

## Another PC Tryout?

“Don’t be scared to tryout, we’re all family.”

By: Cha’Raya Hawkins

After tryouts in April, cheer camp, summer practice, Pearl Cohn cheer team hosted a mid-season tryout ONLY for basketball season.

### WHY ANOTHER TRYOUT?

Girls that play other sports and can’t tryout at the “original” tryout could participate in mid-season. “Ninth through twelfth graders could try out if you attend Pearl-Cohn” said Senior cheerleader Kelexus Johnson. Johnson, who’s been on the cheer team for two plus years said “It’s a good high-school experience, I totally recommend girls to cheer in high school. Doing something that interferes with your high school is always a good choice to keep you focused and staying out the way of trouble.

Pearl-Cohn high school had cheer tryouts in the small gym September twelfth - thirteen, to welcome new people that wants to tryout. Tryouts was “hard” due to learning two cheers and 1 long dance, also knowing what comes with cheer. “Yes, I feel like we have a good number of people, for a basketball cheer team “ Kelexus Johnson said. The pearl Cohn cheer leaders practice Monday-Thursday for football and Monday and Wednesday for basketball due to games being twice a week. Congrats to the new 8 people that joined the squad who are: Jamaria, Coron, Armarea, Jakayla, Aries, Aniyah, Eriyah, and Daysheonaz They cheer at games, pep rallies and all around school spirit .

*“Don’t be scared to tryout, we’re all family and we don’t judge” - Kelexus Johnson*



*Pearl-Cohn cheerleaders showing support for the Firebird football team.*

## Warner Music Nashville Going All IN

Arielle Boling is making history as Pearl-Cohn's first artist to drop a single worldwide.

By: Jerome Knight

Arielle Bolling is getting ready to drop her single “Guitar Sale”. It is going to be released by and through our student lead Pearl-Cohn record label, Relentless Entertainment and partnership with Warner Music Nashville.

This is happening through relations between Pearl-Cohn and her school, Big Picture High School and on Tuesdays and Thursdays all their students have an internship and hers happens to be here. These internships allow the students to get experience and a feel of what they want to do as a career. She first heard about the internship last year through a former artist, Jehlin Hayes. Our internship allows her to pursue her music dream, allows the students to experience what it is like to be in a studio and understand how the music industry works. The best part about it is what Arielle is going to experience and that is being able to have her music released worldwide to many. She says Pearl-Cohn has helped build her career by allowing her to “collaborate with artists and people my age. It also helped me, and my school get recognition.”

The meaning of self-written “Guitar Sale,” her upcoming single, “An example of many extremities love can push a person to.” The person who impacts Arielle the most is her “Dad because he listens to many genres. He is a great musician and taught me many things.” Also, her brother inspired her to do music because he stopped, which made her want to do it more. Since we are speaking about Arielle’s come up another factor that impacted her now is the fact she has been singing since she was six years old.

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## There is More to the Band



*Kayla Richardson, Drum Major for Pearl-Cohn's Band of Tradition, poses before a performance.*

By: Kayla Richardson

Are you a band head? Do you want to be a band head or are you scared to embrace it? Former Howard University majorette Mrs. Rucker gives Pearl-Cohn readers an inside look on life as a college band member. So many people at Pearl-Cohn never realize the many benefits and networking skills you can gain while participating in the band after school. Mrs. Rucker stated, "Being in the band can help you get acclimated in school and you get to be a part of a deeper alum and build networking skills." Not only does marching band help

create networking connections but it also helps with establishing relationships with new peers, making new memories, stepping

outside of your comfort zone and performing. A fun fact is you can receive a full ride to college to be in band. Some directors offer you money to come dance or play an instrument in their band and if you meet the school's standards, you'll probably have a lot of money and better college experiences than most around you. The Southwestern Athletic Conference is a division made up entirely of historically black colleges and universities which were originally founded to educate students of African American descent. According to Mrs. Rucker, the HBCU she attended is a foundation that helped her as a Black African American woman understand herself, her purpose, and even helped her with learning her roots and your musical ancestor.

So many students are musically talented and don't embrace it at Pearl-Cohn. We are a school known for entertainment and have a Grammy award to prove it. Unfortunately, the band hasn't received a trophy or any acknowledgments since 2018 after taking off in 2002. The least we can do is bring our combined talents to a HBCU band as historically black high school student alumni and get trophies to bring back as inspiration for future generations of our Firebird family.

