

THURGOOD MARSHALL ACADEMY
PUBLIC CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL

COLLEGE AND ALUMNI PROGRAM SUCCESS



Introduction

Thurgood Marshall Academy was founded upon the belief that all children have the right to a first-class education and the opportunity to reach their full potential. Founded in 2001, TMA functions as both a school and a youth development organization. The mission of Thurgood Marshall Academy is to prepare students to succeed in college and to actively engage in our democratic society

Thurgood Marshall Academy's college counseling and alumni programming ensure the school's mission is fulfilled: that all students succeed in college. With intensive one-on-one college advising and a rigorous college-prep curriculum, 100% of all TMA students have been accepted to college since 2005. Through the alumni program, TMA graduates have received individual support from the alumni program since 2006, ensuring that approximately 75% graduates remain in college. The program is staffed by a full time college counselor, whose primary focus is assisting students with their college transition and a full-time alumni coordinator who provides counseling as well as academic support to our graduates. As a result, the college counseling and alumni program has achieved the following successes:

- ▶ 100% College Acceptance since 2005
- ▶ 191 Bill & Melinda Gates Achievers Scholars receiving over \$5.6 million dollars since 2008
- ▶ 3 Stephen J. Trachtenberg Scholarship recipient to George Washington University, scholarship valued at \$250,000
- ▶ 1 Gates Millennium Scholarship Recipient
- ▶ 2 POSSE Scholarship Recipient valued at \$175,000
- ▶ Over 93% of students enroll in college within one year of graduation
- ▶ Approximately 75% of our alumni currently enrolled and on track to graduating college

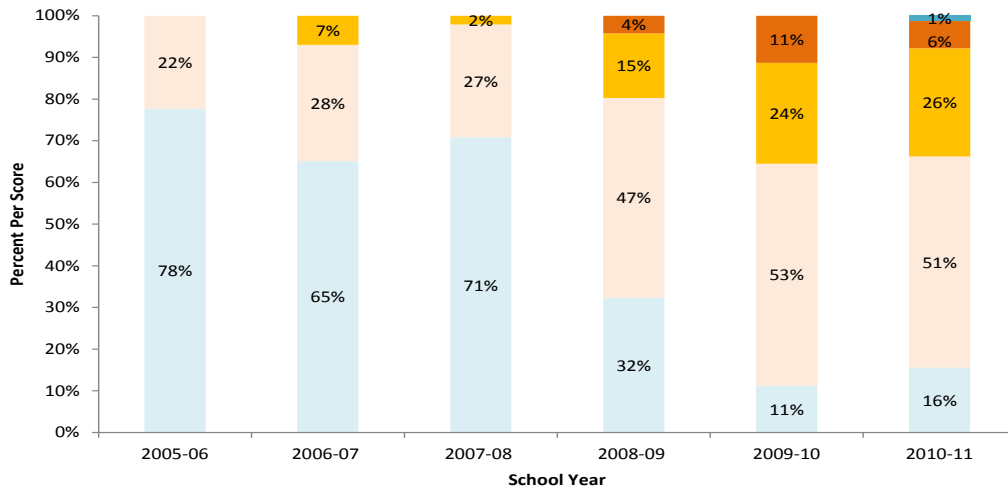
Along with the exceptional faculty and staff at TMA, we would like to thank our partners; The DC College Access Providers (DC CAP), DC College Success Foundation, and Reach For College! for supporting our mission and assisting our students with achieving their goals.

Thank you for taking the opportunity to learn more about the college counseling and alumni programs. If you have any additional questions, please free to contact the college counseling office at (202) 563-6862 ext. 193.

SAT & AP* Performance

*AP (Advanced Placement) exams are administered nationally by the College Board.

