



DEAR FRIENDS & SUPPORTERS,

A word from our President and Founder-Rhonda Thomas

In my recent correspondence received from the University of Southern California, Dean of the School of Engineering, Dean Yortsos reflects on the following: "In a speech in North Carolina, the President of the United States of America singled out just one profession to spur the economy: engineers. He called for the training of 10,000 additional new engineers-every year to fill and create the high tech, problem-solving jobs of the future. He knows that engineers will run the engine of future economic development; that they are the lifeblood of companies like Intel, Apple and Facebook-but what's more, that they are the lifeblood of the next Intel, Apple and Facebook."

I agree with President Obama's assessment and note that it is also critical that we consider a diverse engineering workforce. There is no doubt that companies like Intel, Apple and Facebook ultimately benefit from the views, ideas and experiences of people who represent the portrait of the world. Outreach to minority youth is essential.

I believe the President's vision aligns with our vision to develop a generation of minority youth that will accept the challenge to become academically prepared to enter math and science-based careers and to become the problem solvers and productive leaders that will address the needs of all humanity. They need to know the far reaching impacts of STEM extend from what cars we drive, what tennis shoes we wear, what toys we play with to what amusement park rides we enjoy and on and on. Programs like LEAP Forward make a difference by getting that message out to our youth.

THANK YOU Board Member Maurice Irvine for this edition of the **LEAPERS** newsletter. Your tireless dedication to this task is commendable. Thank you all Contributors! Great Job!

2011-The LEAP Forward Calendar

January – 27th annual celebration of the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

February—Conducted an Engineering Day at Barstow Elementary School

February – Trip to Engineering Day event at the National Building Museum

March —**LEAP Forward** attends the National Society of Black Engineers Conference

April —Hosted an Engineering Day event at the Bible Way Church

April—Youth Technology Summit at Charles Herbert Flowers High School

June— Engineering display at the Calvert County NAACP fair

June-STEM exhibit for the Benjamin Wiley Partnership program

July-Leap Forward's annual scholarship award ceremony

August—Charles and Rose Lee donate Dodge SUV to **LEAP Forward**

October – Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Dedication Ceremony, Washington DC

November— TSU/Nashville college tours

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2-New 2012 Leap Forward Scholarships



2012 Violet Parker Memorial Scholarship



It is with great honor that Leap Forward, in conjunction with the Parker Family, sponsors this scholarship in Violet Parker's name and memory.

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 benefited 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's 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 grand children, 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.

1917-2006

2012 Morsell-Adams Memorial Scholarships

In loving memory of her grandfather, Mr. Clifton Ray Morsell, Marseta Adams-Dill and the Morsell Family proudly celebrate his life and accomplishments by establishing this scholarship.



1920-2011

Mr. Clifton Ray Morsell, Sr. was veteran of World War II, where he served as a Tech Sergeant in North Africa, Italy, Germany and France. He was highly decorated and his medals also included the World War II Victory Medal. He returned home with injuries sustained in the war, where he helped with the running of his family's farm. Mr. Morsell, on November 13, 2010 was honored and recognized with both plaque and banquet by the Calvert County NAACP paying tribute to the surviving African American World War II Veterans of Calvert County and Washington, DC. Mr. Morsell was a very caring, honest and devoted father and husband who always stressed the importance of education. His famous sayings were, "Boy don't be nobody's fool" and "See my point". He especially liked helping his children with their homework, his favorite subject, mathematics. Mr. Morsell was a giving man, going out in the dead of winter to aid a friend, giving wood to his neighbors because they were cold. The fruit does not fall far from the tree. We, as Board Members of Leap Forward and most importantly, friends, would like to say thanks to the Morsell family for supporting our youth.

2012 Morsell-Adams Memorial Scholarships



No greater love can a family express than to have the cherished memories of their loved ones to live on. In recognition of the life of Mr. Randolph Adams, the Adams family establishes this scholarship.

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 playing softball and cards and dancing. From his first marriage with Mae Morsell, he had two daughters, Rantessa Anderson and Marseta Dill. His older daughter is an educator in the Calvert County public school system. Through the community outreach activities of Leap Forward, his younger daughter was introduced to careers math and science and ultimately pursued an engineering degree.

1947-2007

2011 Pamela Offer Memorial Scholarship

Pamela Renee Offer was a 1982 graduate of Calvert High School, Pamela had a GREAT love and desire for education. Her matriculation extended to the Charles County Community College, and the University of Maryland University College where she earned her B.S. and M.S. degrees. Proving that a good education leads to a worth while life, Pamela excelled in her 25 year career at the FBI, Census Bureau and the Commander Navy Installation Command.



1964-2007

2011 PAMELA OFFER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



Sonya Crane

Northern High School
Towson State University
Sociology

"Projects that I have participated in have allowed me to see that there is much work to be done in making our community better. I plan to obtain a degree in social work; this degree will allow for me to come back and serve the community. I will serve the community by working at the Department of Social Services with at risk families (mainly targeting youth)."



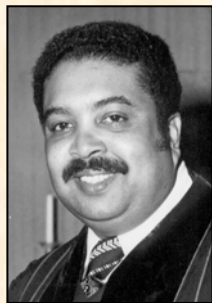
Tiffany Toye

Calvert High School
Morgan State University
Criminal Justice

I have always believed that each person determines their own destiny and helping others is very important. I have learned that nothing is given. You must work hard to reach your goals, but as long as you have faith, dedication, and help others none of these goals are out of reach. "



2011 Charles H. Lee, Sr. Memorial Scholarship



Reverend Charles H. Lee, Sr. graduated from Carver High School in Milledgeville, Georgia. He attended Morehouse College in Atlanta, Georgia, and graduated from Texas Southern 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.

2011 Charles H. Lee, Sr. Memorial Scholarship Recipients



Kelsey Edwards

Patuxent High school
Lincoln Memorial University
Biology/Pre-Med

"Years from now I hope to become a Pediatric Oncologist. As a Pediatric Oncologist, I will be able to walk through obstacles faced from cancer with a young child, and in the end be rewarded when I am able to see that child healthy and happy once again."



