

ANDREW VINCENT, M.ED.



- Principal, Thomas Jefferson High School (TJHS)
 - 4th year as principal
 - 18 year employee of the Jefferson Parish Public School System in Louisiana.
- Thomas Jefferson High School
 - Select Enrollment: Advanced Studies Academy, College Prep.
 - Urban / suburban community: located 5 miles south of The French Quarter, New Orleans, LA
 - Title 1
 - Diverse student population: 41% Caucasian, 29% African American, 19% Asian American, 10% Hispanic, 1% Native American
 - School Performance Score: Thomas Jefferson High School is an “A” rated school in Louisiana’s school accountability system.





MODERN STATES & TJHS

- Teachers at Thomas Jefferson High School have integrated high quality courses and resources from Modern States courses into their existing curriculum.
- At no cost, our students and teachers access:
 - High quality instruction taught by highly regarded collegiate professors.
 - Instructional modules, study materials, and supplementary texts.
 - Vouchers for CLEP examinations after all modules are completed.
- Modern States has provided the tools and funding necessary for adding value to our existing courses for upperclassmen. Our students essentially earn high school and college credit concurrently.

MODERN STATES AND ACCESSIBILITY AT TJHS

- Modern States has made CLEP accessible to students of all socioeconomic backgrounds at TJHS. Our student body has the capacity for college success, but many of our students have limited resources which restrict their access to certain opportunities.
 - 2015-2016: CLEP pilot - 9 tests taken, 4 passing tests (no vouchers)
 - 2016-2017: 57 tests taken, 35 passing tests (61%)
 - 2017-2018: 266 tests taken, 172 passing tests (65%)
 - \$27, 455 of tests taken on Modern States vouchers.
 - Hundreds of thousand of dollars in college costs saved by Thomas Jefferson students.



HOW HAVE WE INTEGRATED MODERN STATES?

- 1) We have matched correlating Modern States Courses to existing high school courses taught at our high school.
 - English IV = students take English Literature
 - 2017-2018: 23/28 students passed CLEP (82%)
 - Fine Arts = students take Humanities
 - 2017-2018: 14/24 students passed CLEP (58%)
 - Psychology (elective) = students take Intro Psychology
 - 2017-2018: 30/33 students passed CLEP (91%)
- 2) We gave students the opportunity to self study for courses that they had an interest in.
 - Western Civilization 1
 - Spanish Language
 - German Language



FRESHMAN YEAR FOR FREE

- As time has progressed we have seen Modern States and CLEP become part of our school's culture. It is very common for students to earn multiple credits due to Modern States and the hard work of our teachers.

NEW ORLEANS METRO EDUCATION NEWS

Here's how this high school student earned a year of college credit for free

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Nataniel Pabon-Trinidad, a rising senior at Thomas Jefferson High School for Advanced Studies. (Littice Bacon-Blood, NOLA.com | The Times-Picayune)



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Nataniel Pabon-Trinidad, a rising senior at Thomas Jefferson High School for Advanced Studies in Gretna, took his first CLEP exam last year just as an aside. He'd completed his Spanish III class and his teacher told him he could earn college credit if he took a standardized test sanctioned by the College Board.

"I thought, 'Why not?'" Pabon-Trinidad recalled recently. "I'd just taken the class, and the

TJHS AND MODERN STATES IN THE NEWS

- How TJHS students can earn their freshman year for free. Natanael's story:
 - https://www.nola.com/education/index.ssf/2018/05/this_high_school_student_has_e.html
- TJHS students earn multiple college credits in their junior year. Truc and Trinity's stories:
 - https://www.nola.com/education/index.ssf/2017/12/freshman_year_of_college_for_f.html