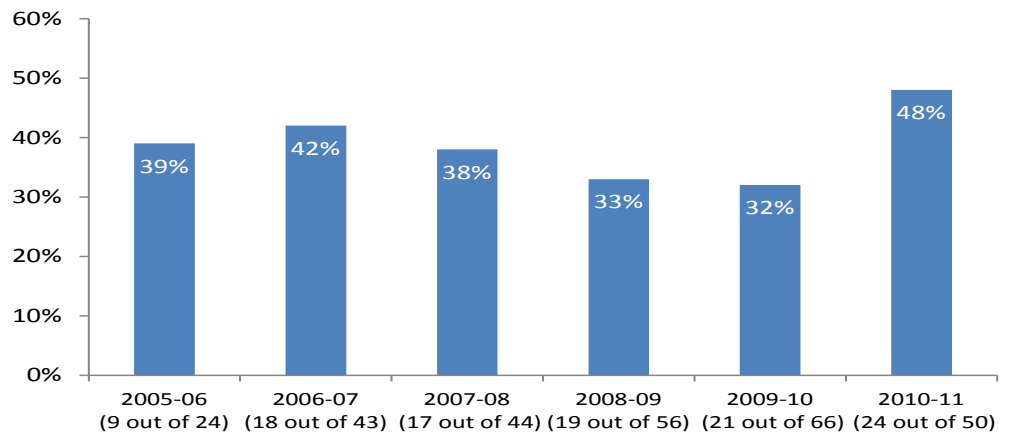
AP Scores Per School Year



Thurgood Marshall Academy has seen an increasing number of students earn 3's, 4's, and 5's on AP exams. In school year (SY) 2010-2011, the school earned its first 5 on an AP exam.

AP Participation (By Class)

Thurgood Marshall Academy students enroll in AP courses at a steadily increasing rate. In SY 2010-2011, nearly half of the graduating class participated in the school's AP program.

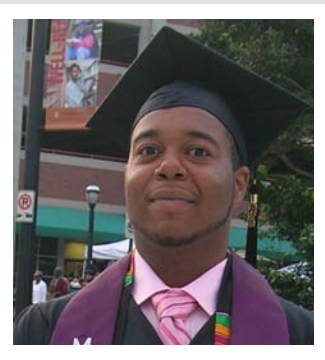


Justin Williams ('05)

When asked about the most challenging aspect of college, Justin states that it was difficult to "establish myself as a strong candidate for graduate studies." He realized it was difficult to catch up with others who had good grades, especially when your determination and motivation often superseded theirs.

Justin's favorite thing about college was his progression as a person and as a student. He states that TMA has "taught me to take responsibility for my actions and to always put my own earnest foot forward."

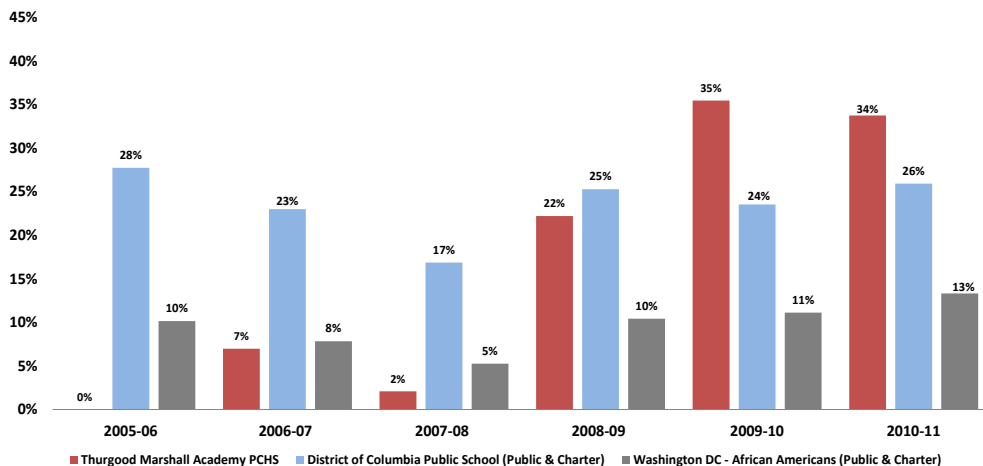
Justin is a graduate of Morehouse College ('10) and is planning to attend graduate school in Psychology.