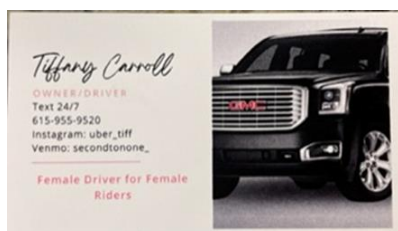
## Want to Make Money? All You Need is a Car

By: Malachi Carey

Are you interested in making over \$2,000 a month? You can do this just by driving your car. A local Nashvillian, Tiffany Jones has made over \$2,000 a month by driving black car services which is like Uber, but you make more money and is one of the most profitable driving gigs. Jones provides limo service in Nashville to celebrities, well know people who travel in and people who live around the city.

Jones had to start at the bottom and was a regular Uber driver around the city for four years where she made a lot of connections around the city at local restaurants, hotels and businesses spreading her name as Uber Tiff. Jones marketed herself by creating an online tour guide on her Instagram page. Now Jones is known and developed a car business that can be booked online.

As a business owner there are no breaks and often work 24:7. Jones stated that "It was hard getting started but once I did it was easier as I went on."



### RELENTLESS continued

Six to 15 to 16 years is a wonderful experience and singing in the symphony had a significant impact she says it was an "Exhilarating experience! Taught me how to adapt and react to not be scared."

Knowing her single release is coming up she is already looking forward to what is next. The first step she wants to take is expansion of music and genres. Music in her perspective means, "Passion and love because it's a part of everyone." The artist's favorite song to write was "My son," like a story, she wrote it sadly after her grandma passed. Wanted to reflect on how her grandma lived when she felt younger. Bolling's favorite song to record though was "No One Cares," because the song was self-produced, and people really liked it. She feels that feedback helps build upon her work. Bolling is looking forward to progression in music, getting more publicity, and experience to gain in the music realm. You can find her music and other artists on the Relentless Record Label site Nashville fbrep.com or her personal website commandment.wixsite.com



*Pearl-Cohn majorettes pose before dancing with The Band of Tradition at a night football game.*

## The Determination of the Dancing Pearls

By: Caron Carter

You might have seen Pearl-Cohn majorettes murder the stands and bedazzle the field during halftime on Friday nights. Eriyah Haynes-Overton a current 2-year veteran of the Dancing Pearls believes that many people come out to see them perform with the Band of Tradition which is known across the state as having one of the biggest bands. From the discipline to the mastery in skills, the Dancing Pearls have a great coaching staff consisting of head coach Mr. Darnell followed by Coach Shae and Coach Ray. "I feel like summer practice 3pm-9pm throughout the whole summer really helped everyone identify themselves and it gave new heads time to blend themselves in to look as one," stated Haynes-

Overton. They spent hours after hours getting prepared for one of their biggest performances. "We have the month of October full of big performances we have to stay focused in order to be the best of the best and look up to part," stated Haynes-Overton.

The Dancing Pearls biggest performance would be the Tennessee State University parade. They've spent many years in this historical statewide parade. This event will take place October 8, 2022, on the block of Jefferson St. and Matthew Walker "hearing the bands playing at 5am and us battling before the parade it gets me more amped to dance," stated Haynes-Overton. The Dancing Pearls have come a long way and they still have a long way to go.

## School vs Work

By: Braeden Sowell

While having a job and paying for all your expenses, it is always good to have money in your pockets. Students in college must pay for financial aid and books and food, so in most cases a job is necessary, plus if you work you can have higher earnings later in your career. If you go to college the more, you earn during your first year the more you earn after school, though in some cases working can be stressful while you are in school. Sometimes if you work long and late hours you can miss sleep and that can cause you to not be 100% in class.

Some students at Pearl-Cohn cannot get homework done because they have jobs, and all jobs are not jobs that you

can do homework while you work. "Having a job is needed but it can also be stressful at times. I feel like to be successful in maintaining work and going to school you must have a certain schedule to avoid stress," stated Zaharra Summers, senior at Pearl-Cohn. Summers works at White Castle, and she has to go to work right after school and is very tired, so she had to adjust her schedule, so she won't get stressed with doing both.

Doing school and work can be difficult but it's possible. It is important for students at Pearl-Cohn to consider all their options and schoolwork load when deciding on if having a job while in school is right for them.



## Teacher Taste Test

By: Alyssa Prather



During first lunch at Pearl-Cohn High School, Mr.

