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2014 Scholarship Reception

“Celebrating the Success of our Next Generation”

Presenting the Lee, Adams/Morsell, Leeper, Harris and Parker Memorial Scholarship.

Sunday, July 13, 2014 ~ 4:00 pm
Mt. Olive United Methodist Church
10 Fairground Road
Prince Frederick, MD 20678

“Thank you for your support!”
Welcome and the Occasion

Introduction of MCs ................................................................. Rhonda Thomas  
*Founder and President, LEAP Forward*

**Master of Ceremony** ................................................................. Torez Cooke  
*LEAP Forward 2012-13 Scholarship Recipient – Salisbury University*

Invocation ................................................................. Pastor Dana Jones  
*Mt. Olive United Methodist Church*

Musical Selection .............. “Lift Every Voice and Sing” .............. Led by Tonya Jackson

Introduction of Guest Speaker .................................................. Dorien Minor  
*9th Grade Calvert High*

Introduction of Guest Entertainer ............................................ Kensley Benjamin  
*7th Grade Calvert Middle*

Musical Celebration .......................... Kendall Isadore: Violinist, Pianist and Vocalist

**Successful Inspirational Speakers** ............ *Kevin Coby, President/CEO SITEC Consulting  
Sandra Coby, SITEC Consulting*

Scholarship Presentation – Funds donated by SITEC Consulting .......... $1000.00 Awards  
Violet Parker Memorial Scholarships .................................... The Parker Family  
Rev. Charles Lee, Sr. Memorial Scholarships ................................ The Lee Family

Musical Celebration ................................................................. Kendall Isadore

Scholarship Presentation ......................................................... $600.00 Awards  
Raymond Harris Memorial Scholarships .................................. The Harris Family  
Randolph Adams/Clifton Morsell Memorial Scholarships .... The Adams-Morsell Family  
Wallace Leeper Memorial Scholarships ...................................... LEAP Forward

Past LEAP Forward Scholarship Recipients ................................ Acknowledgements

Musical Celebration ................................................................. Kendall Isadore

**NSBE Jr CASH Presentation** .................. Henry Nicholes and Henderson Benjamin

Acknowledgements and Announcements

Musical Celebration ................................................................. Taylor Jackson  
*11th Grade Patuxent High*

Closing Prayer and Blessings of the Food .................................. Pastor Dana Jones

Refreshments – Enjoy!
Scholarships are provided in memory of…..

Wallace Lorenzo Leeper. With his insight and his involvement in his student's preparedness to face the ever changing global challenges, LEAP Forward, with great adulation, establishes and administers this scholarship in honor of the man who 'started it all'. He helped to eradicate pre-existing barriers which prevented many academically gifted minority students from utilizing their fullest potential. A high school guidance counselor by profession, a Godsend to many families and current minority professionals, he directed many students into college. His involvement with the Pax-Tenn Navy Co-Op program was instrumental in producing many of the LEAP Forward Board Members and LEAP Forward itself.

Clifton Morsell. A highly decorated veteran of World War II for his heroism, leadership and his ability to motivate and to be able to make decisions under adverse conditions. In November 2010, he (along with other veterans from Calvert County and Washington DC) was honored by the Calvert County NAACP. Mr. Morsell, father of LEAP Forward's board member Tim Morsell, was a devout husband and exemplified the meaning of a Strong Black Man. He would not hesitate to ‘drop what he was doing’ to help his neighbors and friends. He stressed the importance of education but placed a heavy emphasis on Mathematics.

Randolph Adams. Son-in-law of Mr. Clifton Morsell. As with Mr. Morsell, Mr. Adams was that giant whose shoulders his children stood on in order to pursue their dreams. He was a hard working, blue collar African-American man who sensed the urgency of an education. He aspired to have his children be the best at whatever endeavor they chose to pursue. Mr. Adams can look upon his two children with pride. Rantessa Adams is an educator in the Calvert County public school system. His youngest daughter, Marseta Dill (who was involved in LEAP Forward's community outreach) pursued a career in engineering. Currently she is an electrical engineer with the Federal Aviation Administration. We at LEAP Forward would like to applaud the humanitarian action by both Marseta and Baron Dill, for both establishing this scholarship, and in keeping their legacy of “giving back”, with us. Thank you also to Rantessa and Mae!

Rev. Charles Lee, Sr. As a veteran of the Korean War he demonstrated his leadership abilities which allowed him to advance from the enlisted ranks to becoming an officer, where he served as Chaplain. While a student he took on leadership roles in the early stages of the modern day Civil Rights movement. He organized non-violent sit-ins and took on leadership responsibilities in the historic Selma-Montgomery March. In 1987, Rev. Lee was appointed District Superintendent for the Golden Gate District of California/Nevada Conference for the United Methodist Church. We at LEAP Forward would like to thank the philanthropic generosity made by his wife, Carol Carruthers Lee, and sons – Charles and William.