Riddicia Mackall

Huntingtown High School
Howard University
Accounting

"My contribution to society would be more than just monetary donations. I want to have a personal, positive impact on individuals, so that they can progress to do extraordinary things. With education, goals are more achievable."



Jordan Wilson

Northern High School
Seattle University
Biochemistry/Pre-Med

"Once I have finished my higher education, college and medical school, I hope to become a neurologist. In becoming a neurologist, I want to help alleviate the suffering of people, especially children dealing with neurological diseases. I hope to help them and essentially give them a second chance to do something amazing and change the world."



Voting Changes Things !



2011 Wallace Lorenzo Leeper Memorial Scholarship

LEAP Forward administers the Wallace Lorenzo Leeper Memorial Scholarship. This scholarship honors the memory of one of the most outstanding counselors who served at Calvert High School in Calvert County, MD. His dedication and devotion to young people framed many lives. He worked tirelessly to support students and provided an extremely personal touch to counseling. Approximately 20 professionals from the County owe their engineering and technical career paths to Mr. Leeper. We honor his memory with the following scholarship recipients:

2011 Wallace Lorenzo Leeper Memorial Scholarship Recipients



Jared Adams

Huntingtown High school
Shippensburg University
Accounting/Mathematics

"Throughout my years of school, I have learned that when I put my mind to it I can excel at anything. As I go into college and learn more about myself and the business world. I plan to open many foundations that could help change countless people lives. I plan to open a cancer research foundation to increase chances of finding a cure in the near future..."



Tyler Austin

Patuxent High school
Salisbury University
Accounting

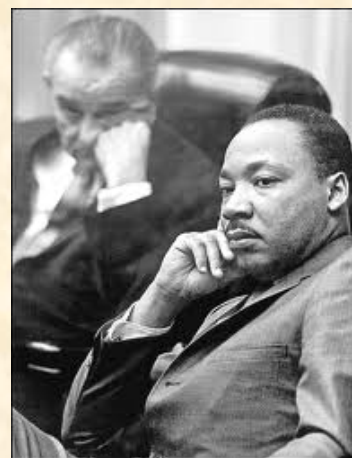
"I want to give back to society everything that I received from it. When I get my own business, I will give back by providing jobs and summer internships to students in the area... I have had a wonderful life with great experiences. My experiences have helped me to realize that nothing in life worth achieving will be easy and even when things seem impossible you have to work through them."



Turquoise Biscoe

Calvert High school
Garrett College
Business Management

"My leadership involvement, however, did not spring up overnight. I can be inspired by my role models to do so as they encourage me with "Yes you can." I am an overcomer! I take chances, make mistakes and practice being brave, which has resulted in me beginning the courageous walk into my greatness!"



Less we forget...

The Voting Rights Act 1965



2011 Wallace Lorenzo Leeper Memorial Scholarship Recipients



Daneya Boyd

Patuxent High school
Salisbury University
Biology

"I would have my contribution to society to be helping save people's lives. My dream job is to be a doctor; it has been my dream since I was a little girl. Being a doctor means putting your needs on the back burner in order to help save the lives of other people. I have always considered myself an unselfish person, choosing this occupation would allow me to share my unselfishness with the world."



Tierra Cooke

Calvert High School
Husson University
Criminal Justice/Psychology

"I want to give back to society everything that I received from it. When I get my own business, I will give back by providing jobs and summer internships to students in the area... I have had a wonderful life with great experiences. My experiences have helped me to realize that nothing in life worth achieving will be easy and even when things seem impossible you have to work through them."



Randi Dent

Northern High School
Washington & Lee University
Psychology

"I would have my contribution to society be helping to better the community that I am in and helping children with psychological disorders. After my four years in college, I plan to attend a medical school where I would learn to become a practicing physician."



Shameka Harvey

Calvert High school
University of Maryland-Eastern Shore
Accounting

"After college, I will contribute knowledge to my society to help it grow and succeed. I will be able to do this by using the information my family has given me to succeed in college. I became a better person through my family in the community."





2011 Wallace Lorenzo Leeper Memorial Scholarship Recipients



Pierce Jordan

Huntingtown High school
Temple University
English

"I live to give passionate and creative musicians an opportunity to express themselves and hear the music that they love by running do-it-yourself shows out of as many spaces I can. To enable someone who may feel alienated or voiceless to speak their mind is something that everyone aspires to do in some way or another, and mine is by sharing the joy of music."



Travon Long

Calvert High School
Stevenson University
Information Technology

"I am looking forward to college life because the diverse group of people opens up a great opportunity for everyone to share ideas and help each other both in and out of the classroom. My experience in college will also help me to give back to the community. I plan on helping others with preparing for college and the changes it will bring."



Latara Swann

Calvert High School
Morgan State University
Biology

"Patience, faith and dedication are three characteristics that I use daily. Struggles and hard work are behind the scenes in every success story. I will continue until I reach my pursuit of happiness. Money should not be the reason why a person can't gain an education to help the next generation."



Malik Tonkins

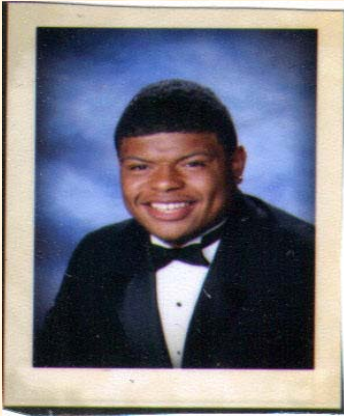
Northern High School
George Washington University
Biology

"I would like to use my degree in Biology/Forensics to help find/recover missing persons and solve cold cases. This will have a great affect on me as it will help families rest peacefully and bring closure to their cases."





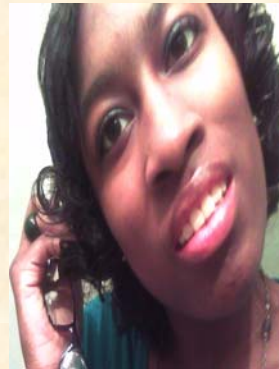
2011 Wallace Lorenzo Leeper Memorial Scholarship Recipients



Dashawn Torney

Huntingtown High school
Stevenson University
Business Communications

"I have always had to work hard to be successful in school and with the help of my family I have been successful. With a bachelor degree in business communications I look forward to having the training that will prepare me for a career in a number of industries. With my degree, I will have the option to work in many fields."



