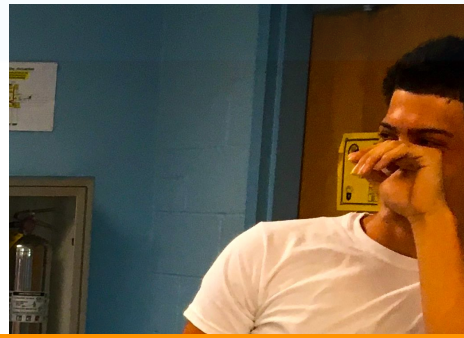


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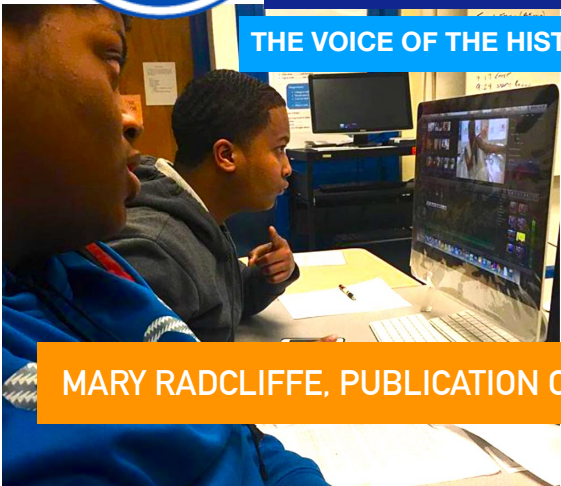
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Message from the President

*School is in session and students with schedules in hand are off to class!
The teachers are ready to impart knowledge so their class, students will pass!*

Greetings Fellow Alumni,

I hope everyone had a great summer! The Board of Directors and Executive Board have been working over the summer striving to fine tune the operations of the Association. We need your continued support and assistance, fresh ideas, and new energy to move forward and improve the Association as well as build our base. As you may know, there are six Standing Committees in the Association, one of which is in need of your expertise!

Please consider assisting with one of the committees:

- **Education Committee** – Alumni who have retired from or are still working in the education field or if you do not have an education background, but feel you want to work with this committee, don't hesitate to let us know.
- **Membership Committee** - Alumni who have the gift of encouraging other alumni to join the organization or if you are your class president or just want to help build the membership of our Association, please let us know.
- **Legislative Committee** – Alumni who currently work on legislative committees, are holding an office, working with unions, or have knowledge of laws impacting education, or know of laws that are needed that will benefit the students of Douglass, or help us to preserve the rich legacy of our historic school we need your help and support. If you are interested, please let us know.
- **Scholarship Committee** - Alumni who have the desire to help our young people earn scholarships and help with the process of awarding scholarships or have knowledge of finding and soliciting funding for scholarships don't hesitate to let us know.
- **Publication Committee** – Alumni with writing skills and computer skills are needed on our Publication Committee. If you have experience designing newsletters, working on websites, and communicating in general, please consider joining this committee.
- **Fundraising Committee** – We need you! If you enjoy or have experience raising funds, putting on successful events for all ages, we need you. Please let us know you want to work with this committee.

The great thing about working on any of these committees is you don't have to work alone. We know that **teamwork** makes the **dream work!** Also understand that **you** decide how much time you want to dedicate to working with the Association. If you are interested in working on any committee, please e-mail us: fdhsaainc@gmail.com . Thank you in advance for your decision to assist the Association! Welcome aboard!!!

I'm looking forward to seeing you at the next General Membership Meeting. Let's fill the Alumni Room with Alumni willing to help the Association uphold our motto, "Pride, Dignity and Excellence" as we do our part in assisting our future, the students of the Historic Frederick Douglass High School!

We look forward to seeing or hearing from you real soon!



OPENING DAY 2018@FREDERICK DOUGLASS HIGH SCHOOL

Baltimore City Schools opened on Tuesday, September 4th this year. Students arrived on time at 8 a.m. with the schedule they received over the summer. The Alumni were on point greeting them and directing them to the station to receive their actual schedule for the year before moving onto their first class. The students were excited to see one another as they compared schedules to see if they had similar classes. Many students were already in uniform and ready for the school year.

Welcoming the eight hundred eighty-five (885) students were Mr. Craig Rivers, FDHS's New Principal, Mr. Christopher Cash, Dr. Deji Orebamjo and Mr. Jermaine Skinner, our three (3) Administrators, eighty-five (85) teachers and support staff and three (3) Guidance Counselors. The students were eager to return to school. This year there are approximately Three hundred twenty-four (324) students in the 9th Grade, Two hundred nine (209) students in 10th Grade, One hundred eighty-eight (188) students in 11th Grade and One hundred sixty-four (164) students in the 12th Grade. Douglass is not a school with air conditioning, therefore; the extremely hot weather forced us to close early the first week of school.

