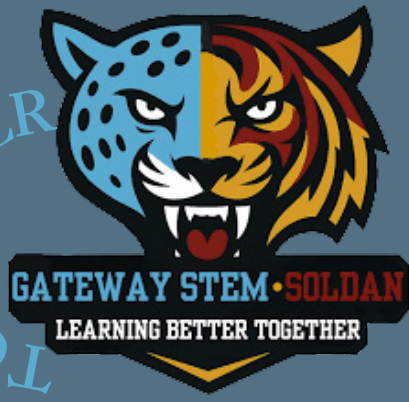




TOGETHER



GATEWAY
GOODS
SOLDAN
SCOOP

SOLDAN SETTLES IN: SEAMUS MILLER BRINGS THE MUSIC

Born and raised in the Kansas City area, our dedicated Music Educator is a proud Oak Park High School alum who immersed himself in nearly every musical ensemble and earned his Bachelor of Arts in Music Education from the University of Central Missouri. With memorable performances at Carnegie Hall and the Kauffman Center, he brings award-winning expertise and a passion for building connections through music. Now in his fifth year at Soldan, he's excited to inspire students, share his love of bass trombone, and help revitalize Soldan's musical legacy in St. Louis.



Top: Soldan's principal, Terrence Dominick, transports keyboards. Bottom: Seamus Miller shows off keyboards.

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Welcoming



Top: Victoria Woodward, Stephen Hoffmeyer, and Garth Robinson listen to Jacob Dulle on their school tour. Left: Nora Abdelrahman listens to Annmarie Maher as they wait for the elevator.

In May, a powerful tornado swept through St. Louis, causing significant damage to Soldan High School and forcing students to relocate. Fortunately, Gateway STEM High School was not damaged and has opened its doors to welcome Soldan students for the upcoming school year. While the situation brings challenges, it also presents a powerful opportunity for unity, collaboration, and growth. Students from both schools now have the chance to learn from one another, build new friendships, and strengthen the St. Louis school community. This moment is a testament to resilience, compassion, and the strength that comes from coming together in times of need.



