LEAP FORWARD INC.

2013 Scholarship Reception

Building Success One Brick At A Time

July 28, 2013

Mt. Olive United Methodist Church
811 Dares Beach Road
Prince Frederick, MD 20678
Launching Educational Assistance Programs Forward, Inc.

Who We Are

LEAP Forward is a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit organization that promotes math and science career options to minority youth and provide programs that encourage youth to Learn, Excel, Achieve, Perform, Explore and Rise!

Organized in 2001, we are thrilled to have provided, on an ongoing basis, book scholarships to 112 students who have demonstrated academic prowess and financial need. We conduct a vigorous outreach program to educate and expose youth to STEM opportunities via engineering camps, conferences, exhibits and presentations; escort students to colleges and universities to interface with collegiate students and experience college life; and provide networking for graduates eager to enter into the workforce.

What’s at the forefront of our hearts is the need for LEAP Forward to give back to our youth. How can we in good conscience sit back and be satisfied and turn our backs on our young people. We have to invest in the next generation to ensure they have a shot at life just like we had. We truly believe that our youth have what it takes to be great, as a matter of fact; there are bricks of greatness in each of us.

If we look at bricks as our foundation for success, then we have to consider all of the characteristics needed to lay that foundation. There has to be a willingness to work hard, integrity, honesty, and commitment to name a few. As we lay our bricks one by one we get closer to our desired outcome -- success. But we don’t want to stop there. Ryan Mack spoke at an engineering conference we attended in March. He stated “success is what you do for yourself but greatness is what you do for other people”. And so, the greatness of LEAP Forward is manifested when we build our structures out of bricks of encouragement, inspiration, caring and giving because we believe in our youth and their dreams.

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Welcome and the Occasion
Introduction of MCs
  Ms. Rhonda Thomas (Founder and President, LEAP Forward)

Masters of Ceremony  Mr. Darius Jones and Mr. Torez Cooke
  LEAP Forward 2012 Scholarship Recipients

Invocation  Pastor Dana Jones, Mt. Olive United Methodist Church

Musical Selection  “Lift Every Voice and Sing” - James Weldon Johnson

Words of Encouragement

Introduction of Guest Speaker

Musical Celebration  “I Am Angels”

Inspirational Speaker  Ms. Brittany Brown  LEAP Forward 2012 Scholarship Recipient

Musical Celebration  “I Am Angels”

Scholarship Awards
Rev. Charles Lee, Sr. Memorial Scholarships $1000.00— Mrs. Charles Lee, Sr. and Mr. Charles Lee, Jr. and Family

Violet Parker Memorial Scholarships $1000.00 ------------------The Parker Family

Poet Corners-----------------------Spoken Word Recitation----------------------Andrea Kelson

Randolph Adams/Clifton Morsell Memorial Scholarships $600.00-----Mrs. Marseta Adams Dill and Family

Wallace Leeper Memorial Scholarships $600.00-- ----------------------LEAP Forward

Inspiration

Musical Celebration  “I Am Angels”

Words of Wisdom  Past LEAP Forward Scholarship Recipients (2 minutes each)

Acknowledgements and Announcements

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

Refreshments – Enjoy!
Building Success One Brick at a Time requires Detailed Plans - - Plan Well!

Success in life is at the end of the journey not near the beginning…keep striving…many bricks are necessary to reach our goals.

I will persist until I succeed!
LEAP FORWARD is pleased to administer a scholarship in memory of Mrs. Violet Parker. Though formal education has its place, a lot can be said of education that comes naturally from life experiences. It is true that being smart doesn’t always equate to book knowledge. Mrs. Violet Parker was a woman who never benefitted from a college education, but she was a very wise and knowledgeable woman. She was an “I’m Every Woman.” Educated by life, this Calvert County resident’s joy was toiling in her gardens and tobacco crops. Those who knew her benefitted from her “life-years” as she freely shared all. Though Violet never mastered Webster or the verbal section of the SAT, her words moved mountains as she prayed her family through difficult situations. She always wanted the best for her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren, neighbors and strangers. In desiring the best for everyone, she was excited and proud of those who pursued higher education. Many recall her gift of scholarship as she graciously provided “dollars” to encourage and inspire. Through generous contributions from her family and friends, LEAP Forward is proud to present this scholarship in her honor.