We had Alumni from many different classes present sporting our proud orange tops and blue bottoms! All Alumni had something positive to say about their experience on opening day! Mr. Rivers and his staff were happy to have the Alumni present helping with the opening day! Everyone enjoyed their time with the students and the parents who were there to register their children. What a Great Start of A Great Year!!!



ALUMNI HELPING HANDS OPENING SCHOOL

The primary purpose of the Historic Frederick Douglass High School Alumni Association, Inc. is to work with the principal, faculty, staff, and students of Frederick Douglass High School in advancing and preserving its history, tradition and legacy of high social standards, academic excellence, and leadership. Currently, under the leadership of Mr. Craig Rivers, Principal, the Alumni Association's paramount focus is the restoration of Frederick Douglass High School to its greatness. Within our ranks of the thousands of graduates who successfully completed Frederick Douglass High School are a host of individuals with the talents and the expertise necessary to provide the assistance needed to supplement staff and community efforts. The annals of history bear proof of the greatness of the Historic Frederick Douglass High School.



The 2018-2019 school year opened at Frederick Douglass High School on Tuesday, September 4th. On opening day administrators, staff and students arrived at school to start the new school year. Additionally, there were over twenty (20) members of the Historic Frederick Douglass High School Alumni Association, Inc. representing graduating classes dating back more than sixty-five (65) years who arrived at the school at 7 a.m. to welcome the students and assist the administration in assuring that the day

would be successful by performing a variety of tasks delegated by the Administrative Team. We came to serve and assist by greeting students and parents, guiding student to their assigned locations and performing clerical duties.

What a wonderful and fulfilling day we had as “*Helping Hands*”. It was as though we were “*Turning Back the Hands of Time*” being a part of Opening Day at Frederick Douglass High School once again. The members of the Alumni Association look forward to future opportunities to assist when needed to serve the students of Our Alma Mater. ***Hail to Thee Oh Douglass High!!***



ALUMNI DOLARS FOR SCHOLARS

In order to provide help to graduating seniors in pursuit of their higher education goals, as well as to preserve the history and rich legacy of the Historic Frederick Douglass High School, we wish to encourage all alumni, all graduating classes and supporters of the Historic Frederick Douglass High School to contribute to the Alumni Association Scholarship fund.

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

In addition to scholarship donors listed in our last newsletter, a special thanks to the Frederick Douglass High School **Class of 1955** for their scholarship donation.

Submitted by Patricia Rhodes, '70
President Emeritus

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT

On Thursday, September 20, 2018 Frederick Douglass High School had ***“Back to School Night”*** from 5 p.m. to 7p.m. This evening afforded parents opportunities to meet the Principal, the Administration Team, the Teachers, Guidance Counselors and other Support Staff. The event gave a glimpse of a typical school day at Frederick Douglass, informed parents about the curriculum, and how they can assist in helping their children to be successful in school. During this evening parents were able to sign up to participate in parent organizations and were informed of the many resources available at Frederick Douglass High School.





All Meetings will be held in the alumni office and will begin at 6:00 p.m.

If school is closed, meetings are cancelled.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS

SECOND WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH

Wednesday, September 12, 2018
Wednesday, October 10, 2018
Wednesday, November 7, 2018 *
Wednesday, December 12, 2018
Wednesday, January 9, 2019
Wednesday, February 13, 2019
Wednesday, March 13, 2019
Wednesday, April 10, 2019
Wednesday, May 8, 2019
Wednesday, June 12, 2019

+Date shown changed by "Executive Order"

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

THIRD THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH

Thursday, September 20, 2018
Thursday, October 18, 2018
Thursday, November 15, 2018
Thursday, December 13, 2018 *
Thursday, January 17, 2019
Thursday, February 21, 2019
Thursday, March 21, 2019
Thursday, April 18, 2019
Thursday, May 16, 2019
Thursday, June 20, 2019

**Holiday Gathering*

BOARD OF DIRECTORS QUARTERLY MEETINGS

Wednesday, September 19, 2018	Wednesday, December 5, 2018
Wednesday, March 6, 2019	Wednesday, June 5, 2019

ALUMNI MEMBERSHIP

Please take a moment to pay your dues and support your alma mater. Your dues help to keep the Association functioning. Current members are eligible to receive all copies of ***the Informant***.

