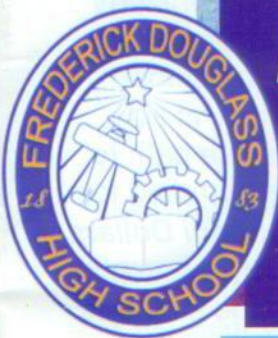


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**INFORMANT**

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



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# Words from the President



**Brenda G. Thomas**

Happy New Year Fellow Alumni,

Welcome to 2019, another year bursting with opportunities to assist the students of Frederick Douglass High School! I hope one of your New Year's Resolutions will be to help a student at Douglass achieve success! You may wonder is it possible for you to help. I say, of course it is!

We look forward to seeing new faces at the General Membership meetings so come on out the third Thursday of the month. We meet at 6:00 p.m. in the Alumni Room at the school. You can support in various ways:

- Renew your membership or become a Life or Golden Life Member.
- We need fresh ideas and willing helping hands! Attend the General Membership Meeting the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month to find out more about being a volunteer at or for the school.
- Share your talents and skills with the students.
- Join one of the committees and be active in the Association: Education, Membership, Legislative, Scholarship, Publication, or Fund Raising.
- Help your graduating class raise funds for scholarship. You can learn more about the process for awarding those funds to the students at the General Membership meetings.
- Be an advocate for Douglass by joining the Legislative Committee of the Alumni Association. Find out more by attending the General Membership Meeting the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday in each month.

Alumni Day / Weekend is coming the first weekend in May. We look forward to seeing everyone. Let's fill the auditorium with a sea of orange and blue. If you are interested in serving on a committee, come out or email us ([fdhsaainc@gmail.com](mailto:fdhsaainc@gmail.com)). We can do so much more with more willing and helping hands!

Let's continue ringing in the New Year by giving back to the school that helped to chart the path to our success. The Alumni helped with the opening of school in September. We provided funding for students to go on a field trip. We always need funds to provide scholarships for our **Alumni Dollars for Scholars Program!** Black History Month is next month. What can you do to help the students learn more about their rich history? How many of you have a story to tell that will give the students a reason to stay in school, do their best, and hope for a bright future?

We look forward to seeing you at our next General Membership meeting, January 17, 2019! Remember, you select your schedule for volunteering and supporting. Wouldn't it be wonderful to fill the halls of Douglass with Alumni Volunteers as we move to uphold our motto: "**With Pride, Dignity and Excellence**"! We look forward to seeing or hearing from you real soon!

*"Brenda!"*

## MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS



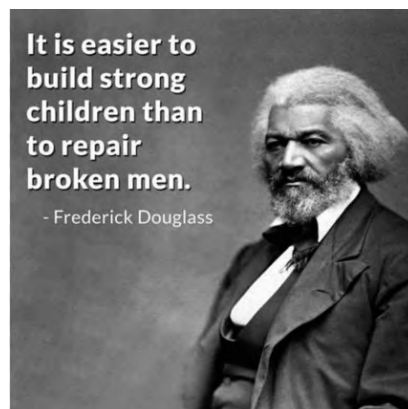
**Chairman Walter G. Brooks, Sr.**

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Historic Frederick Douglass High School Alumni Association, Inc., I wish each of you and your families a ***Happy and Healthy New Year***. With the beginning of this new year, 2019, we have another opportunity to impact the plethora of issues and events that will seriously affect the students of Frederick Douglass High School. Poverty, illiteracy, crime, the illicit traffic of narcotics, and violence, just to name a few, are part of the myriad of problems that impede the academic success of many of our young people.

We take this opportunity to thank all of you for all the great contributions made by you in 2018 and we encourage you to continue throughout 2019. Each of you have talents, skills and gifts that we need to make the future bright and successful for the students of Frederick Douglass High School by providing for them the nurturing environment that is their birthright as citizens of our city, our state and our nation. May this New Year bring more opportunities for our Association to grow and to be successful. It is our sincere hope that each of you will start this New Year with renewed vigor and enthusiasm. May you turn every challenge into an opportunity this year. May the impossible be possible for Historic Frederick Douglass High School Alumni Association in 2019.