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LAUREN MAULE

NEW YEAR NEW DECOR



COUNSELOR

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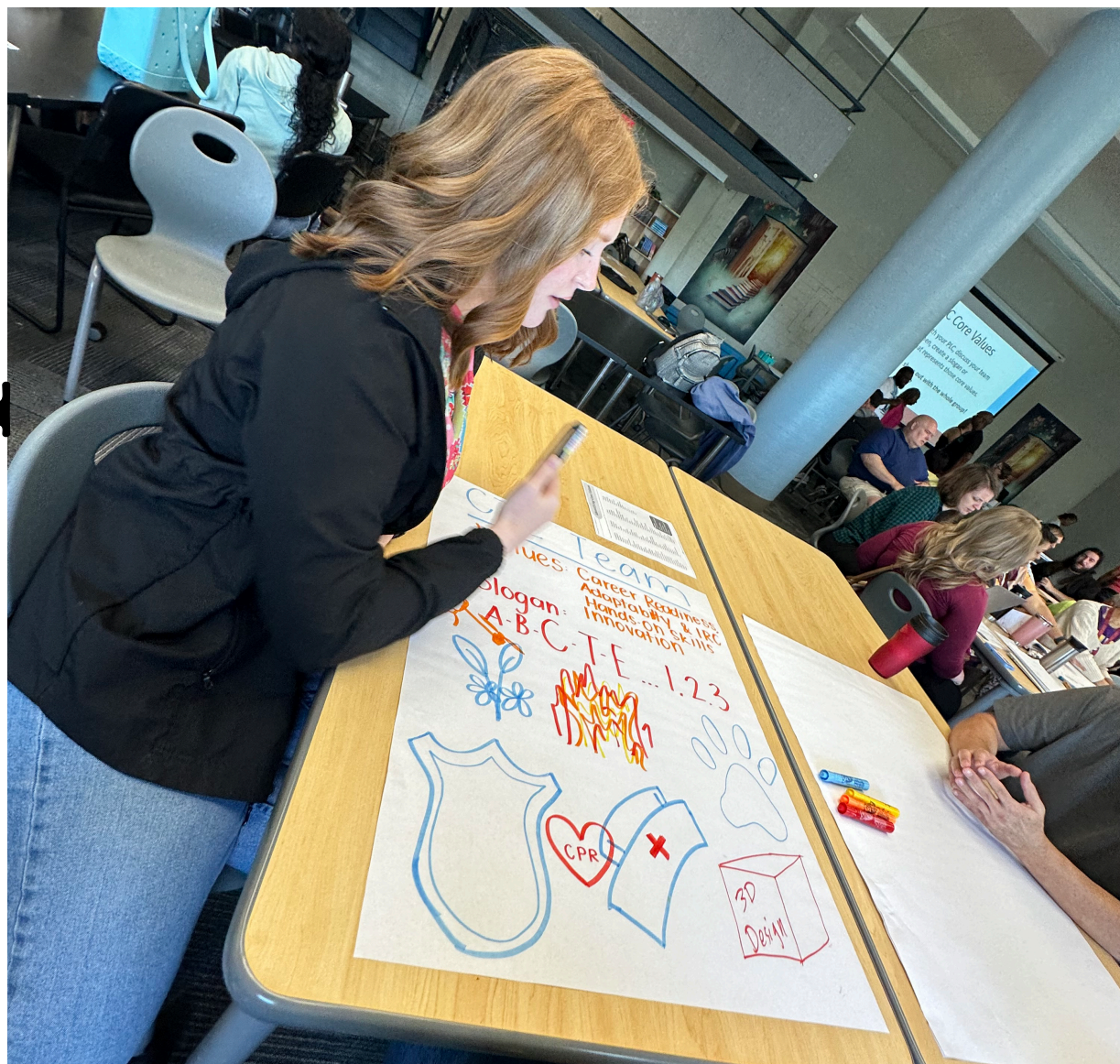
gateway gets ready



**Tywan Brooks, Erika Johnson,
and Cathy Branson prepare
packets for teachers.**

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Professional Development



Top:
Abigail Dewert makes a poster for her group.

