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Theta Iota Lambda Chapter – Springfield, MA

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The Lee B. Revels Scholarship & Mentoring Foundation &
The Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. Present The:

3rd Annual


CONTEST TOPIC

VIOLENCE

a Major Public Health Problem:
How Is It Affecting the Lives of African American and Latino Youth & What Can We Do About It?



SENATOR EDWARD W. BROOKE III
ORATORICAL SCHOLARSHIP CONTEST



Sponsored in Part By The
Mason Square Healthy Neighborhoods Fund

Baystate Health

SATURDAY
December 12th, 2009

St. John's Congregational Church
643 Union Street
Springfield, Massachusetts
4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Program

Mistress of Ceremonies – Alysia Cutting Cosby
Master of Ceremonies – Bro. Ronald E. Cleveland

Welcome and Introductions	Bro. André L. Mack, <i>President</i> <i>Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.</i>
Special Tribute/Lighting the Candles of Remembrance	
Invocation	Bro. Eddie W. Lee, Jr. <i>Chaplain</i>
The Negro National Anthem <i>Lift Every Voice and Sing</i>	Intercession <i>St. John's Congregational Church</i>
Introduction of Judges and Contest Overview	
Oratory	2009 Contest Participants
Musical Selection	Intercession
Recognition of Public Speaking Workshop Participants	
Oratory	2009 Contest Participants
Musical Selection	Intercession
Goodwill Collection: To Support Alpha Phi Alpha Scholarship Programs <i>Consider a tax deductible contribution to the Lee B. Revels Foundation</i>	
Charge to the 2009 Orators	Darrell J. Bennett, Jr. <i>Harvard Law School</i>
Awards and Presentations	Committee Members
Remarks from the Mayor	The Honorable Domenic J. Sarno <i>Mayor - City of Springfield, MA</i>
Remarks from the Superintendent	Dr. Alan J. Ingram <i>Superintendent – Springfield Public Schools</i>
Acknowledgments & Closing Remarks	Alysia Cutting Cosby Bro. Ronald E. Cleveland

2010 Alpha Phi Alpha Scholarship Awards

Clifford Flint Award for Academic Achievement

Award Description

This award (\$1,000) recognizes African American and Hispanic males from Western Massachusetts who are college bound high school seniors and who have achieved superior academic ratings in high school. This award honors the distinguished career of one of our charter members. Clifford Flint is a 1957 graduate of Morehouse College and a former teacher and principal in Springfield, MA.

Frank Buntin Award for Civic Engagement and Social Justice

Award Description

This award (\$1,000) recognizes African American and Hispanic males who are active in their community while promoting social justice and equality through collective community action, community awareness campaigns, and community engagement. This award honors the distinguished career of one of our charter members. Frank Buntin is a former president of the Springfield NAACP chapter and has advised several mayoral and gubernatorial campaigns as an advocate for equitable social policy and policy reform. Frank received a Bachelor of Science degree from Springfield College in 1951 and a Master's of Education degree from Boston University in 1959.

Marvin P. Lyon, Jr. Award for Leadership and Community Service

Award Description

This award (\$1,000) recognizes African American and Hispanic males who have a strong record of leadership and community service in their high school or local community. This award honors the late Marvin P. Lyon, Jr. who was committed to community service and leadership development as a former president of our chapter and founder/coordinator of the Alpha Esquires. Marvin graduated from Longmeadow High School (1986), University of Pennsylvania (1990), and Western New England College Law School, (2000).

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Eddie W. Lee, Jr.: EWlee04@comcast.net 413.204.3969

Or visit our website: <http://www.Springfieldalphas.net>

Reception to Follow Immediately Downstairs in the Fellowship Hall

All scholarship applications are due no later than March 31, 2010

Edward William Brooke, III

Bro. Edward W. Brooke, III was born in Washington, D.C., in 1919. He attended Howard University and Boston University's School of Law. After serving as an officer in the U.S. Army in Europe during World War II, he returned home to a successful career in politics. Bro. Brooke became the first African American Attorney General in the U.S. and in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in 1962. He later became the first African American to be popularly elected to the U.S. Senate, representing Massachusetts from 1967-1979. He was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2004 and is Chairman Emeritus of the Alpha Phi Alpha World Policy Council.