It truly ***takes a village*** of committed people who are willing to forget about ME and focus on WE. I encourage you to stay in touch with classmates, come to the monthly membership meetings, get involved, volunteer and bring a friend. In unity and numbers there is strength. If you have suggestions or ideas for alumni events, we want to hear your thoughts and suggestions. Becoming an active member of the Alumni Association is an opportunity to contribute your gifts. This is your Alumni Association and we aim to make it greater!

I wish you all the best in this new year, and I hope to meet many of you at future alumni events.





## THE HISTORICAL FREDERICK DOUGLASS HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION HOLIDAY CELEBRATION 2018

On Thursday, December 13, 2018 the Historic Frederick Douglass High School Alumni Association, Inc. (HFDHSAA) sponsored its “Annual Alumni & Friends Holiday Gathering” in the Frederick Douglass High School Media Center from 5:30 to 8 P.M. The event was attended by over seventy-five officers and members of the Alumni Association and community friends. We enjoyed good food, met other alumni and community supporters and friends of Frederick Douglass High School and shared information about current events in the school and how we can help by volunteering our gifts and talents through the Alumni Association. A wonderful time was had by all in attendance.

The Chairperson of the festivity was Milton DeV Vaughn, '75, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President of the Association, assisted by Eleanor Everett, F'56 and Pat White-Alston, '73. The event was catered by Carolyn Jones Catering Service and her staff. What a magnificent event. The Frederick Douglass High School Media Center was beautifully decorated in holiday colors adorned with a skillfully trimmed Christmas Tree. Throughout the evening, Christmas Music played continuously. The guest included several community leaders who gave eloquent remarks during the evening. Dr. Andre Bundley read and presented a proclamation from the Office of Mayor Catherine Pugh. Councilman Leon Pinkett spoke representing the Baltimore City Council. Several members of the clergy and a variety of community leaders and friends also greeted the group with words of encouragement. Although the event was sponsored by the HFDHSAA, **Rev. Dr. Richard T. Adams, J'50**, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Emeritus (who could not attend) made a generous monetary donation to assist in paying for the dinner.

A special oration and motivational challenge was made to all Alumni by our Special Alumni Guest, Attorney William A. Dorsey, Class of June 1956 (Golden Life Member) who is the Attorney for the Association. After Mr. Dorsey's challenge, **Mr. Travis Winkey (Douglass Alumni in the class of 1966)** made a donation of \$1000 to the fund started by Mr. Dorsey to help our students. What a phenomenal affair and wonderful way to close-out an eventful calendar year. Everyone ended the evening feeling “Douglass Proud!!! Hail Oh Douglass High!!!







## **GIVING BACK TO THE HISTORIC FREDERICK DOUGLASS HIGH SCHOOL**



Attorney William A. Dorsey, Esq. was a member of the graduating Class of June 1956 of the HFDHS. After graduating, Mr. Dorsey used the knowledge, skills and educational ethics that he acquired as a student at the Historic Frederick Douglass High School to propel himself through college and law school. His willingness to work hard and use the motto of Douglass High School, *“Pride, Dignity and Excellence”* as an incentive, enabled him to become a *“Legal Icon”*.

In 1970, Mr. Dorsey was admitted to the University of Maryland Law School. As a law student, he was hired by Judge R. Hargrove, Sr. (another Douglass Alumni) to work as a court Commissioner. After graduation, he rose to the position of Chief Administrative Clerk for the District Court for Baltimore City. Chief Administrator, William Dorsey, was also instrumental in planning for the Edward F. Borgerding Courthouse on Wabash Avenue. The new courthouse location became the Baltimore City District Court headquarters.

Attorney William Dorsey retired from the District Court in 1979 and eventually opened his own law office at the corner of Hilton Street and Liberty Heights Avenue where he has been in private practice of law to the present. Ever committed to Frederick Douglass, Dorsey currently serves as the legal counsel for the Historic Frederick Douglass High School Alumni Association.

