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LEAPERS

Almost always, the creative dedicated minority has made the world better...Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends and Supporters,

Thank you for your support in 2013---a truly productive year for Leap Forward participants and an impressive year full of memorable accomplishments that will greatly impact our community. As you peruse and study the attached annual report, please consider **again** supporting the LEAP Forward project as your **#1 choice** of nonprofit organizations for 2014. Your investment of interest, time, talents, and financial contributions will greatly enhance our goal to develop our young people as our future professional leaders.

In July 2014, LEAP Forward, Inc. will celebrate twelve years as a viable community service organization that is recognized by the IRS! Through your generous support and donations last year we were able to:

- ❖ Provide STEM presentations and exhibits to hundreds of students at numerous STEM Fairs and Career Day events
- ❖ Sponsor college tours and expose students to life on college campuses within and outside of the state of Maryland
- ❖ Assist 15 new students financially as they entered college for the first time to realize their dream to pursue a college education
- ❖ Establish a Jr. Chapter of the National Society of Black Engineers in Calvert County and provide a means for students to increase their awareness of STEM opportunities and develop leadership, creativity, problem solving, and team work skills. The chapter membership grew from 11 in 2012 to 35 members in 2013.
- ❖ Supplement and enhance academic performance through organized and purposeful tutoring and mentoring activities.
- ❖ Sponsor and facilitate cultural enrichment experiences that broadened the participants' awareness and appreciation to set their goals high and seek opportunities beyond their secondary school experience.

Please continue to support our efforts as we influence and positively impact the lives of our young students---this nation's future leaders and professional workforce. **Take Your Next Great LEAP** and join **LEAP Forward** in our 2014 fundraising campaign so that you can closely monitor how your investment in them will reap numerous benefits and help them to achieve their aspirations and become productive citizens.

Thank you for all you have done and thank you in advance for all that you will be doing *with us* in 2014-**Rhonda Thomas**

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A SPECIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT TO OUR BLACK GREEK SORORITIES AND FRATERNITIES ...THE INSTRUMENTS OF CHANGE IN OUR COMMUNITIES



Launching Educational Assistance Program Forward Inc. 2013 WALLACE LORENZO LEEPER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP



1935-1978

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 do establish and administer 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 by many families and current minority professionals, he directed many students into college and post-graduate schools. 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.

THE VIOLET PARKER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP



1917-2006

Violet Parker. The matriarch of the family. Her kind, wise yet stern demeanor helped to lead and to 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 over the challenges overcame, strides made and academic advances met, by each of 'her children'. Mrs. Parker, who saw the value of education, along with her unwavering lifetime commitment of helping others who through no fault of their own, may have needed help to be uplifted; and gave freely. Contributions from the Parker Family and Mrs. Parker's 'children' makes this scholarship possible. Mrs. Violet Parker will be remembered through prayers, this scholarship and in the words of that old Negro spiritual, **"May the Work I've Done, Speak for Me"**.

THE RANDOLPH ADAMS AND CLIFTON MORSELL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP



1920-2011

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 what is meant by 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.



1947-2007

Randolph Adams Son-in-law of Mr. Clifton Morsell. As with Mr. Morsell, he 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 whose 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 humanitarianism shown by both Marseta and Baron Dill, for both establishing this scholarship, and in keeping their legacy of "giving back", with us.

Launching Educational Assistance Program Forward 2014 MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS

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THE REV. CHARLES LEE Sr. MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP



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 their two sons Charles Lee, Jr. and William Lee.

Join LEAP Forward in Honoring the Two Newest Memorial Scholarships

FERNANDE PERSONNA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP



1943-2013

Fernand Personna was a native of Jacmel, Haiti. She migrated to the United States in 1971 and worked as an Assistant Nurse at Letchworth Village 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 United States and Haiti.

It is with great pleasure that **LEAP Forward** sponsors this scholarship in Fernande Personna's name and memory. The Scholarship provides an award of up to \$1,000 to a student of the Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) at State University of New York (SUNY) Albany who wishes to continue his or her university education. The funds are to be used to defray expenses associated with study at SUNY Albany (e.g., books, computer hardware and/or software, child care, transportation).

Our 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.

RAYMOND HARRIS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP



1939-2005

Raymond Harris graduated from Brooks High School and completed one year of college at the University of Maryland Eastern Shore. 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.

Mr. Harris used his assets to quietly bring about change in his community. He always encouraged others to be the best they can be. 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 both uniforms and transportation.