Wallace Lorenzo Leeper graduated from the Richmond, VA public schools and Virginia Union University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Education. He later received his Masters Degree in Guidance from Indiana State University. His teaching career started in Calvert County as a History and English Teacher at W. S. Brooks High School. He continued to work in the school system as a coach and guidance counselor at Calvert Senior High and at the Calvert Vocational-Technical Center. His greatest enjoyment in his work was being able to secure employment for students upon graduation and even for those who quit school for various reasons. He was instrumental in helping students obtain entrance into college or other postgraduate schools. Wallace Lorenzo Leeper was heavily involved with the Pax-Tenn program, which was a cooperative education program that provided minority students college funding and employment at the Patuxent Naval Air Station in Patuxent River, MD. More than 20 Calvert County students earned college engineering degrees and obtained engineering work positions through the Pax-Tenn program under Mr. Leeper’s guidance. A great number of people owe their successes in life to Wallace Lorenzo Leeper. He worked tirelessly to support students and provided an extremely personal touch to counseling. Truly a rare gift that is not prevalent in our school systems today. He really cared and it showed through his actions.
SCHOLARSHIPS IN MEMORY OF….  

Reverend Charles H. Lee, Sr.

Rev. Lee graduated from Carver High School in Milledgeville, Georgia. He attended Morehouse College in Atlanta, Georgia and graduated from Texas Southern University in Houston, Texas with a Bachelor of Arts degree. He later received his Bachelor of Divinity and Masters of Theology Degrees from the Interdenominational Theological Seminary in Atlanta, Georgia. As a student, he served as a Methodist Student Organizer and Coordinator at Texas Southern University.

Additionally, he was a leader in the First Student Sit-in Demonstration west of the Mississippi and a leader of civil rights groups throughout the southern area of the United States, serving as a leader in the Selma to Montgomery march for students at the Interdenominational Theological Center. After the signing of the 1964 Civil Rights Law, he was instrumental with other students during the summer in integrating eating facilities at Milledgeville State Hospital. Scholastically, Rev. Lee was listed in Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities and was a Crusade Scholar. Rev. Lee served in the United States Army—Europe, Pacific Far East where he served in the Korean Conflict (Private to Captain – Airborne and Infantry); Chaplain (Major) in the California Army National Guard (Retired). He served as Associate Minister of the Trinity Methodist Church, Houston, Texas; Pastor of St. Mary’s Methodist Church, League City, Texas; Wesley Methodist Church, Newman, Georgia; Ridge Point United Methodist Church, San Francisco, California; and, was appointed Pastor of Downs Memorial United Methodist Church, Oakland, California in 1971. In 1987, Rev. Lee was appointed as the District Superintendent for the Golden Gate District of the California/Nevada Conference for the United Methodist Church which he served until his retirement in 1991. It is with great pleasure that LEAP Forward, Inc. sponsors this scholarship in the name and memory of Rev. Charles H. Lee, Sr.

TO ACHIEVE SUCCESS ONE BRICK AT A TIME, YOU MUST EMBRACE HARD WORK, DEDICATION, COMMITMENT, DESIRE, INTEGRITY, AND DETERMINATION,
SCHOLARSHIPS IN MEMORY OF....

Mr. Clifton Morsell and Mr. Randolph Adams

Clifton Morsell was born in July 11, 1920. He was drafted into the United States Army/Air Force in 1943, where he served during World War II. He received several honors including the Good Conduct Medal, African-Middle Eastern Theater Ribbon, and the World War II Victory Ribbon. In November of 2010, he was honored by the Calvert County NAACP along with other Calvert County and Washington, DC veterans. His children remember him as a very caring and devoted father who always stressed the importance of education.

Randolph Adams was the son-in-law of Clifton Morsell. He was born in August 7, 1947. He graduated from Calvert High School in 1967. He was a sand and travel truck driver. His hobbies included softball, cards and dancing. From his first marriage with Mae Morsell, he had two daughters, Rantessa Anderson and Marseta Dill. His oldest daughter is an educator in Calvert County public school system. Through the community outreach activities of LEAP Forward, his youngest daughter was introduced to careers in math and science and ultimately pursued an engineering degree.

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MASTERS OF CEREMONIES

Darius Jones is the son of Cleon and Tracy Jones. He is a rising sophomore at Shepherd University. He finished his first year of college with a 3.3 GPA, majoring in fitness and exercise science. Along with his studies, he also plays for the Shepherd University Rams Division 2 baseball team.

Torez Cooke is a Calvert High graduate who is presently a Junior studying exercise science at Salisbury University. After receiving his bachelor’s degree, he plans to join the Air Force with hopes to open a fitness center for special populations later in life. He is also a dedicated father to 1-year old Torez Cooke, Jr.

