



Thurgood Marshall Academy ALUMNI eNEWSLETTER

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MARCH BIRTHDAYS:

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

APRIL BIRTHDAYS:

- 1: Niyair Wilkinson
- 2: Camille Howell
- 3: Alexis Davis
Raven Jenkins
- 5: Deonte Lyles
Christopher Ceophas
- 6: Tyiesha Coleman
- 10: Breanna Robinson
- 11: James Watkins
- 15: Antoine Cartwright
- 16: Robyn Law
- 17: Melanie Butler
- 21: Justin Williams
- 28: Darnetta Snowden

WELCOME!

Dear Alumni:

Hope you all are enjoying the extra hour of daylight and looking forward to the spring! As the end of the school year draws near remember to keep your focus on academics and finish the year as best you can! Thurgood Marshall Academy will start our spring break on March 29 and classes will resume again on Monday April 5th. If anyone should need me or have any questions I will be checking my school email in the case of an emergency.

In addition to finishing your classes strong, remember that its time to start planning ahead for next year. Information about renewing your FAFSA and DC TAG/LEAP is included below. I have also found some scholarship and summer internship opportunities that I hope you take advantage of ☺

Best wishes,
Ms. Emma Levine
Alumni Coordinator

P.S. Remind your parent or guardian that taxes must be filed every year in order for you to apply for financial aid. Your family should not wait until April to file taxes. Submit your FAFSA and DC OneApp *early* to receive maximum federal and district aid for college.

FAFSA RENEWAL

You MUST re-apply for financial aid each year that you enroll in school.

1) Be aware of deadlines! Check with your Financial Aid Office for your school's deadline. Remember, you need to file your FAFSA in order to apply for DC-TAG and DC-LEAP.

2) Find your PIN. You must use the same PIN each year. If you have forgotten your PIN, go to www.pin.ed.gov for immediate retrieval.

3) Gather all the required documents. If you are filing a renewal application, all the personal data such as home address and social security number will already be stored. However, you still need the 2008 federal tax return, records of untaxed income such as SSI or TANF, and information on savings and investments for yourself (if applicable) and your parent/guardian.

4) Use the FAFSA on the Web Worksheet. This worksheet can help you collect the information you need to fill out your FAFSA. Visit your Financial Aid Office for a paper copy or download an electronic version at www.fafsa.ed.gov

5) Complete your application. Enter all necessary information at www.fafsa.ed.gov. Make sure to include your current e-mail address so that you can receive your Student Air Report (SAR) electronically. Finally, keep the confirmation number for your records.

6) Check for accuracy. Review your Student Aid Report (SAR) carefully. If you need to make corrections or updates, visit www.fafsa.ed.gov

DC ONEAPP RENEWAL

DC OneApp allows DC residents to apply for DC-TAG and DC-LEAP. You MUST re-submit DC OneApp each year that you enroll in school.

DC-TAG will . . .

- fund the difference (up to \$10,000) between in-state and out-of-state tuition for DC residents **OR**
- provide a grant up to \$2,500 for any college in the D.C. metropolitan area, any HBCU, and any two-year community college

DC-LEAP will . . .

- provide a need-based grant of up to \$1,500 for any college

To apply:

1) Complete the online application at www.osse.dc.gov

2) Submit the following supporting documents to the State Education Office (51 N Street, NE, Lower Level Floor, Washington, DC, 20002); Toll Free Number: 1 (877) 485-6751

Domicile Verification (submit one)

- Certified D-40 tax return*
- 12-month history of Social Security Disability Income (SSDI) Document
- 12-month history of Social Security Income Document
- 12-month history of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Document
- 12-month history of Unemployment Benefits Document
- 12-month history of Worker's Compensation Disability Document
- Ward of Court Letter

Application Forms (submit all with original signatures)

- DC OneApp Supporting Documents Checklist and Agreement
- Affirmation Statement
- Legal Disclaimer/Privacy of Student Records

Current Utility Bill (submit one that is less than 45 days old)

- Bank Statement
- Mortgage Statement
- Pay Stub
- Utility Bill

Student Aid Report (SAR) from FAFSA

- PDF Version of SAR (sent to you via e-mail from the U.S. Department of Education)

*** Certified D-40:** A Certified D-40 bears a "Certified True Copy" stamp from the DC Office of Tax and Revenue (941 N. Capitol Street, NE, 1st Floor at Union Station). Your parent/guardian must bring the D-40 to the walk-in customer service center for a certification stamp.

CHECK OUT THESE SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES!

Name	Sponsor	Eligibility	Amount	Deadline	Web site
UNCF General Scholarship	United Negro College Fund	College students	Up to \$5,000	May 14th	http://uncf.org/forstudents/scholarshipetailSGA.asp?id=375
Maryland and DC Credit Union scholarship	Credit Union Foundation	DC college student	\$1,000	March 31st	http://www.cufound.org/scholarship.htm

FEATURE SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES

University of Dreams- Washington, DC Internships

Included in the 8-week program are accommodations in DC, 6 planned group weekend activities to introduce participants to the city, a weekly speaker series, a meal plan, an unlimited subway pass, and the opportunity to enjoy Washington DC with hundreds of motivated college students from universities around the country.

If you are interested in finance, public relations, or advertising, you can obtain a great internship with companies that deal directly with government firms.

Apply: <http://www.washingtondcinternships.com/>

Passport-to-Work Summer Youth Program

The Department of Employment Services (DOES) is dedicated to helping District youths make a smooth transition into the workforce. The 2010 Passport-to-Work Summer Youth Program (SYP) offers 14,000 District youth, ages 14-21, with an opportunity to participate in a ten-week temporary job readiness and academic enrichment program.

Registration for the 2010 Summer Youth Employment Program has already begun online. Interested youth must complete the 2010 Summer Application to register. Youth are required to bring proof of their District residency, date of birth, citizenship/permanent residency, and Social Security Number when registering for the program. College students must also bring a current resume and college transcript.

Please visit <http://www.does.dc.gov/does/cwp/view,a,1232,q,537757,doesNav,%7C32062%7C.asp> for more information.

WANT TO SHARE YOUR WISDOM?

Give back to the Thurgood Marshall Academy Community!

There are many ways to stay involved, including serving on Mentor Days, speaking with students about your college experiences, volunteering at our **Shining Star Gala**, and recruiting seniors with an admissions representative. Please contact me for more information.

THINKING ABOUT (RE-) ENROLLING IN COLLEGE?

TMA can help you with the application and financial aid process. Simply contact me at the number or email address below—I am happy to make an appointment with you if you need assistance with the college application or financial aid process.

HAVE A COMMENT OR SUGGESTION?

Let me know! E-mail elevine@tmpachs.org or call (202) 563-6862 ext. 266 (work)