LEAP Forward, joins the family and friends in celebrating the life of this remarkable man. We thank you for letting Mr. Raymond Harris, who gave unconditionally in life, continue to give, inspire and encourage the youth he loved, to realize their dreams.

Launching Educational Assistance Program Forward Inc.
2013 CHARLES H. LEE, SR. MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



Brittany Brown
University of Maryland College Park
Education



"Life is divided into seasons. In knowing how this season has impacted me, I feel that I can best serve 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 lead 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, (Kortinai's best friend that died). 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 to where I need to be in life. I have realized, I cannot take back my past, but I can only move forward, making a better life for myself."

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2013 VIOLET PARKER 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
Calvert High School
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 always knew I wanted to work in the criminal justice field. 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."

2013 ADAMS MORSELL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

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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 opportunist but ambitious, determined and full of passion."

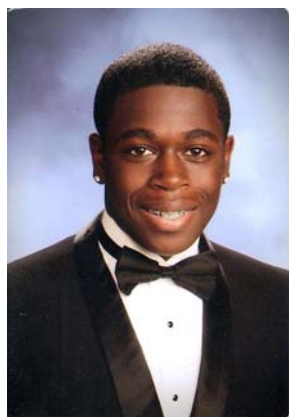
2013 WALLACE LEEPER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



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."



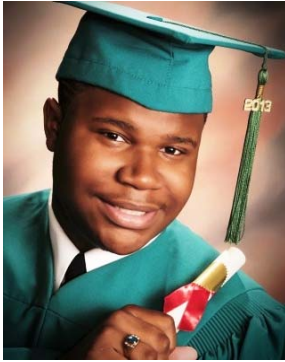
Matthew Doxie
Patuxent High School
Pennsylvania College of Art and Design
Art



"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."

Launching Educational Assistance Program Forward, Inc.

2013 WALLACE LEEPER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



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 goodwill are already a part of my dream for the future."



Kaitlyn Torney
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, and ambitious if you want to be something in the world. Going to college means a lot to me and I 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."



Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to CHANGE the world

Nel:

NSBE: NATIONAL SOCIETY OF BLACK ENGINEERS: AT A GLANCE

NSBE was established in 1971 at Purdue University by two (2) undergraduate engineering students. The purpose was to establish a student organization whose purpose was to help improve the recruiting and retention of black engineering students. In the late 1960's, 80% of the engineering students had dropped out of the engineering program.

Originally called the Black Society of Engineers (BSE) and encouraged by the success of the organization on campus, letters were sent out to many of the nations' engineering schools. Eighty (80) schools responded to the concept of a Society of Black Engineers (SBE). A date was drafted, April 10-12, 1974, to have a national meeting. Forty-eight (48) students from thirty-two (32) schools were in attendance. It was during this conference that the 'N' was added, thus the name National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE).

NSBE has since grown from the original Chicago 6, to over 30,000 members and the annual meeting has flourished into Annual National Conventions.

NSBE Objectives:

- Stimulate and develop student interests in different fields of engineering
- Increase the number of minority students, both at the undergraduate and graduate levels
- Encourage/mentor youth to pursue careers in engineering
- Develop public and community awareness of engineering as well as its potential for employment
- Act as a representative body on issues facing Black engineers

NSBE JR: NATIONAL SOCIETY OF BLACK ENGINEERS, JUNIOR CHAPTER



**CASH STUDENTS AT AN ENGINEERING WORKSHOP
WHERE THEIR PROBLEM SOLVING METHODS
AND LEADERSHIP SKILLS ARE BEING FINE TUNED**

The NSBE Jr. program targets K-12 students to help stimulate their interests in **Science, Technology, Engineering and Math** curriculums. **(STEM)**. The program schedules activities to stimulate interest, cultivate problem solving skills, and promote leadership aptitude. Students will understand the importance of **STEM** careers for the new global technology. NSBE Jr. chapters also has long-term affects on the African-American community. After entering into **STEM** professions, a stronger economic platform will be enhanced.

We as a community, must rally around organizations such as NSBE Jr. Our Calvert County Chapter is called **CASH-(Creative And Striving Hard)-to succeed. Catchy acronym!**

Volunteer an hour a week, encourage membership to your child, niece or nephew during these inquisitive K-12 years. Get involved with outreach efforts being made by organizations such as **NSBE** and **LEAP Forward**, as someone who may have contemplated volunteering, please be driven by:

“The fierce urgency of Now!”

...President Barack Obama

LEAP FORWARD, FULFILLING THE DREAM IN 2014

No country can really develop unless its citizens are educated...

Nelson Mandela

WHY LEAP FORWARD: WHY NOW?