Class of 2005

- ▶ 18 students
- ▶ 10 out of 18 graduated college or still enrolled in college (55%)
- ▶ 15 out of 18 immediately enrolled in college upon graduation from high school (83%); Data could not be verified for remaining 17%
- ▶ Average GPA: 2.27
- ▶ Average SAT score: 743
 - ▶ Average Reading: 368
 - ▶ Average Math: 375

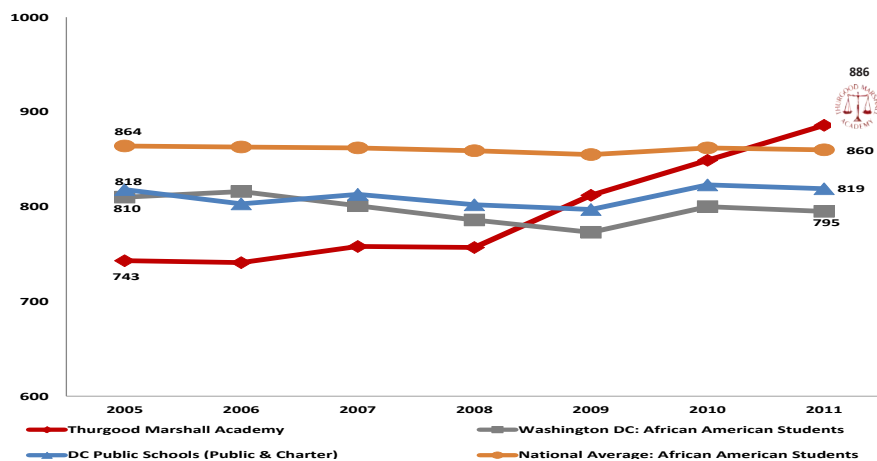
Cumulative AP Passing Rates Per School Year



The passing rate for Thurgood Marshall Academy students on AP exams has consistently grown since SY 2005-2006. Most recently, TMA students have achieved a 34% passing rate, as compared with 26% for all public school students in the District of Columbia and 13% of African American students in the city.

SAT Performance 2005-2011

Thurgood Marshall Academy has seen a 143 point increase in the combined SAT verbal and math scores between 2005 and 2011. The math scores jumped 55 points and the verbal scores rose 89 points.



Class of 2006

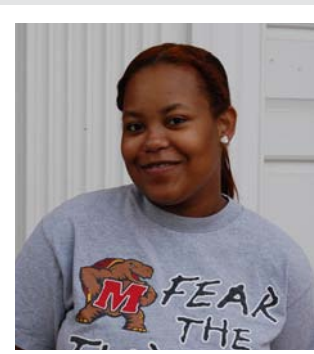
- ▶ 24 students
- ▶ 11 out of 24 graduated or still enrolled in college (46%)
- ▶ 12 out of 24 immediately enrolled in college upon graduation from high school (50%); 6 out of 24 (25%) did not enroll immediately; Data could not be verified for 6 out of 24 (25%)
- ▶ Average GPA: 2.48
- ▶ Average SAT score: 741
 - ▶ Average Reading: 374
 - ▶ Average Math: 367

Theodora Walker ('06)