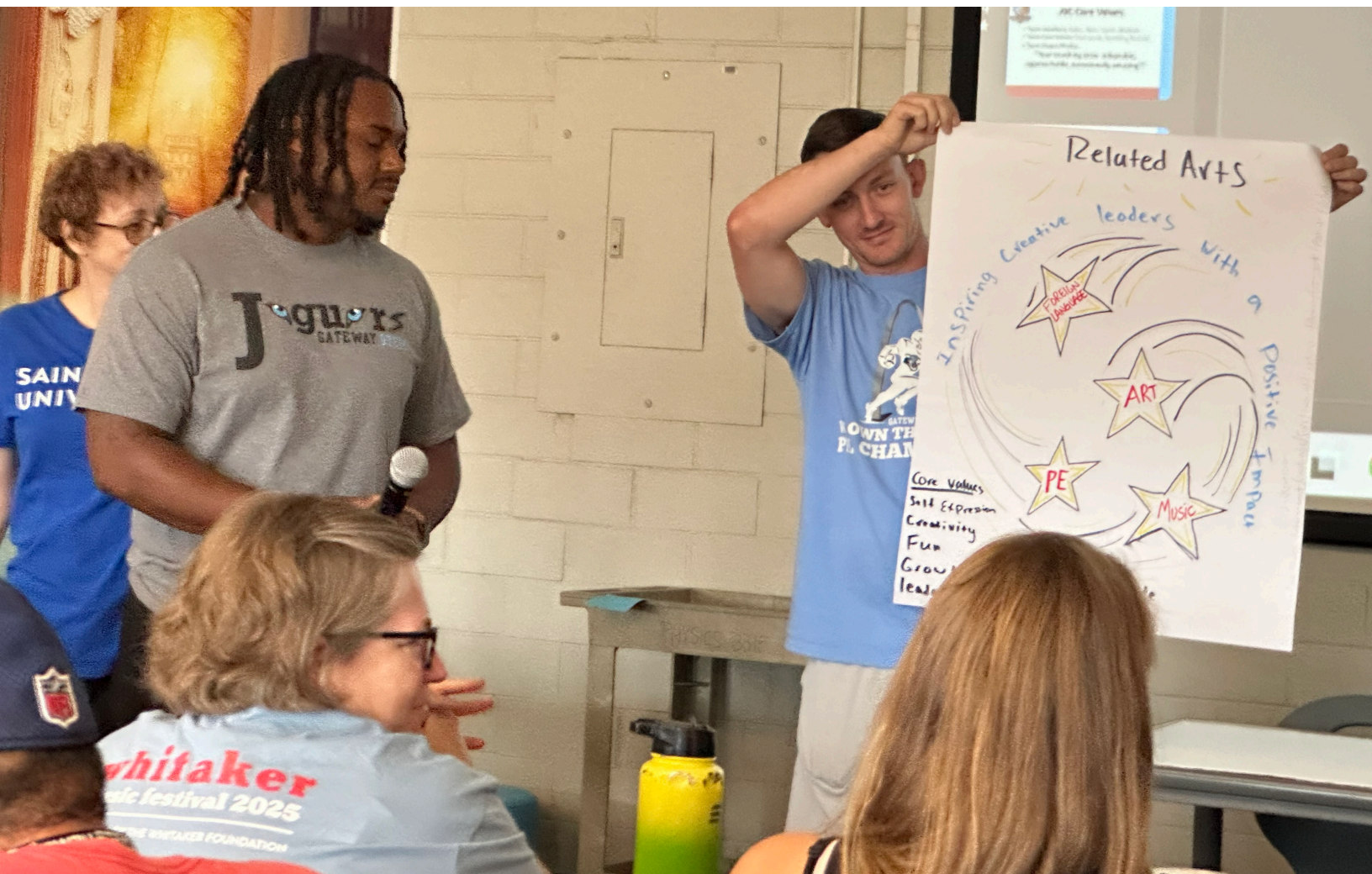
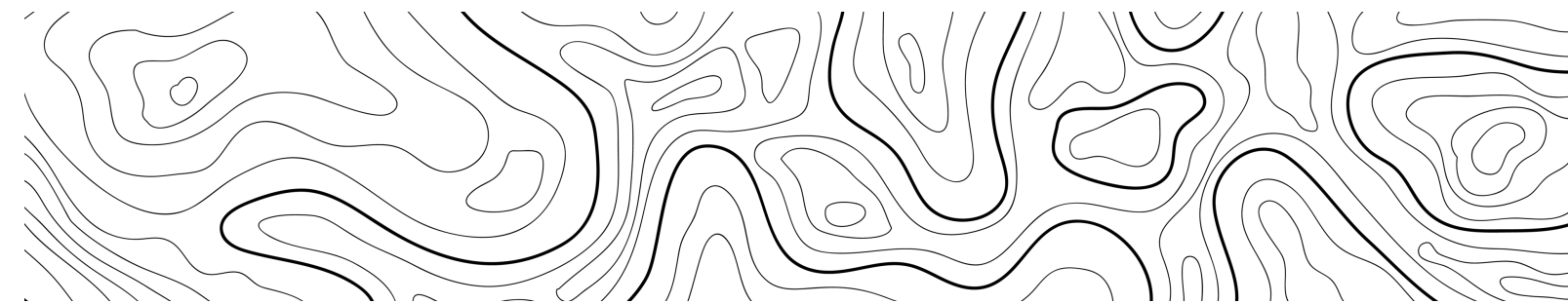
Bottom:
Dewert, Kenneth Moore, and Dolores Barfield, and Brian House work together.