- Inadequate course preparation for many disadvantaged and minority students
- Failure to recognize students who may have demonstrated a high aptitude for math
- Lack of mentoring programs to assist students which have demonstrated an interest in engineering but do not have a strong propensity towards STEM challenges
- Inadequate programs which may act to stimulate students interests in STEM
- Many disadvantaged students may come from blue collar homes where no one had successfully graduated from college and to pursue a degree in STEM career, and may be discouraged
- Insufficient role models to act as both mentor and sponsor
- Finances, many disadvantaged students are encouraged, upon graduation from high school, to seek immediate employment to help with the financial burdens of the house
- The unwillingness of companies to engage in professional development
- Help to develop a cycle of leadership through volunteerism and the need to give back to the community
- Expose students to college campus life and the experiences of visiting Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU)

LEAP FORWARD: ACCEPTING THE CHALLENGES

LEAP Forward has assisted the pre-college development of disadvantaged students. Program activities include conducting math and science presentations, participating in engineering conferences and camps, conducting plant and industry tours, and serving as student advocates and mentors. **LEAP Forward** assists with college admissions, financial aid and networking. Additionally, in an effort to offset some of the costs associated with college, **LEAP Forward** issues scholarships to students who demonstrate a financial need and have excelled academically. Another aspect of **LEAP Forward's** commitment to assisting students making the transition into college life is to conduct college tours.

LEAP Forward strives to:



...encourage innovation



...seek community volunteerism



...develop leadership skills



2013 SCHOLARSHIP RECEPTION



SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS ALONG WITH BOARD MEMBERS AND FOUNDER, TAKE TIME TO POSE FOR THIS MEMORABLE PHOTO.

July 28, 2013, for all intents and purposes would have been just another sweltering summer day. But for **LEAP Forward**, it was a day which meant the culmination of a year of fund raising, grant proposals, deadlines, forms being filled and foremost-prayers being graciously answered. For some, it signalled the beginning of a long journey towards self-fulfilling commitments and goals that will succeed, despite the cards that have been stacked against them. For some parents it was a time to exhale, 'Yes, there is an organization out there that cares about the success of my child'. For some, it was a day of firsts; the first one to break the blue collar tradition which for years held captive their dreams as well as the first time their commitments will be supported financially.

For others, it meant moving closer to shoring up the economic base for minorities and being able to bring vital leadership skills back to a community which so desperately needs them. For some, it would mean a day to break bread with family and friends, and sample the culinary delights which is synonymous with the reception.

The day's activities were highlighted via the superb oratory skills of guest keynote speaker, Brittany Brown. Ms. Brown spoke eloquently on "refusing your imitations" and how to "remove limitations", inherent or imposed. One topic she stressed was what "we" will leave the next generation. This being one of the principle objectives being defined by **LEAP Forward**.

Ms. Brown also encouraged the youth in the crowd not to be constrained by previous expectations that may have been imposed upon them. She also stressed the importance of education in the minority community.

CASH TODAY: LEADER TOMORROW!



DORIEN SITS DOWN AND SHARES WITH US HIS DREAMS

Dorien Minor is a founding member of the Calvert County NSBE Jr. (**CASH**) He is passionate about math and science and has maintained a straight A grade point average since first grade. He is currently an eighth grader at Calvert Middle School.

In addition to his academic achievements, he enjoys band, playing the saxophone, soccer and basketball. When asked about his goals, Dorien responded, "I have many goals that I want to accomplish in my life. One of the goals that is most important to me is to be successful in life and having a good career, preferably being a meteorologist. To be a successful person, I have to do well in school, be passionate towards the things that I enjoy, put all of my belief in God and pursue my dreams. Another one of my goals in life is to change and make a difference in my generation as well as in my community."

SUMMER INTERNSHIP PROGRAM



LEAP FORWARD PRESIDENT WITH INTERN BETH MEAD

LEAP Forward, would like to extend its gratitude to Kelly Bell and the Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland for developing a summer internship opportunity in partnership with Manpower.

Beth Mead, is a graduating senior at Patuxent High. She plans to major in computer science with a minor in marketing. Beth credits the **LEAP Forward** organization with introducing her to STEM careers.

PEOPLE ARE TALKING ABOUT...