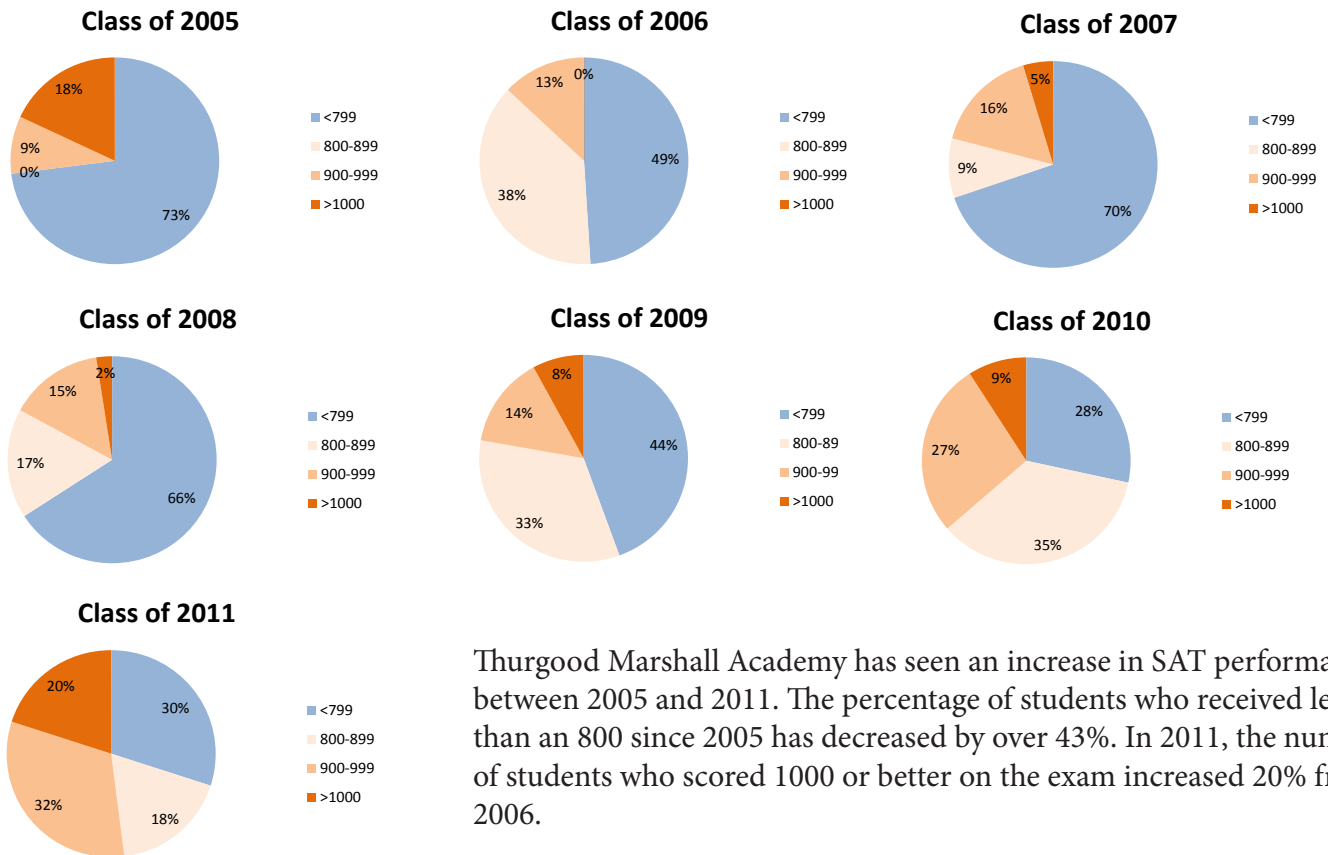
The most challenging aspect of college was handling various crises. However, despite this, college has been rewarding for Theodora. She states that the most rewarding aspects are networking with other students and professors, as well as learning about herself and better understanding her interests.

Theodora says she is "very fortunate to be exposed to the many opportunities that TMA has given to me and other students. I am grateful for having staff and faculty that believed in me and have stood by me through my transition to college."

Theodora is a graduate of University of Maryland-College Park ('11), where she majored in Family Science and Women's Studies.



SAT Performance Over the Years



Thurgood Marshall Academy has seen an increase in SAT performance between 2005 and 2011. The percentage of students who received less than an 800 since 2005 has decreased by over 43%. In 2011, the number of students who scored 1000 or better on the exam increased 20% from 2006.

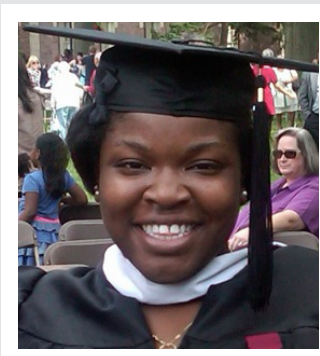
Tiffany Welch ('07)

As a freshman at Lafayette, Tiffany struggled with finding a balance between her social life and her academics. Tiffany is thankful for her college experience because it allowed her to feel more comfortable with meeting new people within a diverse setting.

Tiffany was a member of organizations on campus, including the Association of Black Collegians and the Student Trustee Board in addition to volunteering at the Boys and Girls Club.

Tiffany thanks TMA for all “the love and support in my journey through TMA. You all have helped me in such amazing ways; especially giving me advice that has been very useful in college.”

Tiffany is a graduate of Lafayette College ('11), where she majored in Anthropology and Sociology.



Class of 2007

- ▶ 44 students
- ▶ 26 out of 44 graduated or still enrolled in college (59%)
- ▶ 34 out of 44 immediately enrolled in college after high school (77%); 3 out of 44 did not enroll (7%); Data could not be verified 7 out of 44 (15%)
- ▶ Average GPA: 2.48
- ▶ Average SAT score: 758
 - ▶ Average Reading: 385
 - ▶ Average Math: 373

College Scholarships

Thurgood Marshall Academy students have received over **\$1 million annually** in private scholarships. Below are several scholarships students have received.

