



The Ryan Odelle Mance

MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION, INCORPORATED

"Affirming African American Males' Academic and Artistic Ascent"



2013 Scholarship Recipients
Nathan, Johnathan, Davion, Samuel & Stephen
[\$2,000 Each]

A Note to Self (Rewritten)

As you read Our Daily Bread some months ago, you read that God has an itinerary for each of us, a "course" that we must run. Having discerned the course for you to run, you read more and more about the plight and perceptions of African American (AA) men and boys. You read that, among other social disadvantages, a disproportionate number of AA men are affected by a lack of education. You read that only 33% of AA men enrolled in college will ever graduate. You read that academic under preparedness is one reason and financial need is another. You read that while the AA male student is ultimately responsible for his own learning, getting a high quality education is becoming harder and harder to afford. Certainly, you know that the expense of a high quality education is not contained only to AA male students. However, based on what you read, they are the group of students most at risk of dropping out of college and thus less likely to achieve the American dream -- a better and richer and fuller life. The more you read and learn, the more you are driven to run faster and harder to help improve opportunities for the AA male student to succeed. You are humbled

and ever so grateful that God has seen fit to give you ideas and instructions, in the form of other people, to help you in your efforts. Their help demonstrates that they too believe that the more we help our AA students, the more we give them hope and make opportunity possible. You cannot thank the donors enough for helping to plant seeds of encouragement because you know within your heart that seeds of discouragement cannot take root in a grateful heart -- the students or yours. Each and every day, you applaud our students for not quitting on themselves and applaud the givers of the gifts for not quitting on our students. As you wind down this year, you look forward to implementing the much awaited Leadership Mentoring Program pilot at Gwynn Park HS; and, to making greater strides to award much more financial aid and provide more outreach to many, many more than the 15 young men that the givers of the gifts have helped to date. As you end this note to yourself Pat Daniels, you give thanks each and every day for being one of the recipients of the gift from the givers — love. . . .You say it over and over again . . . Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

2014

SAVE THE DATE

- April 26 4th Annual Tea
- May 30 6th Annual Golf Tournament
- July 19 6th Annual Evening of Jazz & Scholarship Dinner Benefit

"It is one of the most beautiful compensations in life, that no man can sincerely try to help another without helping himself."

Ralph Waldo Emerson



5th Annual Golf Tournament
Coach Brady (2nd from left)
along with Gwynn Park HS student
and parent golf team
[Gwynn Park HS golf team
was sponsored by
Brandywine Automotive Parts in
2012 and 2013]

Federal Employees "Make It Possible"

We are proud to be part of the largest and most successful fundraising campaign in the world -- the **Combined Federal Campaign of the National Capital Area (CFCNCA)**. CFCNCA is the local campaign for Federal employees in the Washington Metropolitan Area. On November 12th, we were honored to have the opportunity to showcase our organization at the U.S. Navy (Washington Navy Yard) Charity Fair. You can be part of this wonderful fundraising campaign and "make it possible," too, by designating our charity through CFCNCA and by spreading the word about us within your Federal workplace. Thank you to the wonderful Federal workers who support our mission by donating funds that provide promising futures, better communities and an improved world.



Captain Antonio M. Edmonds,
Commanding Officer/Regional Engineer of NAVFAC
 and
Joyce Colbert, Angela McCollough (volunteer) & Pat Daniels

Real Stories (Students Taking REAL Strides)

Stephen, Student at St. Mary's College of Maryland, served as an At-Large Senator in his school's SGA during the 2013 Spring semester; he is a resident assistant this Fall; and, for next Spring, he has applied through his school's Study Abroad Program to take classes at a university on the other side of the world – Australia.

Nathan, Student at George Washington University, participated in his school's final round of the Deloitte Battle of the Beltway Case Competition and his group won 3rd place; he serves as a mentor to freshman students in the Business School; he is vice president for the Multicultural Business Student Association; and, he is preparing for next semester to launch the boys side of Positivity Mentoring which is a mentoring program for 5th to 8th grade students at Francis Stevens Middle School in Washington, DC.

Davion, Student at University of South Carolina, along with being a full time student, is a student employee.

Samuel, Student at Frostburg State University, is a member of the African Student Association, Marketing Club, Entrepreneurship Club, and is attending his school's Leadership retreat; he is receiving a \$3,000 award from MDCAPS; and, he has been selected for best speech in the Human Communications Department.

Johnathan, Student at University of South Carolina, is excelling in his English class and is involved in the University of SC "Mighty Sound of the Southeast" Marching Band, University Choir, and the Minority Assistance Peer Program.



Volunteer Gentlemen Attendants
3rd Annual Tea Fundraiser
Darlington, SC

Davion (pictured without a jacket) using his hands in service to those who have opened their hearts to be of service to him.

Sponsors

It is always a privilege for the Mance Foundation to thank the many that allow our students a more enriched college experience. Regardless of the gift amount, every dollar makes a difference. We are pleased to recognize the following contributors as Sponsors. Become a Sponsor by donating today!

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New Board Members and Volunteers

The Mance organization is proud to welcome **Clarence A. Burns, Jr.** (a 2013 graduate of the University of Maryland, College Park) and **Elmore T. Wright, Jr.** (a retired Federal government employee and former high school teacher) as Board members. We are thrilled that the enthusiastic **Earnestine Wright** (business owner) has also joined us as a volunteer. Organizations like ours cannot function without the skills, energy and input of volunteers like Clarence, Elmore and Tina. The simple act of offering your skills and enthusiasm will positively impact the lives of our students as well as yours. We invite you to explore volunteering in our organization. Help us help our young men.



**Elmore T. Wright, Jr.
and
Earnestine Wright**

Our Mission and Our Vision

Our Mission . . . To help increase access to higher education for deserving, talented and qualified high school graduating African American male students in dedication and deed.

Our Vision . . . To be a leading nonprofit organization in creating and providing sufficient economic opportunity to empower African American males – who have a reverence for academic achievement and commitment – to reach their highest educational dreams and aspirations.

P.S. On behalf of our students, we thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your friendship and continued support. With sincere gratitude and best wishes to you and yours for good health, prosperity, and a blessed and joyous holiday season.



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