Raneese Tyler

Calvert High School
Stevenson University
Criminal Justice

"I would have my contribution to society be my determination to pursue higher education to obtain the great things, I was destined to achieve. After I complete my four years of higher education study, I will contribute a safe environment for my community by serving justice. My education has always been number one in my life."



Brianna Wilkerson

Huntingtown High School
University of Maryland Eastern Shore
Economics and Merchandising



"I am a young lady with a great desire and passion to go on into higher levels of education and to better myself and help better others around me. I plan on being a successful business woman in the world of fashion. I plan on not just being in the fashion world but one of the rulers of the fashion world."



Greensboro sit-in to desegregate Woolworth's.

Vote...celebrate our accomplishments



“When students excel in math and science, they help America compete for the jobs and industries of the future. “ ...President Barack Hussein Obama

Rep. Steny Hoyer and Leap Forward at Forum



On Tuesday, January 23, the office of Rep. Steny Hoyer hosted a business forum and luncheon for members of the small business community of the 5th Congressional District. In attendance were members of the Calvert County Minority Business Alliance and **Launching Educational Assistance Programs Forward Inc. (LEAP Forward)**. The meeting was rated as being highly successful, as the Congressman addressed a host of issues and impending legislation that will impact small businesses in Southern Maryland. **LEAP Forward** brought to the forum its concern about the effects the current economic downturn has had on funding for non-profit organizations. Rep. Steny Hoyer, House Minority Whip, is known for his work with the Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services and Education (Head Start). Rep. Hoyer is sponsor of the 2011 Full-Service Community Schools Act, which encourages schools to coordinate educational and social service programs through partnerships with school districts and community-based organizations such as **LEAP Forward**.

Leap Forward contacted the office of Steny Hoyer and spoke to Amy Shultz, senior policy advisor about the progress of the bill. The bill is scheduled to be re-introduced in the current legislative session. We will keep you posted.

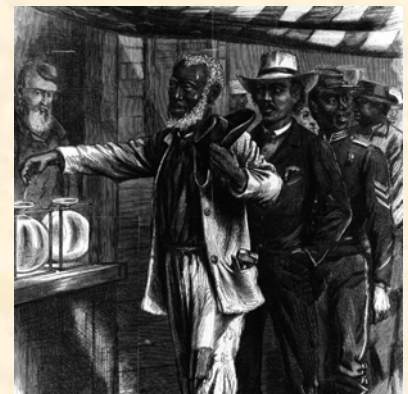
New Educational Initiatives

Eleven states have been allowed to be exempt from the No Child Left Behind Act, passed by former President George W. Bush. The position taken by the Obama administration is that if any states can develop plans that exceed the mandates of No Child Left Behind they are free to implement that state's plan. The president stressed students should not be subjected to studying for standardized tests. Coupled with the need for more local control of students' educational curriculums, **LEAP Forward** anxiously awaits to see what will be the net effect of this initiative on local organizations. Organizations that been on this forefront for years.

LEAP Forward has succeeded in introducing the MESA (Math, Engineering and Science Achievement) program into the Calvert County, Maryland school district. **LEAP Forward** has also been successful in getting students involved with STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) programs and summer engineering camps.

This decision, to exempt states from No Child Left Behind along with the Full Service Community Schools Act of 2011 introduced by Rep. Steny Hoyer-5th District-MD, both stress the importance of greater influence over school curriculums by community based organizations (**LEAP Forward**).

These two educational initiatives are in-line with the objectives envisioned by founder Rhonda Thomas. She believed the Calvert County school system should invest more resources into PCI-(Pre-College Initiatives). The students need additional tools in order to compete with other students who have participated in strong Math/Science curriculums. Maryland has not been listed as one of the eleven states eligible for this exemption, so it will be **LEAP Forward's** added incentive to further expand the organization's resources so that we can play a greater role in preparing our youth. The eleven states that have been granted the exemption by the Obama administration are Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Kentucky, Massachusetts, Minnesota, New Jersey, Oklahoma, Tennessee and North Carolina. Maryland has submitted an application for this exemption.



**Grab a Friend...
Go Vote!**

2011 LEAP Forward Scholarship Recipients, Board Members & Philanthropists



Group Photo

First Row Left to Right Scholarship Recipients: Daneya Boyd, Turquoise Biscoe, Tyler Austin, Tiffany Toye, Sonya Crane, Jordan Wilson, Riddicia Mackall, Kelsey Edwards

Second Row Left to Right Scholarship Recipients: Briana Wilkerson, Raneese Tyler, Jared Adams, Malik Tonkins, Latara Swann, Pierce Jordan, Shameka Harvey, Randi Dent, Tierra Cooke

Third Row Left to Right: LEAP Board Members: Wilson Ennis, Conrad White, Wilhemina Greene, Rhonda Thomas, Timothy Morsell; **Lee Scholarship:** William Lee, Mrs. Carol Lee, Charles Lee, Jr., **Offer Scholarship:** Delvina Offer; Kyle Hutzler, **Guest Speaker,** Jasmine Brown (M.C.)

The **LEAP Forward** Scholarship Reception was held on July 16, 2011 at the Wilson Ennis Clubhouse in Huntingtown, MD. Mr. Wilson Ennis, Sr. was an educator and athletic coach, serving the Calvert County school system. His son, Wilson Ennis, Jr. serves on the Board of **LEAP Forward, Inc.**

Serving as Mistress of Ceremonies was Jasmine Brown, a 2009 Calvert High graduate. She recently completed her studies at the College of Southern Maryland and is attending Morgan State University in their Honors Program and majoring in Broadcast Journalism. This was her first test before a live audience as she aspires to become an anchorwoman.

Invocation and closing prayer were provided by Joseph Berry, Jr., and Dorien Minor who both prayed for the well being of all in attendance.

Words of encouragement and lessons learned were shared from Jessica Brooks, a 2004 scholarship recipient and 2008 graduate of Morgan State University. Ms. Brooks encouraged the students to do their best and make their college experiences a priority.

Entertainment for the evening was provided by Donte Young, a Morgan State University sophomore who is a gifted musician and a member of the gospel music group Patrick Lundy and the Ministers of Music.