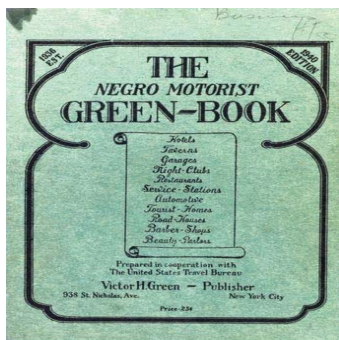
THE ROLL-OUT OF THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT

The Affordable Care Act has never been fully endorsed by the progressive base of the Democratic Party. Many supporters of the president wanted universal health care coverage. President Obama, instead sought bi-partisan support. In one interview he defended his bi-partisan approach stating, he was elected to serve the entire country.

Max Baucus, Senator from Montana, Chair of the Senate Finance Committee was tapped by the President to reach across the aisle in order to gain bi-partisan support. The base complained vehemently as time and time, Sen. Baucus, with ties to insurance lobbyist, gave away the store. After negotiating away key provisions to appease Republicans, no Republicans supported the bill anyway.

After a botched roll out of the bill, the system not set up for the huge response, Republicans are using this, and the President's claim that if you liked your current insurance, you could keep it, as a rally cry. Some Democrats in swing districts are distancing themselves from the Affordable Care Act.

THE NEGRO MOTORIST GREEN BOOK



Published in 1936 thru 1966 this book served as a guide for Black motorist to follow in order to navigate around the policies of Jim Crow. To avoid embarrassment, arrests and even violence, the Green Book was a mainstay for many African-American travelers.

BLACK ENGINEER OF THE YEAR AWARD COMMUNITY SERVICE RHONDA THOMAS-FEBRUARY, 2013



AWARD RECIPIENTS FREEMAN A. HRABOWSKI III, PRESIDENT OF UMBC (BEYA) AND LEAP FORWARD FOUNDER RHONDA THOMAS (BEYA-COMMUNITY SERVICE) CONGRATULATE EACH OTHER ON THEIR VICTORIES WON

NSBE-WASHINGTON D.C., ALUMNI CHAPTER HUMANITARIAN AWARD RHONDA THOMAS-MAY, 2013



RHONDA THOMAS, LI FETI ME MEMBER OF NSBE PROUDLY DISPLAYS THE HUMANITARIAN AWARD WITH NOMINATOR ANI CA ALLEN

2013-THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INC.

Happy 100th Anniversary to the Sisterhood of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Thanks for your daughter Rhonda who is upholding the highest ideals your founders envisioned one hundred years ago on that Howard University Campus.

Yours in Sigma,

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Phi Beta Sigma
Zeta Alpha Chapter
Tennessee State University



COME CELEBRATE WITH US.... AS LEAP FORWARD, INC. PROUDLY SHARES WITH YOU OUR 2013 CALENDAR OF EVENTS!!!

In the End, we will remember not the words of our Enemies, but the silence of our Friends.....

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

1. In January 2013, **LEAP Forward** participated in a STEM career day event at the Math and Science Charter School on the campus of Howard University. Our Board President served as a speaker on the panel and provided insight and information about engineering career options. Additionally, **LEAP Forward** sponsored prizes (iTunes cards) for other STEM events also held that day.
2. In January 2013, **LEAP Forward**, in conjunction with the Your Education Serves (YES) Ministry, sponsored a financial literacy workshop for students who participate in the tutoring and mentoring program. Additionally, **LEAP Forward** secured coin banks for each student as an incentive for the students to save money.
3. In January 2013, **LEAP Forward**, in conjunction with Hooked On Nero Math and Tutoring Company, initiated a Calvert County Chapter of the National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE), Jr. Chapter. NSBE (**CASH**) is a student-run organization with over 30,000 members nationally and internationally. Our initial meeting included eleven (11) students and three (3) engineering professionals. **LEAP Forward's** campaign STEM RIDES (Raising Interest and Delivering Excitement about STEM) was also initiated.
4. In January 2013, **LEAP Forward** supported the art and talent of the African-American artist, "Sir Shadow". As an incentive for future contributors, **LEAP Forward** distributed 2013 calendars as a token of appreciation highlighting his artwork.
5. In February 2013, **LEAP Forward** Board President served on an engineering panel at the Black Engineers of the Year Conference in Washington, D.C. Her input addressed issues surrounding community based organizations and how to get more people to give back and how to engage parents in activities. Additionally, during the conference, our Board President received the National Black Engineer of the Year Award for Community Service presented to her by the Administrator of the FAA.
6. In February 2013, **LEAP Forward** exposed students to the University of Maryland Women In Engineering Dream Conference. Students participated in a luncheon, hands-on activities, seminars and workshops on engineering and college preparatory.
7. In February 2013, **LEAP Forward** provided a very informative presentation and exhibit for the Calvert County Board of Education STEM Fair held at Calvert Middle School. The exhibit highlighted the contributions of African-Americans to science and technology. **LEAP Forward** Board members (engineering professionals) interfaced with students and provided them a chance to sign up for the Calvert County NSBE, Jr. Chapter.