Throughout his career, Bro. Brooke has endeavored to make America a better place for all Americans. His efforts and service to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the United States were recognized recently when a state courthouse in Massachusetts was named the Edward W. Brooke Courthouse, making him the first African American to have a statehouse named in his honor. On October 29, he received the Congressional Gold Medal from President Barack Obama, which was two days after his 90th birthday.

Lee B. Revels Scholarship & Mentoring Foundation, Inc.

The Lee B. Revels Scholarship and Mentoring Foundation is designed to: (1) raise funds and award academic scholarships, grants-in-aid, educational loans and/or tuition assistance to linguistic and racial minority students who have been accepted by or who are matriculating at accredited, four-year, post secondary institutions for the specific purpose of acquiring a baccalaureate or higher degree; (2) develop, execute, and fund mentoring programs for linguistic and racial minority men between the ages of 12 and 18; and (3) perform research and analysis of the education provided for minority students in the Springfield, Massachusetts metropolitan area.

History of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., the first intercollegiate, Greek-letter fraternity established for African American men, was founded at Cornell University in Ithaca, New York. Since its founding on December 4, 1906, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. has supplied voice and vision to the struggle of African Americans and people of color around the world.

In addition to stressing academic excellence among its members, Alpha Phi Alpha also recognizes the need to help improve the educational, economic, political, and social injustices faced by African Americans and other minorities.

Alpha Phi Alpha chapters were established at other colleges and universities, many of them historically black institutions, soon after the founding at Cornell. Beginning in 1908 at Howard University with Alpha Phi Alpha's second chapter (Beta), Alpha Phi Alpha soon became the prototype for other Black Greek-Letter Organizations. Today, there are over 700 active Alpha chapters in the Americas, Africa, Europe, Asia, the West Indies, and the Virgin Islands.

The Theta Iota Lambda Chapter was chartered in April of 1963 in Springfield, MA.

2009 Oratorical Contest Participants

Jordan Capleton - Grade: 10

School: The MacDuffie School

Parents: Tony Capleton & Tammy Grimes

Evan Gooden - Grade: 11

School: Amherst Regional High School

Parents: Anthony & Joyce Gooden

Kalaih Sharif-Jamil Green - Grade: 10

School: SABIS International Charter School

Parents: Lance Green & Erica Daniels

Adrian B. Hinds - Grade: 12

School: West Springfield High School

Parents: Shirley Hinds & Patsy Hinds (Aunt)

Terrance D. Mack - Grade: 11

School: SABIS International Charter School

Parents: Thomas & Sabrina Bolden

Darius Payton - Grade: 11

School: Amherst Regional High School

Parents: Darius & Angeline Shenje Peyton

Talbert W. Swan III - Grade: 10

School: Springfield Central High School

Parents: Talbert W. Swan II & Cynthia Swan

Richard West - Grade: 11

School: Leadership Prep Academy

Parents: Russell & Vanessa Ballard West

Mistress and Master of Ceremonies

Mistress of Ceremonies

Alysia Cutting Cosby is best known for her smooth radio voice, heard weekly on "The Weekend Grooves with Alysia Cosby" on WEIB 106.3 Smooth FM, where she has also programmed music, worked production and created promotions. She has been in radio for over 15 years. Born, raised, and educated in Western MA, she majored in Mechanical Engineering at historic Tuskegee University in Alabama. She later worked as a Project Engineer with Environmental Controls Systems at Hamilton Sundstrand in CT. She has also taught in the Springfield School System; Science at Central High School, Math and Science at Robert M. Hughes Academy Charter School, and currently teaches high school Math at New Leadership Charter School, where she continues to inspire students to overcome obstacles, create goals, and be their personal best. Her love of inspiring youth includes being Program Director for Camp Atwater, the nation's longest running historically African American summer camp. Alysia is an ordained minister, proud mother of four wonderful children, and member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Incorporated, Xi Xi Omega Chapter.