Guest speaker, Kyle Hutzler, a 2010 Huntingtown High graduate and sophomore at Yale encouraged the recipients to "invest in yourself, develop strong relationships and know why you are there."

Nineteen (19) scholarship awards were presented to students from all local High Schools.

Leap Forward's Total Involvement

LEAP Forward takes pride at providing students with many services that are crucial elements of the college-bound experience. In addition to providing tours to college campuses, (for many, their first college experience), **LEAP Forward** assists with completing financial aid packages, essays and applications. A large majority of the students supported are the first in their family to break the hard working work ethic tradition, of a rural area.

Our involvement with the students does not end once the student enters into college life. Upon graduation we also assist with resume writing and distribution.

Many of the Board Members are engineers and are able to provide invaluable networking opportunities and internship availabilities.

LEAP Forward, in the past, has taken part in mock interviews at Poly-Western High School, where graduating seniors are subjected to the rigors of an actual interview. No, there were no jobs being offered, but we were able to critique the students in the all important areas of resume content/presentation, dress, posture, eye-contact and correctly expressing their career objectives. The question we put forth to each of the students was, "How do you feel you can best fit into the long range goals of my company and what skills do you bring?"



LEAP Forward's 2011 College Tour



From Left to Right:: Wilson Ennis-Board Member, Tareeq Turner, Tim Morsell-Board Member-kneeling, Dominic Williams, Ramond Gray, Neco Morsell, Dreshawn Chestnut, Jordan Holmes, Rhonda Thomas-President

In November, **LEAP Forward** Board Members Tim Morsell and Rhonda Thomas, volunteer William Lee along with six(6) anxious students embarked on the scenic route to Nashville, Tennessee.

They soon will be joining fellow board member, Wilson Ennis and more than fifty-thousand alumni, friends and supporters to take part in the festivities surrounding the 2011 TSU Homecoming.

The trip was part of **LEAP Forward's** commitment to conduct college tours so students can view, firsthand, an actual college setting. The students are provided the opportunity to interface with professors, students and, yes, witness how engineering grants actually work.

They took part in the homecoming festivities typical to traditional HBCU institutions as well as visits to the campuses of Fisk University, the Meharry School of Medicine and Vanderbilt University.

The students watched in amazement as the Greek fraternities and sororities put on their high impact step shows. The Greek organizations, being one of the backbones of the Black community, provide such vital services as legal aid, health screenings, voter registration and providing food to the hungry. During Christmas they step in to play Santa to many needy children.

The students were further treated to a spectacular 21-point come from behind win over long time foe UT-Martin. After the mud and sweat had settled, TSU emerged with a 35-30 victory.

Poet's Corner: About the Author

Joy Weems is a 17 yr. old senior at Calvert High. Joy plans to major in Information and Technology with a minor in Business Management. She would like to continue writing poetry as a part time endeavor. We hope you enjoy the writings of this multi-talented student. **LEAP Forward** wishes you success in both careers.

Patriot Technology Summit



LEAP Forward escorted 20-inquisitive students to the annual Youth Technology Summit held at the Charles Herbert Flowers High School. The school is named after Dr. Flowers who was an instructor of the Tuskegee Airmen. The event was hosted by the Patriots Technology Training Center. For 15-years the center has adopted as its mission, "Empowering Students Through Technology". Keynote speaker for the event was James Love, acting director of the Military Equal Opportunity in the Office of Diversity. The summit was filled with plenty of hands on displays, computer competitions, robotics, flight simulations, video games/flash animations and it also included a Jeopardy Match.

Discover Engineering Family Day The National Building Museum



Board Member-Wilson Ennis poses with K-12 students from the Students Success Program. **LEAP Forward** in partnership with the Tri-County Youth Services acted as chaperons to seven excited students. They are about to embark on a family day full of engineering marvels at the National Building Museum, in Washington, D.C. The students also explored the National Geographic Museum to view the historic, "America I Am" exhibit.



LEAP Forward at 37th Annual NSBE Convention

St. Louis, Gateway to the West, hosted the 37th Annual 2011 National Society of Black Engineers Convention. **LEAP Forward** attended this event, whose theme was, "**Engineering the Gateway to Success**" Ronald Moore, coordinator for NSBE's Pre-College Initiative program stated, "We were trying to get information out to corporate leaders and educators in the local school systems"

The National Society of Black Engineers will host the 38th Annual Convention March 28th - April 1st, 2012 in Pittsburgh, PA. This year's theme is, "**The NSBE Blueprint: Leadership, Teamwork, and Inspiration.**"

Red Tails-The Movie



Mr. LeRoy Battle, 90 years old, from Annapolis, Maryland takes time to answer questions about his historic days at Tuskegee University. Mr. Battle is one of the original Tuskegee Airmen, whose lives and exploits has been chronicled in the movie, 'Red Tails'. This is a must see movie that shows how these young black men overcame great adversities in the service of the country they loved. www.BootsBattle.com

Mentoring Our Youth

Answering the call for increased involvement to help with the academic development of our local students **LEAP Forward** has joined forces with other educational and community service organizations to provide weekly mentoring and tutoring services. Working in partnership with the Carroll Western United Methodist Church in Prince Frederick, MD. and its 'Your Education Serves Ministry', K-12 students, eagerly participate, in order to strengthen their Math and Reading skills. Help is also provided to assist with their homework assignments.

This program is part of **LEAP Forward's** PCI (Pre-College Initiative), to better prepare students so they can compete on the ever-expanding technology market.

Student Loan Debt Crisis

Many economists are singling out student debt as being the next financial crisis that will impact the economic recovery of the nation. With a mounting debt of over a trillion dollars, the average student, upon graduation, has accrued a loan debt of \$25,250.00, while their parents face an average of \$34,000.00 in debt for loans taken on behalf of their children's education. Faced with the current economy and not being able to locate employment, many students are opting to move back home with their parents.

Current laws makes it nearly impossible for students to discharge student loan debt via bankruptcy. Unlike other unsecured debt, there is no statute of limitations. This crisis affects retirement, housing, small businesses and employment. Students who have defaulted on their loans will find the effect it plays on their credit rating, a rating many employers use to help fill their company's vacancies.