Violet Parker. The matriarch of the family. Her kind, wise yet stern demeanor helped to lead and navigate her family through life's endless adversities. She led by example and expected only the best from 'her children'. Mrs. Parker celebrated and boasted in overcome challenges, strides made and academic advances met, by each of 'her children'. Mrs. Parker saw the value of education, along with her unwavering lifetime commitment of helping others; gave freely. Contributions from the Parker Family make this scholarship possible.

Raymond Harris. A consummate businessman used his assets to quietly bring about change in his community. He always encouraged others to be the best they can be. A Brooks HS graduate, he also completed one year of college at the UMES. He honorably served his country in the U.S. Army from 1960 to 1962 and was a member of the American Legion Gray-Ray Post #220. Despite operating his successful business, he always found time to devote to youth, as he helped with the start-up of a baseball team and provided the uniforms and transportation. LEAP Forward celebrates and thanks his daughter Rose Bourne and his wife, Rosalie Harris; for continuing to give, inspire and encourage youth.

Fernande Personna. A native of Jacmel, Haiti. She migrated to the U.S. in 1971 and worked as an Assistant Nurse in Thiells, NY. After retiring from the healthcare industry, Mrs. Personna became a well-respected business owner in Haiti. She was a driven and hard-working woman who was a role model to her family and her community in the U.S. and Haiti. It is with great pleasure that LEAP Forward sponsors this scholarship and that her daughter, Yamilee Dambreville’s efforts allow the spirit and legacy of Mrs. Fernande Personna to continue to bless and uplift others. She gave a lot of herself to the world.
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2014 CHARLES H. LEE, SR. MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Reika D. Haskell
University of New Haven
Forensic Science and Chemistry
"As a Forensic Scientist, I will be making an impact in our society to help it become a safer place or people to live. Ambitiously, I will utilize all of my resources, abilities and career to impact our world."

Dillon A. Longo
Calvert High School
Liberty University
Kinesiology and Sports Injury
"As a pioneer in my field of sports injury treatment, my work in the field would be recognized as a household name. I'd like for my name to hold such respect and character that the kids that come after me will see me as a positive inspiration."

2014 VIOLET PARKER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Juwan Hawkins*
Huntingtown High School
Electrical Engineering
North Carolina A&T State University
"I hold within my heart and soul the perseverance, confidence, and willpower to be the best engineer and individual that I can be."

Martese LaMonte Johnson*
Patuxent High School
Mechanical Engineering
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
"My career goal is to eventually have my own engineering firm. I strive to gain the opportunity to build my own youth recreational center...that encourages educational success and gives the next generation's youth a place to hang out, receive academic help and stay out of trouble."

A'Miya Noelle Williams
Patuxent High School
Accounting and Financial Analysis
Johnson and Wales University
"I am a motivator. It is my purpose in life. I cannot idly sit by and watch people suffer and not try their best. I want to see my community flourish."

*SITEC Consulting, LLC funded recipients
2014 RAYMOND HARRIS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Kayla Vandia Bush
Calvert High School
University of Maryland Eastern Shore
Criminal Justice
"Ultimately, I want to be a child psychologist and work extensively with the court systems offering up my expertise in cases which children are involved."

Trinity Mitchell
Huntingtown High School
Johnson and Wales University
Sports/Entertainment/Event Management
"Changing the world one person at a time is possible, and, it is something I want to make a focus in my life. Perfection is nonexistent in many things in the world, but we can all achieve something that is perfect for us."

2014 ADAMS-MORSELL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Arnez Devon Bowens
Huntingtown High School
College of Southern Maryland
Accounting
"Now it’s all in my hands to take care of business. I was taught by a mentor “Business First Fun later.” Hard work pays off when you put your mind to it."

Eric Gross Jr.
University of Maryland Eastern Shore
Hotel and Restaurant Management
"Every bit of money helps in my eyes and I’m very grateful for whatever comes my way. I ALWAYS say, I am going to finish what I started and I will be walking across the stage with a degree!"

Anthony Deshawn Jefferson
Patuxent High School
College of Southern Maryland
Nuclear Engineering Technology
"Wanting something does not guarantee receiving it without work. Working at the Nuclear Power Plant seems like an excellent way to contribute to society, by providing electricity in a safe and efficient environment."
2014 ADAMS-MORSELL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Kadesha Mitchell  
Calvert High School  
Anne Arundel Community College  
Physical Therapy  
"I want to give the best care to patients and the education I gain in college will help me contribute amazing care to people who are in the most need."

Malik T. Washington  
Patuxent High School  
Livingstone College  
Business Management  
"All my life, I didn’t believe I needed higher education but my life has turned around for the better, I know this is a necessity."

2014 WALLACE LEEPER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Iysha Dent  
Northern High School  
University of Delaware  
Early Childhood Education  
"I would have my contribution to society be to instill the value of education in young people, so that when the day comes that I no longer can, someone else will."