Amelang, a government teacher, tried and

rated the school's food. The lunch in the school cafeteria; in most student's

opinion, is not the best to eat but Mr. Amelang was willing to take the challenge. On an average day, Amelang doesn't eat school food because he brings his lunch. For our taste test, Mr. Amelang tried a grilled cheese sandwich with tomato soup and a milk on the side. Since the student's opinion of the food isn't always favorable, many wanted to see his reaction while eating. As Mr. Amelang was eating his food, it was obvious he was enjoying it which was a surprise to the crowd.

"My opinion on the school food... well, it's not terrible, I mean it's as good as school food can get, but then again, I'm fine with most foods entering my stomach. I'm always down for a grilled cheese and tomato soup because it's a classic combo. So, if I had to give this lunch at rating out of 5 stars. 4/5," stated Amelang. Hearing the results from a teacher's point of view on the school's food might be a little shocking or surprising to the students and might encourage others to try cafeteria food again. Others might be wondering if Mr. Amelang is telling the truth, which is something we'll never know.

## The Real from a Pear-Cohn Teacher



History teacher, Mrs. Shawn Brown poses with 12<sup>th</sup> grade student Cora Andrews

By: Cora Andrews  
Wondering what a teacher thinks about the teaching world? Mrs.

Brown, a history

teacher at Pearl-Cohn High School gave us a look at what it's like being a teacher and her opinions on what is going on in the teaching community. "Some teachers have a hard time balancing all the things we have to do," said Mrs. Brown on why she thinks more teachers are leaving the profession. The rate of teachers quitting

their jobs is going up a lot and the classrooms are being left dry. "It makes it hard because we have to pick up the tasks for others, so it makes it more stressful." Before starting her teaching career at Pearl-Cohn, Ms. Brown grew up in Seattle and Atlanta and was inspired to teach by her history teacher Mrs. Rice and Mr. Aderhold who made learning fun. Brown pursued her bachelor's degree at Georgia State University and Austin Peay State University for her masters in teaching. Teachers have lives outside of school and Mrs. Brown stated, "I hang out with friends, love watching movies and spending time with my husband."

Mrs. Brown is in her fourth-year teaching at Pearl-Cohn High School. When Brown walks in the door each day she stated, "I feel pride in the students and their awesome personalities!" We are lucky to have teachers like Mrs. Brown at Pearl-Cohn who do what they love, no matter how stressful the job gets.

## Ms. Clay Served Hard Time, But Not Like You Think

By: Jayla Monae Washington

Many of you know Ms. Clay as just a teacher, but do you know her outside of school? Clay is a cosmetology teacher at Pearl-Cohn High School who is loved by her students, staff, and her juvenile students. Yes, you read that correctly, Ms. Clay helps juvenile kids learn how to do hair among other things. You probably thought she was in jail for doing something wrong, but she was doing a good deed by helping the juvenile kids who wanted to learn how to do hair.

Clay attended Tennessee State University and started teaching five years ago because she loves the craft of cosmetology and wanted to impact the next generation of stylist. Clay is often heard saying, "let's get to work, let's go," but there was a time that even Clay felt like she didn't want to get work. She simply wanted to give up because she was over working and burnout, but she's glad she didn't give in and stop doing what she loves. "I have always been blessed to have a good support. I couldn't make it without them," stated Ms. Clay.

## Brandon Woods, Football Coach and Style Icon

By: Jacinta Walker

Brandon Woods, also known as Granddaddy Woods to most students, is always fresh to death. Whether he's in a classroom or on the field.

Growing up, Woods wasn't always in the trendiest or most up to date clothing. His mother used to dress him up in anything that was cheap. When Woods became a teenager, his aunt inspired him when she told him, "Just because, you're a big guy doesn't mean you have to be sloppy." That's what shaped Woods to be who he is today.

Woods says expressing yourself through clothing is definitely important, "When people see you, they have to be able to tell a little about your personality, and how you're feeling that day." His go-to style is a pair of fresh kicks and a nice polo shirt.

Woods says he doesn't dress up is Fridays. "Fridays are game days; I want to be comfortable." A nice jumpsuit and some fresh kicks are always the go-to.



*Coach Brandon Woods shows of his style and signature look of fresh kicks.*

## Trending Shoes Around Pearl-Cohn



By: Ariana Watkins

Every year there are always two or three shoes that are trending around the whole world that everybody just loves to wear. In 2022, Golf Shoes and Crocs seem to be on everyone's feet. You can get those shoes in any color you want unless they are sold out. Which shoe do students at Pearl-Cohn prefer? We set out to find out if students thought golf shoes or crocs were better.