Engineering Day Barstow Elementary

LEAP Forward helped to bring the fun part of engineering to students at the Barstow Elementary School. Six professional engineers were on hand to provide over 500-students, hands-on-displays, display visual exhibits and engineering videos. In addition, educational tools were handed out, exposing the students to engineering as a career.

LEAP Forward's "Easy Button"

In response to the many requests for an 'easier' way to make contributions or donations to **LEAP Forward**, our organization has upgraded its website. Now donations can be made as easy as 1,2,3.

1. Visit to our website: www.leapforwardinc.org/.
2. Select the "**Donations**" button located on the top left corner of the page.
3. Choose the method and amount of your tax deductible payment: Visa, Mastercard or Paypal.

We feel this upgrade will help alleviate the cumbersome task of check/money order and post office, since many prefer to pay bills and conduct financial transactions on-line.

Let us know what you think, give us some feed back, and by all means make a **Donation!**

2012 Scholarship Booklet Ads

LEAP Forward is offering ad space for your organization or business in our upcoming Scholarship Booklet. Please contact Wilhemina Greene for details:

wilhemina.greene@navy.mil
or, (301)-995-8624

We need your support to help offset the costs of our 2012 Scholarship Reception, which will be open to the public.

2011—Snapshots of a Year in Review



**Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
National Memorial Dedication Ceremony - Washington, D.C.**



**Donated Dodge SUV
by Mr. Charles and Rose Lee**



**LEAP Forward Students at the Youth
Technology Summit at Flowers High**



**National Society of Black Engineers
Convention –St. Louis, Missouri**



**Scholarship Reception
Wilson Ennis Clubhouse**

2011—Snapshots of a Year in Review-cont'd



Youth Technology Summit
Charles Herbert Flowers High School



Engineering Day with Local Engineers
held at The Greater Bibleway Church



NAACP African-American Day
Calvert County, Md.



TSU Grad-Jesse Russell
Inventor of cell phone infrastructure



Tailgating-TSU Homecoming
Compliments of : Mr. Arthur Reese

2011—Snapshots of a Year in Review-cont'd



**Barstow Engineering Day
Gum Drop Activity**



**Technology Summit
Robotics**



Door of Opportunity



Guest Speaker—Kyle Hutzler



**Carol and Charles Lee Jr.
Lee Memorial Scholarship**



**Technology Summit
Future Nurse—Naval Nurse**

People Are Talking About...

...The White House Science Fair where the president pledged to support and introduce legislation to increase over the next decade, the number of Math/Science teachers by over 100,000 and the number of high school students entering into Math/Science careers by (1) million.

...The Supreme Court's ruling on Citizens United v. The Federal Election Commission. In this landmark decision, citing the First Amendment, the court ruled that the Federal government could not regulate freedom of speech. The ruling allows super PACs and corporations to contribute unlimited funds into candidate elections and will have a direct impact on present and future elections

...The controversial call made against Raven's wide receiver Lee Evans. With time running out and the Ravens poised to score, did the receiver make the catch in the end zone? Although CBS cameras seemed to suggest a catch, the replay assistant never instructed referee Albert Riveron to review the play. "Should the Ravens have played in the Super Bowl?" is the question many angry Raven fans still ask themselves.

You make the call:

http://sportshl.com/football/Evans_dropped_pass_costs_Ravens/1121

...President Obama's recent rendition of the Al Green's classic "Let's Stay Together" at Harlem's Apollo. He was heard exercising his vocal again at the White House's salute to the blues, "Sweet Home Chicago"

...How many Republican controlled states are enacting laws that are restricting the voting rights of many minorities, the elderly, college students and non-profit organizations engaged in voter registration? Eric Holder, Head of the Dept. of Justice says he will review these policies to ensure aspects of the Voter Rights Act of 1965 have not been violated. The DOJ has blocked a South Carolina's voter id law citing it violated the voting rights of minorities.

... The recess appointment, made by President Obama of Richard Cordray as the Director of the Consumer Protection Bureau. The consumer can look forward to getting relief in the areas of pay day lending, student loans, sub-prime mortgages as well as new credit card regulations.

...The rising gas prices. The demand for oil and refined products-gasoline has decreased to the point the U.S. has become a net exporter of gasoline, unable to consume all it produces. The number of oil rigs has quadrupled over the last three years. The fact is, the U.S. has more active gas and oil rigs than the rest of the world combined. Increased drilling and opening the Keystone XL pipeline will not affect the price of gas. Our refineries are operating at capacity.

But still the prices climb?

Economists focus the blame on speculation. Yes, the New York Mercantile Exchange-Wall St. Here, contracts for future deliveries of oil are traded. There is a growing fear of a military confrontation with Iran and the effect it may have on the Persian Gulf's Straits of Hormuz, where 20% of the world's supply of oil passes, speculation is the main culprit.

...The growing number of sophisticated internet scams. The old adage, if it's too good to be true, then it probably is. With the downturn of the economy, many consumers are turning to the internet, looking for ways to help to supplement their incomes. Let the consumer beware.

Scams can start out as a simple e-mail, asking either for support in helping to distribute estate payments or depositing money into your checking account. A check may be issued to you in advance, for services you have yet to perform. Many of these scams involve mock companies, elaborate websites and ads they attach to CareerBuilder. BEWARE!

...Against the backdrop of March as being Women's History month, more than 50-women's groups have formed a coalition called HERVotes (Health and Economic Rights). Also known as the 2012 Women's Pushback Vote, many women see recent laws aimed against advancements made by women, as creating a need for this alliance. The new wave of laws being directed towards woman's rights have been listed as: the senate's Blunt amendment-where the employer can refuse to provide health coverage based on morale convictions, mandatory pre-abortion sonograms, transvaginal probes, drug testing for welfare recipients (90% are women), contraception, birth control, personhood, 10th Amendment arguments, and the upcoming Supreme Court decision involving affirmative action, to name a few.



Leap Forward's 2012 Scholarships

Due to a year of fundraising events, personal donations and corporate contributions, **Leap Forward** would like to announce that applications for its 2012 scholarship awards are now available. Applications have been sent to local churches, high schools and local community organizations.

