



Thurgood Marshall Academy ALUMNI eNEWSLETTER

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AUGUST BIRTHDAY:

- 6: Idella Turkvan
- 11: Nicole Dorsey
- 13: Shinale Carmichael
- 15: Melissa Bright
- 16: Shanetra Harrison
- 23: Le'Quanda Hunneycutt
- 24: Bruce Johnson
Porsha Joyner
- 25: Danielle McEachin
- 28: Kareema Thomas
- 30: Kym Gales

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAY:

- 1: Tramika Johnson
- 7: Danielle Bender
- 9: Natasha Williams
- 11: LaTisha Moses
- 15: LaShena Cross
- 16: Theodora Walker
- 18: Derrell Lipscomb
- 23: Mary'I Pope
- 25: Michael Miller

WELCOME!

What is Thurgood Marshall Academy's Alumni Program?

The Alumni Program was established to provide all of you with the tools and resources you need to succeed in and graduate from college. It also seeks to engage you in special events that will help you stay connected to the high school community. As the Alumni Affairs Coordinator, I (Ms. Jeng) am the liaison between Thurgood Marshall Academy and its alumni. Through frequent phone calls, e-mails, and/or face-to-face meetings, I will be working closely with all alumni to ensure your academic success in college. I will also be in touch with those who took some time off and are now interested in re-enrolling in college. I am looking forward to an eventful year!

WANT TO BE IN THE LOOP?

Read the Alumni eNEWSLETTER!

The Alumni eNewsletter, which includes helpful tips and class notes, will be e-mailed on a monthly basis. To ensure that you receive the eNewsletter, please contact me whenever your e-mail address changes.

NEED FINANCIAL AID?

Did you file your FAFSA yet?

You must file a FAFSA if you wish to receive any type of federal financial aid for college. Please visit www.fafsa.ed.gov to begin a new application (for first-year students) or a renewal application (for returning students).

Did you forget about DC-TAG & DC-LEAP?

DC-TAG will . . .

- fund the difference (up to \$10,000) between in-state and out-of-state tuition for DC residents **OR**
- provide a grant up to \$2,500 for any college in the D.C. metropolitan area or any HBCU in the nation or any two-year community college

DC-LEAP will . . .

- provide a need-based grant of up to \$1,500 for any college

To apply:

- You must bring these documents and forms to the State Education Office (441 4th Street, NW, Suite 350N at Judiciary Square) **immediately**: 1) **certified copy of 2006 D-40** (DC's state income tax return) for you or a guardian **OR** **proof of TANF or SSI** for you or a guardian; 2) **two of the following: utility bill, pay stub, bank statement** (cannot be over 45 days old) from DC residence; 3) **one 2007 – 2008 Student Aid Report (SAR)** from FAFSA; 4) **Affirmation Statement** (attached); and 5) **HS diploma or unofficial/official college transcript**
- NOTE: If you have never applied for DC-TAG or DC-LEAP, you will also need to provide certified copies of previous D-40. For example, if you graduated in 2006, you will need to submit certified D-40s from 2005 and 2006. And, if you graduated in 2005, you will need to submit certified D-40s from 2004, 2005, and 2006.
- Please call the State Education Office at 202-727-2824 if you have any questions

ON A TIGHT BUDGET?

Don't buy expensive books that you will only use for one semester!

- Many professors place copies of required reading on **reserve at the library**

- Set up a **book sharing schedule** with friends or roommates
- Buy **used books** at the bookstore or from these websites: 1) www.amazon.com 2) www.half.com 3) www.textswap.com 4) www.buyusedtextbooks.com

Apply for Thurgood Marshall Academy's Alumni Emergency Fund!

The Emergency Fund was established to help alumni manage unexpected financial hardships while they are in college. TMA alumni can apply for emergency funding of up to \$500/year to cover tuition and fees, textbooks, school supplies, etc. To learn more, see the attached Information Sheet, Application, and Agreement Form.

GET A FREE LAPTOP FOR SCHOOL!

Local non-profit gives free computers to college students

First Time Computers collects used computers, fixes them up, and donates them to individuals who need them. Although the majority of its computers are desktops, the organization also has a number of laptops reserved for college students. **If you are interested in receiving a free computer, please contact 202-722-2822 and ask to be added to the waitlist.**

WANT TO WIN A \$100 GIFT CARD?

Fill out an Alumni Survey!

You will soon receive an invitation and instructions for an online survey. This survey will be used to collect your contact information, confirm your current school or work status, and find out which type of alumni events most interest you. All survey respondents will be entered in a raffle to win a \$100 gift card!

CLASS NOTES

- 2005: **Lawrence Chambers** recently completed a fulfilling summer internship where he taught kids reading, conflict resolution, and social action. It was sponsored by See Forever Foundation and Children's Defense Fund.
- 2006: **Danielle McEachin** is excited to be back in school after taking time off to care for her daughter. She is enrolled at St Paul's College in VA.
- 2007: **Jacqueline Hall, Le'Quanda Hunnecutt, Tramika Johnson, and Kareema Thomas** graduated from TMA in August 2007. Congratulations!

Have exciting news that you would like to share with the Thurgood Marshall Alumni Community in the next eNewsletter? Please contact me (see below).

HAVE A COMMENT OR SUGGESTION?

Let me know! E-mail kjeng@tmapchs.org or call 202-563-6862 ext. 210 (work) or 202-491-5368 (cell).