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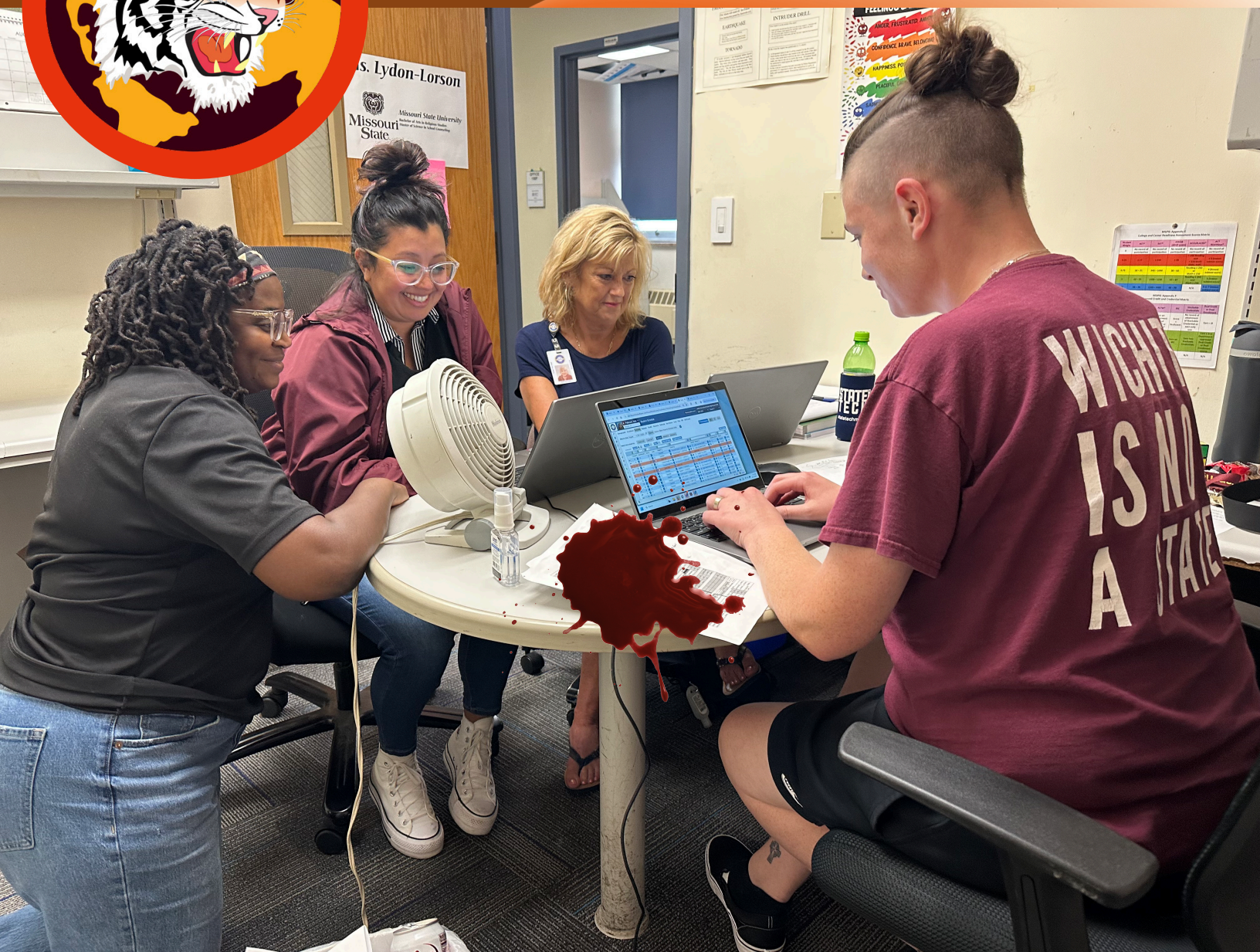


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Channon Ross and Sean Kenny present to Therese Nims and Melanie Bales.

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SOLDAN PREP

Theresa Lydon-Lorson, Jamika Love-Logan, Ana Barrios, and Deborah Koon work together to schedule classes.

