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Beech Scholarship Fund Awards 1st Scholarships Named for Founders



The Beech Scholarship Fund awarded four \$1000 scholarships to deserving minority students at various schools at Temple University, during a reception at its TV studio in August, each scholarship is named for one of the organization's founders.

Kenneth Scott, Beech President & CEO, said the Beech Scholarship Fund was established this year in honor of Beech founders, Dr. Bernard C. Watson, John C. Haas, F. Otto Hass and Floyd W. Alston.

The scholarship recipients are: Jessica Dixon, who received the Education Scholarship named for Dr. Bernard C. Watson; Kehinde I. Soetan, received the Business Scholarship in honor of Floyd W. Alston; Jerome McLeod, received the Arts Scholarship in honor of F. Otto Haas and Steven Watson, received the Engineering Scholarship, in honor of John C. Haas.

Alston said, "It is an honor and a privilege to do whatever we can to help you be Successful and we will continue to monitor your progress and offer our support."

James S. White, a Temple University Trustee, told the scholarship winners, "You young people are now a part of the Beech Interplex family." He urged them to keep in touch and inform Beech of their career aspirations.

Ms. Dixon is a graduate of Mastery Charter High School and valedictorian of her class and will study education at Temple University. Ms. Soetan is a graduate of Springbrook High School and will attend Temple's Fox School of Business. Mr. McLeod graduated from the Science Leadership Academy and attends Temple's Tyler School of Art. Steven Watson graduated from Holy Trinity Diocesan High School and attends Temple's College of Engineering. "I will continue to strive for my goals and give back to my community," Watson said.

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Beech Community Services, hosted a school bag give away for neighborhood children in the N.P. area on August 29, 2011. The book bags with supplies were donated by Citizens Bank through their "Gear for Grades" program. Some of the book bags were also donated to several area groups including: Grands for Parents, Meade, APCS & Gesu Schools, 29th St. CDC, MAP CDC, Positive Action Group & others. Ms. Brown, Director of Beech Community Services said, "Because of the generous donation by Citizens Bank & with the help from Bill Smith & Leslie Donnell we were able to provide 500 school bags with supplies to our youth. We are grateful for their contribution."

Free Web & Computer Access In North Philadelphia

Free Library Hot Spots bring computer access, classes, and the internet to neighborhoods throughout Philadelphia. Each Hot Spot includes computers, a printer, and all necessary broadband equipment, as well as a reference collection of Free Library materials.

Some of the hotspots include:

Institute for the Development of African-American Youth: (Idaay.org) 2221 N. Broad St. **Hours:** Monday through Thursday, 10:30 a.m.-to-2 p.m.; Friday, 1 p.m.-to-4 p.m.

The Village of Arts and Humanities: (Villagearts.org) 2544 Germantown Ave. **Hours:** Monday through Friday, 1 p.m.-to-5 p.m.

Mercy Neighborhood Ministries: (mercynighbors.org) 1939 W. Venango St. **Hours:** Monday through Friday, 1 p.m.-to-5 p.m.

Hot Spots are staffed by computer assistants trained to provide you with guided instruction as well as open-access computer time.

For more information, contact the Free Library at 215-686-5372.

22nd Police District 2011 "Prepare for Success" Event

The 22nd Police District held its fifth annual "Prepare for Success," back-to-school event, at the city's Athletic Recreation Center, 26th and Master Streets on Wednesday, August 17, 2011.

With the help of sponsors, such as The Beech Companies, Beneficial Bank, YMCA-North Central, Smith Memorial Playground @ Playhouse.

At the event, neighborhood school children and their parents were treated to hot dogs, soft drinks and other refreshments along with a backpack full of school supplies. Other participants included the U.S. Army and Cease Fire.

This year, the 22nd Police District held a fundraiser to help defray the cost of the August 3rd event at Pub Webb on Cecil B. Moore Ave., which was strongly supported by 22nd District Police Officers, community residents and business owners.

Smith Playground donated a gift certificate worth \$250 for a child's birthday party and the YMCA donated a certificate for a year membership worth about \$1,000, both of which were auctioned at Pub Webb during the fundraiser.

Special thanks to: 22nd District Capt. Bard, Lt. Bernard, District Officers Dixon, Moore & McDonald, 22nd PDAC, Earl Lively, Beneficial Bank, State Rep. Brownlee's Office, Councilman D. Clarke, Sen. Kitchen, Rep. J. Williams, Mecca Barbershop, Rita's Water Ice, Avenue of the Arts, PCCA, Meg Wise and RC Jones, Smith Memorial Playground; Athletic Recreation Center, Carol Toomer, Villa, and DJ Spacebug. Special thanks to the volunteers, including: Reggie Hawk, Dolores Brown, Talmadge Belo, Jordan Belo, Greg Griffin, Emanuel Staten, Penny Gandy, Noreen Pettaway, Ella Butcher, Latasha Martin, Butch Houston, Shannon Stevens, Kadedra Allen, RaSean Bayat, Theresa Gordon, Donnie Wiggs, Carl Sampson, Verna Brown, Denise Ripley, and all of the volunteers, businesses and vendors that made this event a success.



