



Thurgood Marshall Academy ALUMNI eNEWSLETTER

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- 3: Donnei Harris
- 5: Starleana Stackhouse
- 6: Vernon Odemns, Tianna Greene
- 7: Michael Shivers
- 8: Anton Simms
- 9: Nathia Grier
- 15: Synai Williams
- 16: Christian Yanez
- 17: Maurice Robertson
- 25: Denise Bolden, Andrea Wilkinson, Temprest Middleton
- 26: Charquira Pryor
- 29: Kellen Wicks

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS:

- 3: Kyndal Moore
- 4: Issa Ford
- 6: Carlise Burton
- 8: Hakeem Ayodeji Hakeemat Ayodeji Antonio Jones
- 14: Vincent Long
- 15: Markita Frederick
- 17: Cassie Cunningham
- 20: Chantz

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 4th Annual Alumni Dinner!

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. Levine
Alumni Affairs Coordinator

Did you RSVP for the 4th Annual Alumni Dinner?

Reunite with all alumni on Monday December 14th at 4:00PM!

If you are planning on attending, please RSVP by sending Ms. Levine an email, facebook message, and/or calling me at the number listed below.

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

Alumni Panel December 14th 12:00-3:00 pm

Still looking for more alumni to speak to current TMA students about their college experiences and the application process. The panel will be held right before the alumni dinner from about 12:00-3:00. Please let me know if you are interested!

HOMECOMING!

Come out and support the current TMA warriors at the homecoming basketball game on December 4th! The pep-rally will begin at 2:00 pm, followed by the basketball game in the new TMA gymnasium. All alumni welcome!

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.*

CHECK OUT THESE SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES!

Name	Sponsor	Eligibility	Amount	Deadline	Web site

Clagette, Sade
Harrison
-21: Shauntice Gray
- 24: Jherconna
Ford
-29 : Shaniqua Love
-30: Tabea Leggette
- 31: Katrina
McKnight

ITT Corporation Scholarship	ITT Corporation	Sophomore or junior majoring in math, science, business	\$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
"No Essay Contest"	Scholarships.com	College students	\$2,000	November 30 th	http://collegeproowler.com/scholarship/apply.aspx
Alvin Cox Memorial Scholarship	Alvin Cox Memorial scholarship	Current College students	\$750	Dec. 17	http://www.alvincoxmemorial.com/
Dream Deferred Essay Contest	Marathon Oil Corp	n/a	Up to \$10,000	Jan 17	http://www.hamsaweb.org/essay/

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.

HAVE A COMMENT OR SUGGESTION?

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