Leap Forward proudly announces the availability of the following scholarships for the 2012 academic year:

- * Wallace Leeper Memorial Book Scholarships
- * Rev. Charles Lee, Sr. Memorial Scholarship
- * Violet Parker Memorial Scholarship
- * Clifton Morsell-Randolph Adams Memorial Scholarship

Applications deadline: April 2, 2012

Leap Forward also participates in the Calvert County, Md. Local Scholarship Program. Working in partnership with the Southern Maryland College Network (SoMD CAN) and its Executive Director, Shelby Potts, **Leap Forward** participates in this service which provides twenty-six scholarships to local students using one application. This **'one stop'** shopping process eliminates excess paper work and provides maximum exposure for qualified students.

To access the guidelines, Provider List, and the 2012 Calvert LSA form:

1. Please go to: www.somdcn.org
2. Click on the **Calvert LSA** tab.
3. Download and print the Guidelines and Provider List.
4. Download the **2012 Calvert LSA** fillable PDF form and complete online,
5. Print and follow instructions for the Calvert LSA Mail-In Packet.

Any questions, please contact Sonia K. Wagner at skwfinaid@comcast.net

Application deadline: April 30, 2012.

Business Forum Local Minority Owned Businesses

Southern Maryland College Access Network by Shelby Potts

Southern Maryland College Access Network (SoMD CAN) is a non-profit organization whose mission is to increase the college-going rate among the region's high school students with focus on students who are first generation college-bound, minority and/or low income. Our goals are to offer opportunities through our in-school curriculum-based program, community workshops, and Calvert Local Scholarships Application to build awareness of and preparedness for the college admissions and financial aid process. For information go to www.somdcn.org.

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by Ralph Dawson

Equity Resources, Inc....your local direct lender. Whether refinancing or buying a home, our goal is to make your process smooth and easy, to gain your trust and be your lender for life. Our second goal is to make you a Raving Fan and to earn your referral of family and co-workers. Our application-to-approval timeframe is only 18-calendar days! Imagine...30 days from homeownership or lowering your monthly payments!! Call me, Ralph Dawson..410-586-1900.

Carrington Formal Wear by Brunsie C. Carrington

I've come a long way baby with a profound passion for dressing people for the biggest days of their lives.

Carrington Formal Wear, founded in 1996 in Calvert County, MD, has established a reputation for an awesome look of my finished product unmatched by competitors.

The secret is 90% is done by eyesight to create a look most folks cannot create for themselves.

Mid-Atlantic Specialty Hospital (MASH) by Rodney E. Oakley

A referral veterinary center located in Huntingtown has been providing the southwestern Chesapeake Bay Area with specialty surgical care since fall 2002. Postoperative Canine Physical Rehabilitation is a perfect complement to the routinely offered advanced orthopedic and neurologic surgeries at MASH. In fall 2007, by popular demand, MASH added ophthalmology and also announced the opening of Allied Partners Veterinary Emergency Service (APVES) providing after-hours.

Contact info:(410)414-8250 ph
(301)855-9106 Fax



LEAP Forward urges U 2 Get Involved...STOP the Bullying!!!!



Everyday an estimated 160,000 students refuse or make excuses not to attend school in fear of being bullied. Bullying is when a person is exposed repeatedly over a period of time, to adverse actions by another person or persons and he/she has difficulty defending himself or herself. Bullying is not a new action or phenomenon. However, social networking tools like Facebook and Myspace have created a new weapon the bully has in his/her arsenal, to publish harmful stories and circulate false rumors in an effort to torment, even after the victim is home.

Bullying takes on many different forms. Verbal bullying, which include derogatory comments and names. Social exclusion and isolation are other aspects of bullying. Bullying does not limit itself to the typical hitting, kicking, shoving and spitting. Bullying also involve spreading rumors and lies. Students report personal items being taken or damaged along with the demand for money. Being forced or coerced to do things the student would not normally do is a common occurrence. Other types of bullying are: racial bullying, sexual bullying and cyber bullying (via cell phone or internet).

Students who bully are often involved in other negative behavior. Bullies often get into frequent fights, steal, vandalize, and have poor grades. Bullies also have a tendency to drink, smoke and carry weapons. Not all bullies are engaged in rule-breaking activities. Some of the bullies have excellent social skills and often ingratiate themselves with teacher and authority figures.

When a student is bullied he or she often experience depression along with a low self-esteem. It is not uncommon for the student to develop health problems and experience a drop in grades. The victim may entertain thoughts of suicide. Suicide is the third leading cause of death among young people. Victims of suicide are between 2-9 times more likely to consider suicide than non-victims.

Schools with bullying issues, for the victim, becomes a symbol of fear and disrespect. Learning often takes backseat to bullying. The student perceives that teachers and staff don't care about them. The effects of bullying on the school system are the countless man-hours lost to combat the problems of trancies, reduced student retention, low teacher morale, negative perceptions of the school by the wider community and parent hostility. Schools are being sued for failing to provide a safe learning environment and are being held liable for harassment, violence and suicide caused by bullying.

If you suspect your child is being bullied:

1. Get additional information, go to: http://www.stopbullying.gov/topics/civil_violation/index.html
2. If at immediate risk call 911
3. If you feel your child is being unusually withdrawn, contact the suicide prevention hotline at 1-800-273-TALK (8255)
4. If you feel the teachers are not providing a safe environment, contact local school administrators (principal or superintendent).
5. If the student that is being bullied is sick, stressed, not sleeping, or is having other problems due to bullying, contact his/her counselor or other health professionals.
6. If the bullying involves race, ethnicity, or disability and local help is not working to solve the problem, contact the U.S. Department of Education's Office on Civil Rights.

October is National Bullying Prevention Month. Maryland is the 7th state to enact anti-bullying laws.