GUEST SPEAKER

Brittany Dana Brown has been described as a “quiet storm” and a “generational thinker.” Since 2009, Brittany has served as the Youth Ministry Coordinator of Dominion International Ministries in Owings, MD. She is also founder of Transitioning Into Excellence (T.I.E.), a program at Huntingtown High School that helps students transition from standard-level courses to more challenging courses. Currently, Brittany is pursuing a degree in Education at University of Maryland, College Park. Her goal is to inspire her generation and the next to be great and do great.
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2013 CHARLES H. LEE, SR. MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Brittany Brown
University of Maryland College Park
Education

"Life is divided in seasons. In knowing how this season has impacted me, I feel that I can best service my community through providing quality education to high school students. I feel that I will be able to pour back into my community by becoming the best teacher that I can be. In the future, I promise to strive for excellence because I believe it's obtainable for all."

Karrah Findley
Calvert High School
Towson University
Accounting

"Upon earning a degree in Pre-Med, earning a Medical Degree, and completing a residency program, I wish to pursue a career in Anesthesiology. While attending college, my determination for excellence and passion for medicine will affect my studies the most. Both will influence me to attend all of my classes, and to study above and beyond the necessary, which will eventually led to a successful completion of my goals and aspirations."

Kortinai Moore
Patuxent High School
University of Maryland Eastern Shore
Criminal Justice

"From that day on I decided I would live everyday for him. My life is not to be taken for granted. Anything I want to accomplish I will because he did not get a chance to experience life to the fullest. I no longer slack off or try to impress others. I focus solely on what I need to do to get where I need to be in life. I have realized I cannot take back my past, but only move forward making a better life for myself."
2013 VIOLETPARKER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Symphony Love
Patuxent High School
College of Southern Maryland/Howard University
Theater Arts
"Growing up in Southern Maryland has provided me with lots of opportunities to show my talent and skills on stage to large audiences. Plentiful resources were available to me that helped broaden my experiences and further develop my talent. I was encouraged to excel at my highest potential and not be satisfied with the status quo. My greatest inspiration for giving back to my community would be to have a performing arts school built in Southern Maryland specifically for students who want to further their studies and performances beyond high school."

Raneese Tyler
Stevenson University
Criminal Justice
"I graduated from Calvert High in 2011 with a high GPA and honors. I knew since elementary school that I wanted to go to college. I can’t wait to get my degree and start my career. I knew I wanted to work in the criminal justice field when I realized I would do any job in that field for free because I love it so much and have a strong passion for it. My goal is to go back to Stevenson in the Fall. My education goal for right now is to pass each semester with good grades."

2013 ADAMS-MORSELL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Torez Cooke
Salisbury University
Sports Medicine
"Southern Maryland has opened my eyes to a whole new range of opportunities. I began to enjoy my new found interest in academics. School became my priority. Academics, sports, and the community kept me on the right track to success. My contribution to my community will be coaching students in football, track and field, and baseball. It is my mission to lead the young by example. I try my best to put forth 100% effort and remain humble."

Ryan Mickley
Northern High School
University of Maryland College Park
Accounting/Business Management
"I was able to surpass the expectations of everybody that doubted me including myself... I would contribute my wisdom to society by becoming a successful business owner because of my role models and personal experiences... Everyone experiences something in their lives that they don’t desire to happen again, but they aren’t aware that those experiences have made them better people in their own way. "

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2013 ADAMS MORSELL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Danielle Deville
Patuxent High School
College of Southern Maryland

Education
“My mother always said “You want to do something you love. You don’t want to wake up every day for the rest of your life, knowing you hate your career.” My goal or purpose in life is to make a positive impact on others’ lives. I don’t want anyone coming to me without being happier than they were once before. My job at a daycare center provides me a sense of self-worth; knowing I put a smile on a child’s face; makes the rest of my day even better.”

Erik Haskell II
Patuxent High School
Daniel Webster College

Air Traffic Management
“I would have my contribution to society be my leadership and service to the community. I will be a positive role model and mentor students. I am most interested in assisting youth to ensure that they stay focused on doing the right thing whereby youth are focused on higher education and making good choices. I began researching the aviation field and discovered that pioneering aviators such as the Tuskegee Airman were not only opportunistic but ambitious, determined and full of passion.”