- ▶ Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation DC Achievers Scholarship
- ▶ Frederick Abramson Memorial Scholarship
- ▶ Comcast Leaders Scholarship
- ▶ POSSE Foundation Scholarship
- ▶ Sam Walton Community Scholarship
- ▶ Federal Communications Bar Association Scholarship
- ▶ Gates Millennium Scholarship
- ▶ Pearl and Ivy Foundation Scholarship
- ▶ Horatio Alger Scholarship
- ▶ Greater Washington Urban League Scholarship
- ▶ United Planning Organization Scholarship
- ▶ The NAACP Herbert Lehman Scholarship
- ▶ Kappa Scholarship Endowment Fund, Inc. Scholarship
- ▶ Double the Numbers Scholarship
- ▶ Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Scholarship
- ▶ DC Federation of Civic Associations
- ▶ Economic Club Scholarship
- ▶ Martin Luther King Jr Celebration Day Committee Scholarship
- ▶ Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Scholarship
- ▶ PEO Sisterhood Scholarship

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- ▶ 1 Gates Millennium Scholarship recipient.
- ▶ 2 POSSE Scholarship recipients valued at **\$175,000**, each.
- ▶ Class of 2010 earned **\$4.3 million** in private and institutional scholarships.
- ▶ Class of 2011 earned **\$3.3 million** in private and institutional scholarships.

- ▶ Mignon Hemsley (class of 2011) received the Economic Club Scholarship for **\$5,000** to attend Howard University in Washington, D.C.
- ▶ Ke'ven Miles (class of 2011) received the NAACP Herbert Lehman Scholarship worth **\$8,000** to attend the University of Connecticut.
- ▶ Ketra White (class of 2009) received the Greater Washington Urban League Scholarship worth **\$2,500** for her essay about how to improve the DC community to attend Livingston College in Salisbury, NC.

Class of 2008

- ▶ 45 students
- ▶ 38 out of 45 still enrolled in college (84%)
- ▶ 41 out of 45 immediately enrolled in college after high school (91%); 1 did not enroll (2%); Data could not be verified for 3 out of 45 (7%)
- ▶ Average GPA: 2.64
- ▶ Average SAT score: 759
 - ▶ Average Reading: 406
 - ▶ Average Math: 353

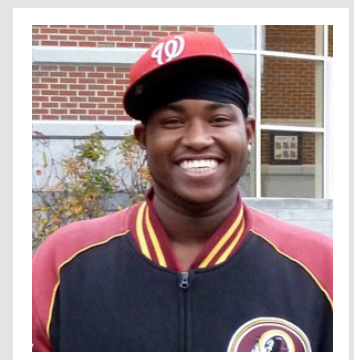
James Watkins ('08)

James' favorite thing about college is learning about himself from social interactions. Through interactions with friends and deans, he has learned to address his flaws, which has therefore molded him into a more mature person. The most challenging part has been balancing work with social activities.

Since freshman year, James has hosted a radio show on campus and he is also a member of a multicultural organization that focuses on global issues affecting the black diaspora.

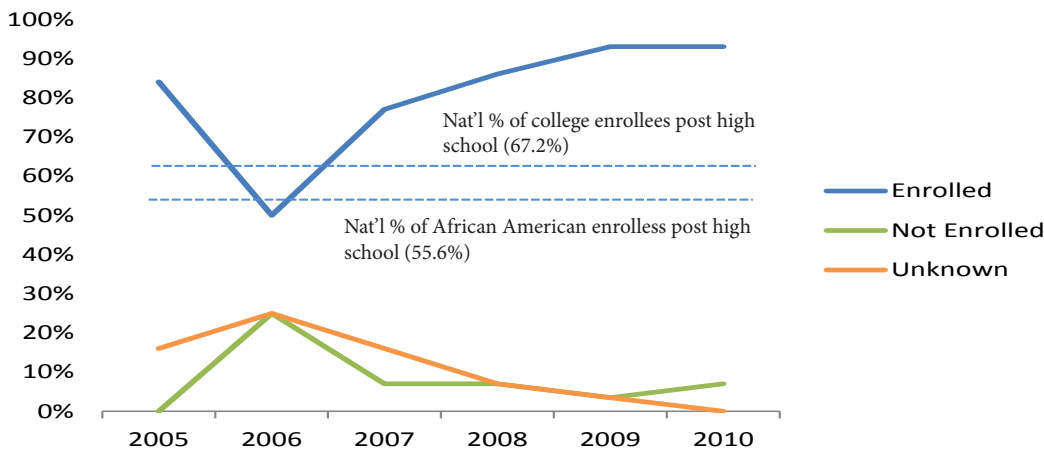
James says he thanks TMA for "never giving up on me when at times I wanted to give up on myself. I love you all, I truly do."