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JUNIOR ROTC CAMP

CAMERON
BREWER

SPENDS HIS SUMMER
DEVELOPING HIS LEADERSHIP

SKILLS

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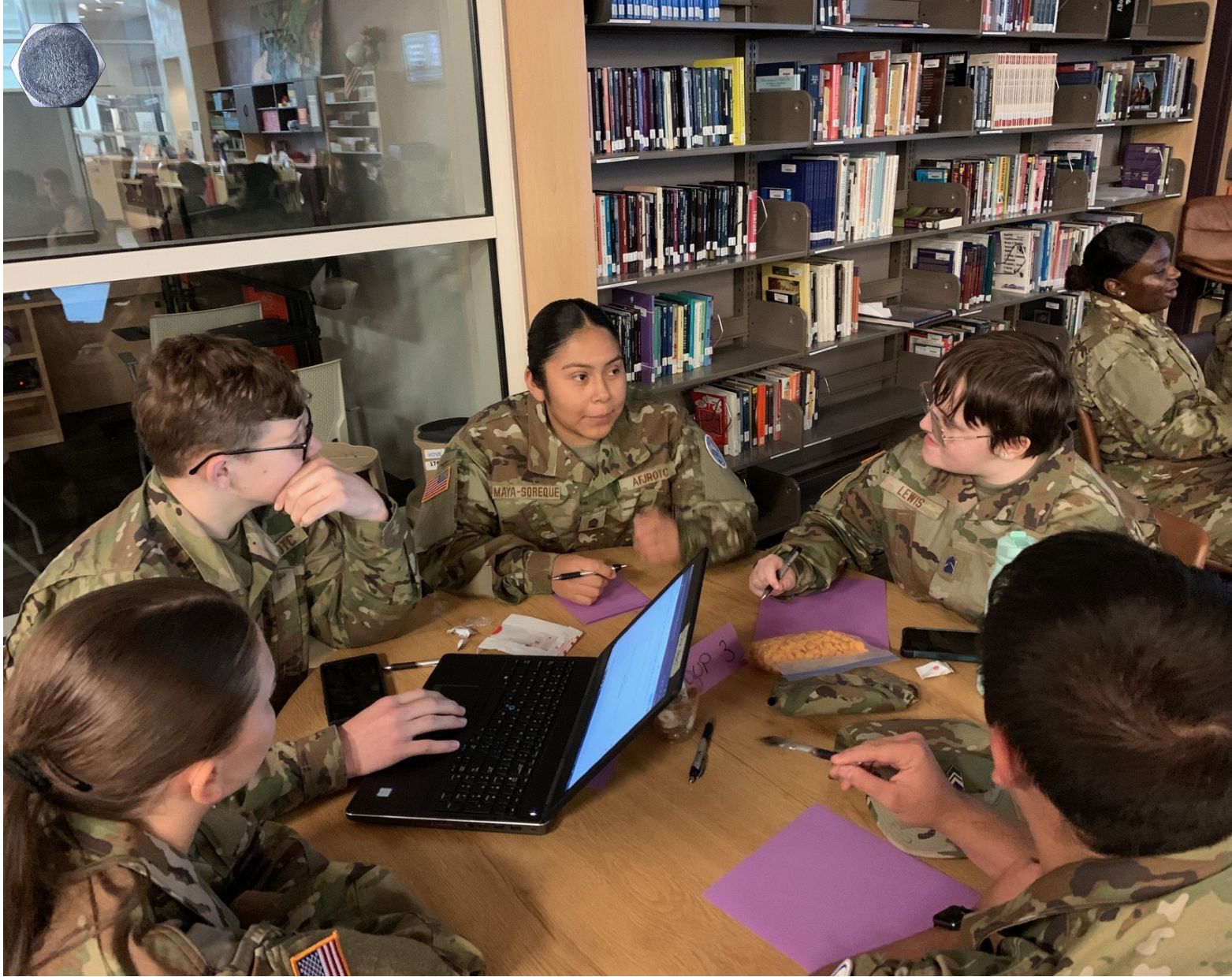
Welcome Class of 2029!

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CADETS

Completed Advanced Leadership Course in June 2025



The Cadet Advanced Leadership Course (CALC) at Mascoutah High School in early June 2025 is part of a larger JROTC program. These courses focus on developing leadership skills, teamwork, and problem-solving abilities in cadets.