2011 College Tour Feedback

And the students expressed thoughts such as these: *It was a different learning experience. Nice environment. I learned a lot about the college experience. I hated the long van ride to Tennessee. The football game was definitely a highlight of the weekend. What, you play in the Tennessee Titans stadium! Great seats, thank you! It was cool meeting the other guys. The college tour was a great experience. I didn't know there would be so much to do. The college tour made me more serious about college. This made my world a little larger. I want to change my ways and stop being lazy. The tour gave me good energy. I was inspired by seeing a TSU graduate from my D.C. neighborhood. Everything was so different from what I am used to seeing. No fights. Everyone showed pride in the school and where they are from. I was impressed with seeing so many people from old people to the little kids excited about the school. I like TSU and all the people that encourage you to go to school. I appreciate the tough love exhibited and being told that a future is in you. My highlight was the parade. Everyone wanted to have a good time. The black history at Fisk was good. The art collection was impressive. Nice experience for me. Something new. It motivated me. It gave me a different outlook. I like that strangers take an interest in you and try to inspire you to attend college. I enjoyed meeting Dr. Perry and learning about his program for young men. The college band performance was good.*

Words of advice from the chaperons: *Continue what you started with the group and all of you can make it. We did see some growth this weekend. Continue to grow and embrace what you have been exposed to. Please understand that to get something out of it you have to put something into it.*

Networking-Jobs Board

Office of Personnel Services and Benefits -Carpenter (11-0167-001)

Salary: \$25,239-39,287 **Vacancy:** open & continuous **Location:** Statewide more than one county

Duties: This is the full performance level of work in the construction, installation, alteration, removal, maintenance and repair of wooden structures, concrete forms, scaffolds, frame shelters, platforms, sign boards and general supports

Qualifications: Completion of eighth grade. Four years experience in carpentry. Graduation from an accredited vocational or technical high school with a concentration in carpentry may be substituted for up to three years of the required carpentry experience.

Apply: Mail applications to: OPSB Recruitment & Examination Division Room 608
301 W. Preston Street Baltimore, MD 21201

Workers' Compensation Commission Computer Network Specialist Lead (12-4503-920)

Salary: \$46,563 - \$74,725 (Grade 18) **Vacancy:** open until filled **Location:** Baltimore City

Duties: The State of Maryland Workers' Compensation Commission is currently seeking an energetic, versatile, and highly skilled Senior Network Administrator in the position of Computer Network Specialist, Lead. The Senior Network Administrator's role is to manage the day-to-day operations of WCC systems and converged networks. This includes planning, developing, installing, configuring, maintaining security, supporting, and optimizing all network hardware, software, and communication links for LAN, WAN, WLAN, VoIP, and VPN..

Qualifications: Bachelor's degree in computer information technology, management information systems or other information technology related field, to include course work in local or wide area computer networks, from an accredited college or university. Two years of experience planning, integrating and maintaining software and hardware for local or wide area computer networks.

Please mail your completed State application to:

Maryland Workers' Compensation Commission
Personnel Division, 10 East Baltimore Street,
Baltimore, MD 21202

Department of Transportation High Voltage Electrician - Skilled Trade Specialist III (7131)

Salary: \$47,272-\$53,944 **Vacancy:** open & continuous **Location:** Statewide more than one county

DUTIES: . This is the journey level of high-voltage electrical work at the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT). Employees are responsible for independently performing high-voltage electrical installation, connection, maintenance and repair work in compliance with Federal, State and Local regulations and standard practices. High voltage electricians work with electric circuits carrying in excess of 600 volts, in accordance with the National Electrical Code and the Underwriter's Rules for electrical wiring and installation.

Qualifications: Graduation from an accredited high school or possession of a high school equivalency certificate. Five years of experience working with high-voltage (600 volts and up) service, switch gear and control wiring or large (30 horsepower or more) motors, compressors and motor circuitry is required. Two years of this experience must have been in a commercial or industrial setting.

Apply: Mail applications to: Recruitment and Examinations Unit
7201 Corporate Center Drive,
P.O. Box 548, Mail Stop 140
Hanover, MD 21076.

To Apply: You must complete an application (DTS-1) to be considered for this recruitment. RESUMES CANNOT BE SUBSTITUTED FOR THE DTS-1 EMPLOYMENT APPLICATION. For an application, please call 410-865-1073 or visit our Web Page at www.marylandtransportation.com.

Department of the Environment Student Technical Assistant (5302)-Contractual

Salary: \$8.70 - \$11.25 per hour **Vacancy:** April 16, 2012 **Location:** Maryland Department of the Environment
1800 Washington Blvd.
Baltimore, MD 21230

Duties: The Student Technical Assistant classification is used to hire college students pursuing degrees in fields such as environmental science, geology, engineering, mathematics, accounting, chemistry and other qualifying degrees. The Student Technical Assistant will assist staff in either the Office of the Secretary, Operational Services Administration, Air and Radiation Management, Land Management Administration, Science Services Administration or the Water Management Administration. The student must be able to handle confidential information and work according to agency policies, procedures and guidelines.

Qualifications: .Students must have completed freshman, sophomore, junior or senior year in an undergraduate environmental science program or other related majors such as biology, earth science, geology, engineering, math, and other qualifying degrees. Students who have completed undergraduate education must be currently enrolled or pursuing enrollment in a Masters' study program. Documentation must be submitted at time of appointment to position. Knowledge of Microsoft products, i.e., Word, Excel, PowerPoint, etc may be a requirement for some positions.

PROCEDURE FOR APPLICATION: Only Maryland State applications obtained at <http://www.mde.state.md.us/programs/WorkwithMDE/jobs/Documents/ms1002002.doc>

Should be Sent to: MDE, Recruitment & Examination Unit,
Office of Human Resources,
Montgomery Park Business Center, Suite 535
Baltimore MD 21230.

If you need additional information, please call the Office of Human Resources at 410-537-3100.



Department of Human Resources Family Support Worker I (12-0501-001)**Salary:** \$25,239- \$39,287 (Grade 8) **Vacancy:** open & continuous **Location:** Statewide

Duties: A Family Support Worker I is the intermediate level of work providing in-home support services that enable individuals to maintain their independence and well being, assist in preserving the family structure, promote a functional home environment and teach clients to make use of available community resources.

Qualifications: Graduation from an accredited high school or possession of a high school equivalency certificate. : One year of experience providing support services to children or adults through teaching and demonstrating practical living skills in order to promote and maintain independent living or assist in preserving the family structure.