LEAP FORWARD- 2013 CALENDAR OF EVENTS cont'd

WE must become the CHANGE we want to see in the world....

Mahatma Gandhi

8. In February 2013, and in conjunction with Your Education Serves, students participated in a Washington DC tour of the Capitol and the Library of Congress. Additionally, students and chaperons toured and participated in activities at the Microsoft facility in Virginia. Students explored and demonstrated. new technology, software, and hardware.
9. In March 2013, **LEAP Forward** facilitated the participation of students in a STEM Fair sponsored by Delta Sigma Theta Sorority. Students participated in workshops, hands on exhibits and a very engaging robotics presentation. Additionally, students made a cultural visit to the MLK, Jr. and FDR memorials.
10. In April 2013, **LEAP Forward** volunteers attended a National Tribute to Astronaut Sally Ride at the John F. Kennedy Center.
11. In May 2013, minority youth attended the Patriots Technology Center Annual Technology Summit held at Bowie State University. Corporations that employ STEM professionals exposed students to robotics, flight simulations, computer building, and numerous exhibits from corporations that employ STEM professionals. A college tour was also conducted.
12. In June 2013, in conjunction with Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland, **LEAP Forward** participated in the summer youth program and provided employment and training for a youth who provided marketing and graphics services.
13. In June 2013, **LEAP Forward** conducted an end of the school year celebration and book giveaway to encourage summer reading. **LEAP Forward** treated students to story telling, moon bounce, chess, music, arts and crafts, food and fellowship. The Calvert County Concerned Black Men provided their support to the event. We at **LEAP Forward**, would like to take a moment and reflect on, and celebrate the life of, Mr. Slappy. We would like to thank this kind man for the contributions he made to both, the Calvert County Concerned Black Men and to **LEAP Forward**... *"You will be missed."*
14. In July 2013, **LEAP Forward** provided a presentation and visual exhibit for a STEM Fair held at Morgan State University. Our exhibit highlighted diverse STEM fields and the contribution of African Americans. This event was open to schools, students, and parents.
15. From January 2013 to June 2013 and October 2013 to December 2013, **LEAP Forward** partnered with Carroll Western Church (YES Ministry) to provide tutoring for K-12 students throughout the school term.
16. In August 2013, **LEAP Forward** participated in the Dept. of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Center for Faith Based and Neighborhood Partnership Capacity Building Series.
17. In September 2013, **LEAP Forward** participated in the Southern Maryland College Fair in Leonardtown, MD. **LEAP Forward** partnered with the Southern MD/ College Access Network (CAN).
18. In September 2013, **LEAP Forward** attended the Congressional Black Caucus Conference and the STEM forums held. STEM materials including posters were secured for our students.
19. In October 2013, **LEAP Forward** sponsored students to attend the Concerned Black Women (CBW) Luncheon. One of our NSBE Jr. Chapter members received the student of the year award provided by CBW. (**Jerrell Jones**-photo on pg. 17)
20. In October 2013, **LEAP Forward** was awarded a \$300.00 mini grant from the Calvert Alliance Against Substance Abuse (CAASA) to assist with our Your Education Serves program and to provide prevention activities to the community.

LEAP FORWARD, INC.- 2013 CALENDAR OF EVENTS cont'd

No country can really develop unless its citizens are educated...

Nelson Mandela

21. In November 2013, **LEAP Forward** participated in a college fair in Clinton, MD to promote education and interacted with approximately 50 students. Throughout the fair, presenters stressed STEM career choices.
22. In December 2013, **LEAP Forward** provided McDonald's gift cards to students in our tutoring and mentoring programs and to NSBE Jr. Chapter members.

All of the above program activities served **LEAP Forward's** mission to educate youth and the community about STEM career fields, accomplishments of African Americans in those fields, and benefits that await those who pursue education as a means to a better quality of life.