On May 17, 2018 William A. Dorsey, Esq., was awarded the *“Inaugural Legal Legacy Award”* at the *Thurgood Marshall Day Legal Legacy Dinner*. In a stirring and motivating discourse that attributed his success to the educational foundation laid at Douglass High School, Mr. Dorsey donated \$5000.00 to the Historic Frederick Douglass High School Alumni Association, Inc. to establish a fund to assist and motivate Douglass High students in need.

On December 13, 2018 at the HFDHSAA’s Annual Holiday Celebration Mr. Dorsey gave an inspiring and motivating challenge to all Alumni of Douglass to contribute to the abovementioned fund and keep our motto of, *“Pride, Dignity and Excellence”* alive for our students.

Thank You, Mr. William A. Dorsey! You are an example for all of the HFDHS Alumni! *“Hail to Thee, Oh Douglass High!”*

(The information used is based on the Self-Published work by Ms. Beatrice Scott)

We encourage all Alumni and Friends to consider making a tax deductible donation to the worthy initiative. Make checks payable to HFDHSAA. P.O. BOX 25151, Baltimore, Maryland 21229

## DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS

The Historic Frederick Douglass High School Alumni Association, Inc. Scholarship Committee will provided the 2019-2020 scholarship applications to the Guidance Department during the month of January 2019 for distribution to all graduating seniors of Frederick Douglass High School. Scholarship applications were required to be completed and returned to the Alumni Office on Monday, March 18, 2019. In-person interviews of scholarship applicants will take place on Thursday and Friday, April 4 -5, 2019. Graduating seniors selected to receive the Historic Frederick Douglass High School Alumni Association, Inc. Scholarship for the 2019-2020 academic year will be announced on Alumni Day, Friday, May 3, 2019.

All alumni, graduating classes and supporters of the Historic Frederick Douglass High School are encouraged to contribute to the Historic Frederick Douglass High School Alumni Association, Inc. Scholarship Fund. This will enable us to provide assistance to qualified graduating seniors in pursuit of their post high school education goals, as well as to preserve the history and rich legacy of the Historic Frederick Douglass High School Alumni Association, Inc.

Contributions may be sent to the Historic Frederick Douglass High School Alumni Association, Inc., P.O. Box 25151, Baltimore, Maryland 21229.

Submitted by Patricia Rhodes, '70  
President Emeritus

## ALUMNI WEEKEND 2019

Days  
to  
*Remember*

**Save the date! The Weekend of May 3-5, 2019 is our Annual Alumni Weekend. Please follow the news and tell you friends. Information will be forthcoming on the theme, speakers and the activities for the weekend.**

## RECOGNITION FOR DECADES OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE HFDHSAA, INC.



**The Executive Board of the HFDHSAAA extends heartfelt thanks to Ms. Eleanor Everett, F'57 for many years of leadership and valuable service as the Chairperson of the Membership Committee of the Alumni Association. We salute you for many decades of enthusiastic service in building and managing the membership rolls of the Association. Your hard work and dedication exemplify our motto of "Pride, Dignity and Excellence." Hail Douglass!!**

## ALUMNI MEMBERSHIP

**Thank You** to all alumni that have paid their membership dues. Newsletters are sent out to current members. Please inform us of any changes to your personal information. Encourage your classmates to join the Alumni Association. Your membership dues enable us to continue working toward the restoration of pride, dignity and excellence at our beloved alma mater. If you plan to become a Life / Golden Life Member, please send in your dues by **April 16, 2019** to have your name on the wall in the Alumni Office. The membership applications are available at the end of this publication. The Alumni Room is available for class meetings during the day or in the evening when school is in session.

**Please contact: The Alumni Office between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. week days to schedule a meeting date (443)642-6077.**

### In Memory Of

Rayfield Wimbish '55  
Charles W.A. Fletcher, Jr. '48  
Maynard Belt 'J55  
Marilyn Dennis McDonald 'J54  
Carolyn Gibson '66  
Lillian Barnes Jones 'J54  
Albert Haynes, Jr. 'J54  
Dorothy Hargis Tildon - age 104  
Judson B. Woods '54  
Eulalia H. Barber '51  
Helen Wade '51  
Louis R. Harper '47  
Marva E. Belt '53



