

# techtalk

NEWS AND INFORMATION FROM THE TECH PA

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## Greetings from the PA President

Dear BTHS Families and Caregivers,

I hope all are well and safe. The March PA general meeting was well attended, and it was a great pleasure to have Dr. Read as our guest speaker. For the parents and caregivers who missed our live PA meeting, please visit our YouTube channel to view the recorded version.

The Brooklyn Tech PA is dedicated to supporting the well-being and academic advancement of our diverse student body, inclusively and with respect for the wonderful array of cultures represented in our community. The PA's goal is to serve our community and without our existence, our students will miss out. Please consider donating your money or time to support our worthwhile efforts.

Here are a few things I want to highlight for you this week:

- There will be a parent workshop on "**Strategies for Writing the College App Essay**" on **April 5**. The registration link is included in this issue.
- Senior and Junior parents – we need volunteers to help with graduation setup at Arthur Ashe Stadium.
- All PA Executive Board positions are open, and details of each position are on the [PA website](#). Please consider running/joining – our students need you.
- The draft bylaws revision is soliciting comments from parents. If you have any questions or comments, please reach out to me by April 8, 2022.

Please continue to reach out to me at [papresident@BTHS.edu](mailto:papresident@BTHS.edu).

Keep well and be safe,

Lincoln Favours  
Brooklyn Tech PA President

## Important Dates

- 03/29/2022 - School Leadership Team Meeting; See [here](#) for details
- 04/01/2022 - End of Marking Period 3
- 04/03/2022 - Last Day to Sign Up for Parent-Teacher Conferences
- 04/05 /2022 - PA workshop: *Strategies for Writing the College App Essay*
- 04/07 - 04/08/2022 - Parent-Teacher Conferences
- 04/14/2022 - PA General Meeting
- 04/15/2022 - DOE Family Survey Deadline Extended
- 04/15 - 04/22/2022 - Spring Recess, School Closed

For a complete view of important dates, see the [BTHS calendar](#) and [DOE calendar](#).

## PA General Meeting Recaps

The PA general meeting took place on Thursday, March 24, 2022, at 6:30 PM and was well attended. Please follow the link to view the video of the meeting [here](#) or

review the minutes [here](#). The Treasurer Report for February 2022 can be found [here](#). Previous reports can also be found [here](#).

## PA Elections Are Coming Up!

**Every parent of a student currently enrolled at Brooklyn Technical High School is entitled to a single vote during any meeting.**

The Spring PA Elections will take place at the PA General Meeting on **May 19, 2022**. Prior to that, a Nominating Committee will be established during the April General Meeting on **April 14**. The Nominating Committee shall consist of 3 to 5 members of the PA, none of whom plan to run for office. If you are interested in being a member of the Nominating Committee, please contact the PA President.

Tech Talk will display the e-board positions and CURRENT members in successive issues. You can also see full description of each position [here](#) and current members [here](#).

All executive board positions are open. Some current members will run for the same positions again this year, and others will not. We encourage you to step forward. Together, we can do better for our students. If you are interested in running for a position, please contact the PA president.

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### Lincoln Favours President

Lincoln has been on the PA E-board for 3 years as a Co-Recording Secretary and then the PA president. He was previously a Co-President of MS74 for 2 years. He currently works for a fortune 500 company as manager/software developer/software architects. He will not run for the President again as his child will be graduated in June.



**Vito LaBella**  
Co Recording Secretary

Vito is currently serving in this role and would love the opportunity to continue to serve for the 2022-2023 School year. Working with Chris, Vito cohosts the virtual and blended meetings, the PA YouTube and Facebook Group and Page.



**Yaoyu (Chris) Zhang**  
Co Recording Secretary

Chris graduated from the City College of New York with Bachelor of Architecture and later worked in various architectural companies in NYC, and Tampa FL as architectural designer & project architect. During 2012-2018, he was operating a wine & liquor retail business in Long Island and earned a nickname the "Wine Guy" in the town. He would be running for Co-Recording Secretary again this year.