Nikila Robinson, a 10<sup>th</sup> grader at Pearl-Cohn stated, "I would rather wear Golf Shoes." She feels like they will be more comfortable on her broken foot. Robinson also states, "even though Golf Shoes feel more comfortable, Crocs are easier to put the charms on." Shyannndria Williams also stated "I would rather wear Crocs" in her opinion golf shoes get ripped too fast, especially at the bottom of the shoes. Williams says, "Even though they are comfortable, they still get messed up quicker than Crocs. Most of the students at Pearl-Cohn stated, "both shoes feel comfortable, both messes up fast but Golf Shoes rips, and you can't keep wearing them." Another student from Pearl-Cohn, Royal Allen owned both Golf Shoes and Crocs. He likes both he stated, "They're both easy to slide on my feet when I'm rushing out of the house."

Everybody has their own opinion on which shoe they prefer but one thing both Golf Shoes and Crocs have in common is you can decorate them with charms and diamonds.

## Relentless Records Lives Up to the Name

By: Jerran Jackson

Pearl - Cohn's Relentless Record Label give its students a fair opportunity in the music industry. Producer of Relentless Records, Robert Knight stated, "Relentless Records is us." Since 2012, Pearl - Cohn's student lead record label has provided countless opportunities for students interested in the music industry. Robert Knight has been a member of Relentless Records for over two years and has enjoyed it very much. Pearl-Cohn record label has helped put out major artists like Luh Stain, Ariel Bolling, and Taysha Lane. Relentless Records is also partner with Warner Bros. Music which allows students to work and negotiate with professionals

in the music industry. Knight stated, "Me and my peers are doing everything we can not to let this opportunity go to waste." When asked what's the labels focus is, he answered, "Our main focus now is to get back to work. The school hasn't allowed us to go into the studio and start working." Robert Knight stated that "Me and my peers still continue to get work in when we can." When asked how they responded towards not being able to get back in the studio he mentions "Me and the other artists of Relentless Records have informed the principal about scheduling a meeting with Warner Bros. Music to resolve the issue and allow us to work on our craft of making music. Now if that not relentless I don't know what is," Knight stated.



## Revenge is Sweet

By: Jerran Jackson

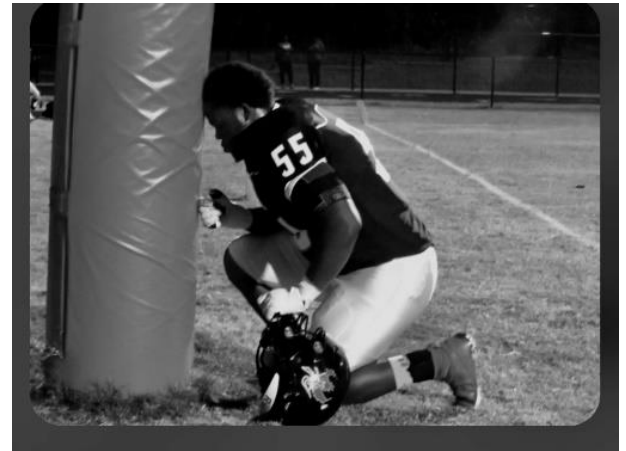
Pearl-Cohn football team defeated the defending 4A champs earlier this season by the score of 45-0. Pearl-Cohn Firebirds preformed in a great game to defeat the Tullahoma Wildcats. Last year, the Firebirds fell short to Tullahoma in the quarter finals, 21-7. Head coach Brunetti stated, "We had to stay focused and stressed fundamentals." All three phases of the football team did just that Friday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> night. Pearl-Cohn offense scored four touchdowns, defense scored one touchdown, and special teams only allowed 30 yards on kickoff. All around, the Firebirds football team executed well against their opponent. Brunetti states "This is just a game that we wanted it more, but we have to remain this way until the very last game." Lastly, Pearl-Cohn starting guard Jayden Jackson was asked what he enjoyed the most about that week game and he said, "I most definitely loved our student section." So, with that said come and support your team as they look towards getting another win!

## The Freshman Starter

By: Dunstan Mesah

Pearl-Cohn's top five football player has been starting since he was a freshman in 2019 only missed a handful of games as a starter all four years. His name is one that you might know, Jerran L. Jackson the left guard for the Firebirds.

Jackson has always been a super-star for every team he's played, earning the title of two-time all-city player. It wasn't easy to get to the left guard position, it took more than hard work and dedication. Surprisingly, he was forced to play football at the age of five by his dad and never actually liked the game until he was seven years old. When Jackson got into high school, he started playing for the varsity team in week three or four, gaining respect almost instantly. When Jackson was first told that he was going to start varsity he was excited but also nervous about the responsibility of his position since he was a 14-year-old freshman playing with 16-18-year-olds. Over the last four years Jackson has made his mark on and off the field as an outstanding football player and student. When asked if he thought he could make it to the league, Jerran replied "Only God knows." Beautiful response.