Dr. Antonio Hurt – Principal of Frederick Douglass High School 2011-2014

Winter - 2019

**Please contact: The Alumni Office between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. week days to report names to be placed “In Memory Of” (443)642-6077 or email: [fdhsaainc@gmail.com](mailto:fdhsaainc@gmail.com)**



## ALUMNI NEWS

### THE CLASS OF JUNE 1953 SPONSSORED A TRIP TO “ACE IN THE HOLE DINNER THEATER”

On September 26, 2018, members of the Class of June 1953 sponsored a trip to “*Ace in The Hole Dinner Theater*” in Patterson, New Jersey to see a show entitled “*Tribute To Jackie Wilson*”. This trip was a fundraiser, the proceeds of which will be used to support the Historical Frederick Douglass High School Alumni Association’s Scholarship Fund. The cost was \$99 per person, which included Continental Breakfast, A Buffet Dinner, Two (2) drinks and a fabulous show. The trip was a phenomenal success, with ninety-six people in attendance inclusive of member of the Class of 1953 and their friends. A wonderful time was had by all who attended. The Class of June 1953 continues to live up to its commitment to preserve the legacy of FDHS and support the students. “*Hail To Thee O Douglass High!*”



### ALUMNUS GIVING TO THE ORANGE AND BLUE



**Travis Winkey** is a member of the class of 1966. He is a fashion icon who is the owner of *Travis Winkey Studio*. Known as the *Prince of Fashion*, Travis has raised to the heights in the fashion industry. While attending the 2018 Alumni Holiday Celebration, he was motivated by the challenge made by Attorney William A. Dorsey for alumnus to give to the newly established fund to support FDHS students. He generously gave \$1000 saying, “*I just want to help our kids.*” **Hail Oh Douglass High!!!**

## THE 50<sup>TH</sup> REUNION OF THE CLASS OF 1969

This Spring the Class of 1969 will celebrate its 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion Year. They will celebrate this momentous occasion on April 26, 2019 from 8 p.m.- 12 a.m. at the Milbrook Park Community Center, 6808 Milbrook Park Drive, Baltimore, Maryland 21215. The festivity will be “A Jean and Bling – Oldies But Goodies Dance”. The cost of admission is \$25.00 per guest. The focus this year is to raise funds to provide scholarships for deserving current Frederick Douglass High School graduating seniors and to afford the members of the class of 1969 an opportunity to renew friendships with old friends and rekindle old relationships. The planning committee is working hard to provide a memorable experience for the class. They will Raffle off a Smart T.V., give door prizes, have exhibits and sales by local vendors, dance to good music and have lots of fun. The affair will be Cabaret Style with Set-Ups provided by the committee. Bring your own food and drinks and be prepared to have a great time. Tickets are available. Come and bring a friend. Vendors are welcome! Table Rental is \$50.00. See You There!!!!

For tickets contact Janie Williams (443) 632-7164 or Sylvia Coker (443) 604-1529. Tickets can also be purchased by contacting: The Frederick Douglass High School Class of 1969, PO Box 11225, Baltimore, Maryland 21239.

## THE INFORMANT

The Alumni Association plans to get current news to you four times each year. It is our goal to complete and distribute the Informant on or before the dates listed below, however; we need your cooperation in order to adhere to this schedule. Please send all information and articles for publication send to Mary C. Radcliffe at [marycrad@yahoo.com](mailto:marycrad@yahoo.com) or contact her at (410) 465-2115 or (443) 472-3842 at least three weeks before the date of distribution.

January Informant (Will be mailed by January 30<sup>th</sup>)

April Informant (Will be mailed by April 30<sup>th</sup>)

July Informant (Will be mailed by July 30<sup>th</sup>)

October Informant (Will be mailed by October 31<sup>st</sup>)

Please send the articles and information via e-mail to [marycrad@yahoo.com](mailto:marycrad@yahoo.com). All articles should include the following information and electronic images to be included:

- Topic
- Date of Activity
- Location of Activity
- Time of Activity:
- Participants:
- Objective(s):
- Narrative: Should not exceed 100 words if possible.
- Person Submitted By

❖ Note: When submitting an activity/program remember to include answers to these questions: What? When? Where? Why? and How?