Master of Ceremonies

Bro. Ronald E. Cleveland is a native of Seneca, South Carolina. A 1995 graduate of the University of South Carolina, Ronald received his Bachelor of Arts degree from the College of Journalism & Mass Communication. While majoring in the discipline of Public Relations, Ronald also minored in Theatre & Speech. In 1996, Ronald accepted his first employment offer to join First Union National Bank as a Branch Banking Center Manager. After four years within the banking industry, Ronald became licensed as a Registered Investment Advisor and joined the firm of A.G. Edwards & Sons, Inc. With over nine years of investment advisory experience, he now serves as a Senior Financial Advisor with Edward Jones Investments in Southington, CT where he manages over \$35 million dollars in assets. He is a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., and currently serves as the Recording Secretary for Theta Iota Lambda Chapter in Springfield.

Judges

Mayor Domenic J. Sarno is a lifelong Springfield resident. He graduated from High School of Commerce where he excelled in academics and athletics. He served as Mayoral Aide under Mayor Mary Hurlay. He also served as a City Council President and member of the Finance Control Board. Currently, he is completing his first term as Mayor of Springfield and has been re-elected to serve a second 2-year term.

Rev. W.C. Watson, Jr. is a native of Forrest City, Arkansas and has been the pastor of Canaan Baptist Church since December 1994. Rev. Watson received both his Bachelors of Arts degree in Government and Master of Divinity degree from Harvard University. He also received a Certificate for Community Economic Development from the Summer Leadership Institute at Harvard. He is in the process of completing his Doctor of Ministry degree at Drew University in Madison, NJ. He currently serves as a board member of the United Way of Pioneer Valley and Chairman of the Board of the Springfield Urban League. Rev. Watson is married to Dr. Annie B. Watson, a local dentist, and he is the proud father of a daughter, Pearl Marie.

Theresa Cooper-Gordon is a native of Brooklyn, New York. She received an Associate degree in Business from Chamberlyn Junior College in Boston, MA and furthered her study with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Education from UMASS Amherst. She is the mother of three sons and has worked many years inspiring youth and families. Her professional experiences include: Residential Director of "A Better Chance Program" at Mt. Holyoke College (South Hadley, MA) and Director of Cultural Programs at Hampshire College (Amherst, MA). Mrs. Cooper-Gordon has also worked many years as a social worker specializing in family-based Services in Western MA. She is currently the Program Director at Western MA Community Development Corporation.

Tony Pettaway is a lifelong resident of the City of Springfield. For 13 years he has served as the Violence Prevention Coordinator for Springfield via the Department of Public Health. He is also the founder and CEO of the Greater Springfield Pro Am Basketball League and is the Co-Host of the Jack & Tony Show on Comcast, Channel 15.

William E. Blatch is the son of Mrs. Joan Blatch and the late Edward Blatch. William is a lifelong resident of Springfield and retired from the Massachusetts State Police. He is married to Carmen J. Alexander Blatch and is the father to Sha-Nee, Christopher, Chase, Ezran, and Cedric. He loves God, family, all people, our community and the world. He has a passion to help save the world. His contributions to accomplish this task are primarily focused in his work through his church (Progressive Community Baptist Church) and his role as the President of the Black Men of Greater Springfield.