James Watkins ('12) is a senior at Bates College, where he majors in English and minors in Sociology.



Alumni Facts and Figures

Percentage Immediately Enrolled by Class

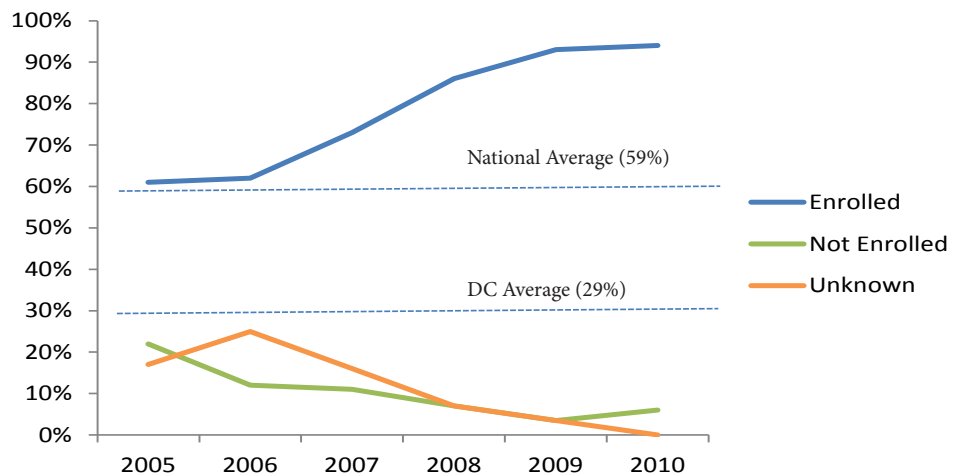


With the growth of the Alumni Program since its inception in 2006, Thurgood Marshall Academy alumni enroll in colleges and universities after graduation at an average rate of 80.5%, which exceeds the national average of 67.2%*.

*Statistics reported by the College Board: <http://completionagenda.collegeboard.org/immediate-enrollment-rate-high-school-graduates>

Percentage Enrolled Within 1 Year of Graduating Thurgood Marshall

TMA alumni enroll in colleges and universities within one year of graduating at an average rate of 78.2%, which exceed the national average of 59%* in 2008 and the DC average of 29%*.



*Statistics reported by the National Student Clearinghouse: http://www.studentclearinghouse.org/highschools/pdfs/ST_sample_report.pdf

*Statistics reported by Double the Numbers

Rashawn Grant ('09)

Rashawn Grant says the most rewarding thing about college is the independence that college brings. She believes the most challenging thing about college is managing the workload and transitioning from high school.

On campus, Rashawn is involved in the Black Student Union, ALANA community, the Caribbean House, and the Peer Conduct Judiciary Board.

When asked what she would like to say to TMA staff/teachers, Rashawn says "I can honestly say TMA has made me who I am today, and I doubt I would be where I am today without them."