NSBE Jr.: We are **Creative And Striving Hard...to SUCCEED... CASH!!!!**

- In January 2013, **LEAP Forward** initiated a Calvert County NSBE Jr. Chapter (**CASH**), February-December 2013. The organization meets monthly at a local community center. Students run the organization and hold offices. Workshops on leadership, engineering, classroom and homework tips, technical hands-on activities and fellowship are generally conducted.
- In June 2013, **CASH** attended creative arts program at the Maryland Hall in Annapolis, MD with performance by musician Art Sherrod, Jr.
- In July 2013, **CASH** participated in a technical tour of the Naval Air Test Center Facility at Patuxent River Naval Base. Students observed aircraft from the control tower, toured aircraft and chemistry laboratories and other technical areas. Lunch was held at the Officer's Club.
- In July 2013, **CASH** participated in the Thingamajig Conference held at the Showplace Arena in Upper Marlboro, MD. Students examined inventions prepared by other students, participated in flight simulations, comic book workshops, and observed talent displays.
- In September 2013, **CASH** attended the play "101 Inventions by Black Inventors" held at Mt. Nebo Church in Bowie, MD.
- In October 2013, **CASH** participated in a robotics workshop led by the phenomenal Dr. Renee Jenkins from the College of Southern Maryland. Students constructed robots and ran different movement sequences.
- In November 2013, **CASH** traveled to Charlotte, NC to attend the NSBE Jr. Fall Regional Conference for the weekend. Students interfaced with college students and professional engineers, witnessed technical competitions, attended workshops, and participated in hands on activities.



LEAP FORWARD'S 2013 **CASH** AT WORK!



CASH....AT NSBE Jr.-FALL REGIONAL CONFERENCE-CHARLOTTE, N.C.



CASH....AT MT. HOPE COMMUNITY CENTER WORK SHOP



CASH....MENTORING WITH BOARD MEMBER TIM MORSELL



CASH....AT NORTH CAROLINA A&T UNIVERSITY-HBCU

2013-THE YEAR IN PICTURES



2nd ANNUAL MOTORCYCLE RIDE FOR EDUCATION...BUT PRAYER FIRST



16th ANNUAL YOUTH SUMMIT ON TECHNOLOGY BOWIE STATE UNIVERSITY



2013 NSBE CONVENTION INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA



2013 SCHOLARSHIP RECEPTION at MT. OLIVE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

GIVING BACK TO THEIR COMMUNITY



Dr. Renee Jenkins- Professor for College of Southern Maryland's Department of Technical and Industrial Studies, as well as a Community Math/Technology Tutoring Coordinator. Always having a knack for tinkering, Dr. Jenkins enjoys showing enthusiastic **CASH** students, the fun side of the STEM careers they will soon enter.

Born in Philadelphia, Penn., she is the daughter of an engineer father who was employed by the Franklin Institute. Dr Jenkins received her B.S. from the George Washington University. Her M.S. from Howard University earned her Ph.D. in Education Technology.

Dr. Jenkins is a member of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.



Alma Thomas-Matriculated through the Pax-Tenn Navy Co-op program. Graduate of Howard University, she is an Electrical Engineer employed at DISA in Fort Meade, Md.

An avid motorcyclists. Ms. Thomas has been successful in bringing together motorcycle clubs through out Southern Maryland to take part in the annual motorcycle motorcycle rides for education. The proceeds going directly to **LEAP Forward's** youth outreach programs.

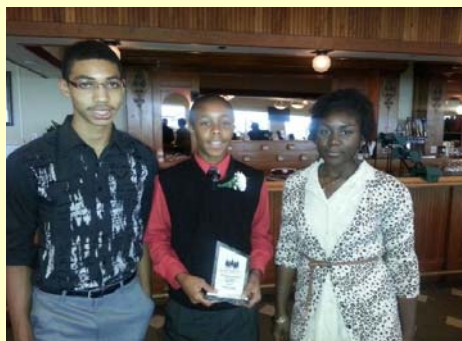
Ms. Thomas rides with the Southern Maryland Spinners Motorcycle Club.



The Lee Family-Philanthropists

Upholding the legacy of the **Rev. Charles Lee, Sr.**, Korean War Veteran and civil rights leader. Keeping his dreams alive are his wife, Carol Lee, his two sons William Lee and the husband-wife team of son Charles Lee, Jr. and wife Rose Lee. The Lee's exemplify the true meaning of bringing leadership back to the community and to serve as role models for its youth.

The husband and wife team of Charles Jr. and Rose Lee has also graciously donated the Dodge SUV, (shown on pg. 16-motorcycle rally) used to transport students to workshops, campus tours, technology summits, seminars and homework labs.



Jerrell Jones (middle) -Student and rising talent.

A 10th grade honor student at Northern High. Member of the newly formed NSBE Jr. (**CASH**). Recipient of the Calvert County Concerned Black Women's Student of the Year Award in 2013. Jerrell's dream is to become a Mechanical Engineer.

