th, where we will do a halftime performance against Westside High School. As the Blvd. baddies we thank you for all your support and we are always going to help support our teams as long as we can.



# 2023-24 SPORTS SUMMARY

JAFRIEL JONES AND  
TERRENCE HUNTER



January 2024

This is what happened last semester and what's updated

## Upcoming Sports

Tennis: Tryouts ongoing.

Soccer: Schedule incoming.

Golf: Anyone interested in trying out for golf, Please see Mr. Adams in room 604.

Track and Field: In progress, no new updates

Baseball Season is approaching.

## Boys

### Varsity:

#### More to come

The boy's varsity team is still ongoing but their season record is 10 wins and 10 losses winning their most recent game on Friday, January 26th, 2024 by 55 points. The score was 86-31 against Josey.

### Boys JV:

*Basketball season started in early to mid-November. The Junior Varsity season ended Wednesday, January 24th, 2024 against Glenn Hills High School. They ended their season with a 1-9 record.*

## Girls JV:

### Playoff

#### Performers

***The Girl's JV made it to their playoff game and making it to the championship game. This weekend they lost their championship game to Butler on Saturday, January 27th, 2024.***

## Girls Varsity

***Varsity on the other hand for this season their record is 8-11 record. Wishing the ladies the best of luck to the rest of the season.***



2023-24  
SPORTS  
SUMMARY

JAFRIEL JONES AND  
TERRENCE HUNTER



January 2024

# Football

Football season on the Blvd was pure entertainment. Our JV Wildcats won it all and brought the JV Championship trophy back to the Blvd. Our Varsity Wildcats had a great season , they made it to the second round of the playoffs. Despite Varsity not finishing the season how they wanted, some of the players have been receiving scholarships offers throughout the offseason.

### Upcoming Sports

Tennis: First  
Game 2/13/24

Soccer:  
Schedule  
incoming

Golf: In progress,  
no new updates

Track and Field:  
In progress, no  
new updates

Baseball: First  
Game is 2/13/24



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## PRIDE OF AUGUSTA (BAND)

ASHAUN CLARK  
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I am currently a student in the POA Marching band, I play snare for the “*BUMPEROSKI’s*” (Laney’s Drumline). A little bit about my experience; the Florida trip was very exciting and fun, and a very amazing thing to be a part of. Hanging out with the band members was memorable and we made a name for ourselves even 8 hours away. To participate in different parades, events, or activities. we hosted fundraisers such as fish fry's, concessions, selling fruit, and selling chocolate to help raise money for the band. Some other things that being in the band has brought upon me are: I've been able to visit different colleges, multiple battle of the bands, and drumline competitions. The drumline built a bond that was like a brotherhood and as we finish the school year, we are still supporting the school and participating in upcoming events. We appreciate all the support that has come our way from the school.







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## JROTC

CHRISTOPHER SANDERS  
CRAFT CHRONICLES

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Hi, I am Cadet Sanders, also known as “Mr. JROTC”, from the *LCL Wildcat Battalion* and I am here to shed some light on how somethings operate within the program and my experience. I started my JROTC journey when I was a freshman taking that class and not really enjoying it, I then proceeded to leave the program my sophomore year to try new things. I looked and I tried but everywhere I looked, I saw a cadet in uniform or having fun, and I wanted that to be me on that drill team going to state missing class. Once my 11th grade year hit, I joined back, and it was honestly one of the best decisions of my whole high school life. I met new people, tried new thing, built my confidence, and most importantly, found a family within the battalion. In the battalion, we do become serious at times and work our butts off, but we do have a goofy side that takes over. At the end of the day, we are all just high school students wanting to have fun, wanting to better ourselves and generations to come, wanting to make a brighter future. As I walk across that stage in may, I want to think about the leaders I had coming up in the program and the ones that I have influenced to stay and become a leader themselves.



# Lucy C. Laney Alma Mater

*Nestled 'amongst the hills of  
Georgia. Stands the school we  
hold most dear. And with hearts  
filled with devotion Sing we now  
without a fear.*

*Thou art unto us a star,  
Guiding us to truth's great light,  
Laney, Laney, Dear Ol' Laney,  
We'll fore'er be true to thee.*



*Laney, Laney, Laney, Dear Ol'  
Laney Thy song shall be our trail.  
Honor, courage, truth and  
devotion, May we never fail.  
Looking forward, reaching  
upward, Climbing on to greater  
heights, Fame and wisdom won  
forever,  
Dear Ol' Laney High*

Credits-

2024 recap: Deonah Scurry, Christopher Sanders, Le Briggs  
Principle interview: Vertez Moore, Aniyah Jones, JaQari Stewart,  
Leilani Moore

Sports: Jafriel Jones and Terrence Hunter  
Black History Month: Tiyana Parks

Interview with Teacher of the Year: Vertez Moore, Aniyah Jones, and Jafriel Jones  
Olma Malter and Credits: Erika Barnes