



Thurgood Marshall Academy ALUMNI eNEWSLETTER

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NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS:

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

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS:

- 1: Antwan Johnson
- 3: Kyndal Moore
- 6: Carlise Burton
- 8: Hakeem Ayodeji
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Antonio Jones
- 15: Markita Frederick
- 17: Cassie Cunningham
- 24: Jherconna Ford
- 31: Katrina McKnight

WELCOME!

Dear Alumni:

Are you ready to come home for the holidays?

Come celebrate the end of the semester and reconnect with your fellow alumni and former teachers at our 2nd Annual Alumni Dinner! The dinner will be immediately followed by our first winter performance. I can't think of a better way to kick-off the holidays! Please RSVP as soon as possible by clicking on the link below.

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).

I hope to see you soon!

Best wishes,
Ms. Jeng
Alumni Affairs Coordinator

Did you RSVP for the 2nd Annual Alumni Dinner?

Catch a dinner and a student performance on December 17 (M) at 4:30PM!

If you are planning on attending, please RSVP at

<http://www.evite.com/pages/invite/viewInvite.jsp?inviteId=TGIVMWIQTMRUBCLNJECM&li=iq&src=email>

If you would like to be included in our slideshow, send recent photos to kjeng@tmapchs.org. Please note that the dress code is business casual.

Wish you had some munchies while you study for finals?

Let me know if you would like to receive a TMA care package!

If you would like one, please send me your school address by December 1st.

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?

Organization	Eligibility	Location	Deadline	Web site
International Radio & Television	Junior or senior	New York City	Dec. 2	www.irts.org/programs/sfp/sfp.html

Society Foundation				
SEO-U	Freshman or sophomore	Varies	Apply ASAP	www.seo-usa.org
SEO	Sophomore or junior	Varies	Dec. 15	www.seo-ny.org
Malcolm Pirnie/UNCF Corporate Scholars Program	Sophomore or junior with at least a 2.8 GPA	Varies	Feb. 1	www.uncf.org
UPS/UNCF Corporate Scholars Program	Sophomore or junior with at least a 3.0 GPA	Varies	Feb. 9	www.uncf.org
Oracle/UNCF Corporate Scholars Program	Junior or senior with at least a 3.0 GPA	California or Virginia	Feb. 15	www.uncf.org
Sprint Nextel/UNCF Corporate Scholars Program	Sophomore or junior with at least a 3.0 GPA	Varies	Feb. 25	www.uncf.org
INROADS	Freshman or sophomore with at least a 2.8 GPA	Varies	Mar. 31	www.inroads.org

CHECK OUT THESE SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES!

Name	Sponsor	Eligibility	Amount	Deadline	Web site
ITT Corporation Scholarship	ITT Corporation	Sophomore or junior majoring in math, science, business, or engineering	\$5,000	Dec. 3	www.uncf.org
Eunice Walker Johnson Endowed Scholarship	Eunice Walker Johnson	Must attend a UNCF member colleges and universities	Up to \$5,000	Dec. 1	www.uncf.org
"Stop the Violence" Essay Contest	United Black Fund of America, Inc. (UBFA)	College students	Up to \$1,000	Dec. 17	(202) 783-0430

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.
- 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: **Anton Simms** has transferred from Frostburg State University to American University.
- 2006: **Antonio Jones** traveled with a comedy group and will be returning to UDC in the spring.
- 2007: **Hakeem Ayodeji** is mentoring Dayvon Scriber, a 9th grade student at TMA.

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).