



THE INFORMANT

THE VOICE OF THE HISTORIC FREDERICK DOUGLASS HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, INC.

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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN



As the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Historic Frederick Douglass High School Alumni Association, Inc., I am delighted to reach out to you and share some exciting updates and opportunities within the Douglass High School

Community. First and foremost, I want to express my heartfelt gratitude for your continued support and engagement. Our alumni association is a testament to the strength and spirit of your support and contributions which have been invaluable in fostering a vibrant legacy. Over the past year, we have achieved remarkable milestones in scholarship support, cataloging and moving the alumni office, and creating strong relationships among the alumni. These accomplishments would not have been possible without your dedication and enthusiasm. As we look ahead, we are committed to building on this momentum and creating even more meaningful experiences for the students and for our members.

This quarter our newsletter highlights recent events and upcoming opportunities for you to participate in Senior week, Alumni weekend and other volunteer and networking activities.

Johnnie Foreman, Jr.
Chairman

ALUMNI WEEKEND - May 2025

Senior Week is April 28th through May 3rd ending with Alumni weekend- May 2nd -May 4th. Each day there will be activities at the school for seniors; alumni are encouraged to support by your presence, specifically being asked to attend the alumni events highlighted below.

- Monday - Brunch and Brush
- Tuesday - Tik Tok and Desserts
- Wednesday - TBD
- Thursday - Decision Day and Pizza
- **Friday - Alumni program and luncheon at 10:00 a.m. in the media center (wear your HFDHSAA stoles)**
- **Saturday - 1st annual Walk-a-Thon (laps around the track fundraiser) see flyer below.**
- **Saturday evening - HFDHSAA raffle drawing at Green Turtle, Owings Mills**
- **Sunday - Alumni worship service at Calvary Baptist Church, 3911 Garrison Boulevard, 21215.**

See our facebook page for details



At our TEMPORARY location
6900 Park Heights Avenue

Track and Field

Baltimore, MD 21215

Please JOIN and SUPPORT us
HELP RAISE FUNDS

for our school

SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Make donations \$\$ per lap

And other FUN activities

NEW 2ND VICE PRESIDENT

At the next General meeting, be sure to introduce yourself to the new 2nd Vice President of the HFDHSAA, Inc., Mr. Roderick Bell (Class of '88).



Mr. Bell is seen here presenting to seniors interested in the construction industry.

OF INTEREST TO YOU



College Bound Scholars

Demascus Murray, Class of 2025, one of Douglass' College Bound Scholars was featured on Fox45 Sunday morning news. In addition to a strong college prep track, Demascus plays Varsity Football for the school, is a battalion commander of JROTC, and Sergeant of Arms for the SGA.

Douglass also featured student Malver Canales on the school's Facebook page as he was interviewed when notified that he will be receiving a full scholarship for the upcoming school year from McDaniel College. Malver is

the first generation in his family to attend college.

Request for Donations

Do you have any gently used shoes that still have some life in them? Please consider donating them to JROTC. The Citywide JROTC program is collecting gently used shoes for distribution to individuals in need in the US and abroad. Please turn in donations to LTC Giannola by Monday, May 19th.

Kudos to the Class of '71 - They did an amazing job soliciting donations for the students. They ran a successful campaign that yielded clothing and supplies for needy DHS students.



Class of '71 with staff, organizing donations

SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

CLASS OF '77 DONATION

The Class of '77 presented a significant donation of \$4,000 to the scholarship fund. Members of the Class attended the March General meeting to make the presentation.



2024-2025 Historic Frederick High School Scholarship Awardees

We had a banner year of scholarships funded by the HFDHSAA. In this edition of the informant, we are pleased to provide information on the specific students, their school and program.

1. Maleekat Alimi - Baltimore City Community College-Physical Therapy
2. Breyon Childs - McDaniel College-Business Administration & Theatre Arts
3. Chloe Epps Newton - Bowie State University-Nursing
4. Shaney Headley - Hood College-Law
5. Zaveon Holmes - Morgan State University-English
6. Na'Kayla Johnson - Bowie State University-Business Management
7. Erik Lloyd - Morgan State University-Business Management
8. Z'Myra McCullough - Coppin State University- Accounting
9. Jayla Marie McKnight - University of Maryland Global Campus
10. Kings Ogbans - Morgan State University-Biology
11. Jimena Onton - Johns Hopkins University-Public Health
12. Brandon Washington - Coppin State University-Elementary Education/Political Science

IN MEMORANDUM

The following beloved Ducks have has gained their wings:

- Dr Donald C Roane (Class of '53) on March 10, 2025.
- Armstead 'Bernard' Jones Sr. passed on April 4, 2025
- George Sheppard ('72)
- Joyce E Hall
- Robert White, Jr ('65)

Renovation Update

Members of the Executive Committee visited the Gwynns Falls building renovation site on February 10, 2025 to get an update on the progress. Please see the HFDHSAA Facebook page for a written summary and pictures of the work in progress or go to the following 21st century schools link [Frederick Douglass Building | 21st Century Schools - Baltimore](#).

APPRECIATION TO ALL LIFE AND GOLDEN LIFE MEMBERS

As an expression of gratitude and appreciation to all Life and Golden Life Members for their support of the Historical Frederick Douglass High School Alumni Association, Inc., an Alumni Pin identifying their membership status has been mailed. All future alumni selecting the Life or Golden Life membership option will receive this Alumni Pin. Thanks to Robert & Patricia Williams Rhodes (Class of 1970) for making these gifts possible.



As Life and Golden Life membership, we encourage you to make an annual contribution to the Association. These contributions will be specifically earmarked for scholarship funding to graduating seniors pursuing their higher education goals, whether in a college/university, or a trade school. We also encourage you to contact your class members and encourage them to become members of the Association. We need the ACTIVE INVOLVEMENT of all alumni who have ever attended the Historical Frederick Douglass High School.

Membership as of March 11, 2025

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| ● Current Lifetime Members | 208 |
| ● Current Golden Life Members | 36 |
| ● Regular Membership (Paid) | 89 |
| ● Non-Members (on file but no pymt) | 646 |

Upcoming Association General Meetings

- Thursday April 17, 2025 - cancelled
- Thursday May 15, 2025

Upcoming Class Reunions

Class of '65	60 yr Reunion	June 6
Class of '70	55 yr Reunion	Sept 21
Class of '75	50 yr Reunion	Sept 13
Class of '76	Fundraiser event	April 26

Correction to Winter Newsletter

In the "Black History Month 2025 article, it was incorrectly stated that our school was established in 1833. The correct year of establishment is 1883