RC Jones, Ms. Brown, P.O. Moore.



Recently, 5th District Councilman Darrell Clarke, community residents, project funding sources and City representatives gathered to celebrate the ribbon cutting and LEED plaque presentation for Temple I – North 16th Street: the historic and LEED certified rehabilitation of 22 brownstone buildings along the 1700 Block of N. 16th Street – two blocks from Temple University. The Temple I project not only preserves 58 units of affordable housing for families living in the community, it also marks the largest affordable gut rehab project in the country to receive LEED for Homes Gold certification.

African American History Challenge

The Philadelphia Tribune Charities in Partnership with the School District of Philadelphia, recently held the 1st African American History Challenge, similar to the popular TV game show



“Jeopardy,” at the National Constitution Center. There were three categories for the contest, which was moderated by Art Fennell, executive producer of “Art Fennell Reports,” on the Comcast Network. The program will be shown on the Comcast Network at later date.

The schools that participated include: John Moffet Elementary, Anna B. Day Elementary, William Levering Elementary, Austin Meehen Middle, John L. Kinsey Middle, Charles Y. Audenried H.S. and Abraham Lincoln H.S. In the high school category, Lincoln won. In the middle and elementary school categories, William Levering was the winner in both.

The winners each received special acknowledgement from Kenneth Scott, Vice Chair of the Tribune Charities.



Summer Internship at Temple University

The summer can be a great opportunity for students to gain invaluable experience.

Local high school student Asia Scott, spent her summer pursuing her interests in biology and medical research at Temple University’s Shabarro’s Health Research Organization Laboratory. She studied genetics for cancer and diabetic research.

“This internship is a great experience and I would recommend that other students spend their summer exploring their career interests,” Asia said.

Alston-Beech Foundation Accepting Applications

The Alston-Beech Foundation is currently accepting proposals for the funding period that begins in December. The deadline for submitting applications is **October 1, 2011**.

The foundation provides grants to non-profit organizations with a 501 (c)(3) in North Philadelphia, or those non-profits serving residents of North Philadelphia. For more information or an application, please go to the website: www.beechinterplex.com, or call 215-763-8869 to download the guidelines and application. When submitting your application, please remember to send (6) six copies of your proposal.

Community Activities & Events

Crown Plaza, 4100 Presidential Blvd., “Philadelphia Career Fair,” 11 a.m.-to-2 p.m., Wed., Sept. 21, 2011.
[215-477-0200](tel:215-477-0200).

Girard College, 2101 S. College Avenue, “Girard 5K Trailblazer,” 9 a.m. Sat., Oct., 22nd, 2011.
[215-787-2600](tel:215-787-2600).

Freedom Theatre, 1346 N. Broad St., “In a Sense, Nonsense,” 8 p.m. Thurs., Fri., Sept. 15th, 16th and 3 p.m. Sat., 17th, 2011. [215-765-2793](tel:215-765-2793).

Liacouras Center, 1776 N. Broad Street, “Steve Harvey Live,” 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov., 5th, 2011. Please call, 1-800-298-4200.

Beech Community Services, 1510 Cecil B. Moore Avenue, “Avenue of Treats,” annual fall event for N.P. children. Trick-or-Treat along CBM Ave., free candy, entertainment, & more. Mon., Oct. 31, 2011, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. To make donations or to volunteer, call Ms. Brown, [215-763-8868](tel:215-763-8868).

Temple Performing Arts Center, 1246 N. Broad St., “Boyz II Men,” 8 p.m., Sat., Sept. 17, 2011.
[215-204-9860](tel:215-204-9860).

Youth Employment Program, (YEP) at Temple offers youth between the ages of 17-to-21, who do not have a high school diploma. Once completing the program, they will get a diploma and a graduation ceremony & they will be paid. Call Tamika Butler: [215-204-1219](tel:215-204-1219).

22nd Police District "Prepare for Success," Event



Fundraiser to Benefit the 22rd Police District's "Back to School Event," at Pub Webb on Cecil B. Moore Ave., (l-tor): Earl Lively, Officer McDonald, 22nd District Capt. Bard, Christine Brown, 4th Ward Leader George Brooks, and Officer Moore.

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In the right light, at the right time
everything is extraordinary -Aaron Rose

PROMENADE OF LIGHTS

You're Invited
Join the Avenue of the Arts, Inc.
September 21, 2011
for the Promenade of Lights
Reception and Evening Ceremony
A North Broad Street Initiative

Evening Ceremony:
Outside, adjacent to the
Temple School of Law
1719 North Broad Street
Philadelphia, PA
7:30 PM

TEMPLE UNIVERSITY

RSVP - Cynthia Bullock
for Reception by
September 16, 2011
For more information call
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