In his spare time he plays soccer, where he enjoys dual membership with both his school league as well as travel soccer with the Maryland United U16 team.

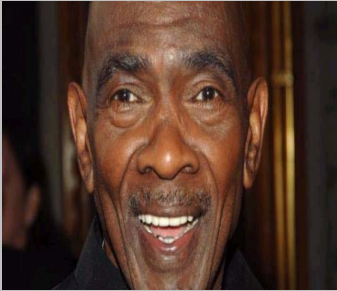
We, as a community, will look forward to the leadership skills Jerrell will enhance and give back to the community.

2013 Bids Farewell To These Famous Who Blacks Who Gave Us Their All...R.I.P.

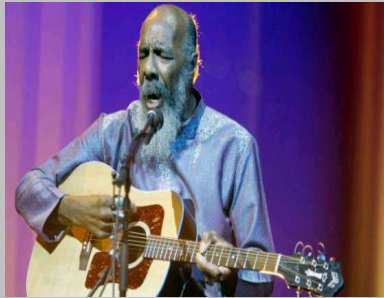
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It's hard to imagine some of these great African-Americans, and Nelson Mandela, not in our lives. We engaged them during their prime, when they were giving us their all. Each one could tell us how they overcame. They educated us. They taught us the virtues of strength and self dignity we need as we face opposition. They also reminded us of the pitfalls that comes with success.

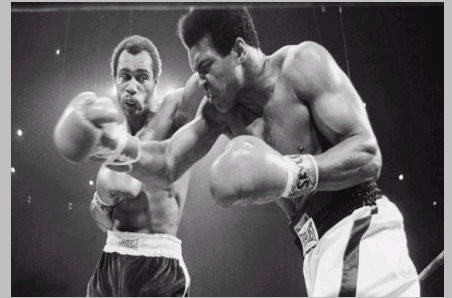
....**"In the blink of an eye, then they were gone"**



Lou Meyers. Actor.
'A Different World'.
February 19, 2013. Age 76



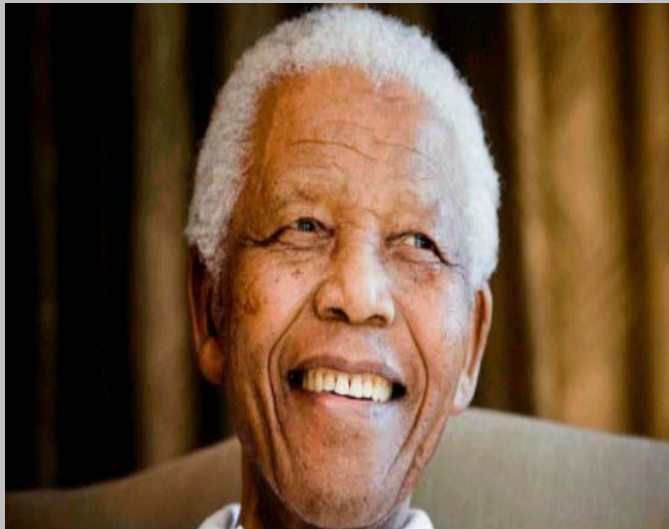
Richie Haven. Legendary folk singer
and guitarist at Woodstock.
April 22, 2013. Age 72



Ken Norton. The man who "Whooped"
Muhammad Ali. Movie, "Mandingo"
September 18, 2013. Age 70.



Jim Kelly Actor.
Martial Artist,
'Enter the Dragon'
June 29, 2013. Age 67



Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela

He fought the good fight. Many of us marched for divestment from South Africa in the 70's at his request. We watched as he dismantled the vicious apartheid regime. May he find eternal friendship and rest with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Mahatma Gandhi, who also gave their all.



George Duke. Musician, Educator
Director, Producer, Composer
Leukemia
August 5, 2013. Age 67



Chris Kelly. 90's Rap Duo
Kriss Kross
Overdose
May 1, 2013. Age 34



Cleotha Staples. Singer.
The Staple Singers
February 22, 2013. Age 78



Deacon Jones. NFL Hall of Fame
Class of 1980
'Secretary of Defense'
June 3, 2013. Age 74



THE A&T FOUR AT THE SEGREGATED COUNTER



CASH STUDENTS TAKE TIME TO REFLECT-AT THE MONUMENT OF THE A&T FOUR ON THE NORTH CAROLINA A&T UNIVERSITY CAMPUS

On February 1, 1960, at 4:30pm, four (4) students from North Carolina A&T University went to the Woolworth's Store in Greensboro, North Carolina. The men, later known as the A&T Four, went to the Woolworth's Store, bought toothpaste and other products from a desegregated counter at the store with no problems, and then were refused service from the segregated lunch counter at the same store. Since it was store policy not to serve blacks at the "whites only" counter, the store's manager asked them to leave.

