



# Thurgood Marshall Academy ALUMNI eNEWSLETTER

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## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS:

- 1: Kimberly Jones  
June Hall
- 2: Arthur Smith
- 13: Eugene Bender
- 18: Kennika Jones
- 26: Alecia Mease
- 27: Rashida Ross  
LaChia Logan

## MARCH BIRTHDAYS:

- 2: Johniece Rucker
- 7: Christol Flowers
- 11: James Edwards
- 13: Toya Ridout  
Lucreatia Williams
- 17: Melanie Butler
- 19: Danielle Saunders
- 21: Danyelle Ford
- 22: Corissa Johnson
- 24: Robert Veasley

## WELCOME!

Dear Alumni:

Now that the Fall semester is behind us its time to start looking ahead and preparing for a successful Spring semester. In addition, its time to start preparing for next school year!

It is important to remember that your parent or guardian must file taxes every year in order for you to apply for financial aid. You must also **submit your FAFSA and DC OneApp early** to receive maximum federal and district aid.

Thurgood Marshall Academy will be hosting a free tax and financial aid preparation session — see below!

Best wishes,  
Ms. Levine  
Alumni Affairs Coordinator

P.S. Review your financial aid award letter and your latest student bill to confirm that you have sufficient funding for this semester. If you do not have enough aid, please contact your Financial Aid Office or me immediately.

## FREE TAX & FINANCIAL AID PREPARATION

**Have your 2009 taxes and FAFSA professionally prepared for free!**

Contact me at (202) 563-6862 ext. 266 or [elevine@tmapchs.org](mailto:elevine@tmapchs.org) to reserve a spot for you and/or your family. Tax preparers will be able to assist you with completing taxes. The event will be held on Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2010 from 5:30-8:00 pm at the TMA Library. Please RSVP for this event.

## Time Management 101

**Have too much work and too little time? Check out these tips!**

- **Plan ahead.** Make monthly, weekly, and daily plans and stick to them!
- **Find your "zone."** Are you an early riser or a night owl? Schedule study time during hours when you know you will be the most effective.
- **Establish your work area.** Identify a productive space that you will use to study regularly. Don't surf the internet or message friends when you are studying!
- **Avoid time wasters.** Don't waste time on activities (i.e., watching television or chatting on the phone) that will prevent you from getting things done.
- **Do not procrastinate.** Avoid the urge to wait until the last minute to study for exams or complete assignments. Seek help early if you need it!

## CHECK OUT THESE SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES!

Name	Sponsor	Eligibility	Amount	Deadline	Web site
A. Patrick Charnon scholarship	The Center for Education Solutions	Family income under \$30,000	Up to \$1,500 per academic year	March 31, 2010	<a href="http://www.cesresources.org/apply.h">http://www.cesresources.org/apply.h</a>
Confronting Ideology Scholarship	Campus reform	Must be enrolled in college, must complete an essay	Up to \$3,000	May 14, 2010	<a href="http://www.campusreform.org/take-">http://www.campusreform.org/take-</a>

Herb Block Scholarship	Herb Block Foundation	Must attend UDC, Montgomery College, Northern Virginia College, or Prince George's College	Up to \$8,000	July 7	<a href="http://www.herblockfoundation.org/">http://www.herblockfoundation.org/</a>
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## FEATURE INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITY

The Fund for American Studies (TFAS) sponsors Institutes that teach college students about the principles and values upon which the United States was founded.

The following Summer Institutes are held in Washington, D.C. in partnership with Georgetown University:

- [The Engalitcheff Institute on Comparative Political and Economic Systems](#)  
For students interested in public policy, international affairs, and economics.
- [The Institute on Political Journalism](#)  
For students looking to pursue a career in journalism, communications, and PR
- [Institute on Business and Government Affairs](#)  
For students interested in lobbying, associations, and government affairs offices
- [The Institute on Philanthropy and Voluntary Service](#)  
For students looking to pursue a career in the nonprofit sector, volunteering, and fundraising.

Apply Online: <http://www.dciinternships.org/>

Priority Deadline: February 5<sup>th</sup>; Final Deadline: March 1<sup>st</sup> 2009

## 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 an appointment.

## CLASS NOTES

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 [elevine@tmapchs.org](mailto:elevine@tmapchs.org) or call (202) 563-6862 ext. 266 (work).