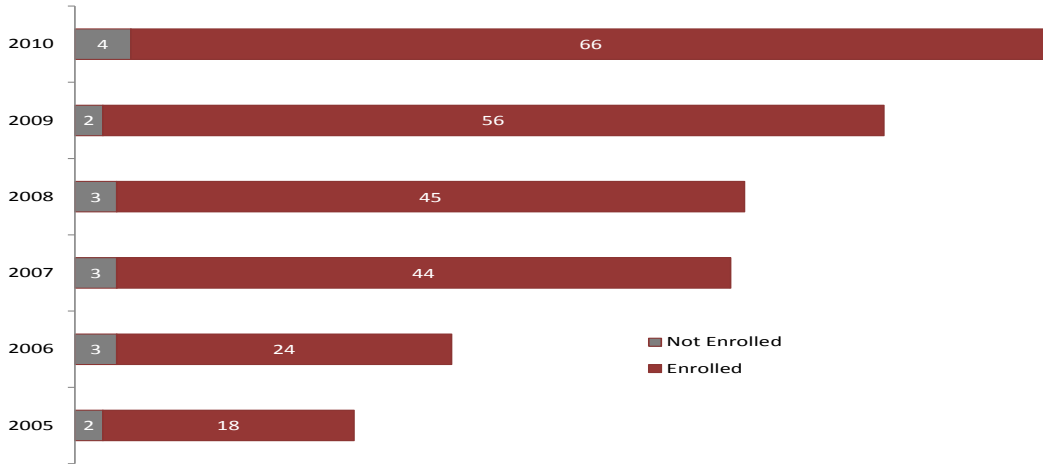
Rashawn Grant is a junior at the University of Vermont ('13), where she majors in Psychology and minors in Biology.



Class of 2009

- ▶ 56 students
- ▶ 49 out of 56 students still enrolled in college (88%)
- ▶ 53 out of 56 immediately enrolled in college after high school (95%); 1 out of 55 did not enroll (2%); Data could not be verified 2 out of 55 (3%)
- ▶ Average GPA: 2.65
- ▶ Average SAT score: 812
 - ▶ Average Reading: 416
 - ▶ Average Math: 396

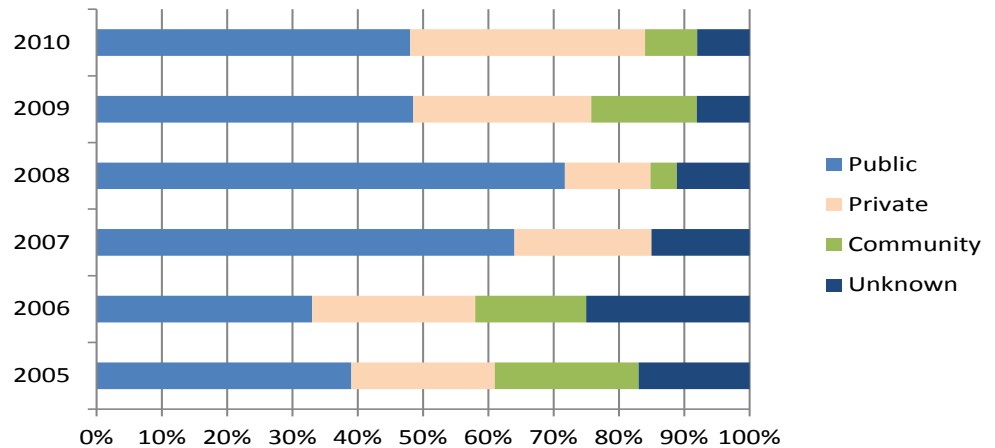
Alumni Enrollment Trend



Thurgood Marshall Academy has seen a small percentage of alumni who do not enroll in college. Since 2005, only 17 out of 270 Thurgood Marshall Academy students never enrolled in college.

Percentage Enrolled Immediately by Type of Institution

Thurgood Marshall Academy students enroll in public, private, and community colleges upon graduation. On average, about half of all alumni attend public colleges or universities, while approximately one quarter attend private institutions.



Class of 2010

- ▶ 66 students
- ▶ 62 out of 66 still enrolled in college (96%)
- ▶ 61 out of 66 immediately enrolled in college after high school (92%); 5 out of 66 did not enroll (8%)
- ▶ Average GPA 2.52
- ▶ Average SAT score 846
- ▶ Average Reading: 429
- ▶ Average Math: 417

De'Sean Suarez ('10)

For De'Sean, the biggest challenge of college is adjusting to the workload. De'Sean says that the trimesters "go by really fast so you must stay on top of your work, but with all the distractions on campus, this becomes even more difficult."

De'Sean is the Vice President of the Black Student Union. In the winter, De'Sean will participate in a course called the Civil Rights Movement, where he will travel to 18 cities in the South.

