



Thurgood Marshall Academy ALUMNI eNEWSLETTER

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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

OCTOBER BIRTHDAY:

- 5: Shienia Johnson-Grear
- 14: Britnee Flowers
- 19: Tiffany Welch
Michele Short
- 21: Antonio Moore

WELCOME!

Dear Alumni,

Just as Thurgood Marshall Academy's 128 freshmen are gradually adapting to our school environment and learning the "No Brainers," I hope that you are settling in your classes, making new friends, and enjoying your new freedom. Just remember not to get too carried away in all the excitement!

In this issue, you will find tips on getting academic help, budgeting, and (re)-enrolling in college.

As always, I am here to help you succeed in college. If you need assistance, please contact me via phone or e-mail (scroll down for my contact info).

Best wishes,
Ms. Jeng
Alumni Affairs Coordinator

P.S. Don't forget to complete our Alumni Survey! See below for link.

HAVING TROUBLE IN YOUR CLASSES?

Be proactive about seeking help early.

- Take advantage of your professor's **office hours**. Ask your professor, check Blackboard, or look at your syllabus for hours and location.
- Visit your **academic resource center for tutoring support and study skills workshops** and the **writing center for paper assistance**.
- Form a **study group** with your classmates. Schedule regular meetings to review course material and homework.
- Meet with your **academic advisor**. S/he may be able to guide you to additional on-campus support services.
- Find a **private tutor** if you need intensive one-on-one tutoring. Your professor or academic advisor may be able to pair you up with a graduate student.
- If you are a special education student, make sure that you **register with the SPED office** and **receive the appropriate accommodations**.
- Still having trouble? Contact me (scroll down for my contact info) so we can come up with more solutions.

STILL MISSING FINANCIAL AID?

Please see the August eNewsletter (attached) for information on FAFSA and DC-One (DC-TAG & DC-LEAP).

Check out these exciting scholarship opportunities!

Name	Sponsor	Eligibility	Amount	Deadline	Web site
Elwood Grimes Literary Scholarship	Books and Scholarships LLC	n/a	Up to \$5,000	Sept. 30	www.booksandscholarships.com
Technical Minority Scholarship	Xerox	3.0+ GPA; majoring in a tech field	Up to \$10,000	Sept. 30	www.xerox.com

Community Leaders Scholarship	Target	Junior	\$5,000	Oct. 5	www.uncf.org
Wells Fargo Scholarship Fund	Wells Fargo	Soph, jr, or sr majoring in business/engineering; Must attend HBCU;	\$2,000	Oct. 31	www.uncf.org

ON A TIGHT BUDGET?

Find a work-study job on campus.

Work-study provides jobs for students with financial need, allowing them to earn money to help pay for educational and/or living expenses. In order to have a work-study job, you must have a work-study award, which represents the amount you can earn, in your financial aid package. To find a work-study job, please visit your college's student employment center and speak with a work-study coordinator.

Apply for a Resident Assistant (RA) position on-campus.

RAs are trained to supervise and support students living in a college residence hall. As an RA, you will likely receive free boarding and a partial meal plan. Furthermore, it will be a great opportunity to build leadership skills. Please visit your college's housing department for more information.

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.

WIN A \$100 GIFTCARD TO YOUR FAVORITE STORE!

Fill out the Alumni Survey by October 31st for a chance to win.

Complete it at www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=dTZxBlirkyOkCSvYBGO_2bcg_3d_3d

This short, but important, survey will be used to collect your contact information, confirm your current school or work status, evaluate our college counseling and alumni program, and find out which types of alumni event most interest you. It should take no longer than 10 – 15 minutes to complete.

THINKING ABOUT (RE-)ENROLLING IN COLLEGE?

TMA can help you with the application and financial and process.

Did you know that individuals with a bachelor's degree annually earn an average of \$23,000 more than those with a high school diploma? If you took some time off after high school to work, it's not too late to go back to school. Please contact me (scroll down for my contact info) to schedule a college counseling appointment.

CLASS NOTES

- 2005: **Mary'I Pope** made the Dean's List at Westwood College in Spring 2006.
- 2006: **Michael Robinson** plans on transferring to the University of Maryland after he completes his AA at Montgomery College this year.
- 2007: **Shamya Chambers, Naudia Dorsey, and Nicole Dorsey** received book scholarships sponsored by DC Student Support Services at Lincoln University.

Have exciting news that you would like to share with the Thurgood Marshall Academy 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 301-343-8980 (cell).