Darrell J. Bennett, Jr. is currently in his last year at Harvard Law School, where he was recently elected Class Marshal. He graduated (Phi Beta Kappa) from Morehouse College in 2007 as Valedictorian with a B.A. in World History. As a sophomore, Darrell wrote a book, "Daring to be Different: 25 Tips for a Life of Success," an inspirational guide for middle and high-schoolers which was featured on the Tavis Smiley Show. In college, Darrell was involved in numerous activities, including interning for the late U.S. Senator Ted Kennedy, serving as class president, working at a youth camp in eastern Germany, and travelling with delegations to Europe, the Middle East and Asia. Darrell plans to pursue a speaking and entrepreneurial career full-time after graduation next spring. To learn more about Darrell go to: www.darrellbennett.com.

Judges (Continued)

Javaughn Griffin is the 1st place winner (\$2,500.00) of the 2008 Senator Edward William Brooke, III Oratorical Scholarship Contest. He is in the 12th Grade at Cathedral High School with a 3.7 G.P.A. He is a MassMutual Scholar, MassMutual Achiever, and a member of the National Honor Society. His educational goal is to obtain a Master's degree in Business and Computer Engineering. Javaughn is a member of Third Baptist Church, has two sisters – Monifea and Natalie, and is the son of Noel and April Robinson.

(Parents of Youths Who Lost Their Lives to Violence)

Shelia Shephard has been working to change and decrease the amount of youth violence in Springfield since the death of her sons in 2004. Currently, Sheila is the Vice-President of "Families United" of Western MA. She also helped to form the support group, Mothers on a Mission. Sheila is working very closely with several organizations to help curb the youth violence that is vastly increasing in the City of Springfield. She is very sympathetic to the needs of families who have lost loved ones due to sudden death and youth violence. Overall, Sheila is passionate about the work she performs within her community and believes that all youth can change and succeed no matter what obstacles they may face. *[Darnell Shephard & Daylan Shephard ~ 1985-2004]*

Sirdeaner Lynn Walker has dedicated the last 17 years of her life to a career in housing and human services. Currently, she is a strong advocate for the homeless as the Interim Director of Homeless Programs at the Massachusetts Career Development Institute. Ms. Walker has encountered several life challenges. She was diagnosed with breast cancer in 2004 while pregnant with her youngest daughter. Ms. Walker's cancer has been in remission for the past four years. Ms. Walker has become an advocate for creating and changing anti-bullying policies in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and across the country. Ms. Walker has appeared on ABC World News Tonight, Anderson Cooper 360, The Ellen DeGeneres Show, and The Oprah Winfrey Show. She has also been featured in People Magazine and National Public Radio's Here and Now Show. Ms. Walker has shared her son Carl's story to the United States Congressional Committees on Early Education, Elementary and Secondary Education and Healthy Families. She has also testified before the Committee on Education at the Statehouse in Boston, MA. Sirdeaner Lynn Walker received a B.S. degree from Boston College in 1987 and a J.D. degree from Suffolk University Law School in 1992. She resides in Springfield with her children Dominique, Charles and Gloria. She is a member of Celestial Praise Church of God and the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. *[Carl Joseph Walker-Hoover ~ 1998-2009]*

Mario Hornsby, Sr. is a father, husband, motor coach operator, man of faith and community activist for the prevention of violence on the streets of the City of Springfield. Mario and his wife are the parents of three sons. Their first born (Mario Jr.), a high school basketball standout, who was on his way to Brandeis University, was murdered in a case of mistaken identity on a Mason Square street in May of 2008. Not one to allow anger and hatred to overwhelm him, he has instead been guided by love and compassion for youth who have lost their way. Since Mario Jr.'s death he established, with the parents of other youth whose lives have been lost to street violence, an organization called "Families United." This organization provides support to grieving parents and has an education, violence prevention, and street outreach focus. With his leadership, scholarships at American International College have been established to honor Mario Hornsby, Jr.'s memory along with the establishment of a community garden that will honor the lives of youth killed by violence in the City of Springfield. *[Mario Hornsby, Jr. ~ 1989-2008]*