De'Sean says, "TMA prepared me for college, a place I never really thought I would make it to until I got to TMA. They believed in me and supported me every step of the way to get here. I will graduate from college and go on to be successful. TMA helped shape me into the man I am today."



De'Sean Suarez is a sophomore at Union College ('14), where he majors in History.

What Our Alumni Are Saying



Breonna Young (University of Vermont, '14), Mache Chase (UVM, '14), Rashawn Grant (VMA, '13), Emma Levine (Alumni Coordinator) Arielle Holliday (Vermont, '14)

“My field of study has taken me to places that will provide the best opportunities in life for me. I am very thankful and honored to have been taught by wonderful high school teachers that made me realize my academic potential and purpose in life.”

Darrion Willis ('08)
University of Vermont, Class of 2012

“I really appreciate all of the work and help the staff here at TMA has provided us with. Though it was hard during the process, I feel that there was an outstanding outcome to all of this. I truly appreciate the opportunities I was given here and plan to use everything I've learned in the future!”

Mignon Hemsley ('11)
Howard University, Class of 2015



Candice Bobo (Director of Students Affairs), Tiffany Welch (Lafayette, '11), Emma Levine (Alumni Coordinator)

“You all have pushed me to the max. Many of my peers thought we were just being picked on and pushed around but honestly your encouragement made me who I am today. I encourage every staff member to continue to enforce what you believe to be high expectations. I proved the statistics wrong and with the help from the TMA family, you can encourage more students to make their own statistics”

Quanisha Quick ('07)
University of Vermont, Class of 2011

“I am on the road to success and I thank everyone at TMA for helping me get there. If it wasn't for you, I honestly may not even be in college.”

Demetrius Suggs ('10)
Johnson C. Smith University, Class of 2014



Ke'von Miles (University of Connecticut, '15)

College Acceptances

The American Musical and Dramatic Academy

Academy of Art University

Allegany College

American University

Arizona State University

Art Institute of Philadelphia

Art Institute of Pittsburgh

Bates College

Benedict College

Bennett College

Bethune-Cookman University

Boston University

Bowie State University

Capitol College

Carnegie Mellon University

Catawba College

Catholic University of America

Cedar Crest University

Central Pennsylvania University

Central State University

Cheyney University

Clarion University

Clark Atlanta University

Clark University

Clayton State University

Clemson University

Cleveland State University

College of the Holy Cross

College of Notre Dame of Maryland

College of William & Mary

Columbia College of Chicago

Coppin State University

Davidson College

Delaware State University

Denison University

DePaul University

Drexel University

Elizabeth City State University

Elon University

Emerson College

Fairleigh Dickinson University

Fairmont State

Florida A&M University

Florida Southern College

Fort Valley State University

George Mason University

Georgetown University

The George Washington University

Hampton University

Harrisburg University

Hofstra University

Howard University

Immaculata University

Ithaca College

Johnson & Wales University

Johnson C. Smith University

Kent State University

King's College

Lafayette College

Lake Erie College

Lincoln University

Livingstone College

Loyola University - Maryland

Manhattanville College

Marymount University

Medaille College

Mercyhurst College

Miami University at Oxford

Montgomery College

Morehouse College

Morgan State University
New York Institute of Technology
Norfolk State University
North Carolina A&T State University
North Carolina Central University
North Carolina Wesleyan College
Ohio University
Old Dominion University
Pennsylvania College of Technology
The Pennsylvania State University
Pepperdine University
Potomac State College
Post University
Prince George's Community College
Radford College
Randolph-Macon College
St. Augustine's College
St. John's University
St. Paul's College
Seton Hall University
Shaw University
Slippery Rock University
Spelman College
South Carolina State University
SUNY University at Albany
SUNY Buffalo
SUNY Delhi
Swarthmore College
Temple University
Tennessee State University
Trinity University
Tuskegee University
Union College
University of Advancing Technology
University of Arizona

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University of Bridgeport
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University of Oregon
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University of Texas—El Paso
University of the District of Columbia
University of Vermont
University of Virginia
University of West Georgia
University Technical Institute
Villa Julie College
Virginia State University
Virginia Union University
Wesley College
Westminster College
West Virginia State University
West Virginia Wesleyan College
Wright State University
Winston-Salem University
Xavier University - Louisiana
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