2013 WALLACE LEEPER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Keisha Capers
Calvert High School
Hampton University

Chemical Engineering
“My grandma always believes in me and pushes me to always try my absolute best. I want to show her that I can succeed in college and do my best. I am a really big family person. My family will always be here for me and encouraged me in everything I do. That means a lot to me, and makes me want to work harder for my goals. My great grandfather has influenced me a lot as well. If I want something I need to go out and get it.”

Matthew Doxie
Patuxent High School
Pennsylvania College of Art and Design

Art
“I would have my contribution to society be great pieces of art displayed around the world as portraits and illustrations. Art has always been a major part in my life. As a child I was happiest when I was drawing. My mother supported my love of art by buying me several books that taught me how to draw. My passion for art and ability to draw is what got me to the place I am today. I plan to further my education in the art field.”
2013 WALLACE LEEPER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS
(continued)

Eric Gross
Patuxent High School
University of Maryland Eastern Shore
Accounting/Business
“My goal is to become a successful accountant. I am
determined to complete whatever I start and am willing to try
my hardest in everything that I do. My career goal is to
become an Accountant and I am passionate about doing
that. I knew I wanted to be in the business field a very long
time. Although at times I may have challenges, I keep
persevering and pressing through it.”

Malaysia Johnson
Calvert High School
Wellesley College
English
“I’ve been blessed in life to have an array of experiences
where I’ve been able to enjoy myself and, more
importantly, learn. I’ve had numerous experiences
throughout my life that helped me grow into the woman that
I am today. I want to contribute my knowledge, enthusiasm
and innovative spirit to serve our country and live out my
dream. In my future, I aspire to do what I can to serve
others and be fair. Truth, fairness, and good will are
already a part of my dream for the future.”

Kaitlyn Torrey
Patuxent High School
University of Maryland College Park
Veterinary Medicine (Biology)
“Having a big family has taught me to be patient and my
parents always stressed that it is important to be respectful,
polite, an ambitious if you want to be something in the world.
Going to college means a lot to me and I did know that once I
finish my college education I will make an impact in the world.
A good Christian should show “obedience, Love, reverence
and respect.”

Tavaughn Weeks
Calvert Country School
Northern Virginia Community College
Business Math
“Facing reality means doing what is right with your life, goals, and
future; including going to work every day. I know that I am a
good person, and try to treat all people with respect. My
grandma taught me to do “it” for yourself, because no one is
going to do “it” for you. I want to go to college, graduate and do
“it”. I will be the first person to go to college out of my whole
family.”
LEAP Forward Salutes Past Scholarship Recipients who have recently graduated from college! Congratulations!

Jasmine Brown

Terrence Hall Sutton

Kendra Edwards

Nalynn Holland

Courtney Sutton

Jhalita Holland

Michelle Brooks
Guest Performers  "I AM Angels"

And God said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM: and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you. Exodus 3:14.

I AM Angels is a vocal ensemble comprised of young ladies ages 12 through 14 years old. The group was founded in 2009 to provide young girls a platform to minister and share God’s goodness through song and service. The group has evolved from a trio ensemble initially to its current five member group.

Over the past three years, I AM Angels has ministered at the National Council of Negro Women, Inc Annual Awards Ceremony, Six Flags Praise in the Park, She Matters Girls Empowerment Conference, The Celebrate The Life, The Dream, The Legacy MLK Memorial Dedication, The Living Legacy Foundation and various local churches, nursing homes, and community events. I AM Angels have ministered twice in the original play, Mahalia, featuring Ms. Cynthia Givens.

I AM Angels have been recognized for their community service by the Governors Office, Senator Barbara Mikulski, She Matters and Kohl’s Kids. For the past two years, they partnered with Girl Scout Troop 3148 and The Peoples Community Baptist Church Social Action Ministry to organize a annual coat drive in which they raised over $4,500 to purchase new coats for local school children. As a result of this effort, I AM Angels received the 2012 Community Impact Award.

God has blessed the ensemble with a gifted songwriter and they are working on their very first single. I AM Angels will release the single CD later this year. Their motto is "Only What You Do For Christ Will Last."
LEAP Forward is pleased to present the extraordinary talent of Artist and 2013 Scholarship Recipient, Matthew Doxie!

Mr. Wallace Lorenzo Leeper

Matthew is a two time grand prize winner of the Black History Month Contest sponsored by Constellation Energy at Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant as well a scholarship recipient from the Corcoran College of Art and Design Pre-College Program in Washington D.C.
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