Dues (\$25) must be paid each year to keep your membership current. Dues are for the Fiscal Year- July 1- June 30. A dated receipt will be issued and mailed to you upon us receiving your payment. All current members receive a “Permanent” Membership card and number. It is never too late to become a current member. Thank you in advance for renewing your membership in the Association.

Life and Golden Life Members are paid up for life! Golden Lifetime Awards were given out on Alumni Day, Friday, May 4, 2018. You may become a Life Member or Golden Life Member at any time. You will receive a Certificate of Membership, membership card, and your name will be engraved on the plaque with other Life or Golden Life members that are displayed on the wall in the Alumni Office! You will be recognized during the 2019 Alumni Day Program!

Request membership applications through the Alumni Association e-mail, fdhsaainc@gmail.com, or copies are available in the Alumni Office. Please refer to the Membership Application for an explanation of the Types of Memberships.

In Memory Of

Elizabeth A. Durham - age 96
Johnny Rice, Sr. - age 72
Jacques E. Leeds '44
Earl W. Warren, Jr. '49
Doris Smoot '52
Dr. Sydney L. Cousin 'J63
Charlotte Marshall Perry '41
Letitia Mae Scott Maddox '42
Charles W. Alexander, Jr. '48
Ronald Allen Gross 'F56
Lois Janet Staples Holman 'F49
Gilbert A.S. Murray 'J64
Lyllie McCray Smith 'F53
John Taylor (The Kinderman) 'F55

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In Loving Memory updates can be provided to Eleanor Everett 'F56, Membership Committee Chairperson at (410) 233-5103

ALUMNI NEWS

Class of 1968 50th Reunion

The members of the Class of 1968 celebrated their 50th Year Reunion on September 21- 23, 2018. The weekend of festivities began with “**A Meet and Greet**” at Frederick Douglass High School on Friday, September 21st. The afternoon was inclusive of a Guided Tour of the school led by Ms. Ida Hines and Ms. Eleanor Everett, members of the Historic Frederick Douglass High School Alumni Association, Inc. Executive Board, a Reception with *lite fare*, and the presentation of a Certificate of Appreciation with a monetary donation to the school in gratitude for hosting the kick-off event at the school was presented to Mr. Craig Rivers, Principal. What an impressive and pride filled experience, walking through the corridors and visiting the classrooms of our Alma Mata. We continued our celebration at the Radisson Hotel Cross Keys.



On Saturday, September 22nd we enjoyed an evening of dinner and dancing on **The Baltimore Harbor Spirit** cruising down the beautiful Baltimore Harbor. Our weekend culminated with the members of the Class of 1968 worshipping at Faith Christian Fellowship Church at 9306 Winands Road, Owings Mills, MD. What a phenomenal and memorable 50th Reunion! Special thanks to all who made this reunion a success. Special thanks to Ms. Everett and Ms. Hines for their assistance.



MORE ALUMNI NEWS

Class of 1958 Annual Cookout and 60th Year Reunion Dinner

The Class of 1958 held its Annual Cookout on August 18, 2018 at the Gwynn Oak Park. Many of the members of the class of 1958 with families and friends participated and all had a wonderful time. The class will hold its 60th Year Reunion on October 20, 2018 at 6 p.m. The event will be a Dinner at Martin's Caterers Banquet Hall at 6817 Dogwood Road, Baltimore MD 21244. For more information please contact Eunice Stewart at (410) 467-7954.

Class of 1988/1989 Joint 30 Year Reunion

The Joint 30 Year Class Reunion was a huge success. September 15-16, 2018 will never be the forgotten by all who attended. On Saturday, September 15th our celebration began with a **Reunion Celebration** at the Forum Caterers. We had a wonderful time seeing old friends, two former teachers, feasting on a delicious buffet with an open bar, dancing to great music, and going down memory lane with dynamic speakers. On the second day, Sunday, September 16th we continued celebrating with a wonderful **Fun Day** at Druid Hill Park with our families and friends. The weather was marvelous. We ate, played



spades, danced, took a lot of pictures and just talked about school days and laughed at each other. Our committee did a phenomenal job planning and organizing for both events. We would like to thank everyone who came out and celebrated. Also, a special thank you to Ms. Brenda Thomas, President of the Historic Frederick Douglass High School Alumni Association, Inc. for speaking at the Reunion. Until next time, "*stay blessed and be safe*".



Thanks again,
The Committee

SUBMITTING INFORMATION FOR PUBLICATION IN 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 to fdhsaainc@gmail.com or to Mary C. Radcliffe at 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 30th)

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Please send the articles and information via e-mail to 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.
- Name of Person Submitting the Article

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



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THURSDAY
13TH
DECEMBER

Alumni &
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- Just reach out!