Apply: **Mail applications to:**

DHR/Exam Services Unit,
311 W Saratoga Street,
Baltimore, Maryland 21201;

Applications may be obtained by visiting website: www.dhr.state.md.us; or call 410-767-7414, toll-free: 1-800-332-6347

Judicial Branch Senior Software Engineer (12-01)**Control No. 304709300****Salary:** \$89,033 to \$155,500 **Vacancy:** December 5, 2012 **Location:** Washington, DC-Metro Area

Duties: The key responsibilities of the Senior Software Engineer are to: (1) Design, develop and maintain Oracle Fusion Middleware solutions using Business Process Execution Language (BPEL), business rules engine, and human workflow; (2) create new Web Services and maintain existing ones; (3) develop, test, support, and maintain code in a Java/J2EE environment using Web logic Application Server; (4) design and develop applications in Oracle Application Express (APEX); (5) develop and maintain code using Oracle PL/SQL; and, (6) develop content management systems.

Qualifications: Applicants must have an undergraduate degree from an accredited university or college in information technology or a related field of study. Applicants must have four (4) years of experience as a software developer, including three (3) years experience creating Web Services, using technologies such as SOAP, WSDL and XML, OR Four (4) years of experience as an APEX developer with strong PL/SQL and Web Development skills.

Contact info: Mark Fife

Phone: (202)502-4627

Fax: (202)502-4777

Email: MFIFE@USSC.GOV

Executive Office Of The President-Fall 2012 Software Engineer Internship Announcement No. SIP-12-15-SWAT**Salary:** Open **Vacancy:** April 30, 2012 **Location:** Washington, DC-Metro Area

Duties: Begin a challenging and exciting internship with the Executive Office of the President (EOP) providing support to the President of the United States. The Office of Administration Student Internship Program (SIP) in the Executive Office of the President (EOP) is looking to recruit the nation's best and brightest software engineering students. Software Engineer Interns (SEIs) will work with the newly created SoftWare Automation and Technology (SWAT) Team.

Qualifications: All applicants applying to participate in the Unpaid Student Internship Program must meet the following requirements: Be a US Citizen. At least 18 years of age. Enrolled or accepted for enrollment as a degree-seeking student for the semester that includes or immediately follows the internship, taking at least a half-time academic course load in an accredited program. Be in good academic standings.

Apply: **Contact info:** EOP - OA Client Services
Phone: (202)395-1088
Email: EOPJOBS@OA.EOP.GOV



Community Health Educator II (1026)

Salary: \$36,280 -57,567(Grade 14) **Vacancy:** open & continuous **Location:** Statewide more than one county

Duties: . This is specialized professional work in the area of community health education. An employee in this class serves as a staff associate and has professional responsibility for specific health education projects within a program area at the State, regional, local or institutional level.

Qualifications: Possession of a Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university in Public Health Education, Community Health Education or Health Science. One year of experience planning, developing, implementing and promoting health education projects.

Apply: **Mail applications to:** DHMH, Personnel,
Testing Services Unit,
P.O. Box 22330
Baltimore, MD 21203-4330

Apply Online: <http://dhmh.maryland.gov/ohr/SitePages/Home.aspx>

COMMUNITY NEWS**CALVERT COUNTY BIKERS UNITED**

WHO: Southern Maryland Spinners HD MC

Calvert County Joy Riders MC

Eclipse Sport Ryders MC

Too Deep MC



WHAT: A Motorcycle Drive to Benefit:

LEAP Forward Inc.

WHEN: Saturday, April 14, 2012

Rain Date : Saturday, April 21, 2012

DONATIONS: \$20 per bike and \$10 per passenger

WHERE: *Registration begins at 10am on the Green*

Turtle Parking Lot

98 Solomons Island Road South

Prince Frederick, Md. 20678

Door Prizes at Final Stop

CONTACTS: Brooks-(443)532-4002

Cowboy-(410)320-4002

Casper-(410)474-0441

Boss-(443)975-8163

Thank you ALMA!!

SPONSOR A BIKE!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

LEAP Forward in partnership with Hooked-On-Nero (Math Tutoring) is contemplating the idea of creating a National Society of Black Engineers Jr. Chapter here, in Calvert County. This program will be available for students in grade 6-12.

The advantages of membership into this national organization are:

- ♦ Participation in science competitions, camps
- ♦ Scholarship and Awards
- ♦ Leadership Development
- ♦ Opportunities to give to the community

We need your help, we can do this. Please contact us if you are interested in your child participating or if you would like to volunteer!

Contact info:

Shanell Nero

Cell: [240.832.1722](tel:240.832.1722)
shanell.nero@gmail.com
shanell@hooked-on-nero.com



Leap Forward would like to join a nation in celebrating
March-NATIONAL WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH



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Phone Number

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Classification (Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, or Senior)

Interested in

_____Engineering

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_____College Tour

_____Math and Science Career Options

_____College Assistance

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Mail to

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2290 Adelina Road

Prince Frederick, MD 20678

Or email information to

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Poet's Corner-Highlighting the Work of: Joy Weems

A Minority Like Me

There is benefit and there is liability
Advantages and disadvantages
Understandings and misunderstandings
Being a minority like me

It's a shame that racism still exists
Instead of holding hands, we throw fists.
The oppression and animosity, we all
experience and see
It's not that easy being a minority like me

Some are rich, some are poor
Why are we fighting? There's nothing that
money can buy, worth fighting for.
Never stereotype, no one person is alike,
whether he or she
Try taking a long walk in the shoes of a
minority like me

Let us all get together
With joy and pleasure
One nation under God with unity
Joining hands with a minority like me

Sunset provided by God in Southern Maryland

Fighting For Success

Wealthy, living fancy, is not my definition of success,
You can have all the money in the world and still be
perplex

Attaining a desired future, achieving a goal or simply,
Becoming the person who you've always dreamed to be

Decision-making, goal-setting, time-consuming effort
Wisdom is a benefactor, my soul and mind is where I've
kept her

My auspicious moment is near and you better believe I'm
going to fight

Because if being successful is wrong, I don't want to be
right.

A Love for Valentine's Day

L-O-L, laugh out loud,
Lots of love
An angel from above

Is it bitter, is it sweet
Did your heart just skip a
beat?

Roses are red, violets are
blue

Is it false? Or is it true?

Love is commitment
Love is affection
One love, two hearts
Makes the perfect
connection