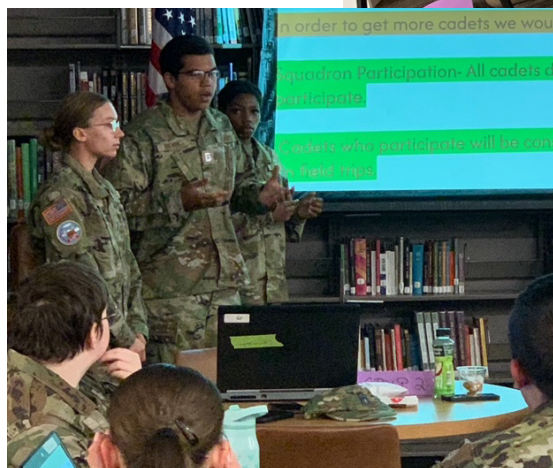
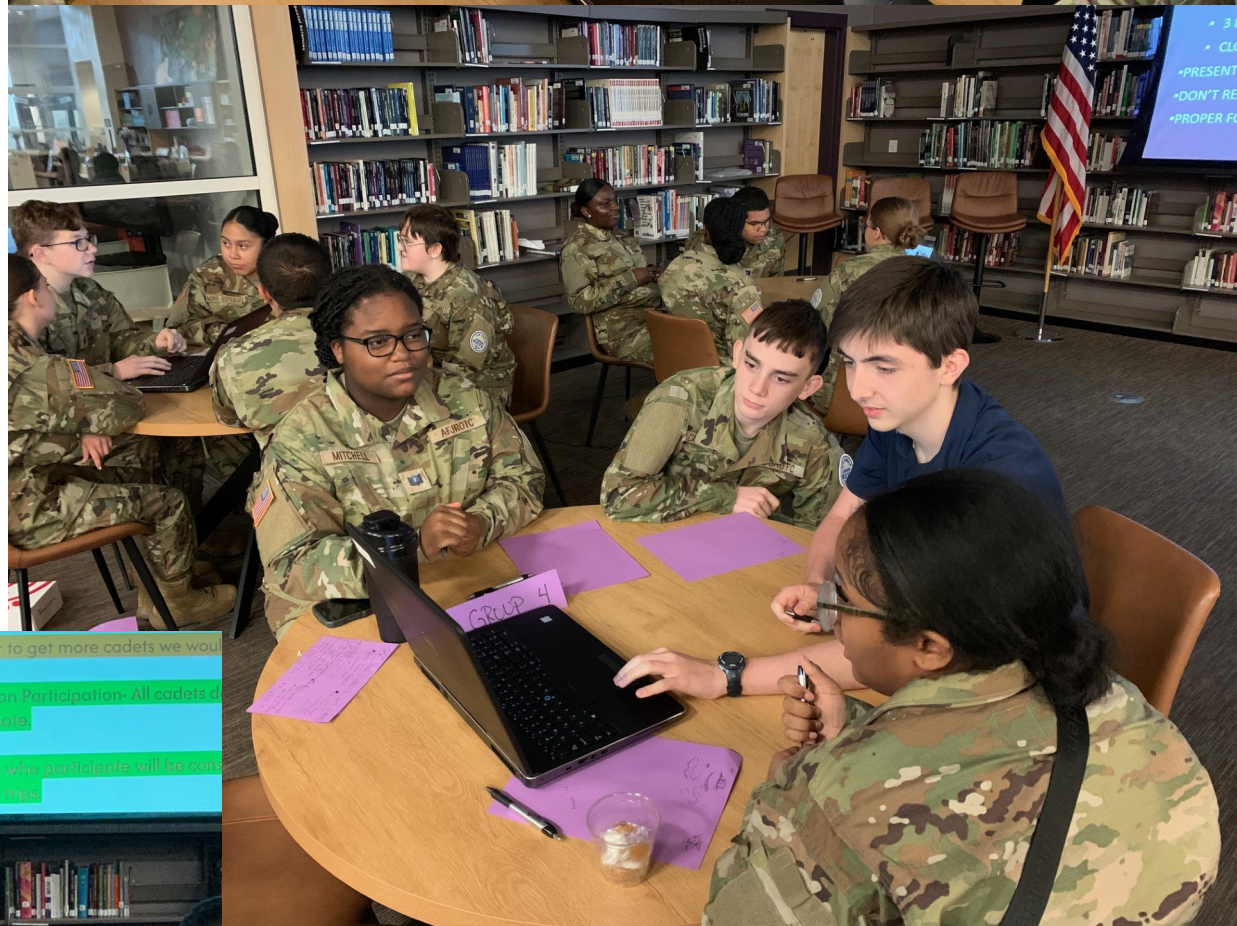
Day 1 of the Cadet Advanced Leadership Course (CALC) held at Mascoutah High School in early June. Diana Maya-Soreque collaborates with her group.