Kevin L. Jackson Jr.  
Patuxent High High School  
Pensacola Christian College  
Engineering  
"...I wanted to get into a career that would help others and make things easier...The field that I thought would help me achieve this goal is engineering."

Beth Mead  
Patuxent High School  
Computer Science/Marketing  
College of Notre Dame of Maryland  
"Fearlessness is not just hope; fearlessness is the refusal to accept defeat, and the ability to change the odds."
2014 WALLACE LEEPER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS
(continued)

Jabrena T. Milburn
Chopticon High School
Delaware State University
Special Ed/Computer Science/Biomedical Engineering
“Because my family believes higher education is the key to success, those same values has been instilled in me and my life has been driven by achieving high goals.”

Simone Gabrielle Nichols
Calvert High School
North Carolina A&T University
Biology/Epidemiology
“Many of my skills and characteristics will help others to live a fulfilling life. Through data and research, I will be able to provide proficient health care and cures for future patients.”

Bryan Mack **
Archbishop Carroll High School
Tennessee State University
Architectural Engineering
“When I accomplish my dreams of getting a degree and becoming an Architect, it will put me in a position where I can help others less fortunate just like myself who are from similar neighborhoods in DC.”

Dymond Estep
Great Mills High School
Bennett College
Computer Science
“I constantly try to go beyond the call of duty of life to not only better myself but I want to help others do the same… Before I die, I want to leave a positive impact on the world. This will be my legacy!”

**Funded by Tennessee State University Alumnus April Taylor
On March 31, 2014 in memory of Fernande Personna, 6 scholarships totaling $5000 were awarded to students attending the State University of New York Albany: Taina Wagnac, Shanice Brown, Nerissa George, Karina Soler; Bethzaida Rivas, and Sabrina Fernandez. We honor the desire of Yamilee Dambrevile to give back in memory of her mother.

Scholarship Reception Thank you(s)

THANK YOU to all who attended and celebrated with us on July 13, 2014! THANK YOU current and past donors and contributors. THANK YOU to all who participated on the program with your gifts and talents. THANK YOU to the families (Parker, Harris, Adams, Morrell, Lee, Leeper and Dambreville) who provided scholarships. THANK YOU LEAP Forward Board members past and current and volunteers. THANK YOU Maurice Irvine for your donation and for preparing the reception. THANK YOU Charles Lee, Jr. for the yard sale. THANK YOU NSBE Jr. CASH members, advisors and parents. THANK YOU Southern Maryland Black Chamber of Commerce. THANK YOU Mt. Olive UM Church and Pastor Jones. THANK YOU Mr. & Mrs. Kevin Coby and SITEC Consulting LLC. THANK YOU past scholarship recipients for returning to share with others. THANK YOU to all parents. Thank you Del Boyd. THANK YOU Torez Cooke. THANK YOU Tonya and Taylor Jackson. THANKYOU Butch Jones for your photography services. THANKYOU scholarship recipients for making us proud. THANKYOU to those we may have forgotten ☺️ Thank you ALL!
Guest Speaker – Mr. Kevin Coby, SITEC Consulting

Words of Wisdom:
Have Faith in God, Dream BIG, Write your Vision and Goals, Work Hard

Mr. Kevin Coby is the President and CEO of SITEC Consulting LLC. Mr. Coby graduated from Tennessee Union City High School in 1986 and joined the U.S Air force working in Military Intelligence. After nine years of active duty, he left the Air Force in 1995. The years after his service, Mr. Coby served as a systems engineer, project and program manager in support of federal government contracts with various Fortune 500 companies. In 2003, he began his career as an entrepreneur operating a small consulting firm; which later achieved corporation status in 2006. He was able to obtain nine (9) NSA contracts and managed a business with a net worth of thirteen (13) million dollars. His main interest is giving back to the community and mentoring others with an interest in business.

Guest Entertainer – Kendall Isadore

Kendall Isadore is a violinist, vocalist, pianist, songwriter and instructor. She is recent graduate of Howard University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology and is the orchestra director at KIPP DC: Northeast Academy in Northeast Washington, DC. Music has always been her passion and she has been classically trained in all three disciplines; however, her niche is playing R&B, Jazz, gospel, contemporary and hip-hop on the violin. Ms. Isadore is a part of several musical groups including “The String Queens”, “Harlem Gospel Choir” the DMV based group “Roderick Giles and Grace”, and the all-female band “Dream Unleashed”. From her years of practicing her musical talents, she has had the opportunity to perform across the country with multiple talented artists including Roberta Flack, Fantasia, Mike Phillips, Jeff Majors, Kim Jordan and many more.
Group Photos – 2014 Scholarship Recipients

Recipients with Family Donors

Creative and Striving Hard (CASH) to Succeed National Society of Black Engineers Jr. Chapter

CASH Members.......................... Songtress Taylor Jackson....Officers Swearing-In
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