We have updated our bylaws to be in compliance with the updated Chancellor's Regulations. Because our PA is a 501(c)3 we have included wording to address the Corporate Requirements including conflict of interest. We have updated the banking regulations as Chancellor's Regs now allows for limited electronic banking. Additionally, we have included procedures for conducting virtual and hybrid (in person and virtual) membership meetings and well as updated election procedures. At the PA General Meeting on **April 14**, we will be voting on these new bylaws, so if you have any concerns, please contact the PA President by **April 8, 2022**.

Click the links below to read the current bylaws and the draft revision.

- [The Bylaws revision](#) (Draft for Comments)
- [The current Bylaws](#)

## PA Upcoming Events - Online Workshop

**Topic:** *Strategies for Writing the College App Essay*

**Date & Time:** **April 5, 2022, 7:00pm-8:00pm**

**Presenter:** Jonathan Shapiro

**Registration link:** <https://forms.gle/M8Q69NzdSmY2GaJh7>

Please see last week's [Tech Talk](#) Edition for additional details about the speaker if needed.

## Parent Volunteers Needed

Our senior class of 2022 needs **20 parents** to do some setup at Arthur Ashe Stadium on **June 23 and 24**. Interested volunteers should contact Mrs. Kecia O'Neal at [koneal2@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:koneal2@schools.nyc.gov) as early as possible for additional details. Mrs. O'Neal wants to have an initial list of parent volunteers to plan for the senior graduation. **Parents of all classes are welcome.**

## School Updates

### Parent-Teacher Conferences

Deadline for signing up Conferences is **April 3 at 11:59 p.m.** Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held on the following dates:

- Thursday evening, **April 7, 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.**
- Friday afternoon, **April 8, 12:50 pm-2:50 pm.** Students will be dismissed early on Friday, April 8 at 11:48.

Conferences will be five-minutes long and held via Zoom or phone. There are two minutes between each meeting for the faculty to prepare. To give everyone a chance to schedule a conference, we are limiting conferences to 5 per student.

New parents can create an account [here](#) and returning parents can sign in [here](#) as well to sign up for conferences. You must add your phone number in comments. If you need an interpreter, let us know in comments which language.

Please do not sign up for any meeting with advisory or lab teachers unless your child is failing. You will be removed.

Times will be set up using PTC Wizard, which will also have zoom links posted before the start. A schedule with zoom links will be mailed to you.

### School Survey

The NYC school survey is extended till April 15, 2022. **Take it today!**

Here are the instructions:

- Visit this link: [NYCSchoolSurvey](#)
- Parents/Guardians: Access Code is the letter "f" (lowercase) followed by your child's OSIS number. (Ex: f123456789)
- Students: Access Code is your 9-digit OSIS

### **Seniors**

Please see [link](#) for important senior information regarding prom tickets, graduation updates. Please see [here](#) for Senior Event Eligibility if needed.

### **Junior**

The College office would like to remind you to complete your college office survey by **April 1**.

## **Reminders from Previous Tech Talk**

### **Working Papers**

If you plan on working this summer or during the next 12 months (see opportunities below) you need to submit your paperwork for working papers as soon as possible. Click [here](#) to get the form. Please drop off the paperwork to room 1W2 during your lunch period.

### **Summer Opportunities**

- **Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP)**

SYEP is the nation's largest youth employment program, connecting NYC youth between the ages of 14 and 24 with career exploration opportunities and paid work experience each summer. Participants could explore their interests and career pathways, develop workplace skills, and engage in learning experiences that help in developing their social, civic and leadership skills. For more information and to apply, see [here](#).

- **BK DA Spring Internship for HS Students due April 1, 2022**

The Brooklyn District Attorney is accepting applications from HS juniors for a spring internship. For more information, see [here](#).

### **BTHS College Office Updates**

- Click and access the updated [BTHS COLLEGE HANDBOOK \(2021-2022\)](#) for information, resources, and guidance on the college application process.
- The BTHS College Office has updated its [website](#) to help guide students and families through the college application process.
- The BTHS College Office has lots of information about scholarships and financial information on its [Facebook page](#).
- [The College Corner](#) newsletters are updated twice a month. Please take a moment to read it and find information that might be specific to your grade and interests.

**Current and previous Tech Talks can be found [here](#).**

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