Gateway STEM JROTC READERSHIP



Top: Octavio Ramirez poses with team members from other schools.
Bottom right: Jayline Ricks talks to her group.

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Bottom left: Cameron Brewer and Jayline Ricks make a present to their entire group.

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TURKEY

BE ON THE LOOKOUT!

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BACK TO SCHOOL CARNIVAL

Gateway STEM sponsored a carnival for incoming students! Top: Marissa Moore poses with her family. Bottom: Melody Clay hands out shirts.



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Top left: Lamar Bogan dances. Top right: Brooklyn Williams runs games for the carnival. Middle: Kendall Brown heads the inflatable Twister game. Bottom left: Dr. June Berry, Principal is with Harvey Ellis in his signature pose! Bottom right: Asiah Cooperwood stops for a photo.

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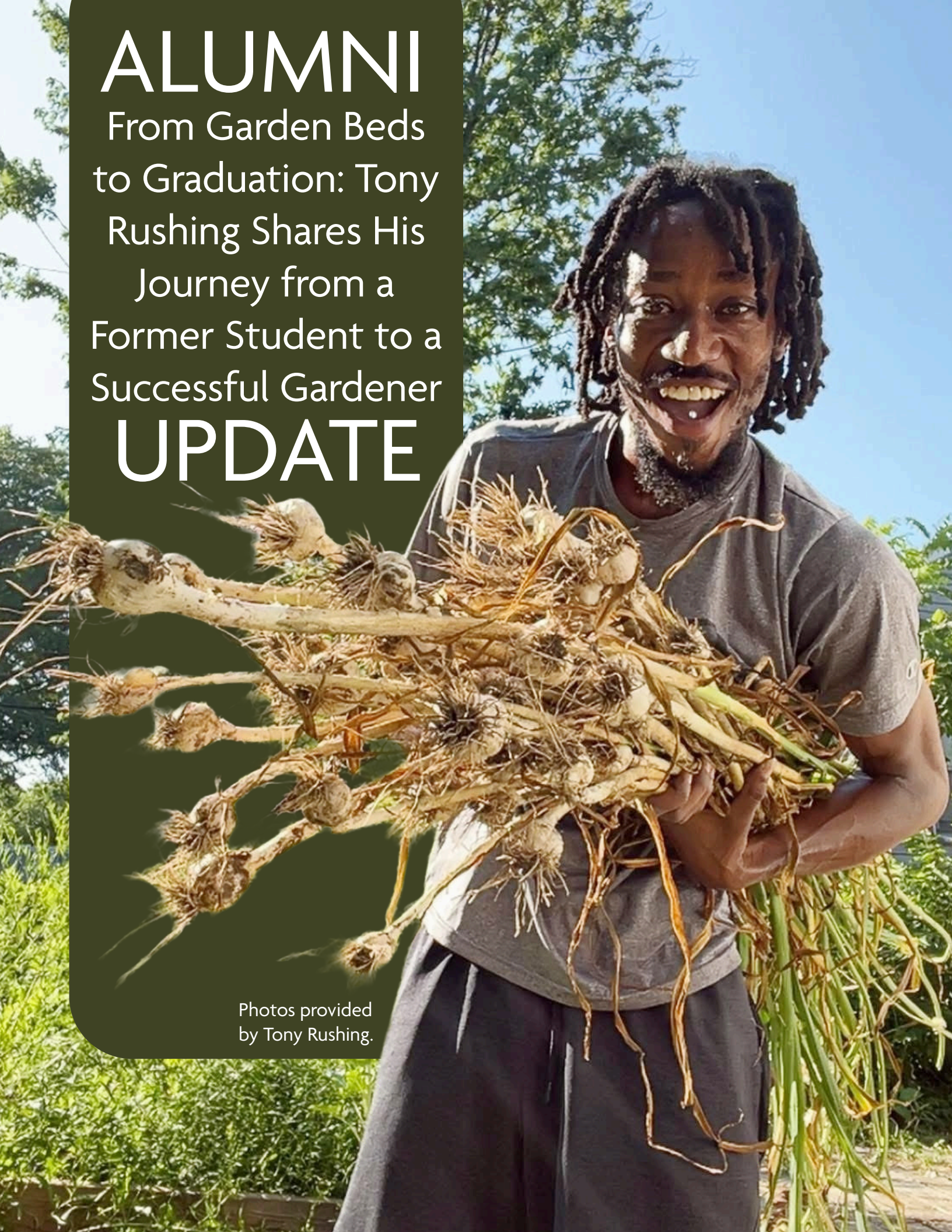


