



Thurgood Marshall Academy ALUMNI eNEWSLETTER

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OCTOBER BIRTHDAY:

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

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY:

- 6: Vernon Odemns
- 7: Michael Shivers
- 8: Anton Simms
- 15: Quaniece Sellers
- 17: Maurice Robertson
- 25: Denise Bolden
- 26: Charquira Pryor

WELCOME!

Dear Alumni,

It's Spirit Week at Thurgood Marshall Academy! During this week, our students will be able to abandon their uniforms and showcase their creativity. I hope that you, too, are getting accustomed to your school culture and showing off your school pride.

In this issue, you will find tips on registration and travel, listings for scholarships and internships, and much more!

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. It's your last chance to complete our Alumni Survey! See below for link.

WIN A \$100 GIFTCARD TO YOUR FAVORITE STORE!

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

Complete the survey at www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=dTZxBliirkyOkCSvYBGO_2bcq_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.

SHARE YOUR WISDOM WITH CURRENT STUDENTS

Participate in an Alumni Panel on November 20th.

Our students are thinking about college and would love to hear your experiences first-hand! Chat with seniors about campus life, financial aid, and other college-related topics. If you're interested in serving as a panelist, please e-mail kjeng@tmapchs.org.

MISSING YOUR HIGH SCHOOL BUDDIES?

Attend the 2nd Annual Alumni Dinner on December 18th!

Reconnect with your former classmates and teachers over a delicious meal at Thurgood Marshall Academy. If you would like to be included in our slideshow, please send recent photos to kjeng@tmapchs.org. More details to follow!

NEED HELP REGISTERING FOR SPRING CLASSES?

Start by looking over your graduation requirements.

- **Meet with your advisor** to discuss your academic and career interests. Your advisor will be able to help you select the right courses.
- Research your school's website or talk with your advisor about **core, major, and elective requirements**. Make sure that your courses will help you fulfill these requirements.
- **Register early** to get the classes and times that you want. If a section has closed, keep trying and/or ask the instructor if there is a waitlist.
- Take a **full course load (at least 12 credits)**. In order to graduate on time and keep your financial aid, you must take a full course load every semester. *If you dropped a course this semester, you may be required to take more credits next semester. Please visit your*

Financial Aid Office to confirm.

ALREADY THINKING ABOUT A SUMMER INTERNSHIP?

Be aware of internships that have early deadlines.

Organization	Eligibility	Location	Deadline	Web site
The Boston Globe	College student	Boston	Nov. 1	bostonglobe.com/aboutus/careerops/.stm
Central Intelligence Agency (CIA)	Sophomore	Washington, DC	Nov. 1	www.cia.gov/careers/student-opportunities/
Dow Jones Newspaper Fund	College student	Varies	Nov. 1	djnewspaperfund.dowjones.com/fund/cs_internships.asp
US Department of State	College student	Varies	Nov. 1	careers.state.gov/students/programs.html
The Washington Post	Junior or senior	Washington, DC	Nov. 1	www.washpost.com/news_ed/summer_internships/
International Radio & Television Society Foundation	Junior or senior	New York City	Dec. 2	www.irts.org/programs/sfp/sfp.html

CHECK OUT THESE SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES!

Name	Sponsor	Eligibility	Amount	Deadline	Web site
Marathon Oil Corp Scholarship	Marathon Oil Corp	n/a	Up to \$15,000	Nov. 1	www.uncf.org
GAP Foundation Scholarship	GAP Foundation	Sophomore or junior majoring in business	Up to \$5,000	Nov. 2	www.uncf.org
Herb Block Scholarship	Herb Block Foundation	Attending Montgomery College or Prince George's Community College	Up to \$5,000	Nov. 10	www.herblockfoundation.org
Athena Group Scholarship	Athena Group	Sophomore or junior interested in real estate	Up to \$7,000	Nov. 12	www.uncf.org

TRAVELING HOME DURING THE HOLIDAYS?

Plan ahead to save money and headaches.

By plane:

- **Buy your ticket early!**
- **Avoid peak hours**, such as early morning and late afternoon. Midday departures and red-eye flights are often cheaper.
- In general, **depart on a Wednesday or Thursday** for the best rates. If you are planning to fly home for Thanksgiving, consider leaving the day of for the cheapest fare.
- Save time and check **Mobissimo** (www.mobissimo.com) first. It searches 157 different sites directly and provides you with all the times that fit your criteria.

By bus or train:

- **Buy your ticket early!**
- Take advantage of Greyhound's **companion fare**—enjoy 50% off the second ticket when you buy one adult ticket at the regular price.
- **Use your Student Advantage Card** (www.studentadvantage.com) and receive 15% off on Amtrak or Greyhound. Annual membership fee is \$20.

By car:

- **Avoid rush hour traffic!**
- Find a **travel buddy** to split the gas money with in exchange for a ride.
- Make sure you have enough money (bills and quarters) for **tolls**.
- Is gas cheaper around your college? **Gas up** before you get on the highway.
- **Prepare a sandwich and/or snack**. Food options at rest stops can be limited and expensive.

THINKING ABOUT (RE-)ENROLLING IN COLLEGE?

TMA can help you with the application and financial aid 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: **Godtheson Thomas** was elected the Homecoming King at the University of the District of Columbia.
- 2006: **Nakeia Harris** has declared a major in Psychology and is taking *Careers in Psychology* and *Statistics for the Social Sciences* at Marymount University.
- 2007: **Quaniece Sellers** is an active member of the Class Council and the Black Student Union at the University of Vermont.

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 kieng@tmapchs.org or call 202-563-6862 ext. 210 (work) or 301-343-8980 (cell).