The four university freshmen – Joseph McNeil, Franklin McCain, Ezell Blair and David Richmond refused to leave the store until it closed.

The following day, more than twenty Black students who had been recruited from other campus organizations, sororities and fraternities came to the store, as well as, students from Bennett College, a college for African American women in Greensboro, joined the protest. White customers taunted the black students, who read books and studied. The lunch counter staff continued to refuse service.

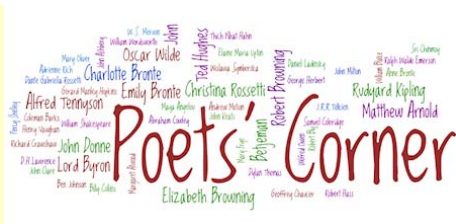
Newspaper reporters started to cover the second day of the peaceful sit-ins. On the third day, more than 60 people came to the Woolworth store to take part in the protest. Woolworth's national headquarters, issued a statement saying the company would "abide by local custom" and maintain its segregated policy. On the fourth day, the protest grew to over 300, as another store, Kress, was also included in the protests for their segregationist policies.

Within a week of the initial sit-ins at the Woolworth in Greensboro, students in other North Carolina towns launched their own sit-ins. Demonstrations spread to towns near Greensboro, including Winston-Salem, Durham, Raleigh, and Charlotte. Out-of-state towns like Lexington, Kentucky also witnessed protests.

What started as a single act of defiance from these four freshman spread to other Southern cities including Richmond, Virginia, and Nashville, Tennessee. The students of the Nashville Student Movement had been trained for non-violent sit-ins by civil rights activist James Lawson and had already started the non-violent sit-in protest process when the Greensboro sit-ins took place.

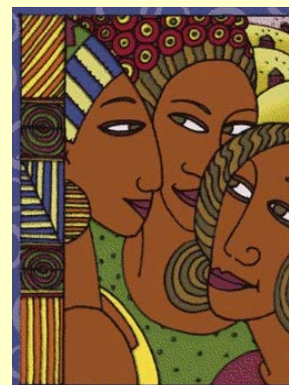
As a result of the protests, sales at the boycotted stores dropped by a third, forcing the stores' management to abandon their segregation policies. Black employees of the Greensboro's Woolworth store were the first to be served at the store's lunch counter. This event occurred on Monday, July 25, 1960. The entire Woolworth was now desegregated, serving blacks and whites alike, although Woolworth lunch counters in Tennessee cities, such as Jackson, continued to be segregated until around 1965, despite many protests.

As a student at Tennessee State University, board member Maurice Irvine interviewed people who actually took part in the Nashville sit-ins. They detailed acts which were used against the non-violent protesters which included putting cigarettes out in the ears of black female sit-in protesters.



BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND

...An encore presentation by Andrea Kelson



Friend

Come friend
 Hold my hand a while
 Let us talk
 About the first time
 We crossed this bridge together
 You were 10
 With bronze skin
 And a gap between your front teeth
 Your laughter was like music
 And the sun shone brightly
 Into your gray eyes
 I was 9 1/2
 With pale skin
 And no gap but some were missing
 My laughter rung like bells
 And the sun shone brightly
 Into my green eyes
 I had freckles
 You had beauty marks
 My hair was honey blonde
 Your's of the richest red
 But you held my hand tightly
 As we walked across the bridge
 Between our houses
 That was the day our worlds collided
 But there was no atomic blast
 Or wide spread epidemic
 Just friendship
 Full of smiles and laughter
 So come friend,
 Please hold my hand a while
 And together we shall cross this bridge
 That is somehow stuck in time

Every rose has its thorn

Every rose has its thorn
 Is what mama says to everything
 Every break up and every fall
 Every tear cried
 Every night has its dawn
 Is what mama says to everything
 Every lost loved one
 Every time I wake up after dying
 Every rose has its thorn
 And every night has its dawn
 Every girl has a dream
 And a little faith
 But it's up to you whether you want to be
 the rose or the thorn
 And the night or the dawn
 You just can't be both





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Host the 3rd Annual Benefit Ride For LEAP FORWARD, Inc.



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Date: Sunday, April 13, 2014

Ride Donations: \$20 per Bike & \$10 for passenger

Rain Date: TBD

*Registration begins 12 noon Green Turtle Parking Lot
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