Jade Harris and friend enjoys the carnival!

ALUMNI

From Garden Beds
to Graduation: Tony
Rushing Shares His
Journey from a
Former Student to a
Successful Gardener
UPDATE

Photos provided
by Tony Rushing.





Top left: Rushing shows off his cucumbers at the Healthy Flavor Community Garden and Market in June of this year. Bottom right: Tony Rushing running Cross Country for Gateway when he was student here.



Tony Rushing, a 2012 Gateway STEM graduate, followed a unique path from higher education to urban farming. After earning multiple degrees—including a master’s in Higher Education: Administration—he climbed the ranks in college admissions, eventually becoming a Director. But despite his success, Rushing chose a different life: one rooted in community, food access, and sustainability.

By day, he works at Raintree School, a forest school where he helps kids grow food in the Squirrel Garden. Outside of work, his passion comes to life through Tony TNT Gardening, a North St. Louis-based project that supplies fresh produce to his neighbors through the One Africa! One Nation! Farmers Market and weekly food giveaways. His backyard farm overflows with garlic, tomatoes, squash, sunflowers, and more.

Rushing’s love of gardening started with his dad’s tomato plants and has grown into something much larger. He credits nature for his success, keeping things simple with dirt, water, compost, and trust. He even prefers to give away basil as a plant so others can learn to grow themselves. Seasonal rotation keeps his beds thriving year-round with everything from cucumbers to kale.

Known for pulling up to the market on his motorcycle, Rushing brings a unique energy to the urban farming scene. “People don’t think growing food is cool,” he says, “so I make it cool.” The market blends produce with live music, yoga, and community, and he’s at the heart of it, changing perceptions about farming one conversation at a time.

Now, he’s dreaming even bigger—planning to buy vacant lots for community gardens and build a nursery to serve his neighborhood. From college admissions to cultivating crops, Tony Rushing is still leading—just with soil under his nails instead of a suit on his back.

Gateway Jags Coffee: creating many new choices.

Gateway Jags Coffee will roll out a few new Jaguar themed drinks during the week of October 6th & they will cost \$3 each for hot drinks & \$4 each for iced coffee drinks. Here are the names & descriptions of those drinks:

Specialty Drinks

Specialty Hot Coffee \$3

Jaguar Java – Hot dark roast with a splash of vanilla and caramel syrup, topped with whipped cream.

Spotted Mocha – Hot coffee mixed with chocolate syrup, topped with whipped cream

Specialty Iced coffees \$4

Midnight Mocha – Cold brew + mocha + hazelnut syrup for a nutty twist.

Jaguar Creamsicle – Iced vanilla coffee + a splash of caramel syrup, topped with whipped cream & caramel drizzle.