*Jerran Jackson kneels at the goal post before a game.*

## Class Of 2024 Superstar Long Jumper

By: Jazell Freeman

Jakayla Morris a Pearl Cohn track start that is making big plans and dreams in 2023. For the first time in eight years, the Pearl-Cohn girls track and field team won the state championship in 2022.

Morris, a 16-year-old junior is a part of the track and field family and competes in long jump. Morris started getting recognition and noticed when she beat Sammy Woodard, Pearl-Cohn class of 2021, long jump record of 17'2". As a sophomore last season,

Morris set the record of 17'9", crushing Sammy's record. This moment was a huge accomplishment for Morris as Woodard is a Pearl-Cohn track legend as she was the only girl the ran tracks her first year and won everything she has run. Morris works very hard to set personal records, stating, "Never give up on something that you truly love." Morris had her doubts and wanted to give up but she trained herself to become better each track meet and set a goal for herself. To gain strength and speed, Jakayla started plyo workouts. These workouts have proven to be an effective way to get a longer jump as they stretch the muscle out more so you can jump higher and farther.

When asked who inspired her, Morris stated Tara Davis who gave her the confidence to compete in long jump. Davis is a 23-year-old American track star that has broken records in long jump.

Jakayla's goal for 2023 is to get a better PR and wants to have the record of 19 feet by the end of this season and I believe in her if she believes in herself!



*Jakayla Morris, junior Pearl-Cohn long jumper shows off her medals after a track meet.*

## The Story of Tramont Lawless

By: De'Mare Robinson



Tramont Lawless is a Pearl-Cohn alumni that spent time in the NFL and is now back coaching the Firebirds. Lawless sat down to talk about his life and his football career. Lawless played all four years of high school football at Pearl-Cohn, graduating in 1995. Lawless played

defensive end at the University of Memphis for three years but never won a national championship. In 1999 after his junior year, Lawless decided to enter the NFL draft and was taken by the Cleveland Browns whereas a newcomer he racked up 21 sacks.

Lawless grew up in North Nashville in a single parent household with his three other siblings including his twin, Reginald. According to Lawless, North Nashville was much worse of a neighborhood when he was growing up and life was hard trying to make it out of the area. His father was never there for him, and he never had someone to teach him the ways to be a man. Lawless never had a job, so he did not know how to do things on his own. After a long road, Coach Lawless decided to return to Pearl-Cohn to coach the defensive line and is trying to provide kids with a better opportunity.

### Pearl-Cohn Looks to Win the Region Over Marshall County

*Editor's note: This article was written before the game against Marshall County and the Firebirds victory of 35-23*

By: DeAnthony Nelson

Pearl-Cohn football team is up and ready for the game for the region. The Firebirds will face Marshall County for the region, the Firebirds are coming off a shut-out win against Glenciff and now the focus is on Marshall County Tigers. The Firebirds beat the Tigers 37-15 last year and the Tigers are looking for revenge. The Firebird's coaching staff is making sure the team is ready for battle this week and looking for another shut out win. We caught up with head coach Tony Brunetti who said, "If we win all three stages of the game we come out on top and leave region champs that night." Star quarterback Keshawn Tarleton and star wide receiver D'arious Reed sat down with the Bird's Eye View to get us insight on the upcoming game. Tarleton said, "We are getting better every week and the two games we lost we were not playing as a team, now we are getting better and using teamwork." When asked how he feels about being back this week Reed said, "I'm looking forward to getting back with my team and back on that field trying to win our region and, in the future, becoming state champions. The Firebirds are pumped and ready to go into this week as Coach Bruno would say "One team One goal." Let's go Firebirds and let's win this region.

### Showing School Spirit

By: Jayla Beard

School spirit is the greatest and most important things to experience at Pearl-Cohn High School. It shows how creative someone can get and how the school can come together and have fun. Theonna Edmondson, a sophomore at Pearl-Cohn stated, "Everybody should celebrate school spirit because it's fun and everyone should have a good time." Everyone should start involving themselves during spirit days like homecoming week. How can you show school spirit? Students should tell everyone and hype it up and come with the best spirit. Having school spirit isn't just about being creative; it's also about coming together and show how much school can be fun, it might just highlight someone day.

